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CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

Returns of Bank Clearings heretofore given on this page now appear in a subsequent part of the paper. They will be found to-day on pages 1728 and 1729.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Under the leadership of the railroad shares and the sugar stocks, the stock market manifested growing activity with substantial advances in prices until Thursday, when announcement of the filing of a petition by the U. S. Government for an injunction to prevent dealings in sugar on the sugar exchanges caused a slump in sugar prices and precipitated a break in the sugar shares under which the whole market weakened. The merits of the Government application remain to be determined. In the meantime underlying conditions continue sound. Extraordinary industrial activity in nearly every line of endeavor proceeds apace. Railroad traffic for the first quarter exceeded the predictions and taxed the resources of the ablest managers, and the prices of commodities, with the exception of cotton, continue to advance almost daily. The expansion to a large extent finds its support in the facts of the situation. The country has many needs to satisfy, not the least of which is the budget of the railroads. Improvements, extensions and equipment, neglected during the hectic activity of war, have now become a vital and expensive necessity, and along every main and branch line of the steel arteries the manufacturer, the farmer and the distributor is feeling the same necessity—the urge to recondition his factory and farm and to put himself in a position to compete for the business he is getting or hopes to get.

Money has been gradually going back into business through the liquidation of corporate investments, and it is a wonderful tribute to the thrift of the smaller investor, that the decline has not been more precipitate, and that the bond market has been dull rather than depressed. The passing of so large a bulk of securities from the shelves of the temporary investor to the more permanent strong box of the individual buyer is a most constructive shift, and will no doubt make for a much stronger technical condition when the demands of trade assume a less urgent character. All signs point toward an improved market for railroad securities. Gains have been slight but rather general. Downward tax revisions, curiously enough, never affect the net yield from Government obligations to quite the extent predicted, and a change in over-stringent immigration laws will help the labor situation. All of these factors are serving to turn attention towards taxable securities and the railroads should in the ordinary course of events receive full benefit.

It is unpleasant to admit, but would be weakness to deny that there is a rather ominous pressure to attempt reversing the labor deflation which has been going on since the war. That there have been wage increases in some textile mills, and, very lately, in the U. S. Steel and some of its subsidiaries, is known. According to a survey by the National Industrial Conference Board, the month ending on the 15th showed 229 cases of increase in industrial establishments, against 37 in Feb.-Mar. 15 and 42 in Jan.-Feb. 15, the latter being the largest number in the past six months. The Board ascribes this, a little vaguely, to "improving industrial conditions" rather than a labor shortage; yet the latter, which translates into an increased public demand for goods, implies the former, at least temporarily.

The amount involved in these increases is not stated, but there are distinct indications of a pretty general effort to reflate labor. In this the unions are, of course, active. For example, railway and steamship clerks, freight handlers, and like employees, including perhaps a quarter-million in all, are said to be moving to descend upon the Labor Board with a demand for return to the rates prevailing before July 1 of 1921. Just as the railroads are looking forward to better times and in anticipation are giving or contemplating orders for new equipment, Secretary Hoover, properly enough, asks business everywhere to co-operate with the roads so as to get the utmost service from existing carrying plants, as the greatest possible aid "to check inflation or increase

in price levels." Per contra, one news story has it that the roads "may have to" raise wage scales, as a consequence of advances in outside industries, and another news story reports, with undoubted correctness, that some slight increases in the pay of certain common labor have already been made.

Perhaps under a suspicion that transportation is certain to figure largely in next year's struggle, the Inter-State Commerce Commission has called upon fifty-one of the largest roads to file within a month answers to a long list of queries in much detail about equipment, car movement, and especially about last year's strikes. This is preliminary to something; what is the something to be? Apropos of rumors that the principal brotherhoods plan another wage drive, President Loree of the Delaware & Hudson warns that such efforts will pretty surely have a reactionary tendency; as he hints, it may move towards "a buyers' strike." It may be hard for the unionist to conceive the possibility of a strike where there is no organization, yet it is quite natural that a rise in prices may cut consumption, now that we have passed the silk-shirt folly and are at least contemplating return to normalcy. Mr. Gompers has solemnly assured us of his clear conviction that the strike summer of last year was a boon, because it checked the "policy of niggardliness" and restored purchasing power to the workers in unions; as usual, he confuses cause and effect. To reinflate wages would reinflate prices and be a boomerang for the heads of all the people.

A speech by Premier Poincare of France at Dunkirk on Sunday on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument to the war dead, in which he defined France's attitude toward Germany; a speech in the German Reichstag the next day by Foreign Minister von Rosenberg in which he made vigorous reply, and the collapse of the German mark in Berlin on Wednesday were the outstanding events with respect to German affairs. Rather persistent rumors that Premier Bonar Law of Great Britain would resign were denied officially. The British budget for the current fiscal year, with reductions in the corporation and income taxes, and in the duty on beer, was well received. The Chester oil grant is still the subject of considerable discussion, both in European capitals and in this country.

At the conference in Paris on April 13 between Premiers Poincare of France and Theunis of Belgium and Foreign Minister Jaspar of the latter country, it was decided that "the Ruhr would be held until Germany paid." In an official communique it was asserted that, to accomplish this, a "whole series of new measures" would be put in effect in the Ruhr by France and Belgium. According to the New York "Times" correspondent, "it developed that the British Prime Minister did not accept M. Poincare's invitation of the day before to assent to the Franco-Belgian formula that the Ruhr be occupied until reparations are paid. Mr. Bonar Law said that he wished a 'more precise' formula. The effect of this development appeared to unite the French and Belgians more closely." The "Times" representative said that "the Premiers also discussed plans for the further recruiting of railroad men for the Ruhr in France and Belgium. For guarding the railroads and the protection of the Germans working for the occupying forces it is possible that 10,000 more

troops will be placed at the disposal of General Degoutte in the Ruhr." He further stated that "it was reported to the Premiers that the daily receipts by France and Belgium of coal and coke from the Ruhr, now 6,000 tons, would be 10,000 within a fortnight. At present 900,000 tons of coke and 1,600,000 tons of coal are under seizure in the Ruhr." In a Duesseldorf dispatch made public here a week ago this morning it was reported that "in an effort to prevent the French from transporting coke out of the Ruhr, the Germans are increasing every day the number of attempts to destroy the railroads and other means of communication." The dispatch added that, at one point, a car of explosives was turned loose, and at another bombs were used to tear up railroad tracks.

The Paris Conference of Premiers and their associates was concluded a week ago to-day. According to an Associated Press dispatch from the French capital they reaffirmed "the declaration adopted at Brussels last month to the effect that the Ruhr would be evacuated only when Germany pays reparations and by stages proportionate to the payments." It was suggested that "this is regarded in political circles as finally disposing of the questions raised by the visit to London of Louis Loucheur, former French Minister of Reconstruction, and as bringing the situation back to where it was before the ex-Minister came on the scene with the consequent talk of new settlement plans." Commenting on the results of the Conference, the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" asserted that "the big result of the Franco-Belgian conference which ended to-day was a decision against the Loucheur project of an immediate effort to reach an accord with England. After hearing M. Loucheur, Premiers Poincare and Theunis apparently decided that under the conditions indicated by Prime Minister Bonar Law the time had not yet come to try a rapprochement with London, and that Franco-Belgian interests would be better served by pushing the Ruhr occupation." He also claimed that "it is not the wish of the French and Belgian Premiers that this should be regarded as a rebuff to England." The "Times" representative added that "another decision of the Premiers of great importance was against immediate publication of the Franco-Belgian terms for Germany. There is a good deal of criticism of this move, but the Premiers seem to think it would only muddy the water to enter now into a detailed discussion of figures, taking the stand first of all that Germany must give up her program of resistance in the Ruhr, and then it will be time enough to talk figures."

Cabling from Essen under date of April 14, a special representative of the New York "Times" declared that "no hope of a peaceful solution of the situation between France and Germany is in sight. The former demands a direct reply from the German Government on payment of reparations, which the Administration at Berlin declines to do except on condition of the evacuation of the Ruhr and the release of political prisoners." He added that "the general impression here is that present conditions will continue another two months, when a crisis is expected, which may be serious, as the shutting off of the Ruhr has thrown thousands of men out of work. In cities outside the Ruhr, but in occupied territory, like Cologne, Duesseldorf and Duisburg, the number is increasing daily. They have to rely on their own re-

sources, as there are no millionaires sending funds to their support."

A Berlin representative of the "Times" cabled under date of April 14 also, that "Germany, it is understood, will make a determined effort next week to enlist America's good offices to bring about negotiations on the basis of the so-called-Hughes plan of an international non-political commission of experts to fix the sum total of Germany's reparations."

Much prominence was given in European cable dispatches to an address delivered at Dunkirk on April 15 by Premier Poincare, "in dedicating a monument to Dunkirk's 1,500 war dead." In summarizing what he said, the Paris representative of the New York "Times" said that the Premier "proclaimed Franco-Belgian determination to go through with the Ruhr occupation, and held up British aggressions against this French Channel port over nearly three centuries as giving justification for French action against Germany." M. Poincare added that "England had kept hold of Dunkirk to protect herself against what she regarded as danger from France, and so France held on to the Ruhr to protect herself against what she regarded as danger from Germany." Perhaps from the French point of view the following are the most striking paragraphs: "For three years we constantly showed patience, and patience brought us only disappointment. To show more patience, to give Germany the moratorium she asked without guarantees, meant only to be disappointed again. We entered the Ruhr and we have learned much. We have seen Germany could have paid us the coal she owed, since now she arranged to do without Ruhr coal. We have proof that she could have paid us in foreign values, since to-day she has foreign values with which to make purchases abroad. We have been able to unmask military organizations in the Reich. We have become convinced that if we had given Germany the moratorium she asked she would have replied at the end of that time with a refusal and defiance. The guarantee which Germany did not wish to give us and which certain of our allies in good faith thought useless, we considered necessary. What we have seen in the Ruhr has convinced us we were right. We hold these guarantees now; we hold them solidly, and we shall not give them up for mere promises. We will quit the occupied regions only as we are paid what is due us. Be sure that in affirming her will and in proclaiming to the world that she intends to enforce the peace treaty France has not lowered herself in the esteem of the peoples of the world. She is grander in the eyes of all those who respect right, and those friends of ours in England and America who differed with us on the advisability of our action have been obliged to approve our motives and the legitimacy of our claims."

Announcement was made at Duesseldorf on April 16 that "nine additional coal mines in the Ruhr have been seized by the French and the Belgians, making a total of 31 mines and coke plants now in the hands of the forces of occupation. There are approximately 260 coal shafts in all the Ruhr." It was added that "at nine of the works seized to-day there were about 160,000 tons of fuel, chiefly coke. All this was confiscated. The French and Belgians, it was announced, will begin shipping to-day 10,000 tons of coal and coke daily to France and Belgium."

Even more prominence was given in cable dispatches from European capitals to the speech in the German Reichstag on Monday by Foreign Minister von Rosenberg than to that of Premier Poincare at Dunkirk the day before. The German Minister's speech had been eagerly awaited for some time and was regarded as a direct reply to the French Premier, his Government and people. In part Herr von Rosenberg said: "It is a fatality that for centuries France and Germany have never attained a real peace. First one and then the other nation has gained the advantage. Perhaps it is harder for the French temperament than for the calmer German character to practice moderation in holding the upper hand, but lack of moderation was ever a shortsighted policy. The victor's interest, rightly understood, points the way to an understanding. The peoples of Germany and France have only one choice—either to live together or go down to ruin together. If France would make up her mind to recognize Germany's right to life and liberty and respect Germany's territories and rights of sovereignty and that her German neighbor does not dream of wounding France's sensibilities or sense of honor, then the ice would be broken. Then might the dream of many good Europeans be fulfilled who hope in a new era of prosperity and happiness for Europe from co-operation of the German and French peoples. So long as France, however, cannot bring herself to take such a step there remains only one thing for us to do, and that is to continue to grit our teeth, stand together and hold out, relying on our good right, supported by the moral forces of our people—its will to live and its love for the Fatherland." Commenting upon the address, the Berlin representative of the New York "Times" said that "a direct tender of the olive branch in an appeal for reconciliation was made in the Reichstag to-day by Foreign Minister von Rosenberg, replying to Premier Poincare's speech at Dunkirk on Sunday. His discourse created a profound impression on the House, which at its conclusion when he said that until France changed her attitude of enmity the German people must stand firmly together was approved with a great unanimous outburst of cheering and applause."

Purporting to give the French attitude toward the address, the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled that "in high quarters in Paris the impression prevails to-night [April 16] that Germany is moving toward making reparations proposals. It is known that the British Ambassador in Berlin on instructions from London has advised Berlin to try and open negotiations and the speech of Foreign Minister von Rosenberg in the Reichstag to-day is interpreted here as being a move in that direction. It is considered that no other interpretation can be put upon Baron von Rosenberg's speech than that it is an invitation to begin conversations on the basis of the offer the Foreign Minister says Herr Bergmann intended to make to the Allied Premiers last January. This offer as outlined by Berlin—for it was never made known in Paris—provided for the payment of 30,000,000,000 gold marks. But it provided for such payment after a moratorium of four years and without seizure of guarantees. Now that France and Belgium hold guarantees, the situation is different. And while France would not accept such a figure, there has been much talk here of the sum of 40,000,000,000 or 50,000,000,000 as definite reparations with the remainder left to be adjusted to

inter-Allied debt settlements. If Germany can bring forward definite proposals offering fair assurance of fulfillment for the payment of 30,000,000,000, there seems room for negotiations when the French talk of definite arrangements for 40,000,000,000 or 50,000,000,000. It is held that when Rosenberg said, 'I believe that the point of departure for the negotiations will be found in the German project so badly received in Paris,' he evidently expressed willingness to talk on that basis."

Cabling the following day, the Paris correspondent of the Associated Press said that "the official French attitude toward the speech of Aaron von Rosenberg, the German Foreign Minister, in the Reichstag yesterday is that the German position is not sufficiently categorical." He also stated that "this was made plain to-day, with an expression of doubt as to whether the Cuno Cabinet was in a position politically at home to obtain the adoption of any plan leading to a settlement that it might put forward." According to the dispatch also, "in unofficial well-informed quarters the view was expressed that both the Germans and the Franco-Belgian Allies seem to be reaching toward practical plans to obtain a settlement. While official discussions may be many weeks or even months distant, there is a feeling in neutral circles that some plan eventually will be evolved by mutual concessions."

Under date of April 17 the Berlin representative of the New York "Times" sent word that "Foreign Minister von Rosenberg's speech in the Reichstag yesterday is being construed as constituting a bona fide formal reparations proposal by the German Government to the Allies. The Democratic faction in the Reichstag held a caucus this morning and agreed unanimously on this interpretation, throwing in a vote of confidence in the Cuno Cabinet." He also stated that "the view of the Democratic Parliamentarians is that Baron von Rosenberg formally offered a minimum of 20,000,000,000 gold marks, plus whatever sum an international commission of experts might fix after due study of Germany's ability to pay. The fulfillability of this offer, according to the Democrats, 'naturally depends on obtaining an international loan.'" According to the "Times" representative, "the same view is shared by Stinnes's German People's Party and was expressed by its leader and spokesman, Dr. Stresemann, in the Reichstag this afternoon. His speech was awaited with even greater interest than Baron von Rosenberg's, as authoritatively voicing the attitude of the big industrial interests."

One of the most important and striking developments in Germany was the collapse of the mark on Wednesday. In describing the event, the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times" said: "There was a mark panic on the Boerse between noon and 1 o'clock to-day which utterly eclipsed all political discussions. Opening around 23,000 paper marks to the dollar this morning, the mark was fluctuating between 31,000 and 33,000 to-night." He asserted that "the Reichsbank was impotent to check the onslaught for the first time since the Cuno Government's stabilization action started. So hopeless was the outlook that the bank did not even try to intervene by dumping dollars and pounds sterling on the market." Continuing his account, the correspondent said that "this dramatic collapse came as a shock to the Gov-

ernment and political circles. Stabilization around 20,000 marks to the dollar is an important factor in the Government's strategy of Ruhr resistance. The crash has accordingly upset all Chancellor Cuno's calculations. The Cabinet early this afternoon held a hurried session to discuss the situation and later a conference took place between the members of the Government and the Reichsbank." The New York "Herald" representative in the German capital cabled that "the three days' debate in the Reichstag on foreign affairs came to an end to-night without any substantial progress toward negotiations for a reparational settlement, and consequently with the position of the Cuno Cabinet considerably weakened." All the American correspondents declared that the collapse of the mark might result in the overthrow of the Cuno Ministry. Word was received Thursday afternoon that "representatives of the German Government and the directorate of the Reichsbank decided at a conference this morning that the recent policy of bolstering up the mark would be continued." The Associated Press correspondent said that "the Government would continue to throw foreign currencies into the market and that other measures will be taken to keep the currency steady. These measures include far-reaching reductions in foreign currencies."

According to reports received in Duesseldorf Thursday evening, Mulheim was "in a state of siege." The advices stated also that "a mob of unemployed whose number seems to have been greatly reinforced since morning has completely blockaded the City Hall, where about 300 civil officials are beleaguered." In an Associated Press dispatch direct from Mulheim the same evening it was stated that "the business section of Mulheim is in the hands of bands of armed idle workmen to-night. About 3,000 unemployed, led by Communists, have thrown barricades across the principal streets. There have been many clashes with the police and at least three men have been killed and from forty to fifty wounded, according to the German Red Cross. This brings the total dead since the demonstrations began yesterday to five." In an Associated Press dispatch from Mulheim last evening it was stated that, "after being terrorized for three days by the unemployed and Communist mobs which held it, Mulheim to-day is again under control of the constituted German authorities." It was added that "the force of 300 police and city officials which had been besieged in the Rathaus issued from this great fortress-like building this morning, cut through the line of the besiegers, caught them in the rear, arrested many, and again took control of the city."

Commenting upon "Great Britain's informal effort to persuade the German Government to bring forward a draft of a scheme for reparations payments likely to serve as a basis for negotiations with France," the London correspondent of the New York "Herald" said that "the German Government only reiterated what Foreign Minister Rosenberg said in the Reichstag: That Germany's capacity for paying had been so reduced by the Ruhr occupation that she was unable to advance the proposals suggested. The British, it is understood, advised a direct proposal to France of 50,000,000,000 marks gold. But the German reply as now conveyed to this Government impels belief that the situation probably will remain stagnant for some time."

There have been renewed reports that a gigantic industrial consolidation in Germany is in process of formation. The Berlin representative of the New York "Times" cabled that "Hugo Stinnes and his associates are organizing the greatest industrial combination in European economic history. It is not yet completed, being still in evolution, but the lines of development are clearly visible. The plan involves the Upper Silesian coal, iron and steel industry on both the Polish and German sides of the border, and through the Upper Silesian industries an interlocking of interests." Outlining the groups of interests that would be embraced in the undertaking the correspondent said: "The concerns getting together are, first, Stinnes; second, the Otto Wolf group; third, the Flick company; fourth, the Allgemeine Electricitats Gesellschaft and the Linke-Hofmann group. There are strong connecting links to the Krupp and Thyssen interests and to international interests also, including American." Going into further details, he said that "Germany's great financier, Jakob Goldschmidt, head partner of the Darmstadter und National Bank, is the pivotal point of the gigantic combination. Stinnes has a powerful interest in this bank, one of the Big Four, or so-called D banks, the others being the Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Bank and Disconto Gesellschaft. He bought an almost controlling interest in the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, whose head, Karl Fuerstenberg, is among insiders generally regarded as the greatest German financial genius. Goldschmidt is credited with having brought about the close understanding between Stinnes and Fuerstenberg." He also asserted that "the Boerse and the financial world are hypnotized by the vision of this titanic combination, which is credited in advance with being a decisive political as well as business factor."

The report has persisted that Andrew Bonar Law would resign on account of ill-health and that he would be succeeded by Earl Curzon. An official statement was issued from 10 Downing Street on April 15 in which it was set forth that "the Premier has no such intention." It was added in a cablegram to the New York "Times" that "the Prime Minister is not in robust health, and even before he accepted office he knew that he might not be able to bear the heavy burdens of the Premiership for long; but he has no reason to suppose that the moment when he will be forced to seek rest is near." The New York "Herald" asserted that "undoubtedly much is going on behind the scenes in the Conservative Party. It is recognized that the Government is very weak, and the country at large recognizes that fact also. To really strengthen it it would be necessary to draft in such men as Austen Chamberlain, Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Sir Robert Horne and Lord Birkenhead. But these Conservatives are in no hurry to accept a position in the Bonar Law Cabinet just for the sake of strengthening a Government which has lately done much to discredit itself." In a subsequent Associated Press dispatch it was stated that "Prime Minister Bonar Law's supporters among the morning papers are indignant at what they call the 'conspiracy to weaken the Ministry' launched in the Sunday press, which reported that the Premier was about to resign because of ill health."

It was rumored early in the week that former Premier Lloyd George had received invitations to visit the United States and Canada next fall, and de-

liver a series of lectures. Under date of April 16 the London correspondent of the Chicago "Tribune" cabled that "former Prime Minister Lloyd George authorized to-night a denial of the report that he is contemplating a lecture tour of the United States and Canada. He said he had no intention of delivering any lectures in America under the auspices of any agency."

Naturally, there was keen interest in advance in England in the British budget for the fiscal year 1923-24, which Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of the Exchequer, presented in the House of Commons on April 16. Because of the surplus for the previous fiscal period it had been hoped that taxes for the current twelve months would be reduced. When announcement of the surplus was made little or no hope was held out for any important modifications of previous tax schedules. Accordingly, general and genuine surprise was expressed when it became known that several readjustments downward had been decided upon. The Chancellor announced that "the corporation tax would be reduced by one-half and the income tax reduced from five shillings to four shillings six pence the pound sterling." He stated that "there will be no reduction in the sugar tax, but he hoped that the condition of the world markets would permit such reduction at an early date." Announcement was made also of "a cut in the duty on beer so as to allow a reduction of a penny per pint in the retail price." The Chancellor announced in the House also that "the past year's surplus of £101,000,000 had gone to reduction of the debt," and added that "the financial year just closed had become steadily better as it proceeded, trade at home and abroad had improved, and unemployment had diminished considerably." The Chancellor further explained that "last year's surplus came about through the best of all possible causes; namely the reduction of expenditure, including £27,000,000 for the nation's fighting services and £55,500,000 for civil expenses." He placed "the ordinary estimates for 1923-4 at £421,000,000, as compared with £473,000,000 last year," and "estimated the total expenditure for the coming financial year at £816,616,000." The Associated Press correspondent said that "the total revenue for the new year on the basis of the existing taxation is estimated at £852,650,000, leaving a surplus of slightly more than £36,000,000." The correspondent also stated that the "Chancellor, referring in his budget statement to-day to the American debt, said he hoped shortly to settle the final form of the bonds to be given in replacement of the demand obligations." It developed in the course of debate in the House of Commons the next day that former Premier Asquith and Sir Robert Horne would support the budget. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to questions, asserted that the Government could not reduce the tax on sugar.

The controversy over the so-called Chester oil grant has continued. Announcement was made at the Quai d'Orsay in Paris on the afternoon of April 16 that "Premier Poincare had sent Secretary Hughes a note saying that France would not recognize the Chester concession in so far as it conflicted with concessions already granted to French interests, and asking the American Government not to support any of its nationals in claims to concessions in Turkey falling within that category." The New

York "Times" correspondent in the French capital added that "it is believed here that the British Government has sent the American Government a note stating that it cannot recognize any Angora concessions to America involving claims to any part of the territory of Irak, which is under a British mandate." He explained that "the part of the Chester concession which conflicts directly with the French claims is the provision for the construction of a railroad from Sivas to Samsun, on the Black Sea, and that for the construction of a modern port at Samsun, both of which were granted the French in 1914 in return for a half-billion-franc loan." From London came an Associated Press dispatch saying that "Great Britain will interpose no objection to the Turks' recent ratification of concessions to an American development company except in the event of their conflicting with privileges already granted to British subjects. This statement was made in the House of Commons to-night by Ronald McNeill, spokesman for the Foreign Office." Washington sent word that "State Department spokesmen said to-day [April 17] that the United States would support any valid claim by American citizens in accordance with the Open Door policy, but added that an examination of the Chester agreements would be necessary before their validity under international law could be determined." The Associated Press correspondent added that "the American Government so far is uninformed as to the facts involved in the Turkish concession to the Chester interests and will not formulate a definite policy until further advices have been received."

Word came from Paris Thursday morning that "it is understood that, in response to the French statement concerning the Chester concessions, Secretary Hughes has informed the French Government that the American State Department will make a careful examination of the conditions of the Chester project and submit a formal reply after this inquiry." It was added in the cable advices that "the interpretation given here to Mr. Hughes's attitude is, that while the American Government intends to support all legitimate claims of American citizens, it will be necessary to examine the Chester concession before Washington can take a positive attitude on the project as a whole." Rear Admiral Chester was quoted in a Washington dispatch last evening as saying that the priority claims of the French "have not a leg to stand on."

No change has been noted in official discount rates at leading European centres from 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. The open market discounts in London were a shade easier, being quoted at 1¾@1⅞% for short bills, against 1⅞@2⅞%, and 2% for three months, against 2⅞@2¼% last week. Money on call remained unchanged at 1¾%, the greater part of the week, but dropped to 1½% yesterday. At Paris the open market discount rate continues to be quoted at 4⅞%, and at Switzerland 1½%, the same as heretofore.

In its statement for the week ending April 19, the Bank of England reported a further addition to gold holdings of £3,902, while total reserve increased £534,000, in consequence of a reduction of £530,000

in note circulation. The proportion of reserve to liabilities is 19.76%, as against 19.64% last week and 18.22% the week before that. At this time a year ago the ratio stood at 19.13% and at 14½% in 1921. Contraction in public deposits of £13,000 was shown, but "Other" deposits expanded no less than £3,943,000. Loans on Government securities increased £2,855,000; although as against this loans on other securities were reduced £1,478,000. The Bank's gold holdings aggregate £127,520,959, which compares with £128,876,773 in 1922 and £128,345,367 the year before. Total reserve stands at £24,887,000, against £25,688,528 last year and £18,518,917 in 1921. Note circulation is £121,080,000. Last year it totaled £121,638,245 and in 1921 £128,276,450. The loan total is £67,408,000, as against £78,101,751 and £94,085,345 one and two years ago, respectively. Clearings through the London banks amounted to £798,059,000, in comparison with £838,494,000 a week ago and £577,406,000 last year. At the regular weekly meeting of the Bank directors, the minimum discount rate of 3% was left unchanged. 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 18. £	1922. April 19. £	1921. April 20. £	1920. April 21. £	1919. April 23. £
Circulation.....	121,080,000	121,638,245	128,276,450	105,963,390	76,162,550
Public deposits.....	15,963,000	16,834,505	19,218,678	20,046,571	24,590,512
Other deposits.....	210,811,000	117,761,293	108,439,431	124,256,819	117,207,536
Government securities.....	51,300,000	48,454,146	32,767,043	57,475,621	50,225,144
Other securities.....	67,408,000	78,101,751	94,085,347	79,612,868	81,793,065
Reserve notes & coin.....	24,887,000	25,688,528	18,518,917	24,907,116	27,403,827
Coin and bullion.....	127,520,959	128,876,773	128,345,367	112,420,506	85,116,377
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	19.76%	19.13%	14.51%	17.25%	19.30%
Bank rate.....	3%	4%	7%	7%	5%

The Bank of France in its weekly statement shows a further small gain of 146,575 francs in the gold item this week. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,536,604,900 francs, comparing with 5,526,602,933 francs at this time last year and with 5,508,534,255 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,864,344,927 francs were held abroad in 1923 and 1,948,367,056 francs in both 1922 and 1921. Silver, during the week, increased 194,000 francs, while bills discounted were augmented by 174,660,000 francs. On the other hand, advances fell off 38,084,000 francs, Treasury deposits were diminished 13,796,000 francs and general deposits were reduced 31,439,000 francs. Note circulation registered the further large contraction of 473,171,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding down to 36,823,777,000 francs. This contrasts with 35,951,264,150 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 38,282,514,075 francs the year previous. In 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1922 and 1921 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Francs.	Status as of April 19 1923. Francs.	April 20 1922. Francs.	April 21 1921. Francs.
Gold Holdings— In France.....	Inc. 146,575	3,672,259,973	3,578,235,877	3,560,167,198
Abroad.....	No change	1,864,344,927	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056
Total.....	Inc. 146,575	5,536,604,900	5,526,602,933	5,508,534,255
Silver.....	Inc. 194,000	291,758,400	282,723,299	271,267,709
Bills discounted.....	Inc. 174,660,000	2,533,350,000	2,621,043,362	2,655,590,975
Advances.....	Dec. 38,084,000	2,140,712,000	2,335,367,373	2,209,746,489
Note circulation.....	Dec. 473,171,000	36,823,777,000	35,951,264,150	38,282,514,075
Treasury deposits.....	Dec. 13,796,000	9,596,000	35,279,192	39,376,479
General deposits.....	Dec. 31,439,000	2,009,168,000	2,310,435,583	2,857,762,122

The Imperial Bank of Germany's statement, issued as of April 7, was featured by the smallest expansion

in note circulation in several weeks, namely, 106,193,331,000 marks. While, of course, a stupendous amount, it may be said to be "small" when compared with increases running up to as high as 600,000,000,000 marks reported in recent weeks. Other changes of the usual spectacular character included a gain of 153,503,669,000 marks in Treasury and loan association notes; an increase of 510,801,000,000 marks in bills of exchange and checks of 246,228,021,000 marks in discount and Treasury bills, of 131,370,091,000 marks in other assets, of 415,720,080,000 marks in deposits and of 2,075,011,000 marks in total coin and bullion. Smaller increases were shown in notes of other banks of 12,700,000 marks, advances 819,166,000 marks, investments 79,948,000 marks and other liabilities 63,256,088,000 marks. A feature of the statement was the absence of declines on any items whatsoever. Gold remained unchanged, and stands at 1,004,830,000 marks. Note circulation outstanding is 5,624,109,973,000 marks.

The Federal Reserve Bank statement, issued on Thursday afternoon, was noteworthy chiefly by reason of a still further diminution in bill holdings at the New York Bank, and an expansion for the banks as a whole. Aside from this, changes were comparatively slight. The System reported a loss in gold reserves of \$3,000,000; although the local bank in its operations with the interior added no less than \$21,000,000 to its gold holdings. For the System there were increases in rediscounts of all classes of paper, as well as in open market purchases, and total bill holdings moved up \$23,800,000, to \$920,909,000, in comparison with \$640,110,000 a year ago. A parallel increase was shown in earning assets, while deposits were \$49,000,000 larger. In New York rediscounting of Government and "all other" paper decreased approximately \$12,000,000, but bill purchases were augmented by \$4,000,000—the net result was a lowering in total bill holdings of \$8,500,000, to \$220,487,000, as against \$89,239,000 at this time a year ago. There was a reduction of \$6,500,000 in earning assets, although deposits expanded \$27,600,000. Both locally and nationally, the volume of Reserve notes in circulation was reduced \$3,000,000 and \$11,000,000, respectively. Member bank reserve accounts were materially enhanced—\$48,000,000 for the System, and \$31,000,000 at New York. As the changes here shown largely offset one another, reserve ratios remained practically stable. For the System the ratio was 0.8 lower, at 75.5%, and in New York 0.1 higher, at 83.8%.

Saturday's statement of New York Associated banks and trust companies was in line with general expectations and indicated a further reduction in loans and, to a lesser extent, in deposits. Loans and discounts declined \$26,384,000. In net demand deposits there was a decrease of \$6,031,000, to \$3,721,347,000, which is exclusive of \$126,093,000 in Government deposits. Time deposits increased \$1,951,000, to \$492,956,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank was reduced \$1,347,000, to \$50,907,000 (not counted as reserve). Unimportant changes were recorded in the reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults, which declined \$111,000, while the reserves kept in other depositories by the same institutions decreased \$464,000. Member banks, however, added to their reserve credits at the Reserve Bank \$10,066,000,

which in turn was mainly instrumental in bringing about a gain in surplus reserve of \$10,216,730, so that excess reserves were increased to \$12,493,300, as against only \$2,276,570 a week earlier. The changes shown were said to reflect in some measure additional liquidation on the Stock Exchange. Surplus figures here given apply to 13% reserves above legal requirements for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not include cash in own vaults amounting to \$50,907,000 held by the Clearing House banks on Saturday last.

Irregularity was the chief characteristic of the local call money market this week. Immediately after the mid-month disbursements, including the payment of New York State income taxes, the rates were high. As the week advanced the trend was downward, a 4½% quotation being reached in the afternoon of Thursday and 4% yesterday. Time money was firm at 5¼% bid and 5½% asked. The withdrawals of Government funds to the extent of approximately \$25,000,000 was spoken of as a factor in the firmness of call as well as time money during the early half of the week. No change was made in Federal Reserve rediscount rates, and apparently none is expected in the immediate future. Washington dispatches continue to indicate that neither the Federal Reserve Board nor Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is of the opinion that the business situation and credit position of the country justify higher rates now or soon. Conditions throughout the country are largely unchanged. Business is going forward on a big scale, but the banks are meeting all requirements for funds without difficulty. A note of caution comes from many sources. The medium through which the Government will refinance larger maturities next month is being discussed in local banking circles. While definite information does not appear to have been received, it is assumed that short term securities will be used as far as necessary. The bond market has not required a large sum of money in the aggregate.

Referring to money rates in detail, call loans this week have ranged between 4 and 6%, as compared with 4@5½% last week. Monday the high was 6%, with 4½% the low and renewal basis. On Tuesday renewals were negotiated at 5%, the lowest for the day; the high was 5½%. Wednesday and Thursday a range of 4½@5% was reported, with 4½% the basis for renewals on both days. Call funds renewed at 4¾% on Friday, which was also the maximum figure, although before the close there was a decline to 4%, the lowest level for the week. The figures given apply to mixed collateral and all-industrial loans without differentiation. Time money after opening steady, relaxed slightly, with the completion of the April 15th payments, and before the close all maturities from sixty days to six months were quoted at 5¼%, in comparison with 5¼@5½% a week ago. Trading, however, was quiet with no large individual trades reported.

Commercial paper was in fair demand, but business was restricted by light offerings. Country banks were responsible for most of the business done. Sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character have not been changed from 5@5¼%, with names less well known at 5¼%, the same as a week ago.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances displayed a firm undertone and early in the week the predicted advance became effective, when dealers marked up their rates with a view to bringing them in accord with Government quotations. The advance which ranges from $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% applies to open market quotations. Trading, however, was not active and both local and country institutions were reported as being temporarily out of the market, owing to the firmness in call funds. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council remains at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ bid and $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ asked for bills running for 30 days, $4\frac{3}{8}\%$ bid and $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ asked for 60 to 90 days, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ bid and $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ asked for 120 days and $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ bid and $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ asked for bills running for 150 days. Open market quotations follow:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	$4\frac{1}{4}\%$ @ $4\frac{1}{4}\%$	$4\frac{3}{8}\%$ @ $4\frac{1}{4}\%$	$4\frac{3}{8}\%$ @ $4\frac{1}{4}\%$
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	$4\frac{1}{4}\%$ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	$4\frac{1}{4}\%$ bid		

As in the case of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, which we stated last week had established a 5% rediscount rate for agricultural and livestock paper having a maturity between six and nine months, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia on April 19 adopted a similar rate for paper of this maturity. A $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ rate for this paper is in effect at the Federal Reserve banks of San Francisco, Atlanta, St. Lou's, Cleveland, Richmond, Minneapolis and Dallas. 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 20 1923.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 but Within 9 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.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	---	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	5
New York.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	---
Philadelphia.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	5
Cleveland.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
Richmond.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
Atlanta.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
Chicago.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	---
St. Louis.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
Minneapolis.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
Kansas City.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	---
Dallas.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
San Francisco.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$

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

The sterling exchange market, following a short spurt of relative activity last week, relapsed into dullness and trading in the week under review has been quiet and featureless. To some extent price levels reflected the unsettlement felt over the European situation and demand bills hovered alternately above and below 4 65. During much of the time London cable rates displayed weakness, the result of unsettling and conflicting reports regarding Franco-German affairs, also disturbing political developments at home. Later on a better feeling developed and recoveries of a cent or more took place, carrying the quotation up to $4\ 65\frac{7}{8}$. Selling of sterling on British account, while less in evidence, continues more or less of a factor in depressing prices. Nevertheless, as the supply of commercial bills is still very light, owing to the fact that a considerable propor-

tion of the exports now passing are being financed by means of dollar credits, the decline has been restricted to a few points and the undertone remains about steady.

Fundamentally, there is as yet little or no change in the foreign exchange situation. Operators maintain their attitude of watchful indifference, awaiting the breaking of the Ruhr deadlock and the result is more than usual inertia on the part of domestic interests. Even the speculative element, for the time being at least, may be said to be more deeply interested in the Continental currencies than in sterling. Talk is heard concerning the underlying reason for the lowering of sterling rates. There are some who attribute it mainly to the less favorable outlook in British labor and politics; others claim that German reparations has been the chief influence in depressing prices, while still others are of the opinion that the preparations required to meet Great Britain's debt payments to the United States must inevitably exercise an influence on values here. Attention was given to suggestions that the lowering of British taxes might make for improved business conditions, while operators are said to be looking forward with some eagerness to the meeting of the American Debt Commission on April 30, at which time the official signing of the British American debt contract is expected. Generally speaking, bankers are not predicting any marked improvement in sterling price levels in the near future; though the belief persists that settlement of the Ruhr problem would go a long way toward restoring international trade conditions to normal levels, and, incidentally, foreign exchange rates.

Referring to quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday last was easier and demand declined to $4\ 64\ 15-16@4\ 65\frac{1}{2}$, cable transfers to $4\ 65\ 3-16@4\ 65\frac{3}{4}$ and sixty days to $4\ 62\ 13-16@4\ 63\frac{3}{8}$; dullness continued to prevail. Monday's market was irregularly weak and there was a decline which carried prices down to $4\ 64\frac{3}{4}@4\ 65\ 3-16$ for demand, $4\ 65@4\ 65\ 7-16$ for cable transfers and $4\ 62\frac{5}{8}@4\ 63\ 1-16$ for sixty days; unsettling foreign news was said to be responsible for the easing. Increased weakness developed on Tuesday and demand sold down to $4\ 64\frac{5}{8}@4\ 65\frac{1}{2}$, cable transfers to $4\ 64\frac{7}{8}@4\ 65\frac{3}{4}$ and sixty days to $4\ 62\frac{1}{2}@4\ 63\frac{3}{8}$; lower London cable rates were held responsible for the decline. On Wednesday better foreign news led to improvement in values, so that the range was $4\ 65@4\ 65\ 9-16$ for demand, $4\ 65\frac{1}{4}@4\ 65\ 13-16$ for cable transfers and $4\ 62\frac{7}{8}@4\ 63\ 7-16$ for sixty days. No increase in activity was noted on Thursday and after a firm opening, rates sagged slightly; demand bills ranged between $4\ 65\frac{1}{2}@4\ 66\ 1-16$, cable transfers at $4\ 65\frac{3}{4}@4\ 66\ 5-16$ and sixty days at $4\ 63\frac{3}{8}@4\ 63\ 15-16$. On Friday trading was as dull as ever, though the undertone was steady, at $4\ 65\frac{1}{4}@4\ 65\frac{7}{8}$ for demand, $4\ 65\frac{1}{2}@4\ 66\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers and $4\ 63\frac{1}{8}@4\ 63\frac{3}{4}$ for sixty days. Closing quotations were $4\ 63\ 3-16$ for sixty days, $4\ 65\ 5-16$ for demand and $4\ 65\ 9-16$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $4\ 65\ 1-16$, sixty days at $4\ 62\ 5-16$, ninety days at $4\ 61\ 7-16$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $4\ 62\ 13-16$ and seven-day grain bills at $4\ 64\ 5-16$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $4\ 65\ 1-16$.

So far as could be learned, no gold either for export or import was engaged this week.

In the Continental exchanges reichsmarks, after a prolonged period of inactivity, once more came to the front and attracted widespread attention by a sudden sharp break that carried the quotation down 15 points, to 0.0032, although later rallying to 0.0040. Following an opening quotation of 0.0046½, the level that has recently been maintained, heavy selling for account of foreign interests, precipitated the slump. Dealings attained large proportions and the claim was made that Berlin had again turned seller and was buying other currencies. It was, however, more generally believed that Germany had withdrawn her support from the market and that mark quotations were consequently at the mercy of speculators. What for a time lent color to this belief was the fact that marks failed to respond to "good" news in the form of intimations that the Cuno speech could be construed as a feeler, likely to be the forerunner of a bona fide reparations proposal to the Allies on the part of the German Government. Before the close most of the loss was recovered, largely on announcement that the Reichsbank had decided to resume its support. An interesting explanation of the flurry in marks was set forth in a Berlin dispatch which stated that the slump was the result of the Reichsbank's decision to cease the use of foreign funds to stabilize German exchange. It is learned that more than \$40,000,000 has been spent in this manner in the last fortnight, and that the operation is proving too costly. Other and secondary reasons are the increasing difficulty of maintaining resistance in the Ruhr, the huge increase in Germany's imports over exports and the pressure brought to bear by German merchants who claim that they are unable to compete with other foreign manufacturers owing to the artificial level of the mark. As was to be expected, considerable confusion existed for a time, with quotations wide apart and a sense of impending "panic" noted.

French exchange, which was somewhat eclipsed by the movements in marks, made a better showing and the quotation was maintained at around 6.67, until Thursday when there was a drop to 6.48; although later recovery set in and the close was 6.63½, all on comparatively light trading. Belgian exchange, as usual, followed suit; but Austrian kronen remain apparently unaffected by the gyrations in German marks. The Bank of France disclosed materially better financial conditions, there having been a sharp contraction in note circulation, and this, together with persistent rumors that Germany was contemplating formal reparations proposals in the very near future, led to a feeling of greater confidence regarding the future of French exchange. The excitement in the larger Continental currencies was apparently without effect on either Greek or the Central European currencies, which moved within narrow limits at close to the levels of a week ago. The recent conference of French and Belgian Premiers has not resulted in any definite progress toward a solution of the Ruhr problem, and there are some who claim that the steadiness in francs has been the result of buying on the part of the French Government for the purpose of supporting price levels. Italian lire were more or less in neglect, with the quotation steady at very close to the levels prevailing a week ago.

The London check rate on Paris finished at 70.00, comparing with 69.47 a week ago. In New York,

sight bills on the French centre closed at 6.63½, against 6.67½; cable transfers at 6.64½, against 6.68½; commercial sight bills 6.61½, against 6.65½, and commercial 60 days at 6.58½, against 6.62½ last week. Closing quotations for Antwerp francs were 5.73½ for checks and 5.74½ for cable transfers, against 5.77 and 5.78 a week ago. Reichsmarks finished the week at 0.0038¾ for both checks and cable transfers, which compares with 0.0047⅝ a week earlier. Austrian kronen remain at 0.0014⅛ unchanged. Lire closed at 4.94¼ for bankers' sight bills and 4.95¼ for cable transfers, as against 4.98 and 4.99 a week earlier. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.98¼, against 2.98½; on Bucharest at 0.48, (unchanged); on Poland at 0.0021, against 0.0023¾, and on Finland at 2.76½, against 2.74½ the previous week. Greek exchanges closed at 1.17 for checks and 1.18 for cable remittances. This compares with 1.16 and 1.17 last week.

The former neutral exchanges ruled dull and irregular with only slight changes in rates. Some improvement was shown following the drop in marks; but with intimations that support was to be resumed, corresponding declines were noted and guilders, francs and pesetas, as well as the Scandinavian exchanges, all closed at slight net losses for the week, albeit on dull, narrow trading.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 39.08½, against 39.11; cable transfers at 39.17½, against 39.20; commercial sight at 39.03½, against 39.06, and commercial sixty days at 38.78½, against 38.75 a week ago. Swiss francs finished at 18.15½ for bankers' sight bills and 18.16½ for cable transfers, in comparison with 18.20 and 18.21 the week preceding. Copenhagen checks closed at 18.88½ and cable transfers at 18.92½, against 18.84 and 18.88. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.72 and cable transfers at 26.76 against 26.57½ and 26.61½, while checks on Norway closed at 17.90½ and cable transfers at 17.94½, against 17.90½ and 17.94½ last week. Spanish pesetas closed at 15.35 for checks and 15.36 for cable remittances. A week ago the close was 15.33 and 15.34.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, APRIL 14 1923 TO APRIL 20 1923, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Apr. 14.	Apr. 16.	Apr. 17.	Apr. 18.	Apr. 19.	Apr. 20.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014
Belgium, franc	.0576	.0576	.0569	.0566	.0575	.0576
Bulgaria, lev	.007743	.007793	.00785	.007711	.007757	.007673
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029805	.029775	.02977	.029793	.029805	.029838
Denmark, krone	.1885	.1883	.1884	.1889	.1893	.1891
England, pound sterling	4.6542	4.6529	4.6560	4.6556	4.6596	4.6577
Finland, marka	.027444	.027597	.027672	.027644	.027619	.027756
France, franc	.0667	.0666	.0658	.0656	.0665	.0666
Germany, reichsmark	.000047	.000047	.000044	.000032	.000035	.000038
Greece, drachma	.011561	.011639	.011611	.011567	.011617	.011689
Holland, guilder	.3915	.3914	.3915	.3919	.3920	.3919
Hungary, krona	.000223	.000226	.000224	.000222	.000225	.000213
Italy, lire	.0498	.0497	.0492	.0492	.0495	.0495
Norway, krone	.1794	.1793	.1787	.1791	.1797	.1795
Poland, mark	.000024	.000023	.000023	.000022	.000020	.000023
Portugal, escudo	.0459	.0458	.0454	.0453	.0457	.0451
Rumania, leu	.004775	.004763	.004786	.004772	.004772	.004806
Spain, peseta	.1533	.1534	.1536	.1532	.1534	.1535
Sweden, krona	.2659	.2658	.2658	.2661	.2667	.2677
Switzerland, franc	.1821	.1817	.1807	.1815	.1816	.1816
Yugoslavia, dinar	.01028	.010225	.010223	.010195	.010148	.010118
ASIA—						
China, Chefoo tael	.7617	.7633	.7779	.7654	.7633	.7625
" Hankow tael	.7567	.7583	.7725	.7600	.7 83	.7575
" Shanghai tael	.7409	.7436	.7456	.7441	.7421	.7411
" Tientsin tael	.7675	.7696	.7858	.7733	.7671	.7688
" Hongkong dollar	.5456	.5457	.5484	.5463	.5466	.5465
" Mexican dollar	.5340	.5352	.5427	.5365	.5373	.5349
" Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	.5367	.5404	.5550	.5413	.5442	.5400
" Yuan dollar	.5450	.5454	.5325	.5446	.5442	.5433
India, rupee	.3134	.3133	.3137	.3137	.3140	.3141
Japan, yen	.4863	.4861	.4862	.4861	.4862	.4866
Singapore (S. S.) dollar	.5475	.5480	.5483	.5483	.5481	.5488
NORTH AMERICA—						
Canada, dollar	.977102	.976406	.976461	.981563	.978305	.979962
Cuba, peso	1.00	1.00	.99975	.999688	.999938	.999688
Mexico, peso	.4845	.484188	.483375	.483375	.483438	.46575
Newfoundland, dollar	.974688	.973984	.974141	.979531	.975781	.977344
SOUTH AMERICA—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.8320	.8318	.8318	.8299	.8303	.8304
Brazil, milreis	.1081	.1083	.1086	.1084	.1080	.1073
Chile, peso (paper)	.1228	.1219	.1213	.1213	.1221	.1229
Uruguay, peso	.8369	.8377	.8377	.8379	.8366	.8367

As to South American quotations, the situation remains without essential change. Argentine currency has been a trifle easier, closing at 36.70 for checks and 36.75 for cable transfers, against 36.75 and 36.80 last week, but Brazil finished at 10.85 for checks and 10.90 for cable transfers, against 10.90 and 11.00 a week ago. Chilean exchange was also fractionally down, at 12.40, against 12.45, but Peru remained at 4 29, unchanged.

Far Eastern exchange was as follows: Hong Kong, 55 1/4 @ 55 1/2, against 54 5/8 @ 54 7/8; Shanghai, 74 1/2 @ 74 3/4, against 74 1/2 @ 74 3/4; Yokohama, 48 5/8 @ 48 7/8 (unchanged); Manila 49 3/4 @ 50 1/2, against 49 3/4 @ 50 1/8; Singapore, 54 3/4 @ 55 (unchanged); Bombay, 31 1/2 @ 31 3/4 (unchanged), and Calcutta, 31 7/8 @ 32 (unchanged).

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions have gained \$3,124,550 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending April 19. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,219,050, while the shipments have reached \$1,094,500, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending April 19.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,219,050	\$1,094,500	Gain \$3,124,550

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 14.	Monday, April 16.	Tuesday, April 17.	Wednesday, April 18.	Thursday, April 19.	Friday, April 20.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 64,000,000	\$ 82,000,000	\$ 47,000,000	\$ 63,000,000	\$ 61,000,000	\$ 62,000,000	Cr. 379,000,000

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 bullion in the principal European banks:

Banks of	April 19 1923.			April 20 1922.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 127,520,959	£	£ 127,520,959	£ 128,876,773	£	£ 128,876,773
France a	146,890,399	11,640,000	158,530,399	143,129,435	11,280,000	154,409,435
Germany	50,110,130	3,876,128	53,986,258	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	26,242,000	127,260,000	100,834,000	25,421,000	126,255,000
Italy	35,411,000	3,033,000	38,444,000	34,308,000	2,998,000	37,306,000
Netherl'd.	48,483,000	530,000	49,013,000	50,496,000	452,000	50,948,000
Nat. Belg.	10,757,000	2,414,000	13,171,000	10,663,000	1,622,000	12,285,000
Switzerl'd.	21,329,000	4,199,000	25,528,000	21,810,000	4,320,000	26,130,000
Sweden	15,198,000	—	15,198,000	15,241,000	—	15,241,000
Denmark	12,679,000	222,000	12,901,000	12,684,000	231,000	12,915,000
Norway	8,115,000	—	8,115,000	8,183,000	—	8,183,000
Total week	588,455,488	54,325,128	642,780,616	587,161,038	49,572,700	636,733,738
Prev. week	588,424,723	54,310,333	642,735,056	587,149,231	49,578,700	636,727,931

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

THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FEELING AMONG FARMERS.

A member of the "Herald" staff who is investigating the political and economic feeling through the country finds North Dakota still following socialistic marshlights, notwithstanding some dismal experiences. State Socialism has been rank there, and the worst of the latter-day fads have had full swing.

Nearly two years ago, the U. S. Supreme Court gave another piece of disproof of the charge that it is too radical and too interfering by declining to reverse the highest court of North Dakota, which had found, in answer to earnest appeal for intervention, that while some of the recent statutes there may be very much "advanced" they are not ahead of or in conflict with the very rapid State Constitution. The people have an inalienable right to act like fools and are under an inalienable obligation to take the consequences; having loosed themselves by eating the socialistic jimson weed, they must proceed with their jumps. They did proceed, in North Dakota, and seemed at one time to have had enough, for in the election of 1921 they turned against Governor Frazier, who had confidently declared, only about a year before, that with one small State-owned mill "we can pay the farmer 12 cents a bushel more for wheat than the market price and sell flour 50 cents a barrel cheaper and mill feeds \$8 50 cheaper than other mills." His plurality for Governor in 1916 was 64,699, which dwindled to 17,724 in 1918 and to 4,620 in 1920, and in 1921 the recall was discharged at him and he was put out by over 9,000.

The "Herald" correspondent finds the North Dakota farmer with his wheat below the "dollar" which was once a dream (many years ago) and, in market vernacular, "a drug." But he only vaguely perceives the reasons why. As he sees things, the industrial worker still has war-time wages, the railroads obstruct agriculture by high rates, and nobody has done anything "for" him. His home taxes, says the investigator, are extremely heavy, only five States having a higher tax per capita; in Vermont that tax is \$25, but in North Dakota it is \$47, far the greater part because of such rainbow-chasing as a State bank which has one depositor and has cost the people a million, a flour mill and a co-operative store which yielded only losses, and sundry other schemes to lift one's self over the fence into prosperity by tugging at one's own ankles.

All the farmers questioned by the correspondent agree that wheat is in a bad way and something ought to be done about it. Government, of course, should fix the price of wheat so as to raise the profit thereon to the level of that in other industries. It should reduce the tariff rate on things the farmer uses. It should open foreign markets to Dakota wheat. It should guarantee the wheat-grower against loss, as it guarantees the railroads. He is mistaken in this latter, and, of course, all such propositions are sheer quackery, nor is it true that Government has been neglectful of him. He is the one favored and exempted man under the old law of 1917, being left free to withhold and combine and exact all he could, and he has been more petted and listened to than any other person in industry. Mr. Townley, founder of the Non-Partisan League, is quoted now as making confession thus:

"We strove manfully, but I for one became convinced that there are forces in the economic system which make it impossible for State enterprises to succeed. Some of my friends—most of them, I fear—cling to their old beliefs; they think that if the State cannot succeed the Federal Government can; I don't. I believe the only way price-fixing of farm products can be successfully accomplished in America is by the farmers themselves."

This is a part of the truth. The chief trouble of the farmer is that he has been led into bloc by not seeing that he is only taking his part in universal trouble,

and that he has no worse enemy than the labor bloc. "Save himself who can" is ever the motto of a selfishness which is incapable of seeing or does not halt long enough to see that we are all compelled to take our part, though not with exact measure of justice, in general trouble, and that there is no real and permanent escape for the world unless and until all share measurably therein. As the "Chronicle" sought to show, back in 1921, the real trouble with the farmer in particular is that since 1918 he has been "liquidated" somewhat more than others have been, and is hurt by the dollar-price of the things he must buy, not the dollar-price of what he has to sell; he has to match low against high prices, as if he had to allow his own product to be measured with a long yard-stick and those he receives in exchange to be measured with a short one. None of the specifics suggested would really help his case. Let the tariff keep out foreign food and put up the dollar prices of his; let the railroads be forced to cut rates to the killing point; let taxes be taken off all agriculturists; let the subsidy be granted to them; let anything be done which will run up the dollar-price of food; and then? Any one of these desperate expedients might possibly increase the number of the farmer's dollars but it would reduce their size; he might have as much material value for exchange as before, but it would shrink in exchangeable value. The laws of economics know no favorites; they may seem for a time to do so, but they come back upon the favored party in the end, and that end is liable to be not long deferred. Action and reaction are equal, inevitable, and in opposite directions. Our present troubles are largely in our state of mind. We feel pressure, but do not realize that it is upon everybody and that none can get relief by transferring his or a part of his to somebody else; the mass of it must be lessened before any section or interest or class can have relief. Once more it must be said that our only curative specifics are industry, heroism, courage, patience, cheerfulness, faith and time.

THE IMMIGRATION "ISSUE."

If the politicians only had enough faith in the underlying common sense of Americans to make them dare appeal to it, they might possibly take as an avowed "issue" for next year that which will inevitably burrow into it, namely the question of labor. If the President is correctly reported as now agreeing with what Judge Gary lately said to the annual stockholders' meeting of the U. S. Steel Corporation concerning the shortage of common labor and the mischievous effects of our present restrictions upon immigration, that is creditable to Mr. Harding's business sense and official independence.

It is noteworthy that his reported agreement with Judge Gary is attributed to a Cabinet report by Secretary Davis which heatedly praised that restriction as "one of the measures which helped put an end" to unemployment and re-echoed Mr. Gompers himself in denouncing what he called "cheap" labor. "It is unnecessary," he says, "to point out the evil of throwing open the gates at a time of prosperity in order to flood the country with workers and non-workers whose very presence would serve to bring prosperity to an end; it is a short-sighted policy to seek cheap labor through immigration." This is sheer bugaboo, yet he is sound in all he incidentally said upon stricter tests of the physical and mental health of proposing immigrants. Those tests should be se-

verer here, and especially more so at foreign ports; but our greatest blunder as to the foreign-born is one which all political parties have shared: failure to discriminate between the natural right to protection and the acquired right to citizenship; we have debauched our electorate because of eagerness for votes.

One Washington correspondent believes the next Congress will be stiff for tightening rather than relaxing the restrictions of which so many large employers complain; the appearance in the late session of a bill for a further cut, and the talk of several Congressmen confirm this expectation. Mr. Johnson of Washington State, head of the last Immigration Committee, says the Steel Corporation merely wants more cheap men for its mills and that "if the immigration laws are relaxed for every immigrant who comes as a possible employee of the steel and other corporations nine will come to drag down the living standards of the United States; these corporations want cheap labor, but cheap labor makes a cheap country." And so on; the same old flubdub which Mr. Gompers has been periodically emitting in the last dozen years. The injuriously cheap country is one where Nature is kind and men are lazy; where work is listless and is low-paid because it does so little, also where the standard and scale of living are really low. The happily cheap country is one where personal ambition and initiative are keyed high by the perception of opportunity and the resolution to utilize it; where labor thinks of results rather than clock-hours; where abundance has brought and retains low prices, which means that the exchangeable value of the wage unit is large. For some years now we have not been this kind of country; do we desire to become so again?

Every employer who knows enough to be successful knows that labor is cheap or dear according to what it accomplishes; as plain as the Woolworth tower for all who have any mental sight has stood for many years the fact, shown by passing events, that the worker who intends things and does things does not long lack recognition on the pay-roll. The laggard, the prater about "equality," the unionized ranter, the clock-watcher, the strike-threatener—these are the ones who make it impossible to increase the number of wage-units and curse the employer for not increasing it. "An American standard of living" forsooth! Deluded labor constantly tries to limit output by slowing speed and clipping the working time; tries to increase thereby the number of persons employed, and yet (with a consistent inconsistency, if such an expression be permissible) tries to limit the number in the employment market by restricting immigration. The living standard has always risen and always will rise, with abundance. The luxuries of one generation become or tend to become the necessities of the next. There was a time when even royalty had no glass windows, for glass was not obtainable; yet still men whose organs of vision and hearing seem in the real sense merely external follow their leaders towards the ditch by trying to contest with all the world outside of their own petty union for possession of what consumable things there already are instead of striving to produce so much that all mankind could have enough and to spare.

This is at the bottom of the bloc to retain or stiffen the line against immigration of common labor. That sort is wanted, and so is skilled labor; there can

hardly be too much of either, but when there is it will again migrate, being fluid, and the common will develop into the skilled in individual cases; moreover, the worker who competes in the labor market competes also in the consumer's market.

In this matter the country must combat its politicians, who are one plague that Pharaoh escaped. They have developed the labor problem by fearing it and bargaining with its orators. Is it not time for employers to meet their workers, man to man, and begin making them see that we are all in the same class and that economic laws are real laws, which no employer and no employee ever made or can ever alter?

BOOMS AND SLUMPS—RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE.

In 1921 at a National Unemployment Conference in Washington a committee was appointed to investigate causes of depression and unemployment: the committee consisting of the following: Owen D. Young, of the General Electric Co.; Joseph H. De-frees, former President of the United States Chamber of Commerce; Mary Van Kleeck, of the Russell Sage Foundation; Matthew Woll, Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor, and Clarence M. Woolley, President of the American Radiator Co. This committee has submitted its report and it was recently made public by Secretary of Commerce Hoover. It is the opinion of the committee that business "cycles" "can be reduced at least in degree" as follows: "By increasing the total of accurate trade information available to business managers; by banking restrictions on credit expansions and by the control of public and private construction projects that their progress may be accelerated in depressions and slowed down in booms, it is possible to contribute to general stability and lessen the evils." Mr. Hoover attaches a foreword, summarizing the conclusions advanced: "Broadly, the business cycle is a recurrence of irregularly separated booms and slumps." "The general conclusion of the committee is that, as the slumps are in the main due to the waste, extravagance, speculation, inflation, over-expansion and inefficiency in production developed through the booms, the strategic point of attack is the reduction of these evils, mainly through provisions for such current economic information as will show the signs of danger and its more general understanding and use by producers, distributors and banks, inducing more constructive and safer policies."

This is "all well and good," as far as it goes. And if we may be permitted to say so, there is nothing new in the finding of the committee. Information is a valuable asset in any industry. And we are in accord with the opinion that this information "must be systematically recruited and distributed." But it is very important to the country at large that the "information" preserve the business rights of the parties interested in production and distribution and that it be unbiased as to any ultimate influence over prices. For if the object of the broadcasting be a reduction in price in the interest of the consumer regardless of the interest of the producer it is as contradictory of rights and benefits as if the interest of the producer or distributor were solely considered. So that it is difficult to fix the proper medium of collection and dispersion of the facts. In the past when a given industry has undertaken the task in its own interest it has been met with the cry of monopoly and

extortion. On the other hand, it is sometimes charged that the "Government" in addition to being inherently unfitted for the service is also subject to political influences and is seeking to quiet the public clamor and discontent by its published findings. We have lately had an alleged example in the case of sugar. Whether there was a shortage or not is immaterial to our consideration. It needs no argument to prove that errors spread broadcast by a Government agency may be as costly as any others.

After all, these suggestions merely cover the old question of being forewarned and forearmed. And we may say in passing that the firm that makes its own investigations is entitled to the ordinary profits that arise from superior knowledge. No cereal can be cornered over a new crop. Price cannot be dictated for long by any monopoly. And it follows that this side of these investigations can yield little lasting benefit. As for the publication of quantities in hand and prospects, there are, we believe, sufficient agencies now at work with burdening the Federal Government more than at present—the independent Chambers of Commerce of the country and the numerous independent trade journals. These may disseminate information without incurring the charge made against firms that a pool is being created against the people. They may sometimes be late with their statistics since the cost of original investigations is too great to be borne, but this is not always a disadvantage, as may easily be shown.

The main thought, however, we wish to add to the subject is that, granting the desirability of accurate and widespread information, supply and demand contain elements that are beyond man's control and cannot be known in advance. It is clear that the committee realizes this when it only suggests a "degree" of influence is possible over "booms and slumps." Extravagance and waste in times of prosperity go farther than trade itself, farther than credit extension, farther than any control of construction. Manifestly, the social and economic education of the people at large to greater frugality and thrift must exercise a sobering influence on bargain and sale. Education in taxation will have its influence on "construction." Statistics as guides in trade for the merchant and manufacturer are secondary (valuable as they are to safety) to the influence of madness in living and spending. These *compel* an unnatural supply and demand in which these factors find themselves and from which they cannot be extricated by their own wills.

We accomplish little by these two patent generalizations. We should not desire to make the Government custodian of all trade information. The causes of booms and slumps, while not exactly obscure, are wider and deeper than plummets of investigation can sound. True, in times of depression we can undertake public works, but under conditions of taxation such as now prevail will this not make the depression greater or at least prolong the period before a healthy growth sets in? As for controlling the "building boom" of the present—that is beyond the power of Government or beyond any other power we know, save the common judgment of the builders as to want and need. We cannot do without the spur of big profits. Nothing venture, nothing gain! And those who seek to win must sometimes lose. The field is too large and complex for any absolute deductions. Yet there is no harm in reasoning the matter over!

*NEW POWERS AND DUTIES IMPOSED UPON
THE GOVERNMENT BY THE LAST
CONGRESS.*

At the close of each session of Congress the Government emerges with new powers and duties. This has become the usual thing, and the last session of Congress, although short, was no exception to the rule. The most notable example of these are noted below.

The Veterans' Bureau, through amendments to the War Risk Insurance Act, in passing on the question of the disability of veterans, must hold that any tubercular disease developing within three years after separation from the service shall be considered a disability acquired while in the service. The original Act limited the period to two years, and limited the disease to pulmonary tuberculosis only. This opens up a wider field for the application of Federal aid.

The Second Deficiency Act provided that the Secretary of Agriculture, in approving any project for building rural post roads, thereby imposes a contractual obligation upon the Federal Government for the payment of its proportionate contribution thereto. This makes the payment of the moneys through the Secretary of Agriculture mandatory and not subject to administrative control by the President. The Secretary of Agriculture, under the Naval Stores Act of Mar. 3 1923, is also given authority to enforce that Act, which defines and standardizes the shipment and sale of all varieties of turpentine and rosin produced in the United States. The duties imposed upon the Department of Agriculture by this Act will no doubt require the Secretary to set up a new bureau or activity. It is a regulatory Act of large proportions, embracing the details of a great industry in the South Atlantic and East Gulf States. The Secretary of Agriculture likewise required to enforce the United States Cotton Standards Act of Mar. 4 1923. This Act also imposes upon the Department of Agriculture a large number of extremely technical powers and duties relating to the classification and standardization of grades of lint cotton. Each of these Acts provides penalties for violations.

In the Third Deficiency Act the Department of Agriculture is given \$100,000 for the purpose of explorations of the rubber producing regions of the world and studies and experimentations with rubber producing plants. From what we know of the history of the development of Governmental activities, this initial appropriation may be regarded as the beginning of a large undertaking. New duties are also imposed upon the Secretary of Agriculture by the Agricultural Credits Act of Mar. 4 1923 in connection with licensing persons to inspect live stock as a basis for loans by the National Agricultural Credit Corporations created by the Act.

Under the Act of Jan. 5 1923 the commercial statistical work of the Department of Commerce is considerably enlarged. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to prescribe rules and regulations for the enforcement of the Act of Mar. 4 1923, which provides for the adjustment and determination of claims of citizens and corporations to oil and gas lands in the vicinity of Red River, Okla., which lands are also claimed by the United States. The Act also provides that the Secretary of the Interior may grant permits and leases for the exploration and development of certain oil lands that lie south of the main channel of Red River, Okla.

The Act of Mar. 4 1923 prohibits the inter-State shipment of filled milk, but does not provide for its enforcement by rules and regulations prescribed by any particular department. Its enforcement, therefore, falls upon the Department of Justice, which must enforce the criminal laws of the United States. The gist of that Act is that it is now a crime to ship filled milk, as defined by the Act, from one State to another. It may be here noted that Congress in this Act categorically defined filled milk as being deleterious to health, regardless of the fact that the trend of the testimony taken on the bill tended to show that the chief brand of filled milk in question, known as "Hebe," was not harmful to adults or larger children, but was not considered proper food for infants as a substitute for milk. The chief aim of the Act appears, therefore, to be the protection of infants from the ignorance of their parents. This is real paternalism!

The Act of Mar. 4 1923 reorganized and enlarged the Customs Service in order that it might adequately enforce the Tariff Act of 1922. The duty of carrying out this reorganization is imposed upon the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Agricultural Credits Act of Mar. 4 1923 greatly enlarged the powers and duties of the Federal Farm Loan Board, and imposed additional duties upon the Secretary of the Treasury and upon the Federal Reserve Board. It also enlarged the work of the Comptroller of the Currency and provided for a new Deputy Comptroller to perform the duties prescribed under the Act. It provided also for two new members of the Federal Farm Loan Board and considerable additional personnel.

In considering the above Acts of the national legislature one cannot but be strongly impressed with the thought that every attempt by Congress to legislate for the benefit of the people as a whole, or for any particular class, is inevitably followed by an expansion of the Federal Governmental organization. Old bureaus must be expanded or new ones created to exercise the powers or to perform the duties imposed by the new laws. If the growth of national legislation continues in the future as it has in the past the natural outcome will be a still greater enlargement and extension of the bureaucratic form of government.

**Secretary Mellon Authorized to Sign Finland War
Funding Debt Agreement.**

The World War Foreign Debt Commission at Washington authorized Secretary Mellon on April 16 to sign the War Debt Funding Agreement with Finland, the first foreign debt settlement, it is stated, to be signed. A Washington dispatch that date, published by the New York "Times", said:

The agreement, already ratified by the Parliament at Helsingfors, has yet to be accepted by Congress, but members of the Commission expect no opposition from that quarter. It provides for the payment of the \$8,000,000 in principal and approximately \$1,000,000 in interest in installments over a period of sixty-two years. The terms as to interest provide for a rate of 4½% from the date of the loan, about four years ago, to Dec. 15 last. A rate of 3½% interest will prevail from Dec. 15 last year to Dec. 15 1932, and a rate of 3% thereafter to the maturity of the funding agreements.

The Commission, Mr. Mellon announced later, will meet again April 30, by which time it is expected the Czechoslovakian mission will be ready to begin conversations relative to refunding that country's debt of about \$106,000,000.

Members of the American Commission were "highly gratified" at the news from London that Chancellor Baldwin of the British Exchequer expected soon to arrive at a decision on the final form of the bonds to be turned over to the United States. The Associated Press dispatch quoting Mr. Baldwin to the effect that the British Government was making every effort to rush its consideration of the funding debenture was received here with satisfaction.

Reference to the refunding of the war debts of Finland and Czechoslovakia appeared in these columns last week, page 1598.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, April 20 1923.

General trade is still giving a good account of itself. Industry is active and well in the van. Production shows some high records. And it is in response to consumption, let it be understood. At the same time it is also true that there is less buying for the distant future. Conservatism, in other words, still rules. At the same time Western trade in jobbing lines is good. Also retail trade, favored by warmer weather throughout the country, is better. To be sure, the season for the crops is late, after a backward spring. Heavy rains and abnormally cold weather have prevailed in different parts of the South. The cotton crop is one to two weeks late. A good deal of replanting has to be done on account of rains and poor temperatures for germination. But replanting, after all, is an incident of almost every cotton season. There is still time to catch up. And the warmer weather at the Northwest favors the seeding of spring wheat, which had recently been delayed by very low temperatures. There is some talk of a reduction in the spring wheat acreage. But this must be taken with a grain of salt. No doubt the winter wheat area has suffered from cold weather. But with warmer conditions the plant will very likely revive. Export buying of wheat has at times been quite liberal and latterly there has been rather more foreign demand for flour. Taking the grain markets as a whole, they are at the high mark of the season. On the other hand, cotton has declined, owing to better weather at the South, and, it must be added, slowness of the sale for the actual cotton at the South and smallness of exports. It also suffered from the fact that the United States Government has asked for a permanent injunction against the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, aiming to put a stop to its trading in sugar futures on the ground that they are in the nature of a conspiracy and in restraint of trade. May cotton has dropped over \$5 a bale within 24 hours. As to sugar, on the 19th inst. it broke some 50 to 80 points on futures as soon as it was announced that the Government, through the Department of Justice, had moved against the Exchange. On the whole, this action seems to be of rather dubious justification. It is true that there is more or less speculation on the Sugar Exchange, as there is everywhere else. But economists in these modern times almost universally recognize that speculation is an unavoidable accompaniment of trade and really has its own particular utility in business. It makes larger markets. And the fact may be recalled that many years ago a big coffee merchant of this country failed simply because there was then no Coffee Exchange where he could sell against constantly arriving cargoes of coffee from Brazil for which there was no immediate sale, but which sooner or later were bound to have a market perhaps in the largest coffee consuming country in the world. In other words, the commodity exchanges are of the utmost utility for hedging purposes, which are strictly legitimate in the ordinary conduct of trade. Of course, on hedges no actual delivery is contemplated. None is required. And there can be no criticism of the system because none is required. Apart from all this, the consumption of sugar in the United States is put by the Department of Commerce itself at 5,500,000 tons as compared with the pre-war total of 3,800,000 tons. It is certainly taxing credulity to have the whole Exchange charged with attempting to put up prices, whereas there is necessarily a division of interests, some being long and others short of the market.

But some large speculators have been issuing bearish statements in regard to the position of the commodity markets. Grain prices have suffered from the fact that the Supreme Court of the United States has affirmed the constitutionality of the Grain Futures Act which recently passed, and whose validity was stoutly contested by the Chicago Board of Trade. And to-day the Agricultural Department, contrary to its usual practice, issued a statement what it terms the intentions of the farmers of the South in the matter of the coming cotton acreage. Of course, nothing can really be known about this for months to come. The Government usually gives out an estimate at about the middle of the year and often revises it very sharply later on. The statement yesterday was to the effect that cotton acreage

would be increased about 12%. It had a depressing effect at the Cotton Exchange, although the March consumption was at a high record of 623,000 bales. Meanwhile money has been easier. Mail order business has been excellent. Iron and steel are less active so far as new business is concerned, but mills are working at high pressure on old orders. Steel mills are working at over 90% of capacity and some are up to 95%. That is a very different story from the record of a year or so ago. In the automobile trade production is mounting to new high records. Copper mining would be larger but for the lack of labor, in spite of the higher wages offered. Western shoe factories are busy. Building is at its peak. Wages have recently been advanced in textiles, iron, steel, railroad transportation, packing houses, copper mines, building and many other lines of trade. The buying capacity is far greater than it was a year ago, when something like 4,000,000 men were unemployed, whereas now unemployment is a rarity. The consumption of goods is on a larger scale, and this, by the way, partly explains the rise in sugar consumption, although that is due in no small degree, as experts testify, to the prohibition laws and the fact that beverages into which sugar enters largely have become vastly more popular than they were in the old days before prohibition. General business is still in good shape. The fact that there is a fear of inflation is not a bad sign. It is a cautionary signal which the conservative will heed. There are no signs of a buyers' strike, although there are those who predict that something of the kind may occur if prices continue to rise. In the main business of the country is on a conservative basis.

The labor question is coming to the front as it has not for years past. There is a growing scarcity of labor all over the country. Judge Gary, like everybody else, recognizes that it is due largely to the 3% immigration restriction law, and believes a serious shortage of labor is imminent. President Harding has taken the matter up. It is now being discussed at Cabinet meetings. Mr. Harding, it is stated, is convinced that Judge Gary was correct in his statement that a labor shortage is threatened. Secretary of Labor Davis, in a report, says that when the 3% restriction on immigration was decided upon, 5,000,000 working people were idle. Industries were closing for lack of markets, and wage scales were falling in many industries. He claims that immigration restriction was one of the measures which helped to put an end to what he terms industrial panic. He admits that today unemployment has been reduced to a minimum and that wages everywhere are rising; that within a year, even during the last few months, there have been wage increases in practically all of the 43 industries reporting to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. But he opposes a lifting of the 3% immigration ban on the ground that it would flood the country with an undesirable class of workers and non-workers. Also, Chairman Johnson of the House of Representatives Immigration Committee says there should be no relaxation in the restrictions of the Immigration Act and ascribes criticism of the statute by large corporations to a desire for cheaper labor. Senator Heflin (Dem., Ala.) also issued a statement in reply to Mr. Gary, saying Congress, instead of liberalizing the present immigration law, should at its next session strengthen the Act. But these opponents of relief for an acute state of labor scarcity forget that it raises the cost of production and adds to the tax burdens of the people of the United States, labor included. Some workers have been granted higher wages, but others have not. The condition of the great farming population, especially in the grain belt, is still unfortunate, and is the subject of general remark throughout the country. It is taxed heavily by the 3% immigration law. Undesirable aliens should, of course, be kept out of the country, but the present measure is harsh, blundering and oppressive. Worthless aliens could be headed off at the port of embarkation.

F. I. Jones, the Director-General of the U. S. Employment Service, in his report for March, based on returns from 65 industrial centres and 1,428 concerns, says that "present indications point to a shortage of labor reaching serious proportions in some of the large agricultural sections shortly." In Illinois the labor supply is small and wages have been advanced 11% for 80,000 packing house workers, benefiting

212,000 altogether; 12,000 building trades workers are to get a wage advance of 10 cents per hour, effective May 31. Mechanics are scarcer and hard to get. Labor is scarce throughout Illinois and an increase of 2.1% in employment is reported for March by the Illinois State Employment Bureau. It placed 20,000 workers in jobs last month among 1,152 employers. Farm labor is scarce, and this may make for a smaller grain acreage. Several more Fall River mills increased wages 12½%. At Cohoes, N. Y., the Batt & Shoddy Mills have increased wages 12½%. At Willimantic, Conn., the American Thread Co., the Holland Silk Co. and Windham Silk Co. will increase wages on April 30, the amount not stated. At Elizabeth, N. J., on April 19 the Singer Manufacturing Co. announced a general wage increase of 10% to all employees working on a piece work or hourly basis at the plant. A similar wage increase was granted to the employees of the Rolling Mill recently. The Diehl Manufacturing Co., affiliated with the Singer Co., also announced a 10% increase to its workers. The increase in both plants is retroactive to April 9. About 7,000 workers are affected. At Cleveland garment workers ask an increase in wages of 15 to 25%. At South Manchester, Conn., 1,600 silk and velvet weavers and white goods workers in the Cheney Bros. mills are on strike. At Gilbertville, Mass., four mills of the George H. Gilbert Manufacturing Co. closed on the 17th inst., owing to a strike of their 1,500 hands. Despite the fact that they have an agreement with their employers to submit any differences to arbitration, about 1,500 operatives in Lynn shoe factories went on strike April 16 demanding an increase of 30% in wages. In Rhode Island and New Hampshire there is an agitation for the 48-hour week in the cotton mills. At Lowell, Mass., the loom fixers' union rejected the recent increase in wages of 12½%. At Lille, France, 14,000 cotton and linen weavers are out on strike. There is general unrest reported in the French textile industry. With increasing orders and added output, the lumber mills on the Columbia River, Oregon, for the first time in the history of the lumber industry there are obliged to operate 24 hours a day in order to fill the demands. The Poulson Lumber Co. and the Westport Lumber Co. are two of the large mills that have been working in three eight-hour shifts. These two mills generally sell the majority of their products to the export trade.

On April 14 a snow storm surprised the Middle Atlantic States section. More than three inches of snow covered the ground in Philadelphia and vicinity. Six inches fell at Altoona, Pa. In Baltimore, Md., winter returned on the night of April 13 on the crest of a northeastern storm of snow and rain, which continued throughout the forenoon of the following day. The snowfall at this time was unusual, Weather Bureau experts said. The storm was reported mild in the fruit zone of western Maryland, no snow having fallen, and the temperature having remained well above the freezing point. Of late the weather has been warmer in the West and also on the Atlantic seaboard. Here it was fair and warmer to-day, with the temperature up to 75, though it was cooler in parts of the West.

March Production Makes New Records.

Record productive activity in both raw and finished products occurred in March, according to early figures received by the Department of Commerce through the Bureau of the Census, while an increasing consumptive demand apparently digested the goods produced without an appreciable increase in stocks. Cotton consumption and pig iron production broke all previous records since data for these movements have been available, exceeding even the high records made during the war. Steel ingot production and locomotive shipments were the highest since 1920, and unfilled orders for locomotives made a new high record. Zinc production was the highest since 1917. March production of bituminous coal was exceeded only twice since 1920, in January 1923 and March 1922. The production of anthracite coal was the greatest since August 1918. Retail sales, both by 10-cent stores and by mail order houses, surpassed all previous records for this month since 1920, at the peak of the high prices. Car loadings were the highest on record for this time of year. The wholesale price index advanced two points, being the highest since February 1921. Sales of life insurance made a new high record since monthly figures became available.

With newly established peaks in production, sales and consumption of goods, the future course of business conditions is seen by the Department as determined largely by the adherence of the business community to the lessons learned in

1920 and the correctives recommended by such reports as that of the Committee on Unemployment and Business Cycles. The present situation is more advantageous than in 1920, as the index of wholesale prices is 35% below the 1920 peak, with production at least equal to the 1920 peak. Further particulars follow.

Consumption of cotton by textile mills in Mosch broke all records and at 623,105 bales was about 8,000 bales greater than in May 1917, the previous high month. Total stocks of 4,413,000 bales at the end of March were the lowest reported for this season of the year since 1914.

Pig iron production in March at 3,521,275 tons broke all previous records, and steel ingot production, allowing for companies not reporting, amounted to 3,888,897 tons in March, the highest since March 1920. Unfilled orders of the U. S. Steel Corporation increased to 7,403,000 tons, the highest since January 1921. Unfilled orders for locomotives increased to 2,316, a new high record.

New high records since monthly figures were available were made in March by bookings of steel castings and of fabricated structural steel.

Zinc production, at 97,462,000 pounds, was the highest since 1917, while stocks on March 31 were very near the lowest on record.

Automobile shipments for March indicate a production of 346,000 cars and trucks, the largest monthly production on record, being double March of last year and 25% greater than February 1923.

The total value of building contracts awarded in 27 Northeastern States in March was \$334,000,000, or about 14% greater than a year ago. Residential construction, in point of value, was greater than any previous month on record.

Production, shipments, new orders and unfilled orders for oak flooring in March were the greatest on record, while stocks on hand were practically the same as on Feb. 28, but 10% less than a year ago.

Railroad Loading Continues Unprecedented.

Record breaking loading for this time of year of revenue freight continued during the week which ended on April 7, for which the total was 895,767 cars, according to the Car service Division of the American Railway Association. This exceeded the corresponding week, last year by 189,754 cars and exceeded the corresponding week in 1921 by 200,886 cars. Due to Easter and Easter Monday, which are more generally observed in the eastern part of the United States and especially in the coal fields, loading of revenue freight for the week was a reduction of 42,958 cars under the week before. Coal loading for the week totaled 164,089 cars or 18,579 less than the week before. This was an increase of 94,983 cars over the corresponding week last year, which was, however, the first week of the miners' strike, and was an increase of 37,648 cars over the corresponding week in 1921. Loading of merchandise and miscellaneous freight, which includes manufactured products, totaled 556,028 cars. While this was a reduction of 19,162 cars under the week before, it was an increase of 46,685 cars over the same week in 1922, and an increase of 105,782 cars over the same week in 1921. Further details are as follows:

Loading of grain and grain products amounted to 39,353 cars. Compared with the week before, this was a decrease of 2,489, but an increase of 7,870 cars over the corresponding week last year. It was also an increase of 5,921 cars over the corresponding week in 1921. In the Western districts alone, 25,903 cars were loaded which was an increase of 5,551 cars over the corresponding week last year.

Live stock loading totaled 30,883 cars, or 843 less than the previous week. This was, however, an increase of 6,108 cars over the same week one year ago, and an increase of 5,408 over the same week in 1921. Tabulations showed 23,092 cars were loaded with live stock in the Western districts alone during the week, which was 5,716 cars in excess of the corresponding week in 1922.

Coke loading totaled 16,076 cars, 336 above the week before, and 7,478 in excess of the same week last year. Compared with the same week two years ago it was an increase of 9,019 cars.

Forest products loading totaled 73,957 cars, 2,167 under the week before. Compared with the same week one year ago it was an increase of 19,586, and with the same week two years ago an increase of 26,496.

Ore loading totaled 15,381 cars, 54 below the preceding week, but 7,044 cars above the corresponding week one year ago, and 10,612 cars in excess of the corresponding week in 1921.

Compared by districts, decreases under the week before were reported in the total loading of all commodities in all except the Northwestern district, which showed an increase. All districts, however, reported increases over not only the corresponding week last year but also over the corresponding week two years ago.

Loading of freight cars this year to date, compared with those of the two previous years, follows:

	1923.	1922.	1921.
Month of January.....	3,380,296	2,785,119	2,823,759
Month of February.....	3,366,965	3,027,886	2,739,234
Month of March.....	4,583,162	4,088,132	3,452,941
Week ended April 7.....	895,767	706,013	694,881
Total for year to date.....	12,226,190	10,607,150	9,710,815

Wages Advanced by Cheney Silk Mills.

A strike of the 2,000 employees of Cheney Brothers' silk mills of Manchester, Conn., came to an end on April 19 when a committee appointed by the strikers met representatives of the manufacturers. Both sides conceded certain demands and an agreement was signed, whereby all those out of work will return Monday morning. The strike, which began on Monday in the silk weaving department and spread to other departments, was in protest against the credit rating system of the company. The committee which met



with the mill officials consisted of two delegates from each of the four departments on strike and a general chairman. They requested abolition of the entire bonus system and asked for a 20% increase in wages. Concessions were made on both sides as to the bonus proposition and an agreement was reached as to the increase in wages, which will vary from 10 to 40%, which was far in excess of the expectations of the strikers. Cheney Brothers had previously announced they were going to readjust wages on April 30.

International Paper Mills Advance Wages.

An increase in wages for the 200 employees of the Franklin mill of the International Paper Co. was announced in a telegram from President Philip T. Dodge to D. T. McCormick, manager of the mill at Franklin, N. H., on April 10. The increase became effective April 15, but the amount was not given. Loyalty of employees and increased costs of living were cited as the reasons for the company's action.

Singer Sewing Machine Company Advances Wages.

Announcement was made at Elizabeth, N. J., on April 20 that the Singer Manufacturing Co. has advanced the wages of 7,000 employees 10%, effective as of last Monday. All workers, except the office force of the sewing machine company are benefited by the raise, which, incidentally, is said to be the first general advance made by the concern in several years.

Plasterers' Wages in New York Building Trades Advanced to \$12 a Day.

Employers in the New York building trades have granted, effective May 1, an increase in wages to plasterers, bringing up their pay to \$12 a day, according to an announcement made on April 13 by M. J. Colleran, President of Plasterers' Union No. 60.

Operatives in Shoe Mills Go on Strike.

On April 16 some 1,500 operatives in the Lynn, Mass., shoe factories struck for an increase of 30% in wages. The strikers comprise the heel workers, edgemakers and Good-year operators in what is termed the allied block of the Amalgamated Shoe Workers. The manufacturers held a meeting as soon as the strike became effective and instructed their attorney to bring action in the courts to enjoin the strikers as having acted in violation of their agreement pledging themselves to peaceful work for another year and agreeing to submit any differences to arbitration. The court denied the application, but further measures will be taken by the employers.

Wage Increases in Packing Industry.

Wage increases of approximately 10% decided upon for workers in the Chicago packing plants on April 13, will, it is expected, eventually affect 200,000 employees in the packing industry. The decision respecting wage increases was reached by representatives of the management and of the workers functioning through representatives' plans in vogue at the Armour, Swift and Wilson plants, and known as "industrial democracies." It is pointed out that the system of employee representation as an alternative for trade unionism received its first trial in November 1921, when the plant assemblies voted a wage reduction of 10%. The representation plan was assailed at that time as a device for reducing wages. The New York "Evening Post" of April 14 in referring to the increases decided upon said:

"Industrial democracies" in the "big five" packing plants of the country have restored directly to 80,000 workers—and indirectly to 120,000 more—the 10% of their wages which the same "plant legislatures" took away in November 1921.

Announcement last night that the plant assemblies had voted the pay increase marks the second big step by these organizations instituted by the packers as an alternative for industrial unionism.

The action of the packing house councils followed negotiations so quietly conducted that the first public intimation of an upward readjustment of wages was the announcement that it had been voted.

The five companies directly affected—Armour, with the Morris and Co. plants it recently purchased; Swift, Wilson and Cudahy—employ 80,000 workers. Independent companies and subsidiaries, which are expected to follow suit, as the Big Five set the wage standard, will bring in another 120,000 men and women.

In addition to the average increase of 10% in wages, the plant assemblies also agreed on vacations with full pay, or extra pay at the usual rate if the worker chooses to remain at work during his vacation period.

Based on 54-Hour Week.

The wage scale is based on a 54-hour week, with overtime after ten hours, in any one day, to be paid for at the rate of time and a half. The 40-hour week guarantee is continued, and double pay promised for Sundays and holidays.

The increases will add more than \$2,500,000 yearly to the payroll of Armour & Co., with its 35,000 workers. Swift & Co. announced 6,000 employees here and 25,000 in other parts of the country will benefit.

In Chicago the increase will give employees now getting 37½ cents an hour a 5-cent raise; semi-skilled workers will get 4 cents an hour more, skilled workers 3 cents, and girls 5 cents.

Increases in other cities will depend somewhat upon local conditions. The piece-work rates will be adjusted so as to be not more than the rate paid Nov. 28 1921, or 10% more than the present rate.

"In our negotiations with the committees from the plant assemblies we had a number of factors to bear very strongly in mind," G. F. Swift, Vice-President of Swift & Co., said in commenting upon the increase. "Our responsibility for protecting the investment of 45,000 shareholders is very great. In addition to that, there are producers of live stock on one hand, anxious to obtain the highest cash price for their animals, and on the other hand, the consumers of meat, eager to buy at the lowest possible price.

"We believe that the increases given are such as will be fair to every one, and we are gratified that we were able to negotiate directly with the committees from our plant assemblies on a matter of such great importance. We believe it proves the value of this method of handling all matters pertaining to our employees."

The Associated Press accounts from Chicago April 13 said:

The rates in Oklahoma City, Fort Worth and Denver for skilled employees became 47 cents and over, 3 cents an hour increase, while semi-skilled and common and female labor at these places will receive 2½ cents an hour increase.

Omaha press dispatches April 13 said:

Wage increases for all employees of the Cudahy Packing Co. plants in Omaha, Sioux City, Wichita and Kansas City, effective April 15, ranging from 3 to 5 cents an hour, with proportionate increases for those engaged in piecework, were announced here this afternoon.

Announcement of the increases followed a two-day conference between representatives of the company and employees held under an industrial relation plan.

Employees now receiving 37½ cents an hour or less are to get a 5-cent increase; those getting more than 37½ and under 47 are to get a 4-cent advance, while those receiving 47 cents or more are to benefit by a 3-cent raise. Proportionate advance for pieceworkers restores them to the scale as in effect on Nov. 6 1921.

In reporting the increase in packing wages in New York, the "Evening Post" of this city April 18 said:

As a result of recommendations made to-day by joint committees of packing house workers and plant executives, wage increases have been granted to the employees of some five of the large meat packing plants located in the Greater New York district.

These increases, which are retroactive to Monday, April 16, amount to from 3 to 5 cents an hour, with relative adjustments for weekly and piece workers.

These increases affect some 5,000 workers connected with the meat packing plants of United Dressed Beef Co., Wilson & Co., New York Butchers Dressed Meat Co., Nagle Packing Co. and Joseph Stern & Sons. These concerns dress a large part of the meat consumed in the metropolitan district.

All labor matters connected with these plants are handled by plant assemblies, conference boards, or employees' representatives' committees, connected with each of the plants and composed of an equal number of executives and employees, the employee representatives being elected by popular vote of the plant workers.

Wages Increased by Thread Mill.

Notices of wage increases, effective April 30, were given out on April 14 at Willimantic, Conn., at the factories of the American Thread Co., the Holland Silk Co. and the Windham Silk Co. The American Thread Co., with 2,600 employees, did not state the amount of increase, but said it would be equivalent "to those announced in other textile plants." The two silk mills, employing about 300 persons, gave the increase as 12½%.

Increase in Wholesale Prices in March.

A further rise in the general level of wholesale prices is shown for March by information gathered in representative markets by the U. S. Department of Labor through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, according to the Bureau's statement made public April 17, which we quote as follows:

The Bureau's weighted index number, which includes 404 commodities or price series, advanced to 159, a gain of 1¼% over the February level.

Building materials and metals again showed large increases over the preceding month, due to sharp advances in lumber, brick, paint materials, structural steel, iron pipe, nails, roofing, tin, pig iron, steel billets, copper, lead, tin, and zinc. The increases in these two groups averaged 3 and 7%, respectively. Smaller increases were recorded for the groups of farm products, foods, cloths and clothing, chemicals and drugs, housefurnishing goods and miscellaneous commodities. In the food group, raw sugar averaged 18.2% higher and granulated sugar 17.6% higher in March than in February.

Prices of fuel and lighting materials continued downward, due to further declines in bituminous coal. The decrease in this group averaged 2¾%.

Of the 404 commodities or series of quotations for which comparable data for February and March were collected, increases were shown in 189 instances and decreases in 79 instances. In 136 instances no change in price was reported.

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

	1922		1923	
	March	February	February	March
Farm products.....	130	142	143	143
Foods.....	137	141	141	143
Cloths and clothing.....	172	199	199	201
Fuel and lighting.....	191	212	212	206
Metals and metal products.....	109	139	139	149
Building materials.....	155	192	192	198
Chemicals and drugs.....	125	132	132	135
Housefurnishing goods.....	175	184	184	185
Miscellaneous.....	117	126	126	127
All commodities.....	142	157	157	159

Comparing prices in March with those of a year ago, as measured by changes in the index numbers, it is seen that the general level has risen 12%. Metals and metal products again showed the largest increase, 36 3/4%. Building materials follow next with an increase of 27 3/4%. Cloths and clothing have increased 16 3/4%, farm products 10%, and miscellaneous commodities 8 1/2% in price in the year. Food articles, fuel and lighting, chemicals and drugs, and housefurnishing goods all show smaller increases compared with prices of a year ago.

Employment in Selected Industries in March 1923.

The U. S. Department of Labor through the Bureau of Labor Statistics presented on April 16 preliminary figures concerning the volume of employment in March 1923, from 5,453 representative establishments in 43 manufacturing industries, covering 2,135,564 employees, whose total earnings during one week amounted to \$54,538,778. In reporting increases in wages and the number of employees the Bureau says:

Identical establishments in February reported 2,092,285 employees and total pay-rolls of \$51,965,545. Therefore in March, as shown from these unweighted figures for 43 industries combined, there was an increase over February of 2.1% in the number of employees, an increase of 5% in the total amount paid in wages, and an increase of 2.8% in the average weekly earnings.

Comparing March with February, 39 of the 43 industries show increases in employment, the greatest being in the fertilizer, brick, steel shipbuilding and paper and pulp industries.

Glass, leather, slaughtering and meat packing, and chewing and smoking tobacco show decreased employment.

Forty-two of the 43 industries show increased pay-roll totals, ranging from fertilizers 19.5%, brick 14.9%, steel shipbuilding 13.1% and millinery and lace goods 11.5% to pottery less than 1%. Smoking and chewing tobacco alone reported a decreased pay-roll total.

Forty industries show substantial gains in per capita earnings as compared with 28 in February and only 10 in January.

Comparing March 1923 with March 1922, enormous increases in employment and total wages are shown in automobiles, car building and repairing, cotton manufacturing and iron and steel.

A combined total of reports in the 43 industries shows that in March 87% of the establishments reporting were operating on a full-time basis, 12% on a part-time basis and 1% were not in operation. This is an increase over February of 4% and an increase over January of 7% in full-time operation.

Twenty-six of the 43 industries were working over 90% of full-time as compared with 22 in February and 16 in January.

Increases in rates of wages were reported by some 400 establishments in 41 of the 43 industries. The leading industries in this respect were foundries and machine shops, sawmills, furniture, iron and steel and lumber, millwork.

Altogether these reports indicate very substantial gains in employment and earnings in March 1923 as compared with January and February 1923 and all the months of 1922.

Reports of the Inter-State Commerce Commission show an increase in all employees on Class 1 railroads, excluding executives and officials, from 1,536,756 in January 1922 to 1,772,553 in December 1922, and a decrease to 1,763,398 in January 1923. There was an increase in the monthly compensation of such employees from \$198,741,729 in January 1922 to \$240,964,277 in December 1922 and to \$243,226,002 in January 1923.

Decrease in Retail Prices of Food in March.

The retail food index issued by the United States Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows that there was a decrease of two-tenths of 1% in the retail cost of food to the average family in March 1923, as compared with February 1923. In February 1923 the index number was 142, in March 1923 142. In its further advice April 18 the Department says:

During the month from Feb. 15 1923 to Mar. 15 1923, 17 articles on which monthly prices are secured increased in price: Cabbage, 40%; granulated sugar, 17%; potatoes, 5%; nut margarine, 3%; onions and oranges, 2%; sirloin steak, round steak, chuck roast, hens, evaporated milk, rolled oats, cornflakes, navy beans, canned tomatoes and coffee, 1%. Rib roast increased less than five-tenths of 1%.

Thirteen articles decreased in price as follows: Strictly fresh eggs, 17%; flour and raisins, 2%; pork chops, bacon, fresh milk, cheese, baked beans, prunes and bananas, 1%. Canned salmon, butter and wheat cereal decreased less than five-tenths of 1%.

Thirteen articles showed no change in price during the month. They are as follows: Plate beef, ham, leg of lamb, oleomargarine, lard, vegetable lard substitute, bread, corn meal, macaroni, rice, canned corn, canned peas and tea.

For the year period, March 15 1922 to March 15 1923, the increase in all articles of food combined was 2%.

For the 10-year period March 15 1913 to March 15 1923, the increase in all articles of food combined was 46%.

Changes in Retail Prices of Food, by Cities.

During the month from Feb. 15 1923 to March 15 1923, the average family expenditure for food decreased in 26 cities as follows: Butte, Houston, Portland (Ore.) and San Francisco, 2%; Birmingham, Buffalo, Columbus, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Paul, Seattle, and Washington, D. C., 1%; Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Fall River, Little Rock, Louisville, Minneapolis, Norfolk, Philadelphia, Richmond, Rochester and St. Louis decreased less than five-tenths of 1%. Twenty-four cities showed an increase. Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Manchester, Omaha, Pittsburgh, Portland, Me., Salt Lake City, Savannah, and Springfield Ill., 1%. The following decreased less than five-tenths of 1%: Boston, Bridgeport, Charleston, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, Memphis, Milwaukee, Mobile, Newark, New Haven, New York, Peoria and Scranton. Providence showed no change during the month.

For the year period, March 15 1922 to March 15 1923, 45 cities showed an increase: Bridgeport, 8%; Pittsburgh, 7%; Cleveland and Portland, Me., 6%; Boston, Manchester, New Haven, New York, Providence and Savannah, 5%; Denver, Detroit, Indianapolis, Little Rock, Newark and Rochester, 4%; Baltimore, Chicago, Fall River, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Mobile and Philadelphia, 3%; Birmingham, Buffalo, Columbus, Dallas, Los Angeles, Louisville, St. Louis and Washington, D. C., 2%; Cincinnati, Jacksonville, Memphis, Norfolk, Portland, Ore., Richmond, St. Paul, Salt Lake City, Scranton and Seattle, 1%; Atlanta, Butte and Charleston increased less than five-tenths of 1%. Five cities decreased: Peoria and Springfield, Ill., 2%; Houston, 1%; New Orleans and San Francisco less than five-tenths of 1%. Omaha remained unchanged during the year.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, the cost of food in March 1923 was 53% higher in Richmond; 50% in Providence; 49% in New York and Scranton; 48% in Baltimore, Boston and Washington, D. C.; 47% in Detroit and Fall River; 46% in Buffalo and Chicago; 45% in Charleston, Manchester, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh; 44% in Birmingham and New Haven; 43% in Milwaukee; 42% in Minneapolis; 41% in Newark, New Orleans and St. Louis; 40% in Cleveland and Dallas; 39% in Atlanta, Cincinnati, Kansas City and Omaha; 37% in Indianapolis and Little Rock; 36% in Jacksonville; 35% in Memphis and San Francisco; 33% in Los Angeles and Seattle; 32% in Louisville; 30% in Denver; 28% in Portland, Ore., and 22% in Salt Lake City. Prices were not obtained from Bridgeport, Butte, Columbus, Houston, Mobile, Norfolk Peoria, Portland, Me., Rochester, St. Paul, Savannah and Springfield, Ill., in 1913, hence no comparison for the 10-year period can be given for these cities.

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston on Increase in Retail Trade.

The Industrial Statistics Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston had the following to say in a statement issued April 19:

Retail trade in New England was exceptionally large during March, according to reports received by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Net sales in dollars in leading Boston stores were probably larger than in any previous March—larger even than in March 1920, when commodity prices were considerably higher than they are at present. Net sales of the eight largest Boston department stores showed an increase of nearly 14% over last March, while stores situated in other New England cities reported an even greater improvement, their sales being more than 20% higher than in March 1920.

Part of the increase shown in March over a year ago was due to the fact that Easter came on the first day of April this year, while it was about two weeks later last year. Therefore all the Easter buying this year came in March, while last year it was spread over into April. Nevertheless, preliminary reports indicate that the volume of trade so far this month has been above the corresponding period in April a year ago, showing that the March improvement was based on something more fundamental than the difference in the date of Easter. It was probably a reflection of the numerous wage increases made throughout New England.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

Aggregate increases of \$20,800,000 in discounted bills and of \$3,000,000 in acceptances purchased in open market, as against a nominal decline in United States security holdings, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated bank statement issued as at close of business on April 18 1923 and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined. Increased holdings of discounted paper are reported by all Federal Reserve banks, except those at New York, Philadelphia and Cleveland. Deposit liabilities show an increase for the week of \$48,900,000, while Federal Reserve note circulation decreased \$10,800,000. Cash reserves fell off \$5,900,000 and the reserve ratio declined from 76.3 to 75.5%. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Shifting of gold through the settlement fund accounts for the increase of \$21,100,000 in the gold reserves of the New York bank. Philadelphia reports an increase of \$8,500,000 and Minneapolis a nominal increase. The

largest decrease in gold reserves for the week, amounting to \$10,100,000, is shown for the Cleveland bank; St. Louis reports a decrease of \$6,500,000, Richmond a decrease of \$4,500,000, and Kansas City a decrease of \$4,300,000, while smaller decreases, aggregating \$7,300,000, are shown for the five remaining banks. Total gold reserves show a decline of \$3,100,000 for the week.

Holdings of paper secured by Government obligations increased during the week from \$327,400,000 to \$334,600,000. Of the total held on April 18, \$182,300,000, or 54.5%, were secured by United States bonds; \$3,200,000, or 1%, by Victory notes; \$139,100,000, or 45.5%, by Treasury notes, and about \$10,000,000, or 3%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$184,200,000, \$2,700,000, \$134,900,000 and \$5,600,000 reported the week before.

The total of \$643,500,000 of discounted bills held on April 18 included \$21,800,000 of agricultural paper maturing between 91 days and 6 months and \$431,000 of like paper maturing between 6 and 9 months. San Francisco reports \$237,000 of 9 months paper, St. Louis \$121,000, while seven other Reserve banks report a total of \$73,000 of such paper.

The statement in full in comparison with preceding weeks and with the corresponding date last year will be found on subsequent pages, namely pages 1735 and 1736. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks, as compared with a week and a year ago, follows:

The final balance sheet of the nation, as the Chancellor estimates it, will be: Revenue, £818,500,000; expenditure, £816,616,000, which will leave a margin for contingencies of £1,884,000. No new taxes are to be imposed, but Mr. Baldwin said that the "fact that exigencies of war finances have compelled successive Chancellors to exhaust practically every method of raising additional revenue made my task no easy one. As a result I am greatly attracted by a tax on betting. It appears to me that at a time when expenditure on so many of the necessities as well as the amenities of life is subject to heavy taxation, there is no reason why betting should escape."

He explained, however, that he had no time to consider in all its aspects a question which involves more than mere taxation, and he would move for a select committee of the House to undertake at once consideration of a betting tax in all its aspects.

The Chancellor added a word of warning that he was taking certain risks in reducing taxes as he had. "This may very well mean, however, that some new source of revenue will be necessary if we are to be safe in future years and be able, as we all hope, to reduce still further the existing taxes. I hope I may find this new source of revenue in taxes which I have described, but if this hope proves illusory it will then be necessary to consider very seriously other alternatives."

Views Future Optimistically.

In describing general conditions, Mr. Baldwin was optimistic. "The financial year through which we have just passed," he said, "was a year which got steadily better as it proceeded. Trade, both home and foreign, improved; unemployment, though still grievous, decreased; Government securities steadily appreciated and a very striking indication of the general tendency was in Post Office saving bank deposits. In January, February and March of last year, withdrawals considerably exceeded deposits, while in the corresponding three months of the current year deposits exceeded withdrawals by £1,250,000."

The audience before which the Chancellor presented his first budget to the House included, it is said, four former Chancellors of the Exchequer, H. H. Asquith, Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Lloyd George and Sir Robert Horne, with a crowd of distinguished personages in the galleries. Referring to the further attitude towards the proposals of Chancellor Baldwin in the House on the 17th, the Associated Press said:

Most of the sitting was occupied with debate on the budget, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Stanley Baldwin, had no reason to be dissatisfied with its reception, especially by two former Chancellors, Mr. Asquith and Sir Robert Horne. Clearly, however, the controversy will centre on the failure to reduce the sugar duty, as well as on the claims for reduction of indirect taxation.

Mr. Asquith said he would have preferred relief in the sugar tax rather than on beer, and this sentiment was greeted with enthusiastic cheers from Lady Astor. Mr. Asquith joined issue with the Labor Party over the income tax, and argued that an income tax even of 4 shillings was a pernicious form of capital levy, reacting adversely on British trade and industry.

Reference to Great Britain's surplus of over £100,000,000 and the demands for tax reductions was made in our issue of April 7, page 1476.

Payment to United States by Great Britain of \$19,215,000 Pittman Silver Obligations.

Under date of April 13 the "Journal of Commerce" announced the following from its Washington bureau:

Payment of \$19,215,000 is to be made to the United States to-morrow by Great Britain under the agreement for the debt incurred through the purchase of silver from this country during the war. Of the amount to be paid to-morrow, \$18,300,000 represents principal and \$915,000 interest.

The April installment of principal and interest upon the Pittman silver obligation is due on the 15th, but Great Britain has advised the Treasury that the payment would be made on the 14th, as the 15th falls on Sunday. J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York are to make the payment to the New York Federal Reserve Bank in behalf of England.

This payment will leave a total of \$52,700,000 remaining of the silver debt, on which \$12,200,000 of principal and \$610,000 of interest will fall due May 15, and the remainder of the debt, amounting to \$30,500,000, will be liquidated during the next fiscal year.

Under the liquidating agreement, the sum of \$122,000,000 was considered as obligations regarded as having been given for the purchase of Pittman Act silver.

Subscriptions to New French Treasury Bonds.

Announcing the new issue of French Treasury 6% bonds (redeemable in three, six and ten years) as a great success, a copyright cablegram from Paris, April 15, said:

Total subscriptions will exceed 7,000,000,000 francs. As was expected, however, the issue has brought very little fresh money into the Treasury having been covered, in a proportion which is not yet exactly known, by conversion of Treasury bonds of 1921, which will become redeemable on June 8.

The greater part of the remainder also has been provided by defense bonds which had matured and were not renewed. In substance, therefore, this issue, like the previous ones, has really meant exchange of a short-dated loan for one of longer maturity.

The repayment last week by the Treasury to the Bank of France of 400,000,000 francs is partly connected with the highly favorable results of current taxation. For the month of March the tax receipts were larger by 123,000,000 francs than the original budget estimate. During the first three months of the year the tax yield has exceeded the budget estimates by 250,000,000 and is higher by 437,000,000 than the receipts of the first three months of 1922.

The issue was placed on the market on March 5 and the subscription books were closed April 7. On March 11 copyright advices to the New York "Times" from Paris said:

These 500-franc bonds are issued at 495 francs, and the coupon payable June 8 next will be the full 15 francs; that is to say, bearers will receive six months' interest, although they will have paid for the bonds less than three months before that date.

Taking into account this bonus and the premium resulting from the issue at 495, the income yield on the new loan works out at nearly 7%. The

bonds are redeemable ten years hence, but buyers will have the option of demanding their redemption in three or six years. After the three and six years' interval the redemption price will be, respectively, 500 and 515 francs. The State also has the right to repay the bonds at any time after five years.

It is generally thought in financial Paris that the offer of so high a rate was unnecessary and that the success of the loan would have been assured under terms much less onerous for the Treasury. The Minister of Finance, however, was open-handed because he wished to make absolutely sure of being able to meet the six billion two-year bonds which fall due June 8.

There are no other important security issues in preparation on the market at present.

Stating on April 6 that the issue was intended to refund about 7,000,000,000 francs of bonds now maturing and raise some new money for reconstruction purposes, the Associated Press added that a later issue is planned, Parliament having authorized a total of 13,000,000,000 francs.

\$20,000,000 Paid Allies, Germany Alleges.

Associated Press accounts from Washington April 12 said: Germany has paid the Allies in cash, ships, lands and materials of various kinds a total of 100,000,000,000 marks, equivalent to about \$20,000,000,000, according to figures prepared by the German Treasury Department and transmitted here.

Included in this total is an allowance for the relinquishment of Alsace-Lorraine. Other items included in the compilation are: For deliveries from material on hand since the armistice, 29,394,000,000 gold marks payments and deliveries from national capital and current production, 11,113,000,000 cash payments, 2,140,000,000 other payments and deliveries, 3,371,000,000 expenditures and losses within Germany, 10,482,000,000.

Belgium Cashes German Treasury Notes.

The New York "Times" April 18 announced the following from Brussels April 1:

The third installment of German Treasury notes given to Belgium under the reparation settlement of last August covering the payments due Belgium for a period of six months, has been turned into cash by the Belgian Government, it was announced to-day. A Dutch bank is said to have discounted the notes. (These payments are approximately of 50,000,000 gold marks each.)

Bond Drawing of Chinese Government 5% Gold Loan 1912.

The British Bank for Foreign Trade, Ltd., London, gives notice that on March 1 the first annual drawing of 5% gold bonds of 1912 of the Chinese Government (for £5,000,000) was effected, in accordance with the conditions set out on the bonds of this loan, at the offices of the bank. The notice says:

927 bonds, amounting nominally to £75,240, were drawn, and will become due for repayment at par on Sept. 30 1923, after which date interest thereon will cease to accrue.

Printed lists of drawn numbers may be obtained on application to us or to Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York City.

New Issue of \$75,000,000 Federal Land Bank Bonds.

Following the recent call on April 2 by the Federal Farm Loan Board for the redemption and payment of \$55,032,000 outstanding 5% Federal Land Bank bonds, as of May 1, a new \$75,000,000 issue of 4½% Federal Land Bank bonds was offered on Monday, April 16, by Alex. Brown & Sons of Baltimore, Harris, Forbes & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., the National City Co., and the Guaranty Co. of New York. The houses mentioned are the managers of a group of approximately one thousand investment houses throughout the United States, which, in conjunction with the Federal Land banks, offer at intervals the bonds of the banks. The closing of the subscription books occurred a few hours after their opening, the banking group, it is stated, announcing the oversubscription of the bonds shortly after one o'clock on Monday. The bonds were offered at 100½ and interest, to yield about 4.45% to the redeemable date and 4½% thereafter to redemption or maturity. The bonds are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation, are dated Jan. 1 1923 and are due Jan. 1 1953. They are not redeemable before Jan. 1 1933, but are redeemable at par and interest at any time after ten years from date of issue. They are in coupon and registered form, interchangeable, in denominations of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and \$40. Interest is payable Jan. 1, and July 1, at any Federal Land bank or Federal Reserve bank. The Supreme Court of the United States has held (a) that these banks were legally created as part of the banking system of the United States, and (b) that the bonds issued by the banks are instrumentalities of the U. S. Government and are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation. They are acceptable by the U. S. Treasury as security for Government deposits, including Postal Savings funds, and the Federal Farm Loan Act provides that the bonds shall be

Associated with President Gold in the management of the institution are his two sons, Glen W. Gold and Donald W. Gold, and his nephew, Lee A. Gold. Previous references to offerings of bonds of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land bank appeared in these columns Nov. 4, page 1994, and Jan. 6, page 26.

Offering of Bonds of Illinois Midwest Joint Stock Land Bank—Formerly Midwest Joint Stock Land Bank.

On April 18 a \$750,000 issue of 5% bonds of the Illinois Midwest Joint Stock Land Bank was offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., at 103 and accrued interest, to yield over 4.625% to the optional date and 5% thereafter. The bonds are dated April 1 1923, are due April 1 1953, and are redeemable at par and accrued interest on any interest date after ten years from date of issue. They are coupon bonds of \$1,000 denomination, fully registerable and interchangeable. Interest is payable semi-annually, April 1 and Oct. 1. Principal and interest are payable at the Illinois Midwest Joint Stock Land Bank, or through the bank's fiscal agent in Chicago at the holder's option. The bonds are acceptable as security for Postal Savings and other deposits of Government funds and are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation. The bank with a capital of \$250,000 was chartered by the Federal Farm Loan Board on July 25 1922 under the name of the Midwest Joint Stock Land Bank. While by its charter it is permitted to operate in the States of Illinois and Missouri, it is the present policy of the bank to confine its loans to the State of Illinois, and with the approval of the Federal Farm Loan Board it has changed its corporate title to the Illinois Midwest Joint Stock Land Bank to better identify its issues with its loan territory. Charles Boeschstein, the organizer and President of the institution, has been connected with the banking business in Edwardsville since 1897. Frank Godfrey is Vice-President and Treasurer and Joseph Pyle is Secretary. D. G. Williamson serves the bank as Attorney, director and member of the loan committee. H. N. Landon is the bank's Appraiser. The bank's loan committee is composed of Messrs. Boeschstein, Pyle, Williamson, Landon and Ernest Hoover. Mr. Hoover is a director of the First National Bank of Taylorville. This committee must give its majority consent before an application for a loan is approved, and where the loan is in excess of \$5,000, two independent appraisals are made. It is stated that it is the policy of the bank to loan only against land values, rather than against improvements, as the Act permits. It is announced that, as of Mar. 31 1923 the following loan record was made:

Total applications received.....	\$3,245,857
Loans closed.....	1,331,600
Loans awaiting closing.....	636,000
Loans awaiting approval.....	51,700
Loans rejected entirely.....	865,282
Reductions of amounts applied for.....	312,875
Loans awaiting appraisal.....	48,400
Appraised value of farms mortgaged.....	2,888,052
Amount of real estate pledged (acres).....	24,262
Amount appraised per acre.....	119.90
Percentage of amount loaned to appraised value, real estate only.....	39.22%
Number of loans, 156. Average loan.....	\$8,535.90

A \$1,000,000 offering of bonds of the bank was noted in our issue of Jan. 27, page 363.

Morris T. Phillips Elected Director New York and New Jersey Joint Stock Land Bank.

Morris T. Phillips, President of the Farmers' Bank of Parkesburg, Pa., member of the executive committee of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, and director of the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce, has been elected a director of the New York and Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank, at 61 Broadway, New York City. Mr. Phillips is also President of the Pennsylvania Associated and Consolidated Agricultural Interests; this roganzation was recently arranged at the instigation of Governor Pinchot.

Preliminary Regulations Governing Purchase of Paper and Making of Loans by Intermediate Credit Banks.

Brief reference was made in our issue of a week ago (page 1600) to the preliminary rules and regulations issued by the Federal Farm Loan Board on April 6 for the purchase of paper and making of loans by Federal Intermediate Credit banks created under the newly enacted Agricultural Credits Act. The full text of the Board's regulations is given here-with:

Definitions.

The term "advanced in the first instance for any agricultural purpose" shall be held to mean advanced in the first instance to a person engaged in

agriculture for the purpose of carrying on agricultural productions or defraying an indebtedness arising therefrom.

The term "Agricultural Credit Corporation" shall be held to mean a corporation organized under the laws of any State for the purpose of loaning money for agricultural purposes as herein defined, or for the raising, breeding, fattening or marketing of live stock.

The term "Co-operative Credit Association" shall be held to mean a co-operative association organized under the laws of any State for the purpose of procuring for its members credit for agricultural purposes as herein defined, or for the raising, breeding, fattening or marketing of live stock.

Agricultural Credit Corporations and Incorporated Live Stock Loan Companies.

Any agricultural credit corporation or incorporated live stock loan company seeking a line of rediscount with an Intermediate Credit bank will be required to file with such bank:

- (a) Its application in writing for the establishment of such relation.
- (b) A statement of its financial condition in such detail as the Intermediate Credit Bank may require, but which must in each case disclose its actually paid-in capital stock, its total assets and liabilities, and the nature of the securities in which its capital is invested.
- (c) The written opinion of its counsel that the institution has power under the laws of the State to rediscount paper.
- (d) A resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing such rediscount.
- (e) The official signature of the officers who are authorized to bind the corporation.
- (f) An agreement to report to the Farm Loan Board any time upon call a detailed statement of its financial condition in such form as the Farm Loan Board shall prescribe, and an agreement to submit to, at its own expense, at least two examinations each year by National Bank Examiners or Land Bank Examiners. No rediscounts will for the present be accepted from any such institution which has not a paid-up and unimpaired capital of at least \$10,000.

Corporations submitting debentures for discount with the Federal Intermediate Credit banks must deposit with the Farm Loan Registrars the securities upon which such debentures are based.

Co-operative Credit Associations.

Any co-operative credit association desiring to establish rediscount privilege will be required to file with the Intermediate Credit bank of its district:

- (a) A copy of its charter or articles of association.
- (b) A general statement of its plan of operation.
- (c) A statement of its counsel that it has under the laws of the State in which it exists authority to rediscount paper. These must in each instance be submitted to and approved by the Farm Loan Board before the rediscount privilege is granted.

No paper 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, fruits and vegetables subject to future determination.

State Banks, Trust Companies and Savings Institutions.

Any State bank, trust company or savings institution seeking the rediscount privilege shall make application therefor in writing to the proper Intermediate Credit bank, accompanied by:

- (a) A financial statement in such form as is required of it by the supervising authority in its jurisdiction.
- (b) Its authorization in writing to the supervising authority to furnish to the Intermediate Credit bank of its district upon request any report of condition or examination or other confidential information in the possession of such supervising authority.
- (c) A resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing such rediscount.
- (d) The official signature of the officers who are authorized to bind the corporation.
- (e) The certificate of its counsel that it has full authority under its corporate powers and the laws of its jurisdiction to make such rediscount.

National Banks.

National banks seeking the rediscount privilege shall make application in writing to the proper Intermediate Credit bank, accompanied by:

- (a) A financial statement in such form as is required of it by the Comptroller of the Currency upon call.
- (b) A resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing such rediscount.
- (c) The official signatures of the officers who are authorized to bind the corporation.

Warehouse Receipts.

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.

Maturities.

No loans may, under this 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.

Previous reference to the regulations to govern the operation of the Intermediate Credit banks appeared in our issue of Mar. 31, page 1366.

Application to Organize the Central National Agricultural Credit Corporation of Atchison, Kansas.

The Comptroller of the Currency announced on April 9 that an application to organize the "Central National Agricultural Credit Corporation of Atchison," Kansas, to be located in the City of Atchison, to have a capital of \$250,000, and to carry on its operations in the States of Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, was received April 7. The application is signed by the following:

- Henry Diegal, President, First National Bank of Atchison.
- Leo Nusbaum, Director, First National Bank of Atchison.

Sheffield Ingalls, President, Commerce Trust Co., Atchison.
Ellsworth Ingalls, Treasurer, Commerce Trust Co. of Atchison.
J. C. Killarney, Director, Commerce Trust Co. of Atchison.

The Comptroller announcement also said:

The application was accompanied by a draft to pay the cost of the necessary investigation and Mr. L. K. Roberts, Chief National Bank Examiner, Kansas City, Mo., was directed to-day to make the required preliminary investigation at once.

On the receipt of a report from Mr. Roberts the question of approval of the application and furnishing of necessary organization papers will have immediate attention.

Offering of Stock of Eastern Bankers' Corporation.

The Bankers' Capital Corporation of this city offered on April 19 the unsold portion of the \$5,000,000 authorized capital of the Eastern Bankers' Corporation. The company's capitalization consists of \$2,500,000, 7% Cumulative preferred stock, par \$100, and \$2,500,000 Common stock, par \$10. It is announced that with each share of preferred stock the privilege of subscription to a limited amount of common stock is extended. F. J. Sturges, President of the Eastern Bankers' Corporation, in a letter to the Bankers' Capital Corporation, says in part:

The [Eastern Bankers'] Corporation is organized for the purpose of investing all its funds, with the exception of a small reserve, in the stocks of selected national banks, State banks, trust companies, mortgage, insurance, title, surety, security and other sound financial corporations of a similar nature. It does not buy or sell such stocks as a business nor does it make loans, accept deposits or engage in any other business operations.

The stock of the Eastern Bankers Corporation is non-assessable.

Authorized Capitalization.

The company was incorporated under the laws of Delaware in 1922, with an authorized capitalization of five million dollars (\$5,000,000), divided equally into preferred and common stock.

Over \$250,000 of common stock was purchased by the directors, their associates and others. Operations commenced on June 1 1922.

From time to time additional stock has been sold, so that among its stockholders the company now numbers bank directors (including three former Bank Commissioners), bank officers, professional men, substantial business men and others.

No stock has been or will be issued except for cash, or stock of such banks or other financial corporations, and then only at such prices, as the company would be willing to purchase for cash.

Preferred Stock.

The preferred stock is a non-voting, 7% cumulative stock, par value \$100 per share, preferred both as to dividends and assets. In the event of liquidation, it is redeemable at \$100 per share and accrued dividends. It is callable on any dividend date at \$115 per share and accrued dividends.

Common Stock.

The common is of the par value of \$10 per share. All net profits, after deducting the preferred dividends and the comparatively small expenses of conducting the business, will accrue to the common stock.

Repeal of Bank Deposit Guaranty Act in Oklahoma

Gov. Walton of Oklahoma on April 12 signed the bill repealing the State bank deposit guaranty law. The House on March 19, passed by a vote of 59 to 28 the bill carrying the repeal provision, and on March 29 the Senate passed it by a vote of 34 to 2. Referring to the repeal of the law the "Oklahoman," on April 13 said editorially:

By signing the bill repealing the bank guaranty law, Governor Walton made effective a measure which will mean much for the banking system of the State. A number of applications for State bank charters had already been filed, conditional upon the signing of the repeal law by the Governor. No doubt the number of State banks will increase steadily from now on.

The guaranty law did nothing to prevent bank failures. It encouraged looseness in banking, because bankers knew that if their banks failed through "errors of judgment" or even as a result of criminal methods, the losses would be placed, to a great extent, on the shoulders of the efficient and honest bankers. It taxed strong banks in order to bolster up weak ones.

As a result of the operation of the bank guaranty law, many of the best banks left the State banking system. If the guaranty law had remained effective much longer, the State banking system would have had so few banks that it would have been nothing but a skeleton.

Charles M. Schwab's Warning Against Inflation.

The following observations by Charles M. Schwab cautioning against inflation appeared in the "Journal of Commerce" of the 17th inst.:

Charles M. Schwab, Chairman of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, yesterday declared that the country has every reason to be satisfied with the business and industrial situation, but he warned that care must be taken to avoid inflation.

"Business is plentiful and industry is active throughout the country, and we have every reason to feel happy over the situation," he said. "The indications are that we are entering into a period of expansion, and the utmost caution must be exercised to prevent this from developing into a secondary inflation, which would be disastrous.

"Our job right now is to keep on an even keel and steer a straight course. Business is on a firm foundation, but it must be kept there."

Economic conditions abroad, Mr. Schwab stated, were not as promising as he would have them. He added, however, that he was not at all discouraged over the outlook, and thought that progress was being made and would be made the remainder of the year. He continued:

"I have always found that the steel industry is a pretty accurate indicator of industrial conditions. The Bethlehem plants are all working almost to capacity, and I am sure that the same conditions apply to most of the other steel mills.

"It is a rather good sign that a large part of this steel is going into new construction work and into railroad equipment. This indicates that the business leaders are looking forward in an effort to meet the demands that will be made on them for increased production and increased transportation.

"If there is one word of advice I would give it would be that we proceed carefully and place our confidence in the integrity and good judgment of American business men."

Proposed Bank to be Formed by Durant Motor Interests.

The plans for the formation in New York City of a National bank by W. C. Durant, President of the Durant Motors, Inc., are announced in a circular issued by Mr. Durant from this city, which says:

Within a short time a national bank which will be owned by 300,000 shareholders will open its doors in New York City. From the point of number of shareholders, this will be the largest bank in the United States. No individual will be permitted to subscribe to more than one share of stock.

This bank will be operated under a national charter and will be under Government supervision. The Chairman of the board, the President of the bank and the directors will serve without salary, fees or compensation of any kind. In no instance will the interest on loans exceed the legal rate. No commission, fee, or bonus in money, merchandise or stock will be charged or accepted in connection with any loan made or negotiated. No associated, affiliated or controlled company (usually called securities company) will be operated in connection with or as a part of this bank. No loans will be made to officers or directors or to any company with which they are officially connected. *The bank will be operated in the interest of all stockholders and not in the interest of a few of its officers or directors.

This bank will be established on the principle of business comradeship, organized and operated to render legitimate banking service.

Secretary Mellon Sees No Inflation.

In special advices from Washington April 16 the "Journal of Commerce" said:

Secretary Mellon took issue to-day with Charles M. Schwab of New York over the question of the country being on the point of entering upon a period of inflation. Mr. Schwab expressed the view that the probable limit of economic expansion had been reached by the country, while Mr. Mellon took the position that the outlook is as good as it ever is at any particular time.

In Mr. Mellon's opinion there are no dark clouds on the business horizon and no signs of inflation. The rise of prices and wages he considers as none too favorable signs, but nevertheless reflecting the pressure of demand, while production is going ahead of consumption. Mr. Mellon sees no curtailment of the business boom in sight.

He feels that there is a limit to the volume of expansion marked by the limit of labor supply and railroad facilities and these two factors will work to keep the growth of commercial activity this side of the danger mark. In the present situation he believes there is no occasion for an advance in Federal Reserve discount rates.

While Mr. Mellon is of the opinion that there is no indication of developments in the business world, he quite deprecates his ability as a prophet. For his part he regards predictions as to future business conditions as practically useless on the theory that the opportunity for one man to judge the probable trend is as good as the opportunity given another.

The Treasury Secretary's habitual caution has been heightened by the flood of appeals for guidance he has been receiving recently from business men.

Merchants and business organizations have been writing in to the Secretary reporting alarm over the situation and expressing fear of a buyers' strike looming up ahead of the present boom. As one letter expressed it, the merchants are afraid lest they be caught again as they were in 1920 with large stocks of goods on hand which they might be unable to move.

Mr. Mellon is replying that he sees nothing alarming in the situation at the present time, that the country is clear of labor troubles and there are no indications of a buyers' strike occurring. He is taking the position that business activities are on a healthy basis and that progress will continue as long as proper business judgment is exercised.

Organization of The Mortgage Bond Exchange.

Arrangements for the organization of The Mortgage Bond Exchange, which has been incorporated under the law of New York, were completed on April 16 at a joint meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria of the representatives of a group of mortgage companies and a group of investment houses. With regard to its purpose an official announcement says:

The purpose of the Exchange is to provide a place where mortgage bonds will be bought and sold just as the New York Stock Exchange is a place where stocks are bought and sold. It is to be a common meeting ground for those who wish to buy and those who wish to sell these bonds. This will give a purchaser of listed bonds a place where he may at any time sell them, thus making such bonds a "liquid" investment.

Carefully selected mortgage bonds have always been considered a desirable investment, but they have not heretofore appealed to many classes of investors because of the lack of a ready market for resale. The Exchange will supply this long-felt want.

The bonds listed on the Exchange will be originated by mortgage companies located in various sections of the country, and will be bought and sold on the Exchange by a group of investment bond houses who will be members, and it is expected that each bond house will be given an exclusive franchise for a particular territory.

An important feature of the Exchange will be that listed bonds will be guaranteed not only by the issuing mortgage company, but also by a strong surety company. These guarantees will be furnished mainly by the National Surety Co.

Listed bonds will be in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, and under present market conditions will probably yield the investor from 5½% to 6% interest. They will be secured in the first place, by first mortgage on high-class residential, business and farm properties, and every possible precaution will be taken to see that these mortgages are made on a conservative and safe basis.

It is expected that the Exchange will open in the financial district within a month and that it will become an important factor in the financial world, and will be the means of giving to these mortgage bonds a market comparing favorably with high-grade railroad and industrial mortgage bonds listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

The total amount of mortgage bonds and notes purchased annually by investors in this country is several billions of dollars, and it is expected that after the Exchange is well started a large part of the annual output will be listed on the Exchange.

The mortgage companies represented at Monday's meeting included:

American Loan & Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.
 Atlanta Trust Co., Atlanta, Ga.
 Bankers Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.
 City Bank, Kansas City, Mo. (associated with Commerce Trust Co.).
 Charter Oak Bond & Mortgage Co., New York City.
 Consolidated Bank & Trust Co., Louisville.
 Federal Guaranty Mortgage Co., Norfolk, Va.
 Guaranty Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.
 Mortgage Security Corporation, Norfolk, Va.
 Royal Trust Co., Montreal, Canada.
 Secured Mortgage Corporation, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Toledo Mortgage Co., Toledo, Ohio.

The investment bond houses represented included:

H. D. Robbins & Co., New York, N. Y.
 Barclay, Moore & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
 W. W. Lanahan & Co., Baltimore, Md.
 Watling, Lerchen & Co., Detroit, Mich.
 Stanley & Bissell, Cleveland, Ohio.
 Draper, Stevens & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Lane, Pipe & Jaffray, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Stifel-Nicolaus & Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Vice-President Luther E. Mackall represented the National Surety Co. It is announced that he conceived the plan for the Exchange and has been instrumental in carrying it out. It is understood that he will be its first President.

Opening of Amalgamated (Clothing Workers) Bank of New York.

The first bank to be established in New York City by organized labor began business on April 14 under the name of the Amalgamated Bank of New York. As we have heretofore indicated in these columns (Feb. 10, page 500, and April 7, page 1483), the institution has been formed by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. The first day's deposits of the new institution, it is stated, amounted to \$500,000. A vast throng, some 5,000 people, it is estimated, inspected the bank's quarters at 103 East 14th Street on the opening day, and 1,300 persons, it is said, were enrolled as depositors. Speeches by Sidney Hillman, President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and officers of the bank were features of the opening day. Raymond L. Redheffer is President and Leroy Peterson is Cashier of the bank. Those who with Mr. Redheffer comprise the bank's directorate are Hyman Blumberg, August Bellanca, Joseph Gold, Sidney Hillman, Representative F. H. La Guardia, Max Lowenthal, Abraham Miller, Raymond L. Redheffer, Joseph Schlossberg, Murray Weinstein and Max Zaritsky. President Redheffer is quoted in the New York "Herald" as saying:

Nine months ago the Amalgamated Clothing Workers opened a bank in Chicago. After the opening day we had \$225,000 on deposit. In New York we had more than \$250,000 before the bank was formally opened at all. The Chicago bank has now \$1,750,000 on deposit. It is safe to say that nine months from now the New York bank will have passed the \$2,000,000 mark. Labor banks have come to stay. So far as this bank is concerned, we are going to combine service to workers with safety and financial security.

Federal Judge Mack Renders Decision Which Gives the District Attorney Access to Books of the Bankrupt Firm of E. M. Fuller & Co.

Judge Julian W. Mack of the Federal Court on Thursday of this week, (April 19) handed down an opinion under which, it is said, State prosecutors can, hereafter, examine the books of bankrupt brokerage firms for evidence of "bucketing" and other forms of criminal conversion of their customers' money. Judge Mack's decision was rendered on Thursday evening after a two-hour hearing in his chamber in the Woolworth Building, in connection with the bankruptcy investigation of the brokerage firm of E. M. Fuller & Co., which failed last June. On Thursday morning, it is said, Harold P. Coffin, Federal referee in the Fuller case, had granted an order transferring the failed firm's books from Samuel Strassbourger, the receiver for E. M. Fuller & Co., to George C. Sprague, the trustee selected on March 31 by 4,000 creditors of the firm. Counsel for E. M. Fuller and his partner, William F. McGee, it is said, sought to obtain an order from Judge Mack, staying the execution of Mr. Coffin's order. Judge Mack in his decision upheld the Federal referee's order, vacated his stay and refused a further stay pending an appeal. His opinion is as follows:

I am entirely clear that the intimations of the Harris case, (a United States Supreme Court decision, it is said, cited by counsel) although not the express decision, are against any right of the bankrupt to have any limitation placed upon the possession or use of his books by the trustee, and I feel it to be my clear duty to follow these intimations rather than earlier decisions in the lower court. I may be influenced in this by my own clear conviction, a conviction of many years' standing, that there is no Constitutional right under the Fourth and Fifth Amendments to possession of property containing incriminating matter where there no longer is title in the person having possession.

It seems to me that anybody who places incriminating statements on property which does not belong to him cannot resist the right of the owner of that property to re-obtain it, and I know of no method by which he can, as a con-

dition to yielding up the wrongful possession, insist upon the erasures of any incriminating statements or upon some protection against their subsequent use against him. And similarly, a man who puts incriminating statements on his own property, whether it be books or any other kind of chattels, does so with the knowledge that the title to that property may, by process of law, be taken from him that, following the loss of the title, there necessarily will follow the loss and the right of possession, and that when that time comes the retention and possession are as wrongful as if the possession had been originally wrongfully acquired. His situation then is analogous to that of a thief who puts incriminating statements on the stolen property.

Every person is bound to know that under the Bankruptcy Act, should he become bankrupt, title to his books and papers will pass eventually to the trustee. If, with this knowledge, he makes incriminating statements on these papers, the title to which he is chargeable with knowing will pass to the trustee, he does so, in my judgment, at his peril.

But, on broader lines than these, it seems to me that the intimations of the Supreme Court are—and I believe properly are—that the turning over of the possession of these books is not a giving of evidence within the Constitutional protection.

In the Harris case the bankrupt resisted the limitation put upon the order requiring him to deliver possession to the receiver as not broad enough to secure him in all of his constitutional rights; and as the Supreme Court said, if he had the constitutional rights that he claimed, it was not broad enough, because it did not afford him protection against the use of the incriminating statements that might be found in his books as a basis for securing other evidence; whereas the constitutional protection of not giving incriminating testimony would protect one from furnishing testimony which would be the basis of further evidence that might be incriminating.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that the ruling of the Referee was right; the petition to revise must be dismissed.

Application is made to me for a stay of this order so as to furnish opportunity for appeal. If the result of my order would be to do irreparable damage pending the appeal, I should grant the stay, because in my judgment it is highly desirable that the specific question here raised be taken as promptly as possible for final determination by the Supreme Court. But I cannot see that irreparable damage is done. In the Harris case the Supreme Court refused protection against the use of the books as a basis for obtaining further information. At the present time that is the only use that could be said to damage the bankrupt, and I feel bound by the ruling of the Supreme Court so far as that use is concerned.

As to the use of the books themselves as evidence in any criminal proceedings, whether before the Grand Jury or on the trial, if such use under the Constitution is violative of their Constitutional rights, the defendants will be able, by proper objection, eventually to secure all of the protection that they are justly entitled to in this respect. If it is not a violation of their Constitutional rights, then they cannot be damaged by it, and it is highly important, in the interest of justice, that the opportunity should be given to the State authorities, at their risks as to a subsequent overruling of their views as to the propriety of this use, that the use itself be permitted.

Therefore the motion for a stay is denied.

The trial of E. M. Fuller, the former head of the bankrupt firm, on one of several indictments returned against him for alleged "bucketing" and grand larceny, was begun in the Court of General Sessions, before Judge Charles C. Nott on Wednesday of this week, April 18. This is Mr. Fuller's third trial, it is said, on the indictment; the jury in his first trial disagreed and a mistrial was declared in the case of the second because of the non-appearance of an important witness. According to the New York "Herald" of April 19, when the present trial began on Wednesday, it was found that three witnesses for the prosecution were missing and that a fourth, under instructions from the defendant's lawyers, had refused to confer with the District Attorney. As a result Assistant District Attorney Hugo Wintner, who was prosecuting, announced, it is said, that a Grand Jury investigation would be made to determine whether there is a conspiracy to obstruct justice. This investigation, it is said, by request of Judge Nott, will not be begun before the close of the present trial. At a hearing before Harold P. Coffin, the referee in bankruptcy, on April 18 (the day the criminal action commenced) C. G. Bourne, a certified accountant, testified that he was unable to find any record of stocks to the value of \$6,612,000, which ought to have been in the possession of the bankrupt firm. Mr. Bourne, it is said, explained that the \$6,612,000 was offset by a debit of about \$4,000,000, leaving liabilities of approximately more than \$2,000,000. Yesterday (April 20) at the request of Assistant District Attorney Wintner, the trial of Mr. Fuller was adjourned until Monday (April 23) by Judge Nott. Reference was made to the failure of E. M. Fuller & Co. in the "Chronicle" of July 1 1922, p. 26 and subsequent issues.

5% Discount Rate on Nine Months Agricultural Paper Adopted By Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, announced on April 19 that it had established a discount rate of 5% on agricultural and livestock paper, having a maturity from six to nine months. This paper has been made eligible for rediscount by Federal Reserve banks under the recently enacted agricultural credits act. Previously the limit had been six months. The new rate does not change the existing rate of 4½% on paper maturing within six months. Last week (page 1603) we reported the adoption by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, of a 5% rediscount rate for agricultural paper maturing between six and nine months and reference to the 4½% rate established by the Federal Reserve

Banks of San Francisco, Atlanta, St. Louis, Cleveland, Richmond, Minneapolis and Dallas, was made by us March 31, page 1368; April 7, page 1485, and April 14, page 1603.

State Institutions Admitted to Federal Reserve System.

The following institutions were admitted to the Federal Reserve System during the week ending April 13:

District No. 2—	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
Long Branch Banking Co., Long Branch, N. J.-----	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$2,418,711
District No. 4—			
Farmers State Bank, Lyons, Ohio-----	25,000	2,000	203,172
District No. 11—			
First State Bank, Idalou, Texas-----	25,000	-----	156,669

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 Rockville National Bank, Rockville, Conn.
 The Carlstadt National Bank, Carlstadt, N. J.
 The First National Bank, Middletown, N. Y.
 The National Bank of North Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.
 The Pennsylvania National Bank, Chester, Pa.
 The American National Bank, Little Falls, Minn.

United States Supreme Court Upholds Validity of Grain Futures Act.

The United States Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Capper-Tincher Grain Futures Act, in an opinion rendered on April 16. The Act, which was to become operative on Nov. 1 last, was enacted (as we indicated in our issue of Nov. 11, page 2117) to take the place of the Futures Trading Act of Aug. 24 1921 following the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in May of last year declaring unconstitutional Section 4 of the 1921 Act. A temporary restraining order preventing the carrying into operation of the Capper-Tincher Grain Futures Act was issued on Oct. 30 1922 by Judge Carpenter in the U. S. District Court at Chicago, the issuance of the order growing out of the filing of a petition by the Chicago Board of Trade. On Nov. 17 the injunction proceedings were dismissed by Judge Carpenter, who, however, continued the stay order preventing enforcement of the law until its constitutionality had been passed upon by the U. S. Supreme Court. The Chicago Board of Trade in its bill of complaint charged that the law sought to regulate as inter-State commerce trade that was wholly State, that it interfered with State rights to govern exchanges and that it sought to deprive Board members of their property by admitting representatives of co-operative bodies and permitting them to rebate commissions in violation of rules observed by other members. Charges of unconstitutionality were also made on the ground that the law makes violation of its provisions a crime "and constitutes the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce and the Attorney-General a commission with power to deprive offenders of their rights to thereafter pursue a lawful vocation, whereas such criminal laws are under the Constitution enforceable only in court." Other sections, granting wide powers of control to the Secretary of Agriculture, were also attacked. The Supreme Court in its conclusions April 16 was divided—seven to two—Justices Sutherland and McReynolds dissenting from the majority opinion, which was delivered by Chief Justice Taft. In declaring that "Congress has the power to provide the appropriate means adopted in this Act to restrain the manipulation of the market for futures, the majority opinion said in part:

The Grain Futures Act which is now before us differs from the Future Trading Act in having the very features the absence of which we held in the somewhat carefully framed language of the foregoing decision prevented us from sustaining the Future Trading Act. As we have seen in the statement of the case, the Act only purports to regulate inter-State commerce and sales of grain for future delivery on boards of trade because it finds that by manipulation they have become a constantly recurring burden and obstruction to that commerce. Instead, therefore, of being an authority against the validity of the Grain Futures Act, it is an authority in its favor.

In the Act we are considering Congress has expressly declared that transactions and prices of grain in dealing in futures are susceptible to speculation, manipulation and control which are detrimental to the producer and consumer and persons handling grain in inter-State commerce, and render regulation imperative for the protection of such commerce and the national public interests therein.

It is clear from the citations in the statement of the case of evidence before committees of investigation as to manipulations of the future market and their effect, that we would be unwarranted in rejecting the finding of Congress as unreasonable, and that, in our inquiry as to the validity of this legislation, we must accept the view that such manipulation does work to the detriment of producers, consumers, shippers and legitimate dealers in inter-State commerce in grain, and that it is a real abuse.

But it is contended that it is too remote in its effect on inter-State commerce, and that it is not like the direct additions to the cost to the producer of marketing cattle by exorbitant charges and discrimination of commission men and dealers. It is said there is no relation between

prices on the futures market and in the cash sales. This is hardly consistent with the affidavits the plaintiffs present from the leading economists, who say that dealing in futures stabilizes cash prices.

More than this, prices of grain futures are those upon which an owner and intending seller of cash grain is influenced to sell or not to sell as they offer a good opportunity to him to hedge comfortably against future fluctuations.

Manipulations of grain futures for speculative profit, though not carried to the extent of a corner or complete monopoly, exert a vicious influence and produce abnormal and disturbing temporary fluctuations of prices that are not responsive to actual supply and demand, and discourage not only this justifiable hedging, but disturb the normal flow of actual consignments. A futures market lends itself to such manipulation much more readily than a cash market.

The fact that a corner in grain is brought about by trading in futures shows the direct relation between cash prices and actual commerce on the one hand, and dealing in futures on the other, because a corner is not a monopoly of contracts only. It is monopoly of the actual supply of grain in commerce.

If a corner and the enhancement of prices produced by buying futures directly burden inter-State commerce in the article whose price is enhanced, it would seem to follow that manipulations of futures which unduly depress prices of grain in inter-State commerce and directly influence consignments in that commerce are equally direct.

The question of price dominates trade between the States. Sales of an article which affect the country wide price of the article directly affect the country wide commerce in it. By reason and authority, therefore, in determining the validity of this Act, we are prevented from questioning the conclusion of Congress that manipulation of the market for futures on the Chicago Board of Trade may, and from time to time does, directly burden and obstruct commerce between the States in grain, and that it recurs and is a constantly possible danger.

For this reason, Congress has the power to provide the appropriate means adopted in this Act by which this abuse may be restrained and avoided.

Relative to the attack upon the provision of the Act which forbids a grain exchange to exclude from membership co-operative associations, the Court, according to the New York "Commercial," said:

The Board of Trade conducts a business which is affected with a public interest and is, therefore, subject to reasonable regulation in the public interest. In view of the actual inter-State dealings in cash sales of grain on the exchange, and the effect of the conduct of the sales of futures upon inter-State commerce, we find no difficulty in concluding that the Chicago Board of Trade is engaged in a business affected with a public national interest and is subject to national regulation as such. Congress may, therefore, reasonably limit the rules governing its conduct with a view to preventing abuses and securing freedom from undue discrimination in its operations.

Congress evidently deems it helpful in the preservation of the vital function which such a Board of Trade exercises in inter-State commerce in grain that producers and shippers should be given an opportunity to take part in the transactions in this world market through a chosen representative. Nor do we see why the requirement that the relation between them and this representative, looking to economy of participation on their part by a return of patronage dividends, should not be permissible because facilitating closer participation by the great body of producers in transactions of the Board which are of vital importance to them.

A press dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times" on the 16th regarding the Court's conclusions, remarked that it was shown that witnesses testified before Congressional committees that while the Chicago Board of Trade sold nearly 200,000,000 bushels of grain annually for future delivery, not 1% of this was delivered. Associated Press dispatches from Washington April 16 in reporting the acceptance of the Court's conclusions by the officials of the Chicago Board of Trade, said:

American grain exchanges have now been given the stamp of Governmental approval, John J. Stream, President of the Chicago Board of Trade, declared in a statement to-night on the Supreme Court's decision upholding the Grain Futures Act.

"We feel," he continued, "that this action will tend to encourage the grain trade into greater use of the futures trading system for hedging and for commercial price insurance purposes."

As the law is interpreted, the futures market will not be interrupted in any way during the formalities incident to the application of grain exchanges for designation as contract markets. The law specifically preserved the futures market, grain trade leaders pointed out, and gives it official recognition as a necessary factor in the economic marketing of foodstuffs.

Mr. Stream made it clear that the Board of Trade would co-operate to the fullest extent in the enforcement of the new law.

"Every provision of the Act," he said, "will be strictly conformed to by members of the association. Should the law fail to accomplish the purpose for which it is intended it will be through its own indeficiencies and not as a result of any hindrance on the part of the grain exchange."

It will be impossible, according to Mr. Stream and other grain trade leaders, to determine what effect some of the provisions of the law will have upon the orderly marketing of food commodities. "The future alone holds the answer," President Stream stated.

Senator Capper was quoted to the following effect in Topeka press dispatches April 16:

I think it will be welcome news to the millers and producers in this part of the country. We believe the law will eliminate the vicious practices which have been at the bottom of grain gambling, and will make it impossible for speculators and manipulators to bring about conditions which produce violent fluctuations in the market.

The law places grain exchanges under Government supervision. It does not, however, prevent future trading and speculation when carried on by millers and others in the course of legitimate business.

Census Report on Cotton Consumed and On Hand, also Active Spindles, and Exports and Imports.

Under date of April 14 1923 the Census Board issued its regular preliminary report showing cotton consumed, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles and imports and exports of

cotton for the month of March 1922 and 1923 and the eight months ending with March. Cotton consumed amounted to 623,105 bales of lint and 51,745 of linters, compared with 519,761 of lint and 48,648 of linters in March last year, and 566,924 of lint and 77,611 of linters in February this year, the Bureau announced. The statistics of cotton in this report are given in running bales, counting round as half bales, except foreign bales, which are in equivalent 500-pound bales.

COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND IN SPINNING MILLS AND IN OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS AND ACTIVE COTTON SPINDLES. (Linters Not Included.)

Locality.	Year	Cotton Consumed (Bales) During—		Cotton on Hand March 31 (Bales)—		Cotton Spindles Active During March (Number).
		March.	Eight Months ending March 31.	In Consuming Establishments x	In Public Storage and at Compresses x	
United States	1923	*623,105	*4,462,608	*2,034,535	*2,377,799	35,500,518
United States	1922	519,761	4,003,754	1,557,023	3,752,258	31,872,842
Cotton growing States	1923	392,027	2,832,937	1,228,949	2,056,904	16,065,554
Cotton growing States	1922	337,497	2,461,877	767,166	3,333,948	15,532,124
All other States	1923	231,078	1,629,671	805,586	320,895	19,434,964
All other States	1922	182,264	1,541,877	789,857	418,310	16,340,718

x Stated in bales.
 * Includes 27,407 Egyptian, 7,622 other foreign, 4,638 American-Egyptian and 358 sea island consumed; 92,617 Egyptian, 22,107 other foreign, 16,272 American-Egyptian and 3,001 sea island in consuming establishments, and 79,827 Egyptian, 18,652 other foreign, 26,405 American-Egyptian and 4,675 sea island in public storage. Eight months' consumption 165,377 Egyptian, 50,567 other foreign, 49,783 American-Egyptian and 4,757 sea island.
 Linters not included above were 51,745 bales consumed during March 1923 and 48,648 bales in 1922; 169,509 bales on hand in consuming establishments on March 31 1923 and 185,650 bales in 1922; and 48,434 bales in public storage and at compresses in 1923 and 128,391 bales in 1922. Linters consumed during the eight months ending March 31 amounted to 436,424 bales in 1923 and 420,360 bales in 1922.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF COTTON AND LINTERS.

Country of Production.	Imports of Foreign Cotton During (500-lb. bales)			
	March.		8 Months end. Mar. 31.	
	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.
Egypt	37,007	47,636	287,448	205,254
Peru	3,655	2,246	17,218	32,125
China	6,970	4,532	28,921	10,826
Mexico	1,210	3,122	44,925	53,337
All other countries	4,377	2,421	9,897	11,239
Total	53,219	59,957	388,409	312,781

Country to Which Exported.	Exports of Domestic Cotton and Linters During (Running Bales)—			
	March.		8 Months end. Mar. 31.	
	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.
United Kingdom	65,712	109,853	1,221,079	1,118,714
France	26,260	64,122	540,614	534,912
Italy	34,029	14,821	402,211	287,451
Germany	56,047	140,872	685,882	1,007,534
Other Europe	32,727	52,429	544,858	500,083
Japan	79,971	57,406	478,273	708,048
All other countries	23,464	21,981	184,438	227,452
Total	*318,210	*461,484	*4,057,355	*4,384,194

* Figures include 8,347 bales of linters exported during March in 1923 and 9,109 bales in 1922 and 30,288 bales for the eight months ending March 31 in 1923 and 86,590 bales in 1922. The distribution for March 1923 follows: United Kingdom, 394; France, 357; Germany, 3,996; Italy, 645; other Europe, 50; other countries, 2,905.

WORLD STATISTICS.—The preliminary estimate of the world's production of commercial cotton, exclusive of linters, grown in 1922, as compiled from information secured through the domestic and foreign staff of the Department of Commerce, is 17,664,000 bales of 478 lbs. lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ending July 31 1922 was approximately 20,047,000 bales of 478 lbs. lint. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 157,000,000.

Annual Meeting of National Association of Cotton Manufacturers in Providence April 24, 25 and 26.

The annual meeting of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers will be held at the Providence-Biltmore Hotel, Providence, R. I., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, April 24, 25 and 26. The business sessions will be held in the forenoon and afternoon of Tuesday and Wednesday; Tuesday evening there will be a smoker, and Wednesday evening the annual banquet will take place, in which the members of the Rhode Island Textile Association and the Southern New England Textile Club have been invited to participate. Wednesday afternoon's session will be devoted to a joint meeting with the Providence section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. On Thursday morning, under the direction of the Joint Entertainment Committee, visits will be made to industrial plants in the neighborhood of Providence. On Tuesday afternoon the general topic for discussion will be "Export Markets," and there will be addresses on "Brazil—The Promising Land," by W. Irving Bullard, and "World Markets," by John S. Lawrence. On Wednesday morning the general topic will be "Cotton," the addresses scheduled being "Co-operative Associations," by A. H. Stone, and "Cotton Marketing," by W. L. Clayton. H. C. Meserve 45 Milk St., Boston, is Secretary of the Association.

Judge Gary at Annual Meeting of United States Steel Corporation Criticizes Immigration Laws—Labor Scarcity in United States.

The enactment of present immigration laws of the United States was described by Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the United States Steel Corporation as "one of the worst things this country has ever done for itself economically," in his address to the stockholders of the corporation at the annual meeting in Hoboken on the 16th inst. Judge Gary, who returned a week ago from a trip to Europe, declared that "there is a great abundance of labor on the other side of the ocean," which, he said, "would be glad to come here and work, but is restricted by these laws." Referring to the scarcity of labor here, Judge Gary intimated, according to the "Journal of Commerce," that the effect of the country's restrictive immigration policy is being reflected in prices for steel. If the corporation had the power to bring about proper labor conditions, he said (we quote from the "Journal of Commerce") steel prices would be fair and profitable, but never extortionate, and labor would always be paid fairly and liberally. In another item we refer to reports that President Harding is in accord with Judge Gary's views as to the shortage in the ranks of labor. The following regarding Judge Gary's further remarks is taken from the "Journal of Commerce":

Judge Gary told the stockholders that the corporation had added at least \$1,000,000,000 to its property values since it started. "Sooner or later," he added, "we hope the stockholders will get the benefit of these increased values."

Omitting any mention of future dividend policy, he stated that he did not like to make promises in advance. "I would rather be charged with being slow," Judge Gary explained, "than be charged with having made a promise that was not kept."

"Some people think," he continued, "that we have a large surplus, and that we might pay larger dividends. While our surplus is large and has been increasing a good deal, it is not all in cash or in equivalent of cash. It is invested in properties purchased and in extension of properties deemed necessary to maintain our trade position. Furthermore, as business has grown it has required more working capital to keep it going. As a rule we have had plenty of cash to do business and to make it reasonably certain we would not have to go to the banks to borrow at a high rate of interest, and we have kept a little ahead so as to be provided with cash with which to pay common dividends even though unearned."

Upholds Conservatism.

"We have made our securities intrinsically a little more valuable every year. You may say that this has not been shown so far as dividends are concerned, but let me tell you that we have maintained our dividends during periods when most of the other steel companies were forced to suspend payments. This was made possible only through the conservatism of looking far ahead."

"There are some things that the management of the corporation cannot control," Judge Gary reminded the stockholders. "Prices of commodities manufactured and sold cannot be absolutely controlled by producers. These prices are made by the sellers and purchasers together. They must agree. Unless there is some artificial control or influence selling prices depend upon active competition. Sometimes these prices are much larger than they are at other times. That is because the demand is greater than the supply and causes the higher quotations."

Pointing out the big increase in the steel-producing capacity of this country in the past several years, he said that the only thing for the United States Steel Corporation to do was to keep its fair position in the trade.

Labor Beyond Control.

"Labor is another element beyond control," asserted Judge Gary. "It depends upon the same influence as prices—willingness of a man to work at a certain price and consent of the employer to pay that price."

Regarding the welfare work, Judge Gary said that the corporation had treated its men better than employees of any other big concern have been treated. Since the war, he said, the efficiency of the men as individuals has been better than ever before. He continued:

"Our men would always be satisfied except for the unjustified and uncalled for interference on the part of outsiders. When our men have the opportunity to pass their own judgment on the matters involved they have always upheld the management."

"In my judgment," he added, "the only proper way to give an employee connection with the management of the affairs of a corporation is through a stockholding interest."

50,000 Employees Hold Stock.

Fifty thousand employees are now stockholders of the United States Steel Corporation, the Chairman said, and all the officers hold stock according to their means.

Approximately 100 stockholders attended the meeting, which was held at the company's offices, 51 Newark Street, Hoboken. They represented in their own right or by proxy 2,178,297 shares of common stock and 1,337,311 shares of preferred stock. All directors of the company were re-elected.

Judge Gary said he would reserve for the meeting of the American Iron & Steel Institute in May the discussion of his recent European trip, during which he was reported to have held conferences with Hugo Stinnes, Germany's industrial leader, and Premier Mussolini of Italy.

United States Steel Stock Holdings.

Regarding the list of principal stockholders of the United States Steel Corporation made public at the annual meeting of the corporation on the 16th inst., the "Journal of Commerce" of April 17 had the following to say:

One of the outstanding features of the statement of stockholdings made public by the United States Steel Corporation yesterday afternoon was seen by traders in the greatly reduced holdings of the stock which appeared to be afloat in the market. This seemed to verify the opinions which have been expressed in many quarters for a good while past to the effect that

United States Steel was rapidly passing from the status of a "speculative proposition" to that of an investment stock.

Brokers' Holdings Reduced.

In yesterday's statement confirmation of the opinions thus held were seen in the fact that many financial houses in this city which formerly held from 40,000 to 50,000 shares of United States Steel are now holding a bare fraction of that number. In a number of cases the holdings have been reduced to 3,000 to 4,000 shares, one of the largest being a block of 15,000 shares held by a concern which formerly was in the habit of carrying about 50,000 shares. This reduction does not reflect a lessening in the general business of the concerns in question, as it is known that most of them are doing a larger aggregate business than they did at the time when the figures relating to United States Steel on the higher basis held good. It represents simply a shifting of speculative activity from United States Steel to other stocks.

Is Steel Being Sold to Public?

The question was under discussion in stock market circles whether United States Steel is being disposed of to the public in the same sense that Standard Oil is reported to have been distributed. As is well known, it has long been the policy of United States Steel to enlarge the number of its stockholders so far as possible, notably by disposing of shares to its employees on a partial payment plan. The total number of its stockholders, now about 108,000, has in this way been greatly increased and yesterday's figures seemed to show that the average holding has likewise been enlarged. Yesterday's statement, however, shows that there are still some very large-sized individual holdings representing the core of the control of the enterprise. The company is evidently following the plan of securing a large clientele among the public, while at the same time retaining a substantial central body of large stockholders. This differs from the policy reported as being that of Standard Oil during the hearings before the oil commission of investigation in Washington.

Stability of United States Steel.

Brokers yesterday regarded the increasingly wide distribution of the stock as the primary reason for the recent stability of United States Steel in the market and its comparative freedom from extreme fluctuations. While some of the large holders may be able from time to time, and doubtless do, as in the case of other great industrial concerns, sell and buy extensively in the market, the reduction of the stocks on hand in brokerage establishments and the recent decline in the volume of daily turnover is believed to illustrate the gradual transference of the shares from a current speculative status to the more permanent basis in which they reside largely in the strong boxes of investors. In this is seen a primary reason for the failure of the stock to recede in value owing to the lack of any early prospect of an increase in the common dividend, notwithstanding the desire of holders for such action.

Among the stockholders were the following:

	Com.	Pref.		Com	Pref.
G. F. Baker-----	58,550	500	E. J. Buffington----	1,081	1,386
W. J. Filbert-----	1,312	1,346	James A. Farrell----	2,787	4,350
Samuel Mather-----	801		E. H. Gary-----	3,757	5,279
Thos. Morrison-----	1,000	4,000	J. P. Morgan, Jr.----		105
R. V. Lindabury----	68	200	Emma Gary-----	11	3,769
W. P. Palmer-----	351	1,019	J. P. Morgan & Co.----		105
Percival Roberts, Jr.	1	110	E. H. Gary and		
Robert Windsor-----	500	1	Richard Trimble----	125,457	39,200
G. F. Baker, Jr.-----	1		E. H. Gary and		
			F. M. Waterman----	61,000	

President Harding in Agreement with Judge Gary on Labor Shortage—Secretary of Labor Davis Against Removal of Immigration Restrictions.

While President Harding is said to be of the same opinion as Elbert H. Gary as to the existence of a shortage of labor in the United States, a stand against the letting down of the immigration bars has been taken by Secretary of Labor Davis. A report compiled by the Labor Department and presented to the President on the 17th inst., in arguing against the removal of the present restrictions, says:

Times have changed materially, Mr. President, since you entered the White House. At that time when the 3% restriction on immigration was decided upon we had more than 5,000,000 of our working people idle and we faced what seemed almost certain industrial panic. Industries were closing because of lack of markets, wage scale were falling in many industries, industrial strife was spreading.

Immigration restriction was one of the measures which helped to put an end to the industrial panic. We have come a long way through wise administrative and legislative measures since then. To-day unemployment has been reduced to a minimum; wages everywhere are rising. During the last year, even during the last few months, there have been wage increases in practically all of the forty-three industries reporting to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

They have been very general in the basic industries, and have ranged from 2 to 20%.

Under these conditions, with labor everywhere in demand, it is inevitable that there should be agitation among some for the lifting of immigration restrictions. It is unnecessary to point out the evil of throwing open the gates at a time of prosperity in order to flood the country with workers and non-workers, whose very presence would serve to bring prosperity to an end.

It is a short-sighted policy to seek cheap labor through immigration. To-day, because of the demand for workers, there is a perceptible movement of common labor of a low grade from a contiguous country. Large groups of this nationality are finding their way into our mills and factories.

I have talked with employers who have taken on these men and in every case they admit that an upstanding American workman would do two and a half times the work that is accomplished by the individual of this racial group. That being so, it is quite apparent that it is cheaper to pay an American worker twice the wages that the foreigners receive. It has been my experience since the days when I worked in the mills that cheap labor is expensive labor both for the industry which employs it and for the community which houses it.

In urging a plan of selective immigration, Secretary Davis, according to the New York "Times," said:

I propose that we establish strict, but just tests of physical and mental health and that we make those tests under the numerical restriction now placed by law on immigration. I would have those tests made abroad, in order that the applicants for admission may not have to spend the savings

of a lifetime on a long sea voyage in order to find out whether he can enter the United States.

One great result of moving our inspection machinery abroad to make selections among the applicants for admission would be to end the heartrending scenes which every day confront our agents at Ellis Island and other ports of entry. . . . So long as under the law we admit foreigners to this country we could end all of these horrors if we could make our selections on the other side, and transform our immigrant stations at the ports into gateways of welcome.

This I call selective immigration. So long as the United States is to admit foreigners, I would have our system function to bring us the best that we can get from abroad, and to make their way into America easy and comfortable.

It seems to me that the immigration laws of the future should be wholly American, drawn by Americans, enforced by Americans for the benefit of America to-day and in the future. This is due to the native-born citizen and to those immigrants who have, and who no doubt will continue to come to contribute to this country's industry and commerce.

Chairman Johnson of the House Immigration Committee, in a statement issued on April 17 in reply to Judge Gary's contentions, said:

Most appeals these days for more liberal immigration laws are based on the idea of selection. Selection for what? From Mr. Gary's standpoint the answer is for work in the steel mills.

In spite of restricted immigration, the United States Steel Corporation seems to have done very well with a net earnings of \$410,000,000 in 1922 in spite of a 20% increase in wages.

If the immigration laws are relaxed, for every one immigrant who would come as a possible employee of the steel and other corporations, nine will come to drag down the living standards of the United States. These corporations want cheaper labor. Cheap labor makes a cheap country. Common labor works for 20 cents a day in Haiti and for 40 cents a day in Porto Rico, where thousands are unemployed.

A few weeks ago Charles M. Sshwab, in an interview, said that he had never seen such extreme misery as now exists in England through unemployment. Our restrictive immigration act helped to transfer 5,000,000 people in the United States out of work to work at good pay in fifteen months time. If any selective law is enacted it should apply to the immediate blood relative of those now here before we begin to take in new foreign laborers without giving thought to the later necessary admission of their families.

Judge Gary's statement blaming the immigration restriction law for the present labor shortage was disputed by Commissioner Husband of the Immigration Bureau at Washington on April 18, the Commissioner declaring that the 3% quota could not be held responsible so long as the quota fixed remained unexhausted. The New York "Evening Post," reporting this statement by Commissioner Husband, added:

Approximately 75,000 immigrants from Germany and other northern European countries can be admitted between now and July 1, the Commissioner said, although the supply from Italy, Russia and other southern countries has been shut off.

Referring particularly to the shortage of labor in the steel and iron industry, Mr. Husband said the domestic labor supply had kept that industry going in England and in Germany.

The difficulty here lay in the unwillingness of laborers to do the sort of work required in a steel mill.

For that reason, he said, the industry had been compelled to a large degree to use labor from Italy, Poland and some of the Slav countries.

The Department of Labor has no exact figures, it was said to-day, on labor shortage in the various industries. The information Secretary Davis furnished to President Harding yesterday on the subject was said to have come from information gathered in a general way through the press and from employers desiring the entry into the United States of skilled labor.

Frank Morrison of American Federation of Labor in Criticism of Judge Gary's Views on Immigration Laws.

Judge Gary's contentions regarding the immigration laws brought from Frank Morrison, Secretary of the American Federation of Labor, a statement on April 19 that "Mr. Gary does not want workers so much as he wants cheap labor." Mr. Morrison's criticism of Judge Gary's statement, was reported as follows in the New York "Times" of yesterday (April 20):

The American Federation of Labor is not opposed to immigration, with this exception: It is opposed to the bringing of Orientals here. Our civilization cannot survive if Orientals are permitted to come here and take the place of our workers.

Mr. Gary's representative during the war said that 4,000,000 Chinese could be brought here to work on the farms when the boys were in the trenches. He knew that if they went on the farms the Americans could not compete with them, and the Americans would be driven to the steel mills. The packing houses wanted to bring in millions of men. They had no thought of the millions of unemployed several years ago.

Mr. Gary does not want workers so much as he wants cheap labor. He claims he cannot get men, but he only wants to pay a certain wage. Labor will not work for that wage, but Gary wants to bring in millions of men to reduce the wages of the workers here. Those employers have in mind to put us back to the condition we were in in 1914.

The war stopped immigration. Under the present law the quotas from England, Ireland and the Scandinavian countries and Germany are not exhausted, but the quotas from the Balkan countries are.

The American Federation of Labor favored stopping immigration for four years after the war. It was not successful in putting its policy through. A 3% law was adopted, and through this law we were able to get the assurance that only those would be permitted to come here who could get employment and who would not displace men with jobs. That is a fair proposition. We did not want to make greater unemployment.

In the building industry it is claimed that there is a shortage in some skilled trades, but you know what a seasonal occupation is. It would be dangerous to bring in millions of workers to do in a few months what can be done in a year, so that when the work is done in the shorter time there would be great unemployment. I want to tell you that the immigration law will protect those who are here and those who may come.

Government's Injunction Proceedings Against New York Coffee & Sugar Exchanges, Inc.

Coincident with the presentation to President Harding of a report by the United States Tariff Commission on April 19 stating that increased sugar prices are "due to causes not connected with the American tariff," the United States Department of Justice filed a petition in the United States District Court in New York for an injunction against the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, Inc., and the New York Coffee & Sugar Clearing Association, Inc., and twenty-three members representing the two organizations. The Government's petition, filed by United States District Attorney Colonel William Hayward, asks:

That the defendants and each of them be perpetually enjoined from entering into or permitting to be entered into any transactions on said Exchange or elsewhere involving or purporting to involve the purchase, sale and delivery of sugar, unless the person purporting to make such sale has in his possession or under his control a supply of sugar adequate to meet the requirements of such transaction, and the person purchasing or purporting to purchase shall in good faith intend to buy and pay for such sugar and accept delivery as soon as same can be made.

In its petition the Government alleges that the maintenance and operations of the defendants "inevitably result in the establishment of prices for raw and refined sugar which are wholly speculative and artificial without proper regard for the conditions which but for said unlawful and economic operations would control prices." It also contends that "said Exchange and Clearing Association serve no legitimate or useful purpose in the marketing in inter-State and foreign commerce of the United States of raw and refined sugar"; that "they exist only as a means of contracting and speculating with reference to supplies of sugar which in many cases do not exist." The New York "Times" reports the petition as stating:

Cost to the Public.

"Sugar is a prime article of diet and a necessary of life," the petition sets forth. "The annual per capita consumption of sugar in the United States is 102.86 pounds. Because sugar enters so largely into the daily life of the people any artificial increase in the price thereof imposes a severe burden upon each individual citizen. Every advance of 1 cent per pound in the price of refined sugar costs the consumers in the United States approximately \$2,000,000 a week."

Most of the sugar in the United States is refined in this country, and a large part of it comes from Cuba, with which the present proceeding is mainly concerned. Most of the dealings on the Exchange involve raw sugar, the petition states, adding:

"Actually, transactions on the Exchange in an overwhelming majority of cases do not involve and are not intended to involve the delivery of the amount of raw sugar purported to be sold thereby. Such transactions are completed on said Exchange by matching, ring settlements or payments of difference and by clearing through defendant clearing association, where settlements are reached by matching, payments of difference, &c., without delivery of the amount of raw sugar stated in the contracts.

"On an average about 75% of all transactions are cleared through defendant clearing association. Of the total number of contracts cleared through said association in November 1922, .0018% were consummated by delivery; of the total contracts cleared through said association in December 1922, .0023% were so consummated; of the contracts in January 1923, .0010%; February 1923, .0002%; and March 1923, .0010%."

Dealings Set Price for Sugar.

Although these dealings result in the actual delivery of very little sugar, the transactions are carefully recorded and set a price for sugar transactions all over the world, the petition sets forth.

"The prices thus established and published are taken by those who own and sell sugar as the basis for prices in actual transactions," the petition states, "and thus it is brought about that the defendant corporations and individuals by their speculations and gambling in sugar for future delivery control the prices of raw sugar paid by the refiner, who purchases it for preparation for consumption; the prices of the wholesaler or jobber, who purchases refined sugar for distribution; the prices of the retailer, who purchases it for direct delivery to the consumer, and the prices paid by millions of consumers throughout the United States.

"The maintenance and operations of defendants' New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, Inc., and New York Coffee & Sugar Clearing Association, Inc., inevitably result in the establishment of prices for raw and refined sugar which are wholly speculative and artificial without proper regard for the conditions which but for said unlawful and uneconomic operations would control prices.

"Said Exchange and Clearing Association serve no legitimate or useful purpose in the marketing in inter-State and foreign commerce of the United States of raw and refined sugar. They exist only as a means of contracting and speculating with reference to supplies of sugar which in many cases do not exist and for the purpose of manipulating the price of raw and refined sugar without regard to conditions actually obtaining in the industry and regardless of the law of supply and demand, and solely for illegitimate gambling or speculative profits, to the enrichment of the parties to such operations and frequently to the injury and detriment of those actually engaged in the business of producing and refining sugar, and at all times to the serious injury of the consuming public."

No Shortage of Sugar.

To show that there was no reason because of supply for the increase in the price of sugar the Government petition states that from Feb. 1 1923, to the time of filing the bill, "the situation of the United States and of the world in the matter of available stocks of raw sugar was more favorable than at any time within the last three years. The production of cane and beet sugar for 1921-22 was approximately 1,000,000 tons greater than in the preceding year, and the estimated production for 1922-23 was 521,000 tons more than for 1921-22 when the total was 17,686,000 tons. The United States Department of Commerce estimates the 1922-23 world production of sugar at 19,511,000 tons, an increase of 1,800,000 tons over 1921-22."

"There existed during this period no economic justification for a sudden or appreciable increase in the price of raw or refined sugar, or for any increase,"

the petition states. "The price of raw sugar at New York, May delivery, increased between Feb. 1 1923 and Feb. 8 1923, from \$3 65 to \$4 07 per cwt. Thereafter prices gradually increased from day to day until April 1 1923, when the peak of \$5 97 was reached."

The following relative to the allegations in the petition is taken from the "Journal of Commerce":

The extent of the rise in the price of refined sugar f. o. b. New York appears from a comparison of the quotation of \$9 40 per cwt. on April 12 1923, with the quotation of \$5 25 per cwt., which obtained on April 8 1922.

Price Rise Discussed.

This rapid increase in the price of raw and refined sugar, beginning on Feb. 7 1923, and in effect on the date of the filing of this bill, was and is the direct result of a combination and conspiracy between the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, Inc., the New York Coffee and Sugar Clearing Association, Inc. and the officers and members of those corporations and their clients or principals, who, by means of purported purchases and sales of sugar, have sought to establish and have established artificial and unwarranted prices, not governed by the law of supply and demand, but based wholly on speculative dealings not involving the delivery of the quantities of sugar represented thereby, but altogether carried on for the purpose and with the effect of unduly enhancing the price of sugar to the enrichment of said defendants and their principals and to the detriment of the public.

As a result of these fictitious or paper transactions, carried out as aforesaid, the price of raw sugar in this country, and consequently the price of refined sugar to the consumers, has been increased on an average of considerably more than \$2 per cwt. These speculative operations, carried on for the purpose and with the intent of unduly enhancing the price of both raw and refined sugar, and which have accomplished that object, constitute and are an unlawful combination and conspiracy in restraint of inter-State and foreign trade and commerce in said raw sugar and refined sugar, both of which are normally articles of inter-State and foreign trade and commerce, and have resulted, and unless restrained by this Honorable Court will continue to result, not only in the continued enhancement of the price of raw and refined sugar but also in a diminished demand for raw and refined sugar, thereby lessening the traffic in those commodities in inter-State and foreign commerce. Said combination and conspiracy, and all acts in pursuance thereof, are in violation of the aforesaid acts of July 2 1890, and August 27 1894 (as amended), and contrary to the public policy of the United States of America and in derogation of the common right of the people of the United States.

The same paper indicates as follows the Government's plea:

1. That writs of subpoena be issued directed to each and every one of the defendants impleaded by name commanding them to appear herein and answer for themselves and for those whom they represent, but not under oath (answer under oath being hereby expressly waived), the allegations contained in this petition, and to abide by and perform such orders and decrees as the court may make in the premises.

2. That the court order this cause to be heard on application for a preliminary injunction (hereby made) within ten days after the service of notice hereof on said defendants, and that the court upon such application and hearing issue its preliminary injunction against the defendants (including those impleaded by representation as well as those impleaded by name) enjoining them, and all of them, from further engaging in the unlawful combination and conspiracy above described, and from further operating said New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange (Inc.) and said New York Coffee and Sugar Clearing Association (Inc.), in so far as they relate to sugar.

3. That upon final hearing it be adjudged and decreed that by-laws, rules and regulations of said defendant corporations, in so far as they relate to sugar, their adoption by said corporations and said individual defendants and the concerted action of said defendants in carrying out said rules and regulations as hereinbefore described constitute a combination and conspiracy in restraint of inter-State and foreign trade and commerce in raw and refined sugar in violation of the Act of July 2 1890, known as the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, and are also in violation of Section 73 of the Act of Aug. 27 1894, as amended by the Act of Feb. 12 1913, known as the Wilson Tariff Act, and are contrary to public policy and detrimental to the people of the United States and in derogation of their common right.

Would Abolish Exchange.

4. That defendants and each of them be perpetually enjoined from maintaining and operating and from engaging in the operation of said exchange and clearing house in so far as they deal in or purport to deal in sugar and from establishing, maintaining, operating, or engaging in the operation of any plan or scheme of like character or designed or intended to establish artificial prices of sugar or to substantially affect prices of sugar by artificial means or the necessary result of which would be to so establish and affect the prices of sugar.

5. That said defendants and each of them be perpetually enjoined from in any manner publishing or making public any price or prices of raw or refined sugar as being or purporting to be the market price of such sugar as established by or observed in transactions on said exchange, and from attempting to establish the prices named in transactions on said exchange as the market price of sugar to be observed in bona fide transactions actually involving the purchase, sale and delivery of sugar.

6. That the defendants and each of them be perpetually enjoined from entering into or permitting to be entered into any transactions on said exchange or elsewhere, involving or purporting to involve the purchase, sale and delivery of sugar, unless the person purporting to make such sale has in his possession or under his control a supply of sugar adequate to meet the requirements of such transaction, and the person purchasing or purporting to purchase shall in good faith intend to buy and pay for such sugar and accept delivery as soon as same can be made.

7. That petitioner have such other, further and general relief as the nature of the case may require and the Court deem proper.

8. That the petitioner have its costs.

The defendants named in the petition, according to the New York "Times," are:

New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange (Inc.), New York Coffee and Sugar Clearing Association (Inc.), T. S. B. Neilsen, Manuel E. Rionda, Frank C. Russell, C. H. Middendorg, J. H. Walter Lenkau, Justus Ruperti, Louis V. Sterling, William S. Scott, C. H. Stoffregen, August Schilrenberg, B. B. Peabody, E. L. Lueder, G. H. Finlay, Franklin W. Hopkins, John H. Windels, C. B. Stroud, John A. S. Dunn, Hugh S. Carney, William Dayne, E. F. Diercks, Leon Israel, Arthur H. Lamborn, Levis W. Minford, in their own right and as representatives of all the members of said New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange (Inc.), and New York Coffee and Sugar Clearing Association (Inc.).

In commenting on the institution of the present litigation, Colonel Hayward, according to the "Journal of Commerce," said:

It is the result of painstaking investigation by agents of the Department of Justice and Government attorneys, notably Major L'Esperance and Roger Shale, and after many conferences and full consideration by the President and the Cabinet, in which Mr. Daugherty, the Attorney-General, participated over the long distance telephone from Asheville. This is a united effort on the part of the United States officials charged with the enforcement of the law and protection of the people of the country to make the gamblers in sugar remove their roulette wheel from the American breakfast table."

The same paper added:

The Government claims in its petition to the Court that the practices on the exchange are in "violation of the Sherman Act, the Wilson Tariff Act of 1894 and the public policy of the United States, and tend to the detriment and hurt of the people of the United States and in derogation of their common right."

The petition declares that the existence of the exchange has not been vital to the proper distribution of sugar in this country. It is asserted that no trading in sugar was done there until December 1914, and that such trading was suspended during the war period and until February 1920. "During the entire history of the United States," the petition states, "trade and commerce in raw and refined sugar was conducted without the intervention of the exchange and without the opportunity of speculation and manipulation which the exchange and the allied clearing association afford, except during the three years preceding and the three following the World War."

The following statement was issued by the Coffee & Sugar Exchange, according to the New York "Herald":

At a meeting of the board of managers a committee consisting of the following gentlemen, Messrs. L. S. Bache, M. E. Rionda, E. L. Lueder, George W. Lawrence, Clarence A. Fairchild and Edward F. Diercks, was appointed, in conjunction with William Mason Smith, the counsel of the Exchange, to take charge of the litigation brought against the Exchange by the Attorney-General.

It also reports the issuance of the following statement by William Mason Smith, counsel for the Exchange:

The motion of the Attorney-General is returnable on April 30, at which time we will appear and defend it. Until then we will have nothing to say.

Earl D. Babst, President of the American Sugar Refining Co., had the following to say on the 19th:

The American Sugar Refining Co. is not a member and does not operate on the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange. So far as we know, the same is true of all sugar refiners. We, as refiners, cannot provide against a stampede or against a boycott. One is as bad as the other. Sugar comes from the tropics. The great fleet of sugar ships must be kept constantly moving to the refineries. The refineries must give an uninterrupted supply to the country. The movement of sugar must be kept going evenly or there is trouble.

The housewives of the country are the one bright spot in the present sugar situation. They have not been stampeded. They remember too well the scramble and slump of 1920. Our advices show that the available supply of refined sugar at present in the United States is ample. No one, of course, can foresee the final outturn of the sugar crops in the tropics, or the amount of sugar that will be consumed in the United States this year. All predictions are speculative.

If the newspapers and the housewives of the country resist alarming reports, the sugar situation will adjust itself. So, Mrs. Housewife, while the newspapers are printing columns on sugar, too often under scare headlines, it is largely in your power to regulate the whole matter. Don't scramble don't hoard don't boycott. Buy your sugar as you need it.

Frank S. Lowry of E. Atkins & Co. said his firm did not use the Exchange, but traded in actual raws and refined, and that they looked on the Sugar Exchange the same as the cotton, wheat and other exchanges. Reports that criminal prosecutions might follow the sugar injunction suit filed in New York were contained in press dispatches from Washington April 19, which said the first phase of the Government's action against the alleged sugar conspiracy was completed with institution of the civil injunction proceedings to prevent speculative trading on the New York Sugar Exchange. The criminal phase was held in abeyance, but Acting Attorney-General Seymour announced that it was under serious consideration. According to advices from Washington to the "Journal of Commerce" on the 19th inst., the decision of the Supreme Court in the grain futures case is relied upon by the Department of Justice heavily as furnishing persuasive authority for its petition. This account stated further:

Mr. Seymour explained the relation between the principles involved in the two cases at length.

"The opinion," he said, "filed in the Supreme Court of the United States Monday in the case of the Board of Trade of Chicago vs. Cline, known as the grain futures case, contains many features which are found in the sugar case. In that case the bill filed to contest the validity of the act of Congress was based on the contention that the boards of trade permitting dealings in grain futures should not be interfered with, because a large part of the future trading is done by speculators, who make a study of market conditions affecting prices and trade to profit by their judgment as to future prices.

Issues in Grain Case.

"The Government claimed that Congress was justified in its conclusions that the detriment to inter-State commerce from constantly recurring manipulations of sales for future delivery was so vicious and far-reaching that it made governmental control necessary and those conclusions were reached only after years of investigation.

"Witnesses testified before the Senate Agriculture Committee that the number of bushels of grain sold for future trading on the Chicago Board of Trade in a single year reached nearly twenty billions, and that the amount of grain actually delivered under such contract was not 1% of this. It was urged by the Government that the operations of the futures market were sinister and dangerous in that they affect the prices of a market that are world wide in their influence.

"There was such a narrow limitation of delivery that it offered an opportunity for speculative manipulation and imposed a disastrous burden upon the natural flow of grain in normal inter-State channels. It was stated in the opinion of Chief Justice Taft:

"It is not the sales and delivery of the actual grain which are the chief subject of supervision of Federal agency by Congress in the grain futures act. It is for the contracts of sales of grain for futures delivery, most of which do not result in actual delivery but are settled by offsetting them with other contracts of the same kind, or by what is called ringing. The question is whether the conduct of such sales is subject to constantly recurring abuses which are a burden and obstruction to inter-State commerce in grain."

Says Deliveries Are Small.

"During February and March of 1923, only one-thousandth of 1% of the number of contracts cleared through the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange (incorporated) were consummated by deliveries.

"We now have under consideration the question as to whether we have the right to ask the court to annul all of these fictitious contracts and prohibit any payments or settlements to be made between the parties to those contracts. We now believe that the court has the power to grant this relief, and when we are sure that such a request is justified we will ask that additional relief. The prayer would be as follows:

"That all transactions entered into on said exchanges between February — 1923, and the date of the filing of this petition, purporting to involve the purchase, sale and delivery of sugar at some future date, but which do not have to specific reference to available supplies of sugar in the hands of or under control of the purported seller, be declared null and void and of no effect, and that the defendants be enjoined from settling said transactions or permitting them to be settled by the payment by one party thereto to the other of the difference between the price at which the purported sale was made and the prevailing price on the day the sugar was to be delivered."

The anti-trust provisions of the Wilson tariff act relied upon by the Government are contained in Section 73 of that law and provide fines of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000, together with imprisonment of not less than three months and not more than twelve months in the discretion of the court for every person guilty of a conspiracy in restraint of trade in connection with any article imported into the United States from any foreign

The report of the Tariff Commission is referred to elsewhere in this issue.

United States Tariff Commission's Report on Sugar— Increased Prices Due to Causes Other Than Tariff.

The inquiry which was begun in March by the U. S. Tariff Commission into recent increased sugar prices has resulted in the presentation by the Commission of a report to President Harding which states that advanced prices since January have been "due to causes not connected with the American tariff." The inquiry was undertaken by the Commission at the direction of President Harding, the latter having taken the matter up following a petition to him by Basil M. Manly, Director of the People's Legislative Service, who charged "conspiracy to increase sugar prices and continued manipulation." As we stated in our issue of March 31, page 1370, Cordell Hull, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, at the same time issued a statement in which he declared that the President had "in his own hands the most immediate and potential single remedy for the relief of the sugar situation" in the cutting of sugar duties 50%. With the announcement that the President had called upon the Tariff Commission to "make an immediate inquiry into the relation of the sugar tariff to the current prices of that commodity," the President was reported as unconvinced that the present Fordney-McCumber tariff rates of 1.76 cents a pound on Cuban raw and 2.20 cents on other sugars was to blame for the increased prices. As we also indicated in our reference to the investigation ordered by President Harding (March 31, page 1368), the U. S. Department of Justice had made known on March 23 that the attention of the Department had been "called to the unusual condition in the sugar market during the month of January," and that "a preliminary investigation has progressed to a point where it is hoped that no embarrassment will be occasioned by premature publicity." The Tariff Commission's report declaring that "on the rapidly rising sugar market in the United States which was witnessed after Jan. 27 of this year, price factors other than the tariff have been controlling," was made public on the same day (April 19) that the United States Government, at the direction of Attorney-General Daugherty, filed in the Federal District Court in New York injunction proceedings against the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, Inc., and the New York Coffee and Clearing Association, Inc. This is referred to elsewhere in this issue. The report of the Commission says in part:

In the judgment of the Commission this report leads to the following conclusion:

1. The increase in sugar prices which began toward the end of January 1923, carrying the price of raw sugar, f. o. b. Cuba, from 3.165 cents on Jan. 24, to 4 cents on Feb. 9, 5.10 cents on Feb. 20, 5.60 cents on March 14 and 5.85 cents on April 10, and the price of granulated sugar from 6.47 cents on Jan. 31 to 7.15 cents on Feb. 9, 8.58 cents on Feb. 23, 9.11 cents on March 14 and 9.21 cents on April 12, was due to causes not connected with the American tariff. On the rapidly rising sugar market in the United States which was witnessed after Jan. 27 of this year price factors other than the tariff have been controlling.

2. The evidence which has been considered by the Tariff Commission, including that reviewed in its earlier reports, indicates that the duty on Cuban raw sugars, 96 degrees, of 1.7648 cents per pound imposed by the

Tariff Act of 1922 was, during February and March 1923, and is at the present time, included in the wholesale and retail prices of granulated sugar.

3. The statement that the American price of sugar for the time being includes the duty on sugar is not equivalent to saying that if the tariff were reduced or removed prices to the consumer would necessarily be lowered by the full amount of the reduction. If the American sugar tariff were reduced or removed, the tendency would be to reduce the domestic production of sugar and to increase the importation of foreign sugar into the United States.

4. The question of the adequacy or inadequacy of the present tariff rate on sugar, based upon the difference in the cost of production under the flexible provisions of the Tariff Act of 1922, is not a part of the present inquiry. This question is being investigated by the Tariff Commission and involves careful and extensive examination. The findings of the Commission based upon this investigation will be reported as speedily as possible to the President for his consideration and action.

The report, it is learned from the New York "Commercial," also has the following to say:

Prior to the present rate of 1.7648 cents per pound on Cuban 96 degrees raw sugar, the rate was 1.60 cents per pound, established by the Emergency Tariff Act of May, 1921, which in turn replaced the rate of 1.0048 cents per pound in the Tariff Act of 1913.

Between the enactment of the Tariff Act of 1913 and the current rise in price nine years have elapsed during which period profound economic and political changes have occurred, so that the relation between the tariff rate of 1913 and the current rise is obscured. With respect to the relationship of the increase established by the Emergency Tariff Act of May, 1921, of 60 cents per 100 pounds the evidence is clearer. The relation of the increase of 16 cents per 100 pounds of the Tariff Act of 1922 to the current increase in price is mathematically ascertainable.

Cuba's 1922 Carry-over.

The market in 1921 was dominated almost exclusively by one factor—the accumulation of large stocks in Cuba, which piled up by the end of the year into a carry-over into 1922 of about a million long tons of raw sugar against a normal carry-over of about 100,000 tons. Under the influence of this factor, the price of sugar, raw and refined, went down continuously throughout the year 1921 from 4.50 cents per pound on Jan. 6 1921, to 1.81 cents on Dec. 29. Under such conditions, the larger proportion of the duty was borne by the Cuban producer. That the American refiner bore a part of the tariff is indicated by the rapid decline in his margin throughout the year from 2.38 cents on Jan. 8 1921, to 1.48 cents on Dec. 29 1921, as shown in the report on the Emergency Tariff Act published by the Tariff Commission in 1922.

With the growing marketing strength of the Cuban producer in 1922, under the influence of the market factors described above, the price of raw sugar increased from 1.91 cents on Dec. 29 1921, to 3.34 cents on Sept. 7 1922, indicating that by that date the American buyer of raw sugar was paying the whole or the major portion of the duty. The respective proportions of the duty paid by the American buyer of raw sugar and the ultimate consumer of refined sugar are not determined by statistical methods.

To determine the relation of the increase of 16 cents per 100 pounds established by the Tariff Act of 1922 to the current price of sugar, it is necessary to compare the movement of prices for raw and refined sugar from Jan. 1, 1922, to date. There was a steady rise in 1922, with occasional recessions. In the price of raw sugar duty paid from 3.42 cents on Jan. 3 to 5.36 cents on July 25. A recession occurred in August, continuing down to 4.61 duty paid on Sept. 19. Such a recession commonly occurs in normal times under the influence of the anticipated movement of new crop beet sugars both in the United States and abroad.

Did Not Absorb Tariff Increase.

In the week prior to enactment of the Tariff Act of 1922, raw sugars were firm at 3 cents, sales being made at 3 cents, cost and freight (4.61 duty paid), sales at this price being made on Sept. 18, 19 and 20. On Sept. 22, the day on which the new tariff rate went into effect, a sale was again made at 3 cents cost and freight, so that there was no change in the Cuban price of raw sugar immediately following the establishment of the new rate. The Cuban producer did not absorb the increase in the tariff. On Sept. 28 the c. and f. quotation mounted to 3.09 cents and thereafter mounted to higher levels following cabled reports showing a European beet sugar crop less than previously estimated. American refiners made no purchase of raws for a few days after the new rate was established. They were unwilling to pay the increased duty, while the Cubans were unwilling to offer raw sugar at a concession equivalent to the increase established in the Act.

It remains to be seen whether the refiners absorbed this increase or passed it along to the consumer. The refiners' margin during July and August, 1922, ranged from the low of 1.26 on July 18 to the high of 1.735 on August 23. The price of refined dropped from 6.86 cents per pound on July 26 to 6.126 cents per pound on September 14, a decline of .735 cents per pound, while raw sugar, duty paid, dropped from 5.36 cents per pound on July 25 to 4.86 cents per pound on September 14, a decline of .50 cents per pound. But although the price of raw sugars dropped further from 4.86 cents per pound on September 14, to 4.61 cents per pound on September 19, a decline of .25 of a cent per pound, no reduction was made in the price for granulated. The refiners' margin, therefore, stood at 1.51 on September 19, as compared with the range of 1.26-1.735 noted above. If the usual trade practice should be followed, the refiners' margin would have been reduced a few days later to reflect the decline in the price of raws from 4.86 to 4.61.

Prices Advance in September.

However, the enactment of the new rate on September 22, and the consequent increase in the price of raw sugar to the refiner from 4.61 to 4.77, as explained above, interfered with the usual trade practice, and their reduction otherwise possible was not made. Such a reduction, even if made, could have continued for only a few days, since the price of raw sugars as shown above (f. o. b., price, c. & f. price, duty paid price, all began to rise at the end of September and corresponding rises in the price of refined necessarily followed. No increase was made, however, subsequently by the refiners during 1922 in the price of granulated to cover the increase in the price of raws of 16 cents per 100 pounds of the new tariff. In 1923, under the influence of a strong demand for sugar, owing to conditions described above, refiners were enabled by the beginning of March to pass this increase along as indicated in the following table:

	—Cents—
Highest price paid for Cuban raws in 1923 (March 15)	7.41
Price for Cuban raws prior to enactment of Tariff Act (Sept. 19 1922)	4.61
Increase in raws, Sept. 19 to March	2.80
Highest price for granulated in March 1923	9.114
Price prior to the Tariff Act (Sept. 19 1922)	6.125
Increase in granulated, Sept. 19-March 15	2.989
Excess of rise in granulated over rise of raws	.189

Increase by Refiners.

It will be seen from the above figures that the refiner increased his price 189 cents per hundred pounds over and above the amount of increase in the price of raws. Allowing for the increased loss of the refiner in meeting

the higher priced raw sugar (7% of 2.80 equals .196) an increase in the price of granulated is shown about equal to the increase in the price of raws.

Statistical evidence concerning the relation of the existing tariff rate of 1.7648 cents per pound to the current price of sugar is afforded by the figures of f. a. s., sales (free along ship) representing refiners' sales of refined sugar for export. Table 4 compares for 1921, 1922 and 1923 to date the f. a. s. price with the domestic prices of refined sugar. If the American consumer pays the full tariff on sugar, the domestic price should exceed the export price by the amount of the tariff rate itself, plus the loss due to refining, which equals 1.897 cents per pound under the present tariff rate, or 1.720 cents per pound during the period when the Emergency Tariff Act was effective.

It will be noted, however, that there was no uniformity in the figures showing the excess of domestic over f. a. s. price. On some dates the refiner, owing to a strong foreign demand or a weak domestic demand, was enabled to obtain more for his sugar from the foreign buyer of sugar than at other times. The table shows, therefore, that a reduction in the tariff will not necessarily be followed by a decline in price to the American buyer of refined sugar. It also shows that the American buyer pays more for American refined sugar than the foreign buyer pays for it by an amount which is not far different from the tariff rate.

Senator McKellar Would Have President Harding Reduce Sugar Tariff 50% To Break "Sugar Corner."

Following the issuance of the report of the U. S. Tariff Commission on April 19 alleging the increased sugar prices to be due to causes other than the tariff, Senator McKellar, through the Democratic National Committee, issued on April 19 a statement in which he asserted that as a step toward breaking up the sugar corner and restoring a normal price for this commodity, the President should order a 50% reduction in the tariff. The New York "Times" of yesterday gave Senator McKellar's statement in part:

There is no shortage of sugar in the United States or elsewhere in the world. In "Facts About Sugar," March 21 1923 it is said: "It is generally agreed by trade authorities that there is no prospect of a sugar shortage in the present year."

Says President is in Error.

The President is quoted as saying that the tariff does not affect the price of sugar and that this is shown by the fact that the tariff in Canada is less and that the price is greater there. To say that the price of an article the production cost of which is three cents or less per pound and the tariff thereon is 1 1/4 cents per pound is not affected by the tariff is making quite a startling statement, to say the least of it. That he is in error does not omit of a doubt. Again the President apparently is in error in his contention that the Canadian tariff on sugar is less than the American tariff. The American tariff on sugar works out 1.76 cents per pound. I have before me a copy of the Sugar Tariff Act of Canada of June 8 1922, in which the lowest duty is two cents per pound and the highest duty 2.39 cents per pound, depending upon degrees of polarization. Refined granulated sugar is quoted in New York at 9.25 to 9.40. Refined granulated sugar is quoted in Canada at 10.59. The larger Canadian tariff would seem to account fully for the larger Canadian price of sugar.

I want most respectfully and correctly to make some suggestions to the President which, if followed, in my judgment will break up the sugar corner and restore a normal price for this prime necessity of life.

First, the President has the authority under the Tariff Act of last September to reduce the tariff 50%. This would reduce the price of sugar at least one cent a pound.

Trade Commission Act.

The President can take action against the sugar trusts and gamblers under the Federal Trade Commission Act of 1914. The Trade Commission has full power to investigate this situation. It has full power to prevent unfair competition or unlawful trade practices.

Section 3 of the Clayton Anti-Trust Act of 1914 will furnish the President and the Attorney-General ample authority to deal with the sugar situation. These sugar people are beyond doubt operating in restraint of trade. They have beyond doubt already created a monopoly. They should be indicted and tried in the courts as by plain law provided. In these three specific Acts the President has abundant authority to break this corner in sugar. But he can even go one step further.

If he were to make a public statement that unless the grip of this trust upon sugar was released and prices restored to normal he would go before the Congress at the December session and recommend to Congress that an excess profits tax on sugar dealers be enacted into a law which will recover in largest measure the unfair and unholy profits the sugar trusts and other sugar gamblers are now making, the corporations and trusts would be broken and "normalcy" in sugar prices—to use the President's own word—would be restored.

Daylight Saving Time Begins in New York City April 29—Federal Reserve Bank's Announcement.

Daylight saving will begin automatically in this city on Sunday April 29 at 2 o'clock in the morning and will end at the same hour on Sept. 30, under an ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen in 1920 and amended in 1921. Governor Strong of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued on April 18 the following circular respecting the change in time in New York City and Buffalo:

DAYLIGHT SAVING—OPENING AND CLOSING TIME FOR BUSINESS TO BE ADVANCED ONE HOUR.

To all Banks, Trust Companies, Savings Banks and Bankers in the Second Federal Reserve District.—

During the period beginning Monday April 30 1923 and ending Saturday Sept. 29 1923, this bank will open and close for business in accordance with local time in New York City and in the City of Buffalo, which will be advanced one hour at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning, April 29 1923.

Clearings at the New York Clearing House will take place during the same period at 10 o'clock a. m., local time, which will be the equivalent of 9 a. m., present time.

Clearings at the Buffalo Clearing House will take place during the same period at 11 o'clock on week-days and 10:15 o'clock on Saturdays, local Buffalo time, which will be the equivalent of 10 a. m. and 9:15 a. m. present time, respectively.

Very truly yours,

BENJ. STRONG, Governor.

The principal financial and commodity markets of the country will observe daylight saving time, beginning April 30. In New York City the markets affected are the New York Stock Exchange, the Consolidated Stock Exchange, the Curb Market Association, the New York Cotton Exchange, the New York Produce Exchange, and the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchanges. All of these open at 10 a. m. and close at 3 p. m., except the Coffee Exchange and the Sugar Exchange, which open at 10:30 and 10:45 a. m., respectively, but which close with the rest at 3 p. m.

The Chicago Board of Trade and the New Orleans Stock Exchange also will operate on daylight saving time.

Announcement of New York New Haven & Hartford RR. and Central New England Ry. Regarding Schedules Under Daylight Saving Time.

The New York New Haven & Hartford RR. Co. and the Central New England Ry. Co. issued the following joint statement in the matter April 12:

Effective 2:00 a. m. Sunday, April 29, and continuous until 2:00 a. m. Sunday, Sept. 30 1923, the train schedules of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. and Central New England Ry. will be changed to conform to the Daylight Saving Law, State of Massachusetts, and Daylight Saving ordinances of the City of New York, and many other cities through which we operate.

The law requires the operation of trains upon a standard time as fixed by Congress.

Effective during the period of Daylight Saving, the hours of all offices, including freight offices, shops, storehouses and other departments, will be set ahead one hour. In other words, offices now opening at 8:30 a. m. and closing at 5:30 p. m. will open at 7:30 a. m. and close at 4:30 p. m., Eastern standard time.

Philadelphia Adopts Daylight Saving Time—Proposed State Measure Prohibiting Daylight Saving Time.

A resolution to provide for "daylight saving during the months of May, June, July, August and September" was unanimously adopted by the Philadelphia City Council on April 12. Business firms and individuals are requested to advance clocks one hour at 2 a. m. on the last Sunday of April of each year, and to turn them back one hour at 2 a. m. on the last Sunday of September of each year. It is stated that the resolution was drafted hurriedly as a result of a joint letter from the Pennsylvania RR. and the Reading Ry., asking the Council to take steps on Daylight Saving to aid the railroads in arranging their time tables and working schedules. Councilman Charles B. Hall, who introduced the resolution, explained it would not conflict with the Anti-Daylight Saving bill in the Legislature, which, he declared, could be amended to exclude Philadelphia.

On March 27 Pennsylvania State Senate passed a bill prohibiting municipalities from passing daylight saving ordinances. The bill is now, it is understood, before the House. Large delegations from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, it is stated, have opposed the measure.

Connecticut's Anti-Daylight Saving Bill.

An anti-daylight-saving bill passed by the House of Representatives in Hartford, Conn., on April 4, would impose a fine of \$100 or a sentence of 10 days in jail for wilful showing of any but standard time. A press dispatch from Hartford to the New York "Times" also had the following to say regarding the bill:

It would also forbid all public institutions which receive State aid to adjust their time schedules to conform with daylight saving.

The second section, which is regarded as most severe, provides that "no person, firm or corporation, organization or association shall willfully, publicly display any time measuring instrument or device intentionally set so as to indicate any time other than Standard Time." This, according to some members, will apply to watches of all kinds, whether carried by residents of the State or those passing through it.

The measure will encounter strong opposition in the Senate.

Daylight Saving in Great Britain Starts April 22.

Daylight saving time in Great Britain will begin this year at 2 a. m., Greenwich mean time, to-morrow, (Sunday) April 22, and will continue until the same hour on Sunday, Sept. 16.

Belgium Adopts Daylight Saving.

Under date of April 10 a Brussels cablegram to the daily papers said:

The Belgium Cabinet has decided to adopt Summer daylight saving time simultaneously with England, the clocks being advanced an hour on April 22.

Daylight Saving Defeated in France—Cabinet Orders French to Do Everything Half an Hour Earlier.

In reporting the defeat of the daylight saving system in France, the New York "Times" had the following to say in a copyright cablegram from Paris March 31:

Blocked by opposition of the Chamber of Deputies farm block against summer time (daylight saving), the French Cabinet made the remarkable decision to-day that the time would remain the same, but that everyone and everything in France, between April 28 and Nov. 3, should start and stop a half-hour earlier.

All good Frenchmen will be expected to get up at 7 o'clock instead of 7:30 go to work at 8:30 instead of 9 go to lunch at 11:30 instead of 12 get back at 2:30 instead of 3 eat dinner at 7:30 instead of 8 and go to bed thirty minutes earlier than their usual time.

Noon trains will leave at 11:30—they will thus be half an hour less late than usual. Theatres will start at 8 instead of 8:30. The last subway train will be at 12:30 instead of 1 o'clock, and the first ones in the morning at 4:30 instead of 5.

The Minister of Public Works, M. Le Trocquer, who worked out the scheme after the farm bloc had thrown over the project, to adopt the "Strasbourg hour," which would mean turning the clock ahead, is sure that it will work out all over France. He may be able to "put it over" in the capital and on the railroads, but skeptics say it remains to be seen whether the cock will crow thirty minutes earlier or whether the cow will kick if milked a half-hour before the barnyard clock strikes six. The Government, however, is quite sure of its power to make Paris society stage "5 o'clock teas" at half-past 4.

The Cabinet decision was reached during the recess of Parliament and will be promulgated as an Order-in-Council.

Dutch for Daylight Saving Time.

In copyright advices from The Hague April 19 the New York "Times" said:

The Dutch Senate to-day voted against the bill prohibiting summer time and the new schedule is now expected to take effect June 1, the decision having fallen too late to begin May 1 like some neighboring countries.

Summer time this year has been the issue in a hot political fight in Holland, with the town inhabitants arrayed against the land dwellers. The agrarians, who are very numerous in the Netherlands, and are supported by the Catholic party for internal political reasons, have strongly opposed summer time, which they maintain is detrimental to farming operations.

The opposite party got up petitions with long lists of names of those desiring the change, which undoubtedly helped to influence the Senate's action.

Governor Smith Signs Bill Exempting from Taxation Dwellings in New York State Brought Under Construction Before April 1 1924.

Governor Smith, of New York, signed on April 17 the bill extending for one year, or until April 1 1924, the period within which the construction of buildings may be commenced in New York State to avail of the exemption from local taxation until Jan. 1 1932. As was noted in our issue of Saturday last (page 1608), the bill was passed by the State Senate on April 10 and by the Assembly April 11.

Hearing on New York Tax Exemption Decision April 30.

The Court of Appeals at Albany on April 17 fixed Monday, April 30, as the date for the hearing of arguments on the appeal from the Appellate Division ruling reversing the decision of Justice Tierney declaring unconstitutional the New York Tax Exemption Law. Reference to the Appellate Division's opinion was made in our issue of April 7, page 1489.

Secretary Hoover Asks Trade Associations to Co-operate With Railroads.

Efforts to co-operate with the railroads of the country for expeditiously handling the large volume of traffic expected during the remainder of the current year are urged by Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, in a letter recently sent out to all national and State trade associations. The letter, which was made public by Mr. Hoover on April 14, pointed out that railroads have made heavy investments in increasing facilities and equipment, and declared that it was vital that shippers assist by taking in winter coal supplies during the summer, by loading cars to capacity and by reducing car reconsignment and refraining from demanding excess car supply in operations. "The full and smooth movement of all of the productivity of the country would be the greatest contribution that could be made at the present time in checking inflation or increase in price levels," the Commerce Secretary asserted. His letter follows:

Due to the war and the long continued impossibility on the part of the railways to finance the necessary betterments, both our production capacity and consuming demands have now advanced beyond our transportation facilities. The railway managers under the recent improved conditions are making great effort, in finance and expansion of facilities, to meet our necessities, but full recovery of lost ground must be slow and, if we are to maintain our present rate of productivity and employment, it is vital that there be co-operation with the railway management from both producing and consuming industries to secure the most efficient operation of the railroads.

The railways have asked for this co-operation, and the trades can make a tremendous contribution to the orderly march of our prosperity if they will undertake it seriously and in an organized fashion.

The principal directions in which such co-operation can be extended by the trades are:

1. The advance storage of their winter coal during the light consuming season—that is, from now until Sept. 1, including the early movement of Lake traffic.
2. The loading of all cars to full capacity, their prompt loading and discharge.

3. Reduction of reconsignment shipments and restriction of to-order bills of lading.

4. Demands for no more cars from the railways than can be promptly used.

If we could secure the maximum efficiency in these directions we will have added more effective commodity movement than would be brought about by the addition of approximately 300,000 cars and 3,000 locomotives, and the addition of at least 10% to our track mileage and terminal facilities.

The importance of this lies in more than simply the maintenance of continuity of production and full supply of consumption, because any strangulation in movement of commodities through car shortages affects the profits of every individual manufacturer by interruption in his production, and, furthermore, such strangulation affects price levels in the most definite fashion.

The full and smooth movement of all of the productivity of the country would be the greatest contribution that could be made at the present time in checking inflation or increase in price levels.

Therefore, I earnestly hope that you will undertake to definitely organize your association, to bring about this co-operation through your district or trade, and to establish co-operative contact with the railway executives concerned.

New Orleans Court Upholds Recapture Clause of Transportation Act.

Under a recent decision of three Federal Judges of the Federal Court in New Orleans the constitutionality was upheld of the provision in the Transportation Act generally known as the "recapture" clause. The New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of March 18, in referring to the decision (rendered March 17), said:

The suit was a test case and the result has been awaited with intense interest by all railroads. It applies directly to every railroad whose earnings amount to more than 6%.

The court handing down the decision was composed of Judges Walker and King of the Federal Court of Appeals and District Judge Foster. It was upon a petition for an interlocutory injunction filed by the Dayton-Goose Creek Railroad Co. of Texas. This is a short line, only 26 miles long, but traverses the rich Beaumont oil field.

Arguments were made Feb. 14 in New Orleans before the three judges. The suit attacked the constitutionality of the right of the Government to collect the excess tax under Section 15-2, pages 124-422 of the Transportation Act. This Act provides that all railroads whose annual reports show net earnings in excess of 6% of the value of property used in transportation must pay one-half of the excess to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, to be placed in the Federal railroad contingent fund. The injunction was directed against the United States Government.

The contingent fund is provided for in the railroad taxation Act to lend money to railroads suffering from financial depression or railroads not financially able to purchase equipment. This Act was passed at the time the railroads passed from Governmental back to private control.

The actual amount involved in this suit was \$16,000 covering earnings of the last ten months in 1920 and the full year of 1921. It is estimated by attorneys, however, that the total sum involved in all of the railroads of the United States will approximate \$75,000,000.

The case was filed originally in Federal Court at Beaumont, Tex. In the arguments in New Orleans in February the Government was represented by Blackburn Easterline, Assistant Solicitor-General, and P. P. Farrell, Chief Counsel for the Inter-State Commerce Commission, both of Washington, and the railroads were represented by Frank Andrews of Houston, John C. Townes Jr. of Dayton and Robert H. Kelley of Beaumont.

The "Railway Age" of March 24 had the following to say in Washington advising regarding the decision:

Copies of the decision have been received here by counsel for the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the United States who appeared in the case, and some surprise was caused when it was found that the court had decided the case by treating the recapture provisions as an exercise of the Government's taxing power. The Inter-State Commerce Commission in its brief had not even raised that point, although it had been discussed in response to questions by the judges at the hearing. The decision was also based on the broad ground that the Government had the power to aid roads needing help by allowing the roads as a whole to collect rates on a higher basis than some of them would require, and by creating a special fund from such excess which could be used to help others.

While the recapture of excess earnings is not denominated a tax, the court said it is, in effect, an excise tax levied on all carriers subject to the Transportation Act.

Although newspaper reports of the decision have referred to it as requiring the railroads to pay to the Government approximately \$75,000,000, the decision actually applies only to the application for an injunction by this company. No sum of money was mentioned in the decision and no authoritative estimate of the amount which the Government may attempt to collect has been made, for the reason that the valuations on which the 6% are to be determined have not been completed. In any event, there is no authoritative estimate which even approaches such a figure for that part of 1920 during which the roads were not under guaranty and for the full year 1921. The company in its petition had said the Commission was endeavoring to collect \$10,833 for 1920 and \$16,833 for 1921, based on the company's own report as to its value.

The court says that the Commission had demanded payment from this road and had set the date for payment, although the Commission in its brief had taken the position that it had not "demanded" payment, but had merely admonished the company that the law provided for such payment. The court said in part:

"The Transportation Act of 1920 was passed by Congress to accomplish a number of purposes. The Congress determined that its power to regulate inter-State Commerce must now be exercised to a wider extent than before in order that an adequate system of inter-State transportation should be preserved for the commerce of the country. It would not be seriously questioned that, in returning the railroads to their owners, the United States could have made an appropriation creating a revolving fund and prescribed for its use in aiding railroads, as is now provided by the Transportation Act of 1920. It would be a reasonable exercise of its right to thus partly compensate for the use of their property during the period of Government operation."

The court also called attention to the fact that all railroads are post roads, and said that the powers of the Government under the post road authority of the Constitution would authorize aid to be extended in the manner prescribed in the Transportation Act to keep up and make efficient such railroads as needed the same. The only question left, it said, therefore, is as to the Government's right to raise this fund so to be used by requiring

the railroads to pay to it one-half of the excess earned by them over a certain percentage.

The power of Congress to regulate inter-State and foreign commerce includes power to adopt measures to aid and encourage such commerce. To promote those objects it may exercise the power of taxation. While the exaction in question is not denominated a tax, it is, in effect, an excise tax levied on all carriers subject to the Transportation Act, payable from surplus earnings. In other words, the carriers are exempt from this tax who do not earn a certain percentage on their invested capital and all are exempt up to this percentage of net earnings. We see no reason why the United States cannot measure this tax by the excess of profit realized over a specified percentage.

That this levy applies to earnings from intra-State as well as from inter-State transportation is not a sound objection, the Court said, for the reason that regarded as a tax levied by the Government it can be measured by the entire profit of a railroad as well as by a percentage on that part of the surplus net income derived from inter-State business.

"Indeed," the decision said, "this part of the net income of the road is not collected by it absolutely as its property, but is earned and collected under the terms of the Transportation Act to be held in trust for, and to be paid to, the United States. It is not contended that the part of its net income from its railway operations which, under the provision in question, the complainant is permitted to retain, is less than a fair and remunerative return on its investment in road and equipment. So far as the complainant is concerned, the practical result is the same as it would have been if the rates and charges had been so fixed as to enable it to receive for such service a compensation no greater than the amount it is permitted to retain after deducting the sum required by the Transportation Act."

Regarding the contention of the railroad that its apparent net income for the period in question might be reduced by later payments on account of litigation, such as for over-charges, the Court says that if the carrier has no right to the fund it cannot raise the question of constitutionality of this part of the Act.

Two Railroads Announce Wage Increases.

The Illinois Central RR. has increased the wages of its mechanics 2 cents an hour. At the company's offices it was said the increase applied to all mechanics, their helpers and apprentices throughout the system, except car men on passenger and freight car trucks and those working on bodies where the use of edged tools is not required. The increase was granted to the mechanics on the authority of Charles H. Markham, President of the company, and was made effective as of April 1. The increase, it is understood, will affect about 7,000 employees and will amount to an approximate addition of \$340,000 yearly to the company's payrolls.

An increase in the wages of maintenance of way employees of the Big Four RR. has been decided on, it was announced on April 18 at Cincinnati by W. Newbarger, Supervisor of the Wage Bureau of the road. Mr. Newbarger said the increase of section laborers, section foremen and mechanics had been agreed to, but he preferred not to make it public until the entire scale had been properly worked out.

Spring Meeting of Governors and Ex-Governors of Investment Bankers Association May 3, 4 and 5.

Approximately 175 members of the Investment Bankers Association of America are expected to attend the usual spring meeting of the Governors and ex-Governors, together with representatives of various committees of the organization, to be held May 3, 4 and 5 at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. For a number of years past it has been customary to call back for conference the men once active in directing the policies of the Association. These meetings have now assumed an importance second only to the annual meetings of the Association. The Association's announcement also says:

In addition to the meetings of the Governors and ex-Governors, the Committees on Marine, Public Service, Municipal, Industrial and Real Estate Securities, and the Legislation Committee will hold mid-year conferences simultaneously with the meeting of the Board. These meetings will enable the committee Chairmen to go over the work which has been carried on during the time which has elapsed since the convention in Del Monte last fall; they will enable the committees to co-ordinate their policies and present a complete and comprehensive outline of what they propose to do before the annual meeting in Washington this coming fall. Members are reminded that any subjects which should have the consideration of the Board of Governors, or any of the committees of the Association should be transmitted to the Secretary's office in time to be placed on the calendar for the meeting.

The delegation from New York and vicinity will leave on the afternoon of May 2 on a special train to be run direct to White Sulphur Springs over the Pennsylvania and Chesapeake & Ohio railroads.

As we indicated in our issue of Jan. 20, page 261, the Association will hold its twelfth annual convention in Washington, D. C., next October.

American Bankers Association Establishes Headquarters in Bowery Savings Bank Building.

The American Bankers Association opened its new headquarters on Monday last (April 16) in the Bowery Savings Bank building, 110 East 42nd Street, opposite the Grand Central station. The Association occupies the entire eighteenth floor. It was formerly located for many years at 5 Nassau Street.

Reports on Sugar Purchases and Sales Asked From Members of New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange.

Prior to the filing of the injunction proceedings by the Government on April 19 against the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, Inc., and the New York Coffee and Clearing Association, Inc., it was reported that the members of the Exchange had been asked for a statement giving an account of their sales and purchases from Jan. 1 to April 1. From the New York "Herald" of the 15th inst. we quote the following:

While Mr. Hayward declined last night to discuss the investigation into the price of sugar, members of the Exchange exhibited letters they had received from David L'Esperance, special assistant to Attorney-General Daugherty, sent here from Washington to aid in the inquiry.

"Please do not confine yourself to information regarding money balances," said the letters requesting the accounts of members, "but state in detail the purchases and sales in each customer's account, the number of lots, the month of future delivery and prices. The names and addresses of these customers also are desired. Like information also is desired on any and all transactions of the same kind for your accounts."

The New York "Times" of the 17th said:

All the requests for data to date have been made on firms as individuals and not as members of the Exchange. The Exchange has not been informed officially of the investigation that is being made. If it is, it was intimated yesterday, every effort possible would be made to assist the Department of Justice in its investigation, although officers of the Exchange were of the opinion that the advance in sugar was due to a shortage of the crop and not to speculation.

Estimate Cost of Ruhr Occupation—French Outlay Calculated to be Over 440,000,000 Francs, With Loss of Business to Allies of Over 500,000,000 Paper Francs.

The following, credited to Associated Press sources, Paris, April 11, appeared in the "Journal of Commerce" April 12:

The economic staffs attached to the Reparations Commission are keeping books on the costs to Germany on the one hand and to France and Belgium on the other of the occupation of the Ruhr. Complicated studies are being made of the direct and indirect losses to both the economic belligerents and to their neighbors.

The French experts are particularly interested in Germany's cash outlays for her program of passive resistance. These are dealt with under several main headings, such as her average monthly imports of 1,600,000 tons of coal at from 32 to 35 gold marks a ton, or, roughly, 50,000,000 gold marks. This average is struck upon the actual importations and prospective requirements of Germany.

German Expense Item.

Other items are the payment of half wages to some hundreds of thousands of workmen in the Ruhr, the losses to the German export trade, which is the most difficult category to deal with at present owing to inadequate figures, and the losses to Germany's internal trade.

These calculations satisfy the French that the German Government is spending in actual cash abroad and in her reduced income of foreign moneys sufficient to have met the cash reparation payments under the Cannes agreement of 60,000,000 gold marks monthly. The conclusion is reached by these experts that if Germany had shown the same zeal in making payments as she does in resisting them, she would have been able to continue meeting the Cannes program.

On the other side of the balance sheet it figured that the three months' occupation of the Ruhr has cost France and Belgium a direct outlay and losses in cash amounting to 441,000,000 francs. This figure includes the budget allowances for the additional cost of maintaining the troops in the Ruhr, which is about 50,000,000 francs monthly for France and 12,000,000 francs for Belgium. Then there are added the sums paid for imported coal to replace that normally delivered by Germany, the expenses of operating the Ruhr railways and payment of the Allied engineering staffs.

Losses to Allies.

The loss in business to the Allies is estimated by the reparation experts as upward of 500,000,000 paper francs, while the loss to Germany exceeds that estimate, and both are increasing rapidly. The economic loss to the entire world is calculated in round numbers at 5,000,000,000 francs for the three months' period.

The largest loss, the experts say, is that of lost production. Lack of coal and coke from the Ruhr means that many blast furnaces in France and factories in Germany cannot operate, the lack of raw materials or finished products ties up the product factories, and this in turn affects the sellers, so that an endless chain of non-production ensues.

Germany apparently believes it cheaper to resist than pay full reparations, in the opinion of the experts. In January she is estimated to have been saving upward of 40,000,000 gold marks monthly. Now, declare the French, this sum is being eaten up by the cost of stabilizing the mark, by crippled foreign credits, by increased costs in the delivery of reparations to other countries and by decreasing exports.

Despite these adverse factors, the experts nevertheless are not willing to express an opinion as to the date of the termination of German resistance, saying that the psychological factor that Germany has been used to defeat for so many years, and her ability to adapt her business to such defeat, must remain the main element in the consideration of her position.

Former President Wilson Would Have Unconditional Adhesion to World Court.

Former President Wilson, in reply to a request for an expression of opinion regarding "conditional" adhesion of the United States to the Permanent Court of International Justice, says that he approves "not of the 'conditional' but of the unconditional adhesion of the United States to the World Court." Mr. Wilson's views, according to a copyright dispatch to the Philadelphia "Public Ledger" from Robert Barry, its Washington correspondent, were embodied in a letter addressed to Representative Arthur B. Rouse of Kentucky, Chairman of the Democratic Con-

gressional Campaign Committee. The copyright advices of the "Ledger" give ex-President Wilson's letter as follows:

My Dear Mr. Rouse:—

In reply to your letter of March 29, let me say that I approve not of the "conditional" but of the unconditional adhesion of the United States to the World Court set up under the auspices of the League of Nations, though I think it would be more consistent with the fame of the United States for candor and courage to become a member of the League of Nations and share with the other members the full responsibilities which its covenant involves.

Respectfully yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

The same paper reports Mr. Rouse's letter to Mr. Wilson as follows:

Mr Dear Mr. President:

Since my return from Washington I have found a growing popular discussion of the Proposal by President Harding to have the United States join the Permanent Court of International Justice established by the League of Nations. There is, moreover, a very deep interest and there are numerous inquiries as to what your views are with respect to the conditional adhesion of the United States to the Court.

Among our Democratic friends the feeling is somewhat general that the Republicans are coming by steady, even through reluctant, steps to repudiation of their policy which led to the wrecking of the world peace program by the Senate in 1919. There is no mistaking the growth of popular sentiment for genuine American participation in international affairs to re-establish the moral leadership which the Senate sacrificed. That the Administration, notably Mr. Hughes, is coming to recognize that fact, and that Senator Borah is drawing much of his inspiration from it, are put down as the factors responsible for the World Court concession to the public feeling.

With the Republicans proposing to stage another family row over the issue this summer, it has occurred to me that the Democrats ought to have the benefit of a positive and clearly defined attitude around which they might rally as a unified force; that we certainly ought not to overlook the opportunity of reasserting our own leadership in this whole question. It does seem that little by little the Administration is coming to the course which your vision mapped out for America, though nothing really effective has been done to date.

The proposal to devitalize the project, as far as possible, through the medium of reservations means to some with whom I have talked that the United States wishes a Court without a sheriff's office, the mere moral influence of which in its readiness to support a decision gives practical effect to the word of that Court. Others say it puts us in a position of never doing a full duty, of seeking benefits of world co-operation while attaching conditions to exempt us from a fair share of responsibility. The apparent resentment against the French proposal to attach reservations to the naval limitations treaty is taken to reflect something of the world opinion of our constantly attaching reservations to every commitment to the general welfare.

If it is possible, I should like very much to have, for the guidance and counsel of your many admiring supporters, some expression of your views. It would be most heartening and invaluable.

With constant wishes for your improved health, I am,

Most sincerely,

A. B. ROUSE.

First Irish Free State Budget.

The first budget of the Irish Free State was introduced in the Dail Eireann on April 13 by President Cosgrave, and according to the Associated Press advices from Dublin, the estimates for next year's expenditures show that £46,500,000 must be found, more than half of which is required for the upkeep of the army and compensation for damages caused by the irregular campaign. It was added:

Mr. Cosgrave estimated the receipts at £20,500,000 from taxes and £6,000,000 from non-tax revenue, leaving a deficit of £20,000,000.

Ireland to Redeem Bonds Issued in U. S.

A Dublin (Associated Press) cablegram April 17 said:

President Cosgrave, replying to a question by George Gavan Duffy in the Dail Eireann to-day, said he intended within a month to introduce a bill authorizing expenditure on the redemption of Irish Dail bonds issued in America and elsewhere.

Mr. Cosgrave, replying to criticisms that the taxes on tea, tobacco and income should be reduced, said the nation should bear the cost of starting the independent State and not pass it to the future. It had not yet been considered whether it was possible to come to a final financial arrangement with Great Britain without arbitration, and the question must be postponed until conditions were normal.

Bulgaria to Make Communists Try Communism.

The New York "Times" on the 13th inst. reported the following advices from Vienna:

The Bulgarian Prime Minister Stambulsky announces a motion in Parliament, according to which in districts with more than ten Communist electors all the property belonging to Communists is to be expropriated and the Communists will be compelled to establish work settlements with equal distribution according to the Communist tenets.

Stambulsky expects thereby effectively to combat Communist ascendancy in Bulgaria.

Later advices (April 16) from Sofia stating that the practice of Communism by avowed Communists themselves would be made compulsory by the passage of a measure which the Government is soon to present to Parliament, added:

Premier Stambulsky, in speaking of the measure, said it would provide for the expropriation of Communists' property in each locality in which there were Communist creed. These would be compelled to live in colonies established by the Government. Each member would be forced to share equally in the labor of production as well as in its fruits.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

A New York Stock Exchange membership was reported posted for transfer this week, the consideration being stated as \$93,000. The last previous sale was \$91,000.

Announcement that 3,068 shares of stock of the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. of this city have been delivered to members of the institution's staff was made on April 13, when it was stated that approximately 900 persons, ranging from office boys to Vice-Presidents, inclusive, participated in the benefits of this distribution, and have thus become actual partners in the company's operations. Harry E. Ward, President of the institution, in a letter accompanying the delivery of the stock, said:

It is a distinct pleasure to congratulate you upon the qualities of enterprise and thrift which have brought you into the ranks of Irving-Columbia stockholders. As owners of stock in our company, we share jointly in its successes and in its responsibilities. It is my earnest hope that, through the spirit of practical co-operation, we may be able to advance still further its interests in usefulness and prosperity.

The announcement made by the company says:

No question of bonus entered into the transaction. It was a direct matter of purchase and sale. The stock, which was delivered at par, \$100 a share, is quoted on the market to-day at \$238, making the total distribution to date represent a present value of approximately three-quarters of a million dollars, with several hundred shares not yet fully paid for to be delivered at a later date. This plan for a closer identifying of employees with the interests and activities of the institution through participation in stockholding was developed three years ago by the Irving National Bank, which, in February of this year, consolidated with the Columbia Trust Co. When, in June 1920, the Irving's capital was increased from \$9,000,000 to \$12,500,000, the stockholders, at the request of the Board of Directors, waived their subscription rights to approximately 5,000 shares of stock in the interest of making it possible for all members of the bank's staff to acquire stock under conditions ordinarily confined to stockholders of record. Naturally, to give proper expression to the intentions of the directors and former stockholders in this plan—that is, to make it possible for each and every member of the entire staff of the institution to secure at least one share of stock, it was necessary to provide terms which would extend over a considerable period of time. Payments were to be made monthly at the rate of \$2.50 for each share subscribed for by the employees; 6% interest was charged for the use of the money advanced in stock. In the meantime, dividends which were 12% per annum during the purchase period, were applied to the reduction of the principal. As a result, the stock paid for itself in part, through its own earnings, the balance actually paid by the purchaser being only \$77.50 a share. The quarterly dividend paid on the second of this month completed the final payment, leaving a small margin over for distribution among the new stockholders. A still further benefit which comes to these new employee-stockholders at this time, results from the consolidation of the Irving National Bank and the Columbia Trust Co. Under the terms of the consolidation, not all of the surplus and undivided profits of the two institutions were put into the merger. The balances remaining naturally go respectively to the stockholders of the two consolidating institutions. As a result, each of the new shareholders to-day received his certificate of company stock, a dividend check and a beneficial certificate covering the stock purchased and entitling the holder to participation in Irving assets not included in the consolidation. These beneficial certificates have been quoted recently at from \$17 to \$19 per share.

In furtherance of the plans for the merger of the Importers & Traders National Bank of this city into the Equitable Trust Co., a special meeting of the stockholders of the bank will be held on May 4, when action will be taken on the matter of liquidation of the bank as a national institution and its organization as a State bank preliminary to the merger with the Equitable. Reference to the merger plans was made in these columns Feb. 24, page 777, and Mar. 10, page 1014.

Announcement is made of the addition of the following to the board of directors of the new Franklin National Bank in New York: A. D. Farrell, H. K. McCann, Paul Plunkett, W. J. Weller and F. A. Williams. Reference was made to the organization of the bank in our issue of Jan. 27 last, page 377. As indicated therein the bank will be located at Franklin and Hudson streets. Arthur P. Smith, formerly an officer of the Irving National Bank, will be President of the Franklin National, and T. K. Smith, formerly with the National City and the Chase National Bank, will be Vice-President, Nelson F. Fairweather, Cashier, and Edward Sanderson, Assistant Cashier of the new institution, which will have a capital of \$800,000 and surplus of \$400,000. Indications point to the bank being in active operation about May 1 or shortly after.

The capital of the East River National Bank of this city is to be increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. The stock is to be offered to present stockholders at \$200 a share. The stockholders will act on the proposal on May 29.

Four officers are celebrating this year their twenty-fifth year of service with the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. One of them completes a quarter century of service with the company's London office; the others were formerly members of the staffs of companies which have been merged into the Guaranty, and their service is reckoned as continuous in accordance with the provisions of the company's pension sys-

tem. The four, all of whom are young in years despite their long period of service, are Charles M. Billings, Vice-President, Fifth Avenue Office; James M. Pratt, Vice-President, Madison Avenue Office; Robert Macvey, Assistant Manager, London Office, and Walter Meacham, Assistant Secretary, Fifth Avenue Office.

A condensed statement of conditions of the Chemical National Bank of New York at the close of business April 3 1923 has just been received. It shows total assets on that date of \$162,671,951, of which the principal items are loans and discount, \$93,851,811; cash due from banks and U. S. Treasurer, \$32,553,315, and U. S. bonds and certificates, \$20,876,106. On the debit side of the statement total deposits are given as \$126,573,259, and combined capital, surplus, undivided profits and reserve for taxes, etc., as \$21,658,410. Percy H. Johnston is President.

Announcement was made this week by F. V. Baldwin, President of the Hudson Trust Co. of this city, that the plans for the acquisition by the trust company of the Terminal Exchange Bank at 30th St. and 7th Ave. have been consummated and that the bank now operates under the name of the Terminal Exchange Branch of the Hudson Trust Co. The merger plans were referred to in our issues of March 3, page 901, and March 17, page 1140. H. H. Revnan, who was President of the Terminal Exchange Bank, is Vice-President of the Hudson Trust Co. The merger became effective April 18.

Walter G. Robins, who has been in the loan department of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York since 1912, was appointed Assistant Treasurer on April 16. Mr. Robins was born in Brooklyn, and after finishing school started with the Manhattan Trust Co. in 1901, coming to the Bankers when that organization was merged with it. During the war Mr. Robins was a First Lieutenant in infantry attached to the Machine Gun Battalion at Camp Dix.

The bond department of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis has just opened an office in New York at 22 William Street for the wholesaling of investment securities, particularly Middle Western municipal issues and industrial securities. The office is in charge of John M. Bowlin, who several years ago was connected with the Bankers Trust Co. both in New York and in their Cleveland office. The Mississippi Valley Trust Co. also has a Chicago office.

Felix Fuld, Vice-President and Treasurer of L. Bamberger & Co., of Newark, has been elected a director of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America; he succeeds Forrest F. Dryden, resigned.

The death was announced in Syracuse on April 10 of Warren C. Brayton, Chairman of the board of directors of the City Bank Trust Co. of that city and one of its most prominent citizens. Death was due to pneumonia after a few days' illness. Mr. Brayton was one of the founders of the City Bank Trust Co. and its Vice-President from 1909 to 1912, when he was elected President. In 1917 he retired from the Presidency and since that time until his death was Chairman of the board. He was in his 86th year.

Homer C. Pierson, formerly of the Franklin National Bank of Philadelphia, has been elected Treasurer of the Northern Central Trust Co. of Philadelphia.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Philadelphia Company for Guaranteeing Mortgages, at Philadelphia on June 18 1923 action will be taken on the question of increasing the capital stock of the company from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

Wilfred W. Fry has been elected a director of the First National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa.

Press dispatches from Honesdale, Pa., to the New York daily papers on Mar. 16 reported the closing on the previous day of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of that place by the State Banking Commissioner because of alleged defalcations and irregularities of the bank's Cashier, Charles A. Emery. The accused Cashier, it was said, had been arrested and had asked that no steps be taken to secure bail for him. According to the Banking Department, it was said, the shortage in the bank's funds amounted to about \$50,000 and there were loans aggregating \$168,000 which the Department classed as

bad. The failed bank had a capital of \$75,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$35,000.

The new North York State Bank, organized in York, Pa., began business March 31. The officers are: President, Dr. Charles H. May; First Vice-President, Levi S. Shearer, Second Vice-President, Edward D. Jacobs; Secretary, M. H. Wolfgang; Cashier, R. F. Jones. The following are the directors: Dr. Charles H. May, Millard H. Wolfgang, Levi S. Shearer, John Ness, F. G. Urdegrove, H. S. Hershey, William G. Appel, Eli W. Strine, E. D. Jacobs, McClean Stock, Henry S. Kohr, Fred A. Shindel and Henry Hartman. The bank has a capital of \$40,000. Its stock (par \$50) was disposed of at \$60 per share.

Clarence C. Strickland, associated with the National Bank of Elkton for 50 years, died on Mar. 27. For the past 10 years he was Cashier of the institution.

D. D. Kimmel, President of the Union Mortgage Co., has been elected President of the Midland Bank of Cleveland, succeeding the late William P. Sharer, who died in February, as noted in our issue of Mar. 3, page 902. S. H. Robins, President of the Youghiogheny & Ohio Coal Co., who has been acting President since Mr. Sharer's death, continues as Chairman of the Board; Mr. Robins's election to that post was noted by us Mar. 17, page 1141. At the April 6 meeting the board voted an initial dividend of 1½% on the bank's capital stock, payable May 1 to stockholders of record April 25. The undivided profits of the bank are now in excess of \$250,000 and the present book value of its stock is \$132.50 per share. The bank began business in April 1921 with a paid-in capital of \$2,000,000 and surplus of \$400,000. A year ago its total resources were approximately \$12,000,000. Today they are upwards of \$18,000,000, a growth of 50%. The bank will move from its present location about July 1 to the banking rooms in the Williamson Building now occupied by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland after the quarters have been remodeled. At present the Midland has about 5,500 depositors and approximately 1,300 stockholders. The new President of the Midland has been the chief executive officer of the Union Mortgage Co. since its organization in 1914. It is one of the largest mortgage companies in the country, with resources of \$17,000,000.

Thirty-five thousand people attended a two-day housewarming in the remodeled building of the Broadway Bank Office of the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio, on April 4 and 5. This housewarming, besides celebrating the opening of the remodeled office, also celebrated the thirty-ninth anniversary of the founding of that office. The Broadway Bank Office is in the heart of Cleveland's foreign district and families of almost every nationality were among the visitors. This enormous attendance was not merely an accident. A carefully worked-out advertising campaign was carried on for some time previous to the opening. The media used in this campaign included street car cards, bill-boards, window display, foreign language newspapers, personal letters, and a neighborhood newspaper distributed from house to house. This intensive campaign went far toward securing the attendance of 35,000. The visitors, besides being shown through every department of the bank, were given souvenirs of the occasion.

Growth of \$21,799,416 in deposits during the past twelve months was evident upon examination of the current statement of the Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, issued April 3. Deposits on that day were \$94,551,816, as against \$72,752,400 on April 3 1922. Resources are now over the \$105,000,000 mark, with capital, surplus and undivided profits totaling \$9,635,867. The Guardian Savings & Trust Co. has enjoyed a steady growth since its organization in 1894. H. P. McIntosh is Chairman of the board of directors; J. A. House is President. In fourteen business days the 600 employees of the Guardian Savings & Trust Co., in their annual spring drive, secured 3,717 new accounts with initial deposits of \$1,747,650. Employees of the bank set the quota at 3,000 new savings accounts, purposing to end the contest immediately upon reaching the goal. They went over the top with such impetus April 4 that the excess totaled over 700 accounts. Employees of the bank brought in 9,774 new accounts in 1922, with initial deposits of \$2,585,405, according to figures tabulated by the new business department.

A new financial institution was opened for business in Columbus, Ohio, on April 9, namely the Columbus National

Bank, the first new national bank, it is said, to be organized in that city in 18 years. Its banking quarters are at 70 Gay Street. J. J. Jennings is President; J. G. Parish, Vice-President; O. L. Thompson, Assistant Vice-President; W. A. Kuller, Cashier, and L. P. Leyshon, Assistant Cashier. "Service With Smiles" is the bank's slogan.

The Toledo Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Toledo, Ohio, has increased its capital from \$300,000 to \$600,000. The additional capital, provided for through a stock dividend declared out of earnings, was authorized by the stockholders in December and became effective in January.

A. H. Penfield, the former Cashier of the Springfield National Bank of Springfield, Ohio, whose embezzlements amounting to approximately \$1,000,000, caused the closing of the institution on Mar. 6 was on April 10 sentenced by Federal Judge Smith Hickenlooper to 21 years in the Federal prison at Atlanta. The former Cashier pleaded "guilty" to seven of twelve counts in an indictment charging embezzlement. In a press dispatch from Cincinnati printed in the New York "Times" of April 11, Assistant United States District Attorney Dana Reynolds of Columbus, who prosecuted Penfield, is reported as saying that the Government was willing to nolle the last five counts of the indictment against the ex-Cashier and also as saying that the Federal authorities believed adequate punishment would be meted out under seven counts. Under the law, it was said, the maximum penalty that could have been imposed was 35 years and a fine of \$35,000.

A press dispatch from Cincinnati under date of April 12 appearing in the New York "Times" of the following date, stated that on that date Judge Hickenlooper re-sentenced Penfield to serve three years in the Atlanta Federal prison on each of the seven counts in the indictment charging embezzlement to which he had pleaded guilty. The re-sentencing of the prisoner was necessary, it was said, because of a technical error. The error, it was said, was discovered by Assistant United States Attorney Reynolds, who telephoned from Columbus to Cincinnati advising that the mistake be rectified before the prisoner was removed to Atlanta. Reference was made to the closing of the Springfield National Bank and the attempted suicide of Penfield in these columns in our Mar. 10 issue.

According to the weekly bulletin issued April 13 by the Federal Reserve Board, the Morton Park State Bank, Cicero, Ill., has changed its name to the Cicero Trust & Savings Bank.

A consolidation of the Commonwealth National Bank and the Liberty Trust Co. of Kansas City, Mo., was officially announced in the Kansas City "Star" of April 8. The resulting institution is to be known as the Liberty National Bank and will permanently occupy the present quarters of the Commonwealth National Bank at the northwest corner of Ninth and Walnut Streets, which are to be enlarged to meet its requirements. The Liberty Trust Co. will continue at its present location, 919 Walnut Street, and carry on under the same management as heretofore the Farm Mortgage Department, the City Real Estate Loan Department and the Trust Department. A new safe deposit vault, it is said, which when completed will be one of the finest in the city, is now under construction in the Commonwealth National Bank building and will be ready for use about June 1. Until then the Safe Deposit Department of the Liberty Trust Co. will continue to be operated in the same place as heretofore. The capital of the new bank, it is said, will be \$500,000, with surplus of \$100,000. The officers of the Liberty National Bank are as follows: J. E. Hutt, Chairman of the board; P. W. Goebel, President; H. J. Coerver and J. T. Franey, Vice-President; E. E. Rouse, Cashier, and J. G. Kennedy and E. W. Henderson, Assistant Cashiers.

The Butler County State Bank of El Dorado, Kansas (capital \$100,000, with surplus of \$25,000), was closed by the State Bank Commissioner, Carl Peterson, on Mar. 30. The failure of the bank, it is said, was due to "frozen" loans and the loss, it was estimated, would amount to \$400,000, and might be greater. The depositors, it is said, are fully protected under the Depositors' Guaranty Law of the State of Kansas.

George A. Held has been elected President of the Jefferson-Gravois Bank of St. Louis, succeeding the late C. H. Arendes. Anthony Collier has been chosen to succeed Mr.

Held as Vice-President. Mr. Collier also retains the post of Cashier which he has heretofore held. Leo Osthaus, Jr., C. J. Meyer and E. Kramme, are Assistant Cashiers.

The Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. of Lexington, Ky., will increase its capital from \$150,000 to \$300,000. The issuance of the new stock was authorized by the shareholders on Mar. 20 and the enlarged capital will become effective July 30. The new stock is to be disposed of to stockholders at \$120 per \$100 share.

With reference to the amalgamation of the Merchants National Bank of Raleigh, N. C., with the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. (head office Winston-Salem, N. C.) noted in these columns in our Mar. 17 issue, the following notice was printed in the Raleigh "News" of April 9:

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants' National Bank will be held at the office of the company, 232 Fayetteville Street, at 4 p. m. on Tuesday, May 8 1923 to take action upon the merger or consolidation with the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. and the consequent sale of the property of the bank to the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. the liquidation of the bank's assets and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

W. B. JRAKE, President.

April 5 1923.

The officers and directors of the Southwest National Bank of Dallas, Texas, announce the election of Ed. Hall as Vice-President and director.

The Guaranty State Bank of Cleburne, Texas (capital \$100,000), was closed recently by State Bank Examiner H. D. Wallace. A run on the bank which lasted two weeks and reduced deposits more than \$400,000, following the failure of two crops in Johnson County, was responsible for the closing, it is said.

Selected, it is stated, by the American Institute of Architects as the finest commercial structure erected in Los Angeles during the past three years, the new Southern California headquarters of the Bank of Italy have been formally opened to the public. The building is 156 feet high and includes twelve floors, mezzanine and safe deposit level. The usable floor space totals more than 175,000 square feet, affording ample room for approximately 300 offices, in addition to the bank's quarters. The structure is executed in 16th Century Italian Renaissance period of architecture and is said to rank as one of the best examples of this type in America. The opening of this new building gives the Bank of Italy four offices in Los Angeles and 67 in the United States. From a bank with \$285,000 resources in 1904 it has steadily forged ahead until to-day it ranks as one of the largest banks in the West; its resources total \$260,000,000 and it has more than 410,000 depositors. The system of State-wide branch banking has been a feature of the development of the Bank of Italy.

The New York agency of the Dominion Bank (head office) announces it will occupy its new offices at 35 Wall Street on April 23. The agency is now located at 51 Broadway.

On Monday, April 9, S. H. Logan assumed the duties of First Agent of the Canadian Bank of Commerce as successor to the late F. B. Francis. Mr. Logan comes from the head office of the bank in Toronto. He has traveled throughout the world in the interest of the bank in charge of the arrangements with foreign correspondents. C. J. Stephenson, formerly Third Agent in New York, has been promoted to Second Agent, while John Morton, formerly accountant, has succeeded Mr. Stephenson as Third Agent. C. L. Foster has been appointed Inspector at Toronto.

The Department of Commerce at Washington on April 14 issued the following advices regarding the amalgamation of Cox's with Lloyd's Bank of London:

The amalgamation in London of the Bank of Cox & Co. with Lloyds Bank, considered one of the largest banking institutions in the world, is regarded by an authority on finance as the most important development in Indian banking. Since Cox & Co. was already well established in India through eight important branches, this change marks the first establishment of one of the great London clearing banks in that country, thus greatly increasing Indian banking facilities. The Calcutta branch of the new firm will be known as Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Cox's Indian Branch.

The Bank of Cox & Co., including its Indian branches, represented a paid-up capital of £1,250,000 and deposits amounting to £18,000,000, while Lloyds Bank, with 60 London branches alone, has a paid-up capital of approximately £25,000,000 and deposits amounting to £347,000,000.

Previous reference to the amalgamation appeared in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 10, page 581, and Mar. 3, page 903.

Lloyds and National Provincial Foreign Bank, Ltd., announce that a branch of the bank is now open at 59 Rue Jeanne d'Arc, Rouen.

R. E. Ellis, formerly Manager of the Asia Banking Corporation, New York, has been appointed New York Agent of the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger, as successor to W. A. Hoehn, who is returning to Europe.

The annual general meeting of the Adriatic Bank, Ltd., Belgrade, was held on March 8 at the bank's temporary headquarters in Ljubljana. Of the 600,000 shares owned, 468,665 were represented. The printed annual directors' report and statement of account were submitted to the shareholders by the member delegated by the board of directors, Ciro Kamenarovic. Advices to us April 7 state:

The first part of the report deals with the course of dinar and takes an optimistic view of the situation, since the recent change of personnel in the financial administration of the State have also brought a change in policy and new schemes for solving the question of the rate of exchange. All business concerns, including banks, are suffering from the lack of ready money and it is a mistake to think that the bank score when money is dear. On the contrary, the banks lose, because, although interest increases, yet this increase does not balance the loss caused by the falling of deposits and the restriction of business. Following upon last year's report, the Adriatic Bank increased its share capital from 30,000,000 dinars to 60,000,000 dinars by the issue of 30,000 additional shares at the nominal value of 100 dinars. The entire issue was absorbed by home capital—indeed, whereas 30,000 shares were issued, 326,515 were subscribed for.

Owing to the unsatisfactory conditions of the money market, the Adriatic Bank has not committed itself to any fresh enterprise of importance during the last year. Exceptionally it took over 10,000 shares at 50 pesos of the Banco Yugoslavo de Chile, thereby strengthening its ties with the prosperous Yugoslav colony in that country. Finally, the report stated that the various commercial enterprises in which the Adriatic Bank has an interest and which were enumerated by name had done well during the past year and were prospering satisfactorily. The iron, chemical, wood, building and printing industries were represented, likewise breweries, &c.

The balance sheet shows that the whole turnover of the Adriatic Bank during the past year amounted to dinars 29 milliards, 285,759,622.92. The actual cash turnover alone amounted to dinars 4 milliards, 227,583,247.97, and the net profit to dinars 7,855,454.19.

The directors' and auditors' reports were unanimously passed by the general meeting, and the board and auditors thereupon were absolved from their functions. Upon the directors' proposal it was agreed that out of the dinars 7,855,454.19 net profits for the year a 5% ordinary dividend and a 7% super-dividend should be declared, and the balance of dinars 24,245.14 carried over to the account of 1923. Consequently, as from April 10 of the current year, dinars 12 per share will be paid out for share coupon 17 of the Adriatic Bank.

The regular surplus fund, which amounted to dinars 15,500,000 on Dec. 31 1921, was during 1922 increased by dinars 17,015,000 and on Dec. 31 1922 amounted to dinars 32,315,000. As the total amount of the surplus fund therefore exceeds 54% of the paid-up shares, the board deemed it unnecessary to propose an addition to the surplus fund, such addition being demanded by the statutes only in the case that the surplus fund is not equal to at least 10% of the paid-up shares.

The members of the board and supervisory board were then unanimously re-elected, and in addition to them the following new members: Edvard Pajkuric of the Littoral Bank & Savings Society in Susak; Stane Uskokovic, Director of the Co-operative Association in Belgrade; Dr. Misa Kolin, Director of the "Racic" SS. Co., and Luka Milicic, President of the Serbo-American Bank in Belgrade.

COURSE OF THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

There has been little appreciable change in the general tone of the security markets during the week now closing. The volume of business steadily increased, however, from an unusually low total on Monday to nearly a million shares on Wednesday, while an average of more than \$10,000,000 par value of bonds has changed ownership daily. Railway stocks advanced in anticipation of increased March earnings and both groups responded to an advance in raw sugar to the highest price of the year.

On the other hand cotton dropped ½ cent of its recent advance and wheat declined 3 cents per bushel, while the demand for finished steel products is less pressing than it recently was and it is reported that at the moment there are "no buyers of pig iron in the market." Also the report of cars loaded during the first week in April shows a total substantially smaller than any week in March. The general bond market has been firm throughout the week, however, and a considerable number of well-known investment issues have advanced to new high figures. The money market is easier, call loan rates having dropped to 4½%.

Sterling exchange is slightly lower while the German marks have dropped to 31½ cents for 10,000.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Mar. 28 1923:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue on the 21st inst. was £125,681,620, as compared with £125,679,120 on the previous Wednesday.

A considerable amount of gold came into the market, and a fair proportion was taken for India.

Gold arrivals in New York during the week amounted to \$3,000,000—all from Switzerland. It was reported that gold to the value of \$800,000 had been engaged in New York for shipment to India.

The following figures, including bullion and rupee paper movements, show the Indian monthly balance of trade in lacs of rupees—"plus" denotes balance in favor of India and "minus" adverse balance:

	Year 1920-21.	Year 1921-22.	Year 1922-23.
April	plus 13.87	minus 6.85	plus 4.17
May	plus 5.74	minus 2.00	plus 3.48
June	minus 82	minus 1.67	minus 1.11
July	minus 3.14	plus 1.35	plus 32
August	minus 9.36	plus 2.34	plus 2.96
September	minus 4.69	plus 93	plus 10
October	minus 10.32	minus 8.65	minus 3.86
November	minus 11.07	minus 9.22	plus 5.96
December	minus 9.02	minus 2.55	plus 5.62
January	minus 8.97	minus 7.12	plus 95
February	minus 7.03	minus 59	minus 32
March	minus 4.86	plus 1.42	-----

• SILVER.

Often during the current month the price of silver has had a tendency to fall away for a few days and rally after a day or so with considerable energy. Such has been the case again this week. Indian demand has not been much in evidence. The impetus of the recovery has been mainly owing to inquiry from China, where speculation among the native Chinese has been persistent. The speculative position built up in that country is now of substantial dimensions. America has been a poor seller, but the Continent has offered some parcels, and the lately rising prices have attracted sales from speculative quarters.

According to the Paris "Agence Economique & Financiere" of the 26th inst., "the Anaconda Copper Co. has advised the mining concerns who are in the habit of sending them silver ore for refining, that they will no longer guarantee the price of one dollar per ounce for silver after the first of April." This is certainly taking time by the forelock, though it is easily to be understood that the Anaconda authorities prefer to conserve as much as possible of the 50% profit (over the market price) for their own production and that of their subsidiaries.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees)	Mar. 7.	Mar. 15.	Mar. 22.
Notes in circulation	17396	17433	17438
Silver coin and bullion in India	8637	8673	8678
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	5744
Securities (British Government)	584	585	584

The coinage during the week ending 22d inst. amounted to 8 lacs of rupees.

The stock in Shanghai on the 24th inst. consisted of about 27,900,000 ounces in sycee and 34,000,000 dollars, as compared with about 27,900,000 ounces in sycee, 33,500,000 dollars and 290 silver bars on the 17th inst.

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

—Bar Silver per Oz. Std.—

Quotations—	Cash.	2 Mos.	Bar Gold per Oz. Fine.
March 22	32 1/4 d.	32 1/2 d.	87s. 10d.
March 23	32 7-16 d.	32 5-16 d.	87s. 9d.
March 24	32 1/4 d.	32 7-16 d.	-----
March 26	32 1/4 d.	32 3/4 d.	87s. 10d.
March 27	32 1/4 d.	32 11-16 d.	87s. 10d.
March 28	32 13-16 d.	32 3/4 d.	88s. 2d.
Average	32.625d.	32.468d.	87s.10.6d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 3/4d. and 5-16d. above those fixed a week ago.

We have also received this week the circular written under date of April 4 1923:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue on the 28th ult. was £125,683,180, as compared with £125,681,620 on the previous Wednesday.

A substantial amount of gold came on offer this week and a small proportion was acquired for India.

An article by M. Jules Descamps in the "Revue de Paris" describes the way in which the mark is being replaced by various methods of calculating values. Industrialists, for instance, find it advantageous to pay wages to some extent at least in kind, and leases and property change hands in prices calculated in goods. A quintal of coal is regarded as a currency unit in Hanover and Westphalia, whilst Oldenburg and Mecklenburg-Schwerin issue bonds reckoned in barley. He considers that these diversions from the use of the mark as money are but temporary expedients on the way to the adoption of a new gold standard, and that during the period of transition wholesale bankruptcies and other disastrous economic consequences may arise.

SILVER.

Owing to the Easter holidays the market has been rather quiet.

An announcement was circulated by the United States Mint on the 31st ult. to the effect that only 20,000,000 ounces of silver remained to be purchased under the Pittman Act, although at the end of February 46,000,000 ounces still had to be purchased. (At the rate of the United States production, about 5,000,000 ounces was the likely contribution to be made in March, so that the sudden addition to the purchases was about 21,000,000 ounces—representing an acceleration of production to that extent.) The Mint added that it expected purchases to be completed by July.

This news reached here yesterday but did not have any immediate effect in depressing prices, owing to some buying from China despatched probably before the news reached that country. The Indian Bazaars were sellers, and also speculators, but not to any important extent. In the afternoon America offered silver unsuccessfully, owing to lack of buyers. To-day, however, both China and India sent selling orders, and as only bear covering came to support the market, a fall of 1/4d. took place.

No fresh Indian currency returns have yet come to hand.

The stock in Shanghai on the 3d inst. consisted of about 28,300,000 ounces in sycee, 34,000,000 dollars and 120 silver bars, as compared with about 27,900,000 ounces in sycee and 34,000,000 dollars on the 24th ult.

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

Statistics for the month of March are appended:

—Bar Silver per Oz. Std.—

	Cash.	2 Mos.	Bar Gold per Oz. Fine.
Highest price	32 3/4 d.	32 11-16 d.	88s. 8d.
Lowest price	31 9-16 d.	31 7-16 d.	87s. 8d.
Average price	32.310d.	32.140d.	88s. 1.2d

Quotations—

March 29	32 3/4 d.	32 3/4 d.	88s. 0d.
April 3	32 13-16 d.	32 3/4 d.	88s. 1d.
April 4	32 9-16 d.	32 3/4 d.	88s. 6d.
Average	32.708d.	32.541d.	88s. 2.3d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are each 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. 20.	Apr. 14.	Apr. 16.	Apr. 17.	Apr. 18.	Apr. 19.	Apr. 20.
Silver, per oz. d.	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 7-16	32 5-16	32 5-16	32 3/4
Gold, per fine ounce	88.6	88.7	88.9	88.8	88.7	88.8
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents	-----	59 1/4	59 1/4	59 1/4	59 1/4	59 1/4
British, 5 per cents	-----	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4
British, 4 1/2 per cents	-----	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4	99 1/4
French Rentes (In Paris) fr.	57.45	57.65	57.27	57.25	57.55	57.95
French War Loan (In Paris) fr.	74.40	74.60	74.95	75.30	75.20	75.30

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

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4
Domestic	66 1/2	66 3/4	67	66 3/4	66 3/4	66 3/4
Foreign	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

THE CURB MARKET.

There was a generally firm market for Curb securities this week, and despite reactionary movements at times prices closed higher. Cleveland Automobile was a strong feature, and on active trading sold up from 29 1/2 to 34 3/4 and reacted finally to 33 1/2. Peerless Truck Motor dropped from 55 to 50, rose to 57, and to-day fell back to 53. Reo Motor gained over a point to 18 3/4. Schulte Retail Stores, after early loss from 91 1/2 to 89 3/4, advanced to 92 1/2, the close to-day being at 91 5/8. Checker Cab Mfg. improved from 59 1/4 to 62 1/2, but sold down finally to 59. A dividend was declared this week, payable in quarterly installments beginning with May 1. Cuyamel Fruit advanced from 59 3/4 to 62 1/2 and sold finally at 60 1/2. Glen Alden Coal moved up from 68 to 75 and ends the week at 73 3/4. Oil shares were fairly active, though price changes as a rule were comparatively narrow. Ohio Oil was off from 72 3/4 to 66 3/4, recovered to 73 and sold finally at 70. Prairie Oil & Gas dropped from 221 to 215, recovered to 224 and reacted to 213. The close to-day was at 214. Standard Oil (Indiana) lost about 2 1/2 points to 61 3/4. Gulf Oil of Pa. was active, and after an early rise from 63 1/2 to 67 1/4, fell to 62. Mammoth Oil on few transactions sold up from 49 3/4 to 58 and at 56 3/4 finally.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings show an increase over last year, but the ratio of increase this time is small, due, however, entirely to a large falling off at New York. 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 21), 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 0.9% as compared with the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$7,983,905,908, against \$7,913,483,658 for the same week in 1922. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending April 21.	1923.	1922.	Per Cent.
New York	\$3,582,000,000	\$4,048,500,000	-11.5
Chicago	550,297,142	457,100,000	+20.4
Philadelphia	422,000,000	397,000,000	+6.3
Boston	311,000,000	248,000,000	+25.4
Kansas City	122,214,544	110,586,200	+10.5
St. Louis	a	a	a
San Francisco	137,500,000	119,800,000	+14.8
Pittsburgh	140,621,659	*112,800,000	+24.7
Detroit	122,472,376	87,889,446	+39.3
Baltimore	79,046,171	63,305,032	+24.9
New Orleans	53,504,517	35,819,502	+49.4
Ten cities, 5 days	\$5,520,656,409	\$5,680,800,180	-2.8
Other cities, 5 days	1,132,598,515	913,769,535	+23.9
Total all cities, 5 days	\$6,653,254,924	\$6,594,569,715	+0.9
All cities, 1 day	1,330,650,984	1,318,913,943	+0.9
Total all cities for week	\$7,983,905,908	\$7,913,483,658	+0.9

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 14. For that week the increase is 12.7%, the 1923 aggregate of the clearings being \$7,710,379,706 and the 1922 aggregate \$6,840,363,706. Outside of this city the increase is 24.4%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a gain of only 4.2%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and again the noteworthy feature of the return is that every one of these Federal Reserve districts records an increase as compared with the corresponding week last year. The Boston Reserve District shows an improvement of 22.5%, the New York Reserve District (including this city) of 4.3%, and the Phil-

adelphia Reserve District of 34.8%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are larger by 22.9%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 30.4% and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 31.7%. The Chicago Reserve District shows an expansion of 23.9%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 32.4% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 29.5%. The Kansas City Reserve District has an increase of 12.4%, the Dallas Reserve District of 15.4% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 21.0%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week ending April 14 1923., 1923., 1922., Inc. or Dec. %, 1921., 1920. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, etc.), Grand total, and Canada.

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

Large table with columns: Clearings at—, Week ending April 14 1923., 1923., 1922., Inc. or Dec. %, 1921., 1920. Rows are organized by Federal Reserve District (First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth) and then by city within each district.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week ending April 14., 1923., 1922., Inc. or Dec. %, 1921., 1920. Rows are organized by Federal Reserve District (Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth) and then by city within each district.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ending April 11. d Week ending April 12. e Week ending April 13. * Estimated.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Banks—N. Y.		Banks		Trust Co.'s	
Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask
Amer Exch	237	Harriman	355	Amer. N. Y.	---
Battery Park	290	Imp & Trad.	750	Bank of N. Y.	---
Bowery	133	Irving Bank	---	& Trust Co.	465
Broadway Cen	440	Columbia Tr	237	Bankers Trust	368
Bronx Boro	115	Manhattan *	146	Central Union	455
Bronx Nat.	125	Mech & Met.	400	Commercial	115
Bryant Park	150	Mutual*	310	Empire	315
Butch & Drov	140	Nat American	135	Equitable Tr.	184
Cent Mercan.	210	National City	348	Farm L & Tr.	510
Chase	355	New Neth*	130	Fidelity Inter	200
Chat & Phen.	254	Pacific	300	Fulton	255
Chelsea Exch*	---	Park	420	Guaranty Tr.	273
Chemical	547	Public	297	Hudson	200
Coal & Iron	217	Seaboard	349	Law Tit & Tr.	203
Colonial*	375	Standard *	165	Metropolitan	315
Columbia	228	State*	330	Mutual (West	---
Commerce	295	Tradesmen's *	200	chester)	120
Cornwealth*	270	23d Ward*	270	N Y Trust	344
Continental	135	United States*	163	Title Gu & Tr	380
Corn Exch.	425	Wash'n Hts*	200	U S Mtg & Tr	315
Cosmop'tan*	105	Yorkville*	600	United States	1220
East River	190	---	---	Westches. Tr.	150
Fifth Avenue*	1000	---	---	---	---
Fifth	230	Brooklyn	---	---	---
First	1185	Coney Island*	155	Brooklyn Tr.	475
Garfield	260	First	320	Kings County	800
Gotham	183	Mechanics *	130	Manufacturer	260
Greenwich*	290	Montauk *	170	People's	390
Hanover	655	Nassau	225	---	---
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* Banks marked with (*) are State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights. ¶ Ex-100% stock dividend.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Alliance R'ty		Lawyers Mtge		Realty Assoc	
Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask
Amer Surety	97	102	160	165	175
Bond & M. G.	280	285	113	116	110
City Investing	65	68	161	164	133
Preferred	92	98	Nat Surety	---	140
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Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bid.	Asked	Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bid.	Asked
June 15 1924	5 1/2%	101	101 1/4	Sept. 15 1926	4 1/4%	93 3/4	98 3/4
Sept. 15 1924	5 1/2%	100 3/4	101 1/4	June 15 1925	4 3/4%	99 1/4	99 3/4
Mar. 15 1925	4 3/4%	99 1/2	100 1/4	Dec. 15 1927	4 3/4%	99 1/4	99 3/4
Mar. 15 1926	4 3/4%	99 1/4	100 1/4	Dec. 15 1927	4 3/4%	99 1/4	99 3/4
June 15 1923	3 3/4%	98 3/4	100	Sept. 15 1923	4 3/4%	99 1/4	100
Dec. 15 1925	4 3/4%	99	99 1/4	Mar. 15 1924	4 3/4%	99 1/4	100
Sept. 15 1923	3 3/4%	99 3/4	99 3/4	---	---	---	---

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 1801.—The statements below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Chicago	238,000	466,000	1,303,000	1,010,000	117,000	130,000
Minneapolis	---	1,844,000	1,902,000	317,000	172,000	150,000
Duluth	---	920,000	20,000	3,000	73,000	440,000
Milwaukee	19,000	54,000	358,000	201,000	57,000	61,000
Toledo	---	37,000	73,000	73,000	---	6,000
Detroit	---	53,000	302,000	176,000	---	---
Indianapolis	---	371,000	460,000	678,000	16,000	8,000
St. Louis	34,000	15,000	250,000	228,000	13,000	1,000
Peoria	---	865,000	472,000	450,000	---	---
Kansas City	---	384,000	533,000	382,000	---	---
Omaha	---	178,000	169,000	28,000	---	---
St. Joseph	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total wk. '23	386,000	5,246,000	4,167,000	3,602,000	448,000	796,000
Same wk. '22	329,000	3,206,000	2,803,000	1,894,000	387,000	237,000
Same wk. '21	397,000	5,054,000	2,497,000	2,046,000	355,000	303,000
Since Aug. 1—	---	---	---	---	---	---
1922-23	18,242,000	348,387,000	246,509,000	177,520,000	31,577,000	42,279,000
1921-22	16,036,000	277,775,000	303,573,000	159,422,000	22,933,000	17,115,000
1920-21	21,315,000	274,294,000	171,950,000	147,946,000	22,100,000	14,147,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday April 14 1923 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
New York	260,000	837,000	123,000	140,000	296,000	327,000
Portland, Me.	30,000	793,000	---	38,000	125,000	43,000
Philadelphia	87,000	761,000	435,000	97,000	---	4,000
Baltimore	32,000	431,000	143,000	301,000	---	175,000
Newport News	4,000	---	43,000	---	---	---
Norfolk	6,000	80,000	---	---	---	---
New Orleans *	78,000	47,000	221,000	22,000	---	---
Galveston	---	149,000	---	---	---	---
Montreal	55,000	---	10,000	58,000	72,000	---
St. John, N.B.	47,000	524,000	---	48,000	33,000	---
Boston	29,000	71,000	4,000	48,000	---	---
Total wk. '23	628,000	3,718,000	979,000	752,000	526,000	549,000
Since Jan. 1 '23	7,465,000	65,689,000	25,045,000	9,799,000	2,416,000	12,951,000
Week 1922	382,000	946,000	2,700,000	573,000	261,000	889,000
Since Jan. 1 '22	7,396,000	48,544,000	65,712,000	11,666,000	3,006,000	4,860,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, April 14 1923, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
New York	856,052	171,575	185,700	49,612	167,045	162,534	---
Portland, Me.	793,000	---	30,000	38,000	43,000	125,000	---
Boston	65,000	---	---	---	---	---	---
Philadelphia	353,000	---	3,000	---	---	---	---
Baltimore	457,000	286,000	3,000	50,000	320,000	---	---
Norfolk	80,000	---	6,000	---	---	---	---
Newport News	---	43,000	4,000	---	---	---	---
Mobile	---	5,000	17,000	---	2,000	---	---
New Orleans	140,000	228,000	23,000	---	1,000	---	---
Galveston	224,000	---	---	---	---	---	---
St. John, N. B.	524,000	---	47,000	48,000	---	33,000	---
Total week 1923	3,492,052	733,575	318,708	188,612	530,045	320,534	---
Week 1922	1,894,952	2,815,242	357,449	791,450	877,608	226,256	3,000

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1922 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Apr. 14 1923.	Since July 1 1922.	Week Apr. 14 1923.	Since July 1 1922.	Week Apr. 14 1923.	Since July 1 1922.
United Kingdom	56,618	4,408,882	1,699,965	80,044,900	274,533	26,226,519
So. & Cent. Amer.	210,190	5,573,570	1,792,087	179,517,327	390,042	48,443,093
West Indies	2,000	416,332	---	---	---	37,000
Brit. No. Am. Colon.	35,000	1,112,000	---	---	33,000	69,000
Other Countries	14,900	766,390	---	2,340,830	---	37,700
Total 1923	318,708	12,280,974	3,492,052	262,226,057	733,575	76,281,012
Total 1922	363,449	11,657,947	1,894,952	235,791,628	2,815,242	118,999,761

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, April 13, and since July 1 1922 and 1921, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.		Corn.	
	1922-23.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1921-22.
	Week April 13.	Since July 1.	Week April 13.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	6,544,000	362,080,000	343,648,000	810,000
Russ. & Dan.	136,000	5,815,000	3,728,000	17,000
Argentina	4,470,000	103,040,000	77,510,000	223,000
Australia	1,048,000	36,476,000	87,640,000	96,032,000
India	640,000	8,420,000	712,000	---
Oth. countries	---	---	---	4,751,000
Total	12,838,000	515,831,000	513,238,000	1,055,000
	185,671,000	250,297,000		

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

Shares. Stock.	Price.	Shares. Stock.	Price.
84 Yorkville Indep. Hygeia Ice Co. common, \$100 each	\$10 per sh.	25 Seaboard Metal Corp. com.	\$5 lot
105 Buffalo & Lake Erie Trac. Co. \$2 lot	---	21825 United Cit. of Int. in Me.	\$60 lot
200 Gulf, Fla. & Ala. Ry. Co. pf. com.; \$5,000 Gulf, Fla. & Ala. Ry. 1st 5s, 1961, cts. of dep.;	\$50 lot	4 Art Metal Construction	\$36 lot
\$12,500 Gulf, Fla. & Ala. Ry. Co. 6% note	---	3 Ryan Consol. Petrol. Corp.	\$14 lot
50 The Borden Co. preferred \$102 per sh.	---	5 City Service Co. pref. B stock.	12 1/2
40 Assoc. Dry Goods Co. 1st pf. \$3 1/2	---	50 Profit Shar. Candy Mig. & Retail Stores Co.	20
20 Assoc. Dry Goods Co. 2d pf. 89 1/4%	---	300 Eureka-Crossus Mining Co.	\$42 lot
30 Citizens Nat. Bk., Port Henry, New York	\$2 25 per sh.	Bonds.	Per cent.
1,300 Santa Fe Gold & Copper Mining Co., 10c. ea.; \$5,000	\$27 lot	\$1,000 Long Beach Yacht Club 6s, 1943	\$235 lot
Consol. Lehigh State Co., Ltd., 6s, 1910	---	\$5,000 Imperial Wall Paper Co. 6s, 1920	98
3,487 American Ins. & Inv. Co., 10 shillings each.	\$200 lot	\$2,000 Cleveland, Elyria & West. Ry. 1st 5s, 1920, ext. at 7% to 1923. Certif. of deposit.	65
98,016 National Tin Corp. 50c. each.	\$27,500 lot	\$25,000 New Orleans Drainage Co. bonds, ctf. of deposit.	10 lot
25 Seaboard Metal Corp. pref. \$481 lot	---	10 Cities Service Co. scrip for preferred stock.	\$5 lot
	---	\$1,000 Maritan Refining Corp. 7s.	\$117 lot

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:	Price.	By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:	Price.
30 Ipswich Mills, common	5 1/2	5 American Glue Co., common	53
100 Sierra Pacific Electric Co., common	7 1/2-7 1/2	22 Converse Rubber Shoe Co. preferred	\$2-85 1/2-85 1/2
2 Montpelier & Barre Light & Power Co., common	2 1/2	45 Johnson Educator Co., pref.	90 1/2
4 North Boston Lighting Properties, preferred	90 1/2	10 Champton International Co. preferred	100 & div.
	---	10 Emerson Shoe, 3d pref.	79

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:	Price.	By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:	Price.
20 (rights) Market Street Title & Trust	111 1/2	5 American Glue Co., common	53
6 Hillside Cemetery	20	22 Converse Rubber Shoe Co. preferred	\$2-85 1/2-85 1/2
5 Catawissa RR., 1st pref.	43	45 Johnson Educator Co., pref.	90 1/2
2 Fifty-second Street State Bank, par \$50	56 1/2	10 Champton International Co. preferred	100 & div.
8 Philadelphia National Bank	405	10 Emerson Shoe, 3d pref.	79
8 Penn National Bank	410	Bonds.	Price.
1 Girard National Bank	500	\$1,000 International Cotton Mills 7s, 1929	90 1/2-90 1/2
25 East Falls Bank & Tr., par \$50	100		
20 West Philadelphia Bank, par \$50	75 1/2		
50 First Federal Foreign Banking Association	75		
10 Bank of North America & Trust Co.	292 1/2		

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Table with columns: Date, Company Name, Capital. Includes entries for Pacific National Bank of Los Angeles and First National Bank of Truman, Ark.

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Table with columns: Date, Company Name, Capital. Includes entries for American National Bank of Wagoner, Okla. and First National Bank of Kingman, Ariz.

APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT RECEIVED.

Table with columns: Date, Company Name, Capital. Includes entries for Texas National Bank of Fort Worth, Tex. and Merchants & Miners National Bank of Ironwood, Mich.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table with columns: Date, Company Name, Capital. Includes entries for United States National Bank of Kenosha, Wis. and Liberty National Bank in New York, N. Y.

CHANGES OF TITLES.

Table with columns: Date, Company Name, Capital. Includes entries for Commonwealth National Bank of Kansas City, Mo. and Farmers National Bank of Tonkawa, Okla.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

Table with columns: Date, Company Name, Capital. Includes entry for Miami National Bank, Miami, Fla.

CERTIFICATE ISSUED AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE. April 9-10391—The United States National Bank of San Diego, Calif., permit No. 63, at Ocean Beach, San Diego, Calif.

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATIONS.

April 9—An application to organize the "Central National Agricultural Credit Corporation of Atchison," Kan., to be located in the city of Atchison, to have a capital of \$250,000, and to carry on its operations in the States of Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, was received April 7 1923.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and Banks.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Trust Companies, Fire Insurance, 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 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam) and Public Utilities.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Public Utilities (Concluded).				Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Philadelphia Co., common (quar.)	75c.	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Apr. 2a	Harris Bros. Co., pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
6% preferred	\$1.50	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 1a	Hillman Coal & Coke, 5% pref. (quar.)	134	Apr. 25	Apr. 15 to Apr. 25
Philadelphia Rapid Transit (quar.)	75c.	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a	7% preferred (quar.)	134	Apr. 25	Apr. 15 to Apr. 25
Public Serv. Corp. of Nor. Ill., com. (qu.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 14a	Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines	1	Apr. 23	Holders of rec. Apr. 5
Preferred (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 14a	Holly Oil (No. 1)	*81	June 10	
Standard Gas & Electric, com. (No. 1)	*62 1/2c.	July 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 14a	Hornstake Mining (monthly)	50c.	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Standard Gas Improvement, pref. (quar.)	87 1/2c.	June 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a	Lump Motor Car, com. (quar.)	25c.	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 17a
United Light & Ry., common (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a	Indiana Pipe Line (quar.)	50c.	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Common (extra)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a	Int. Combust. Engineering Corp. (quar.)	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Participating preferred (extra)	134	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a	International Nickel, pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a
Participating preferred (extra)	134	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	International Shoe, preferred	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 14
Participating preferred (extra)	134	Jan 2'24	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Intertype Corporation, com. (quar.)	25c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a
Virginia Ry. & Power, preferred	3	July 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Common (payable in common stock)	710	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
West Penn Power Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16	Iron Cap Copper Co.	*15c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16
Wisconsin River Power, pref. (quar.)	134	May 19	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Kelly-Springfield Tire, pref. (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a
York (Pa.) Railways, pref. (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Kelsey Wheel, Inc., preferred (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
				Kress (S. H.) Co., common (quar.)	1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Banks.				Loew's Boston Theatres Co., common			
Corn Exchange (quar.)	5	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Loose-Wiles Biscuit, second preferred	7	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19a
				Lord & Taylor, 1st pref. (quar.)	*134	June 1	Holders of rec. May 19
Fire Insurance.				May (R. H.) & Co., Inc., pref. (quar.)			
Westchester Fire (quar.)	5	May 1	Apr. 21 to Apr. 30	Mason Tire & Rubber, pref. (quar.)	134	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Mar. 31a
Extra	1	May 1	Apr. 21 to Apr. 30	McIntyre Porcupine Mines (quar.)	25c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 1a
				Miami Copper (quar.)	50c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a
Miscellaneous.				Michigan Stamping (quar.)			
Allied Chem. & Dye Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 13	Midwest Oil, pref. (quar.)	134	June 30	Holders of rec. June 9a
Allis-Chalmers Mfg., com. (quar.)	\$1	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 24a	Moon Motor Car, common (quar.)	50c.	May 1	Apr. 16 to Apr. 30
American Bank Note, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a	Mullins Body Corp., pref. (quar.)	\$2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 17a
American Can, com. (quar.)	134	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Nash Motors, preferred (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
American Cigar, common (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 14a	Nat. Automobile Fire Alarm of Cin. (qu.)	134	May 1	
American Coal (quar.)	4	May 1	Apr. 11 to May 1	National Biscuit, common (quar.)	75c.	July 14	Holders of rec. June 30a
American Cigar, preferred (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 13	Preferred (quar.)	134	May 31	Holders of rec. May 17a
American Ice, common (quar.)	134	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 6a	Nat. Department Stores, 1st pref. (qu.)	134	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	134	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 6a	Second preferred	2-1-3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20
Amer. La France Fire Eng., com. (quar.)	25c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a	Nat. Enamel & Stamp., com. (quar.)	134	May 31	Holders of rec. May 11a
American Machine & Foundry (quar.)	134	July 1	Holders of rec. June 1a	Preferred (quar.)	134	June 30	Holders of rec. June 9a
Quarterly	134	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a	Preferred (quar.)	134	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Quarterly	134	Jan 1'24	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a	Preferred (quar.)	134	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a
American Pneumatic Service, 2d pref.	50c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 9	National Tea, pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19
American Radiator, common (quar.)	\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a	New Cornelia Copper Co. (quar.)	*25c.	May 21	Holders of rec. May 4
Preferred (quar.)	134	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a	New Fiction Pub. Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 31a
American Shipbuilding, pref. (quar.)	134	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 14	New Jersey Zinc (quar.)	2	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a
American Soda Fountain (quar.)	134	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30	New River Co.	\$1.50	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 14
American Stores (payable in stock)	700	June 15	May 29 to June 15	N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Mining	234	Apr. 24	Holders of rec. Apr. 14
Anaconda Copper Mining	75c.	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 17a	Packard Motor Car, common (quar.)	20c.	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a
Art Metal Construction (quar.)	25c.	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Apr. 13a	Penmans, Ltd., common (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 5a
Associated Dry Goods, com. (quar.)	1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 13a	Phillips-Jones Corp., pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
First preferred (quar.)	134	June 1	Holders of rec. May 5	Pierce, Butler & Pierce, pref. (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Second preferred (quar.)	134	June 1	Holders of rec. May 5	Pittsburgh Coal, common (quar.)	1	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 9a
Associated Oil (quar.)	134	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a	Preferred (quar.)	134	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 9a
Atlantic Refining, pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a	Plant (Thomas G.) Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	134	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Apr. 17
Atlas Powder, pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Prairie Oil & Gas (quar.)	2	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 31a
Austin, Nichols & Co., pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a	Prairie Pipe Line (quar.)	2	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 31a
Barnhart Bros. & Spindler, 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Producers & Refiners Corp., pref. (quar.)	87 1/2c.	May 7	Holders of rec. Apr. 23a
Beacon Oil, pref. (quar.)	\$1.87 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a	Pyrene Manufacturing (quar.)	234	May 1	Apr. 17 to Apr. 30
Bethlehem Steel, 7% cum. pref. (quar.)	134	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a	Quaker Oats, common (quar.)	*234	May 31	Holders of rec. May 1
Seven per cent cum. pref. (quar.)	134	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	134	May 31	Holders of rec. May 1a
Seven per cent non-cum. pref. (quar.)	134	Jan 2'24	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Remington Typewriter, 1st pref. (quar.)	\$5.25	May 1	Apr. 24 to May 1
Seven per cent non-cum. pref. (quar.)	134	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	First pref., Series S (quar.)	\$5.25	May 1	Apr. 24 to May 1
Seven per cent non-cum. pref. (quar.)	134	Jan 2'24	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Salt Creek Producers' Association (qu.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a	Extra Sugar, pref. (in pref. stock)	25-2-3	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Savannah Retail Stores, com. (in pref. stk.)	*82	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Jan 2'24	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Common (payable in preferred stock)	m82	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Blaw-Knox Co., com. (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Common (payable in preferred stock)	m82	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Preferred (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Common (payable in preferred stock)	m82	Mr. 1'24	Holders of rec. Feb. 15 '24
Bond & Mortgage Guarantee (quar.)	4	May 15	Holders of rec. May 8	Scott & Williams, Inc., pref. (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Borden Co., preferred (quar.)	134	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a	Seaboard Oil & Gas (monthly)	31-3c	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a
Bridgeport Machine Co. (quar.)	25c.	July 1		Monthly	31-3c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Quarterly	25c.	Oct. 1		Monthly	31-3c	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Quarterly	25c.	Jan 1'24		Shaffer Oil & Refining, pref. (quar.)	134	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Mar. 31a
Quarterly	25c.	Apr 1'24		Shell Union Oil, 6% pref. (quar.)	134	May 15	Holders of rec. May 4a
Brill (J. G.) Co., preferred (quar.)	134	May 1	Apr. 24 to Apr. 30	Simmons Co., pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 14a
British Empire Steel, 1st pref. B (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15a	Sinclair Consolidated Oil, com. (quar.)	50c.	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a
Brown Shoe, pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Preferred (quar.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1.75	June 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 21	Spalding (A. G.) & Bros., 1st pref. (qu.)	134	June 1	Holders of rec. May 19a
Burns Bros., com., A (quar.)	\$2.50	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a	Second preferred (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 19
Common B (quar.)	50c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a	Standard Oil (Ohio), pref. (quar.)	134	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 27
Prior preference (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 23a	Steel Co. of Canada, common (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 4
California Packing Corp. (quar.)	*\$1.50	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31	Preferred (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 4
Calumet & Hecla Mining	\$10	June 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 14	Sterling Products (quar.)	\$1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 17a
Canadian Converters (quar.)	134	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30	Stern Brothers, preferred (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Canadian Explosives, pref. (quar.)	134	Apr. 30	Apr. 1 to Apr. 2	Stover Mfg. & Engine, pref. (quar.)	*134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Cartier, Inc., pref. (quar.)	134	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Apr. 14a	Superior Steel Corp., 1st & 2d pref. (qu.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Central Oil & Gas Svc., com. & pf. (qu.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 25	Thompson (John R.) Co., com. (mthly.)	1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 23a
Cerro de Pasco Copper	\$1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Common (monthly)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 23
Chicago Pneumatic Tool (quar.)	134	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 14a	Tobacco Products, Class A (quar.)	134	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 27a
Chicago Yellow Cab (monthly)	33-1-3c	June 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20	Tonopah Mining	7 1/2c.	Apr. 21	Apr. 1 to Apr. 8
Monthly	33-1-3c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 19	Treat (Robert) Hotel Co., pref.	4	May 1	Apr. 29 to May 1
Chief Conso Mining (quar.)	10c.	May 1	Apr. 11 to Apr. 19	Turman Oil (quar.)	1	May 20	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Cities Service				Extra	1	May 20	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Common (monthly, pay. in cash scrip)	*9 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15	Union Oil of California (quar.)	*\$1.80	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 30
Common (payable in com. stk. scrip)	*134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15	Union Tank Car, common (quar.)	134	June 1	Holders of rec. May 5a
Pref. and pref. B (payable in cash)	*134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15	Preferred (quar.)	134	June 1	Holders of rec. May 5a
Cluett, Peabody & Co., com. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20	United Cigar Stores, common (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 18a
Connecticut Mills Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a	United Drug, 1st pref. (quar.)	87 1/2c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a
Consolidation Coal (quar.)	134	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a	Second preferred (quar.)	134	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Continental Can, common (quar.)	75c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 4	United Dyeing, preferred (quar.)	134	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Copper Range Co.	\$1	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 10	Preferred (quar.)	134	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Cosden & Co., common (quar.)	\$1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	Preferred (quar.)	134	Jan 2'24	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Cosgrave Export Brew. (Canada) (qu.)	134	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30a	United Eastern Mining	15c.	Apr. 28	Holders of rec. Apr. 7
Cudahy Packing, 7% preferred	3 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20	United Verde Extension Mining	\$1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 3a
Six per cent preferred	*3	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20	U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy., pref. (qu.)	134	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Dominion Coal, pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 12a	Preferred (quar.)	134	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Dominion Steel Corp., pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Apr. 17 to May 1	Preferred (quar.)	50c.	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 14
Dominion Stores, Ltd., common	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1	U. S. Glass, 1st pref. (quar.)	2	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a
Du Pont (E. I.) de Nemours Powder				Valvoline Oil (payable in stock)	e10	May 15	Holders of rec. May 12
Debenure stock (quar.)	134	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 10a	Ventura Consol. Oil Field (quar.)	75c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16
Durham Hosiery, preferred (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Wahl Co., common (monthly)	50c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 23
Eisenlohr (Otto) & Bros., com. (quar.)	134	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1a	Common (monthly)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 23
Electric Bond & Share, pref. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16a	Common (monthly)	50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 23
Elgin National Watch (quar.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19a	Preferred (quar.)	134	July 1	Holders of rec. June 23
Eureka Pipe Line (quar.)	3	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 16	Warner (Charles) Co., 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	134	Apr. 26	Holders of rec. Mar. 31a
Exchange Buffet (quar.)	50c.	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Apr. 21a	Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	\$1.75	Apr. 30	Mar. 30 to Apr. 10
The Fair, preferred (quar.)	*134	May 3	Holders of rec. Apr. 30	In stock	e35	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 129a
Fajardo Sugar, common (quar.)	234	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg., com. (quar.)	\$1	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 30a
Famous Players-Lasky Corp., pref. (qu.)	2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Wilcox Oil & Gas (quar.)	1	May 5	Holders of rec. Apr. 21a
Federal Sugar Refining, com. (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Extra	1	May 5	Holders of rec. Apr. 21a
Preferred (quar.)	134	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20a	Winchester-Bayden, Inc., pref. (quar.)	134	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 25a
Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp.	10c.	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1	Woolworth (F. W.) Co., com. (monthly)	2	June 1	Apr. 23 to May 16
Fisher Body Corp., com							

Stock of Money in the Country.—Further below we give the customary monthly statement issued by the United States Treasury Department, designed to show the general stock of money in the country, as well as the holdings by the Treasury and the amount in circulation on the dates given. The method of computing the figures has been changed with the idea of eliminating duplications, especially in arriving at the amounts of money in circulation. Under the new form the per capita circulation April 1 1923 is found to be \$41.98, whereas by the old method the amount would have been \$52.38. The change dates from July 1 1922 and the notice issued in connection with it by the Treasury Department was given by us in publishing the statement for that date in our issue of July 29 1922, page 515. The money and circulation statement in its new form follows:

Table with multiple columns: KIND OF MONEY, MONEY HELD IN THE TREASURY, MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE TREASURY, CIRCULATION STATEMENT—APRIL 1 1923. Includes sub-sections for Stock of Money, Money Held in the Treasury, Money Outside of the Treasury, and Circulation Statement.

* The form of circulation statement was revised as of July 1 1922 so as to exclude from money in circulation all forms of money held by the Federal Reserve banks and Federal Reserve agents, whether as reserve against Federal Reserve notes or otherwise. This change results in showing a per capita circulation on April 1 1923 of \$41.98, whereas under the form of statement heretofore used it would have been \$52.38. For the sake of comparability the figures for April 1 1922 and April 1 1917 have been computed on this statement in the same manner as those for July 1 1922. a Does not include gold bullion or foreign coin outside of vaults of the Treasury, Federal Reserve banks and Federal Reserve agents. b These amounts are not included in the total since the money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 is included under gold coin and bullion and standard silver dollars, respectively. c The amount of money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 should be deducted from this total before combining it with total money outside of the Treasury to arrive at the stock of money in the United States. d This total includes \$16,230,602 of notes in process of redemption, \$189,004,712 of gold deposited for redemption of F. R. notes, \$16,031,464 deposited for redemption of national bank notes, \$21,180 deposited for retirement of additional circulation (Act of May 30 1908), and \$6,567,993 deposited as reserve against postal savings deposits. Note.—Gold certificates are secured dollar for dollar by gold held in the Treasury for their redemption; silver certificates are secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury for their redemption; U. S. notes are secured by a gold reserve of \$152,979,025 held in the Treasury. This reserve fund may also be used for the redemption of Treasury notes of 1890, which are also secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars, held in the Treasury. F. R. notes are obligations of the U. S. and a first lien on all the assets of the issuing F. R. bank. F. R. notes are secured by the deposit with F. R. agents of a like amount of gold or of gold and such discounted or purchased paper as is eligible under the terms of the F. R. Act. F. R. banks must maintain a gold reserve of at least 40%, including the gold redemption fund which must be deposited with the U. S. Treasurer, against F. R. notes in actual circulation. F. R. bank notes and national bank notes are secured by U. S. Government obligations, and a 5% fund for their redemption is required to be maintained with the Treasurer of the United States in gold or lawful money.

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 14. 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.)

Table with columns: Week ending April 14 1923, New Capital, Profits, Loans, Discounts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositaries, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Bank Circulation. Lists various banks and trust companies with their respective financial figures.

Note.—U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general total above were as follows: Average total April 14, \$126,092,000; actual totals April 14, \$126,093,000; April 7, \$126,126,000; Mar. 31, \$128,032,000; Mar. 24, \$126,093,000; Mar. 17, \$126,035,000; Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, average for the week April 14, \$497,665,000; April 7, \$538,473,000; Mar. 31, \$547,816,000; Mar. 24, \$495,754,000; Mar. 17, \$502,147,000. Actual totals April 14, \$505,683,000; April 7, \$535,471,000; Mar. 31, \$565,277,000; Mar. 24, \$527,224,000; Mar. 17, \$467,101,000. * Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings as follows: National City Bank, \$129,229,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$12,628,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$88,970,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$22,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$34,882,000. Balances carried in banks in foreign countries as reserve for such deposits were: National City Bank, \$23,364,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$1,774,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$4,905,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$22,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$3,704,000. c Deposits in foreign branches not included.

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, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositaries, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Shows reserve positions for April 14, April 7, and March 31.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount in reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: April 14, \$12,898,440; April 7, \$12,910,820; Mar. 31, \$12,800,610; Mar. 24, \$12,618,630.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, April 19, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve Banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 18 1923

Table with columns for dates (April 18 1923, April 11 1923, April 4 1923, Mar. 28 1923, Mar. 21 1923, Mar. 14 1923, March 7 1923, Feb. 28 1923, April 19 1922) and rows for RESOURCES (Gold and gold certificates, Total gold reserves, etc.) and LIABILITIES (Capital paid in, Total deposits, etc.).

* 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 18 1923

Table with columns for banks (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total) and rows for RESOURCES (Gold and gold certificates, Total gold reserves, etc.) and LIABILITIES (Total deposits, Federal Reserve Notes, etc.).

Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, April 20 1923.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table with columns: Week ending April 20 1923., Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad, etc. Bonds, State, Mun. and Foreign Bonds, U. S. Bonds.

Table with columns: Sales at New York Stock Exchange, Week ending April 20, Jan. 1 to April 20, 1923, 1922.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns: Week ending April 20 1923., Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales).

*In addition there were sales of rights: Sat., 791; Mon., 1,695; Tues., 1,075; Wed., 745.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Apr. 14, Apr. 16, Apr. 17, Apr. 18, Apr. 19, Apr. 20

Table with columns: Bond type (e.g., First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan), Price, Date.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table with columns: Bond type (e.g., 108 1st 3 1/2s), Price, Date.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange moved within narrow limits on quiet trading. In the Continental exchanges the feature was a sharp slump in reichsmarks, while francs displayed a better tone.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling were 4 63 1/4 @ 4 63 3/4 for sixty days, 4 65 1/4 @ 4 65 3/4 for cheques and 4 65 1/4 @ 4 66 1/4 for cables. Commercial on banks sight 4 65 @ 4 65 1/2, sixty days 4 62 1/4 @ 4 62 3/4, ninety days 4 61 1/2 @ 4 62 and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 62 1/2 @ 4 63 1/2. Cotton for payment, 4 65 @ 4 65 1/2 and grain for payment 4 65 @ 4 65 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 6.57 @ 6.63 1/4 for long and 6.60 1/4 @ 6.66 1/4 for short. Germany bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 38.78 1/2 @ 38.81 for long and 39.03 1/2 @ 39.06 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 70 francs; week's range, 69.75 francs high and 71.20 francs low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table with columns: Sterling, Actual—High for the week, Low for the week; Paris Bankers' Francs—High for the week, Low for the week; Germany Bankers' Marks—High for the week, Low for the week; Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—High for the week, Low for the week.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$20 per \$1,000 discount. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 1728.

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 March 24, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Railroads, Am Arbor, Bangor & Ar pref., etc.

*No par value.

Quotations for U. S. Treasury Notes and Certificates of Indebtedness.—See page 1730.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—See page 1727.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1923; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922. Includes various stock entries like Ann Arbor preferred, A.T. & T. Co., etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. § Ex-dividend. ¶ Ex-rights (June 15) to subscribe share for share to stock of Glen Alden Coal Co at \$5 per share and ex-dividend 100% in stock (Aug. 22).

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1, 1923; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922. Lists various stocks like Indus. & Miscell., Exchange Buffet, Famous Players-Lasky, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales this day. † Less than 100 shares. a Ex-dividend and rights. # Ex-dividend. ** Ex-rights.

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For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-headers for 'per share' and 'Shares'.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Main table listing individual stocks with columns for 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest), 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest), and 'Shares'. Includes stock names like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.), Otis Steel, Owens Bottle, 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

Jan 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, and State and City Securities. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and Bonds Sold. Includes sub-sections for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, and State and City Securities.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. d Due April. e Due May. f Due June. g Due July. h Due Aug. i Due Oct. j Due Nov. k Due Dec. l Option sale.

BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE. Week ending April 20

Table of bond listings for the New York Stock Exchange, week ending April 20. Columns include Bond description, Price Friday (Apr 20), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan 1, and various other market data.

BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE. Week ending April 20

Table of bond listings for the New York Stock Exchange, week ending April 20. Columns include Bond description, Price Friday (Apr 20), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan 1, and various other market data.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Sept. f Due Oct. g Option sale.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending April 20, Interest Period, Price Friday April 20, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions like Mont C 1st gu g 6s, Registered, 1st guar gold 5s, etc.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending April 20, Interest Period, Price Friday April 20, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions like Pennsylvania Co- Guar 3 1/2 coll trust reg A, 1937, etc.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Aug. f Due Oct. g Due Nov. h Due Dec. i Option sale

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'. Columns include Bid, Ask, Low, High, Range, and various bond descriptions like 'Utah & Nor gold 5s', 'Cuba Cane Sugar convy 7s', etc.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. †Due Jan. ‡Due April. §Due Mar. ¶Due May. ††Due June. ‡‡Due July. §§Due Aug. †††Due Oct. ‡‡‡Due Dec. ††††Option sale

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Table of New York Stock Exchange bond transactions. Columns include: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending April 20, Interest, Price, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1. Rows list various bonds such as N Y State Rys 1st cons 4 1/2s 1962, N Y Steam 1st 25-yr 6s Ser A 1947, etc.

Quotations for Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Table of quotations for various securities. Columns include: Standard Oil Stocks, Anglo-American Oil new, Atlantic Refining new, etc. Rows list numerous companies and their security prices, such as American Cigar common, American Machine & Foundry, etc.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. d Due Apr. e Due Mar. f Due May. g Due June. h Due July. i Due Aug. j Due Oct. k Due Dec. l Option Sale. m Per share. n No par value. o Basis. p Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. q New stock / Flat price. r Last sale. s Nominal. t Ex-div. v Div-right. w Ex-stock div. x Ex cash and stock dividends.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and stock prices. Includes sub-sections for 'Day Exchange' and 'Closed'.

Sales for the Week.

Table listing sales for the week for various stocks, including Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, etc.

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Main table listing various stocks such as Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Mining, with columns for share counts and prices.

Range since Jan. 1 1923.

Table showing the range of stock prices since January 1, 1923, with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

PER SHARE. Range for Previous Year 1922.

Table showing the range of stock prices for the previous year (1922), with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

* Bid and asked prices; nosales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Ex-dividend and warrants. § Ex-dividend. ¶ Ex-stock dividend. †† Assessment paid.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange April 14 to April 20, 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 14 to April 20, 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).

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange April 14 to April 20, 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) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange April 14 to April 20, 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).

* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange April 14 to April 20, 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). Includes entries like Am Vitriol Prod, Am Wind Glass Mach, etc.

* No par value.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from April 14 to April 21, inclusive:

Table with columns: Week ending April 20, Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Aeme Coal Mining, 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). Includes entries like Mercer Motors, Class A stock w l, Mesabi Iron Co, etc.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of April. The table covers 10 roads and shows 22.76% increase over the same week last year.

Table with columns: Second Week of April, 1923, 1922, Increase, Decrease. Lists earnings for various railroads like Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Canadian National Railways, etc.

In the following we also complete our summary for the first week of April.

Table with columns: First Week of April, 1923, 1922, Increase, Decrease. Lists earnings for various railroads like Ann Arbor, Georgia & Florida Ry, etc.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad and industrial companies reported this week:

Table with columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes. Lists earnings for Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville, March, From Jan 1, 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 columns: Gross Earnings, Net Earnings. Lists earnings for various companies like Cities Service Co, Columbia Gas & El Co, etc.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance Surplus. Lists earnings for various companies like Adirondack Power & Light Corp, Amer Wat Wks & El Co, etc.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance Surplus. Lists earnings for various companies like Interboro Rap Tran, I R T Elevated Division, etc.

* Allowing for other income received. b Includes taxes.

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.

Delaware & Hudson Company.

(93d Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.) The remarks of President L. F. Loree, together with a comparative income account for years 1922 and 1921, are given on subsequent pages of this issue.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns: 1922, 1921, Combined. Lists traffic statistics for various items like No. tons carr. (rev. fgt.), No. tons carried 1 mile, etc.

* Including two months Federal control, six months guaranty period and four months private operation.

The usual income account was published in V. 116, p. 1640.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns: 1922, 1921. Lists assets and liabilities for various items like Coal lands & real estate, Inv. in RR. & eq't, etc.

Total 165,744,076 187,787,667 Total 165,744,076 187,787,667 —V. 116, p. 1640, 934.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1922.)

The remarks of President J. E. Gorman, together with the comparative balance sheet and income account, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page of this issue. The usual comparative tables were published in V. 116, p. 1405.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and rows for Revenue Freight Traffic, Revenue Pass. Traffic, and other metrics.

Illinois Central Railroad Co.

(73d Annual Report—For Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

The report of President C. H. Markham, together with the general statistics, income, profit and loss account, balance sheet and other tables, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.

GENERAL TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and rows for Calendar Years, Freight Traffic, and other metrics.

a Including bridge tolls and miscellaneous. x Includes combined corporate and Federal statistics, exclusive of Federal lap-overs subsequent to Feb. 29 1920. y Federal control period.—V. 116, p. 1649, 1532.

Vicksburg Shreveport & Pacific Railway.

(23d Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

Pres. Larz A. Jones, New Orleans, Mar. 10, wrote in brief:

A settlement has been reached with the U. S. Railroad Administration covering the use of the property during the period of Federal control. In addition to settlement of the running accounts, the company received \$518,119. The greater part of this sum represents under-maintenance of the roadbed.

No settlement has yet been reached covering the guaranty by the Government of the standard return for the six months following the return of the property to private control.

STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and rows for No. of passengers carried, No. of pass. carried 1 m., and other metrics.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1919, 1920, 1921, 1922) and rows for Miles of road operated, Revenue from Operation, Operating Expenses, and other metrics.

x Includes uncollectible railway revenues amounting to \$1,775 in 1922 and \$644 in 1921.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns (1922, 1921, 1922, 1921) and rows for Assets and Liabilities.

—V. 115, p. 755.

Alabama & Vicksburg Railway.

(34th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

Pres. Larz A. Jones, Jackson, Miss., wrote in brief:

The settlement effected with the U. S. Railroad Administration covering the period of Federal control resulted in payment to the company of the running accounts, and in addition payments aggregating \$394,890. The greater part of this amount represents under-maintenance. No settlement has yet been reached for the guaranty period.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and rows for No. of passengers carried, No. pass. carried 1 mile, and other metrics.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1919, 1920, 1921, 1922) and rows for Miles of road operated, Revenue from Operation, Operating Expenses, and other metrics.

x Includes uncollectible revenues of \$884 in 1922 and \$224 in 1921.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns (1922, 1921, 1922, 1921) and rows for Assets and Liabilities.

—V. 115, p. 540.

Wabash Railway Co.

(Seventh Annual Report Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

President J. E. Taussig reports in substance:

Stock.—During the year \$2,359,600 5% Convertible Preferred stock B was surrendered and exchanged for \$1,179,800 5% Profit Sharing Preferred stock A and \$1,179,800 Common stock. The total amount of 5% Convertible Preferred stock B surrendered and exchanged since Aug. 1 1918, is \$40,156,400 for which \$20,078,200 5% Profit Sharing Preferred stock A and \$20,078,200 of Common stock was issued.

Funded Debt.—The funded debt was increased during the year \$4,688,800 by the issue and retirement of the following obligations: (1) \$4,245,000 Equipment Trust Certificates issued \$4,245,000 (see offering V. 114, p. 2826). (2) Note given to the Director-General of Railroads, \$1,500,000 for additions and betterments made to the property during the Federal control, dated Aug. 1 1922, maturing March 1 1930, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum, total \$5,745,000. There was a reduction of \$1,056,000 in the funded debt due to the retirement of (a) \$1,007,200 Equipment Trust of 1920, and (b) \$49,000 Detroit & Chicago Extension bonds.

Road & Equipment.—Road and equipment expenditures made during the year aggregating \$1,487,087 as follows: Road, \$708,259; Equipment, steam locomotives, \$8,503; freight train cars, \$807,836; work equipment, \$31,672.

Federal Valuation.—The valuation by the I.-S. C. Commission has progressed during the year. The appraisal of the land was completed and progress has been made in comparing the inventoried quantities as assembled by the Government and the company's engineers. Further data is being collected and assembled for the purpose of checking the reports made by the Commission, as well as its tentative valuation when they are served upon the company.

Operating Revenues.—Operating revenues for 1922 show a decrease of \$1,555,195 as compared with 1921. The strikes of the coal miners and of the railway shop crafts seriously affected revenues during the year causing a reduction of approximately \$2,700,000. The decision of the I.-S. C. Commission in the Western Hay & Grain Rate Case reduced the rates on the grain 22%, and the 10% reduction on wheat and its products 13%, other Jan. 1 1922, where reductions equal to that amount had not previously been made, caused a loss in revenues of approximately \$1,225,000 during the year. The 10% reduction July 1 on all commodities that had not been reduced prior thereto resulted in a loss in revenues of approximately \$1,500,000 for the last six months of the year. Other reductions and readjustments were made on Pacific Coast traffic due to water competition.

Operating Expenses.—Operating expenses decreased \$2,464,872 or 5.13% as compared with 1921. The ratio of expenses to revenues was 83.31%. Taxes—Taxes for 1922 were \$2,262,675 as compared with \$1,860,487 for 1921, an increase of \$402,188. Approximately \$234,000 is due to taxes and \$30,000 to increase by the various States for road and school purposes is due to adjustment of taxes for the years 1920 and 1921.

Settlement with Government.—Final settlement was made on April 21, with the Director-General of Railroads for the period of Federal control, Jan. 1 1918 to Feb. 28 1920, and was approved by the directors. Under the terms of settlement the company received \$1,500,000 in cash in addition to the amounts received during previous years as advance payments. There was included in this settlement all claims of the Director-General against the company for additions and betterments made to the property during the period of control. The excess of the company's current accounts payable over current assets on Jan. 1 1918, aggregating \$4,299,587 was paid by the Director-General and all other transactions chargeable to the company.

Further substantial increases in the total number of passengers carried on the rapid transit lines may reasonably be anticipated, in addition to such increases as may be expected from the growth of the communities served.

Increased Operating Revenue.—For the fiscal year ended June 30 1918 the total street railway operating revenues for the B. R. T. system (excluding Brooklyn City R.R. lines) were approximately \$22,500,000, as compared with approximately \$34,500,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30 1922, showing an increase in the annual operating revenue during the receivership period of approximately \$12,000,000.

Reduced Operating Ratio.—In conjunction with the increased revenues of the receivership properties during the fiscal year ended June 30 1922, there was also a substantial reduction in operating expenses as compared with the two years previous. This improvement in operating conditions is indicated by the operating ratio (percentage of earnings used for operating expenses). For the year ending June 30 1922 the operating ratio for the receivership properties decreased to 63.80% from 85.32% in 1921 and 78.17% in 1920.

A digest of the reorganization plan was given in V. 116, p. 1646.

COMPTROLLER'S STATEMENT OF GROSS OPERATING REVENUE, FISCAL YEAR.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Revenue, and two unlabeled columns. Rows for 1913-1916.

The foregoing figures exclude Coney Island & Brooklyn R.R. prior to Jan. 1 1914, as that company was operated independently and not as a part of the B. R. T. system until after that date.

Estimated Capitalization and Annual Charges After Proposed Readjustments.

Table with 2 columns: Amount, Annual Charge. Rows for Underlying bonds and New 6% bonds.

\$139,209,207 Fixed interest charges. \$7,679,402. 23,955,407 New 6% Preferred stock.

1,085,809 Stocks of N. Y. Consolidated, Nassau, and C. I. & B. held by public if not exchanged.

\$164,250,423. 766,530 Shares of New Company Common stock without par value. Sinking fund payments at the rate of 2-3% per annum on the maximum amount of new 6% bonds outstanding are to commence not later than Jan. 1 1927.

The above estimated capitalization of the new company includes not only the underlying securities to remain undisturbed or to be reinstated and the new securities to be issued in exchange for the securities to be readjusted under the plan, but also the provision of \$5,000,000 for the capital requirements of the rapid transit lines, and the provision of additional working capital, neither of which is included in present capitalization of the system.

Earnings for Last Fiscal Year, Ended June 30 1922.

Consolidated earnings of B. R. T. system (excluding Brooklyn City R.R., but including Brooklyn Queens County & Suburban R.R.), for the last fiscal year ended June 30 1922, after deducting all operating expenses, taxes and all fixed charges (other than interest on bonds, notes and other debt in hands of public), and after excluding interest accrued on funds provided for construction and equipment of rapid transit lines not in operation and interest on the claim against Brooklyn City R.R. Co. and on securities in the guaranty fund, amounted to \$11,151,366.

Deducting one year's interest on underlying bonds undisturbed or reinstated. 2,117,570.

Leaves. \$9,033,796.

Deducting one year's interest on new 6% bonds. 5,561,832.

Leaves available for sinking fund and dividend purposes. \$3,471,964.

If deduction be made for one year's sinking fund payment, of \$617,921, and one year's dividend of 6% on the new Preferred stock, of \$1,437,324, amounting in the aggregate to \$2,055,305, there would remain \$1,416,659.

—V. 116, p. 1273, 1646.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1922.)

The remarks of President H. M. Byllesby, together with the income account, balance sheet and various statistical tables, will be found on subsequent pages of this issue.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Balance sheet table with columns for 1922 and 1921, split into Assets and Liabilities.

a The company held in 1921 \$697,931 subsidiary and affiliated companies' obligations arising from notes endorsed and notes discounted, per contra.

x Not including \$1,423,250 stock in treasury.

y Inclusive of \$141,650 issued for dividend on Preferred stock not yet claimed by stockholders.

Note.—The company was contingently liable at Dec. 31 1922 as guarantor of the principal and interest of the 1st Mt. conv. 6% sinking fund gold bonds of Shaffer Oil & Ref. Co., of which \$3,884,600 par value were then outstanding and on account of surety bond and notes endorsed guaranteed or discounted for various subsidiary and affiliated companies in the amount of \$1,450,000.—V. 116, p. 1660, 1542.

Cities Service Co., New York.

(13th Annual Report—Year Ending Dec. 31 1922.)

On subsequent pages will be found the remarks of President Henry L. Doherty, in addition to the 12-year comparative income account of Cities Service Co., the consolidated income account, including all subsidiary companies for 1922, and the consolidated balance sheet, including subsidiary as of Dec. 31 1922.

GENERAL STATISTICS DECEMBER 31.

Large table with 4 columns: Year, and three unlabeled columns. Rows include Electric Properties, Electric Railways, Artificial Gas, and Natural Gas.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

(10th Annual Report—Year ending Dec. 31 1922.)

The remarks of President Otto H. Falk, together with income account and comparative balance sheet, as of Dec. 31 1922, will be found on subsequent pages.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Income account table with 4 columns: Year, and three unlabeled columns. Rows include Sales billed, Factory profit, Net profit, etc.

Atlantic Refining Co. and Subsidiary Companies.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1922.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Income account table with 4 columns: Year, and three unlabeled columns. Rows include Gross income, Net income from oper'n, Profits before Fed. taxes, etc.

x Deficit of minority interests in 1922 amounted to \$171,173 without which the profit and loss surplus would total \$21,319,620, and in 1921 deficit of minority interests amounted to \$281,150, and in 1919 (from previous surplus of 1918), \$826,673, was deducted as deficit of minority interests.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Balance sheet table with 4 columns: Year, and three unlabeled columns. Rows include Plant account, Res've for Impt., Cash, etc.

x After deducting \$29,917,802 for depreciation and \$2,062,482 for depletion.—V. 116, p. 724, 799.

Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation.

(Annual Report Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

Chairman H. F. Sinclair writes in substance:

Results.—The operations of the corporation through subsidiary companies during 1922, were characterized by greater earnings, increased financial strength and steady expansion of business and facilities, domestic and foreign.

Net earnings available for interest were \$30,943,794, compared with \$10,785,313 in 1921. This does not include undistributed surplus earnings of foreign or domestic companies such as the Sinclair Pipe Line Co., the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co., distributing companies in France and Belgium and other companies 50% or less of the capital stock of which is owned by the corporation.

Net income available for surplus and reserves in 1922 was \$26,507,984, compared with \$5,151,556 in 1921.

Dividends paid on Common shares during 1922 totaled \$4,329,094 and on Preferred shares \$204,382.

Current Assets.—Current assets on Dec. 31 1922 were \$70,375,335—more than eight times the amount of current liabilities.

No Bank Loans.—All bank loans and commercial paper outstanding Dec. 31 1921, aggregating \$11,075,000, were paid during 1922.

New Financing.—Short term 7½% notes aggregating \$46,434,600 were retired, \$19,677,600 being converted into Preferred stock, and a refunding issue of \$50,000,000 7% 15-Year bonds was sold. The increase in funded debt and purchase money obligations from Dec. 31 1921 to Dec. 31 1922 was \$3,562,382.

shares of the Class B stock of, and all claims for services against, American Motor Body Co.

Hale & Kilburn Corp. is to receive \$591,900 in 6% bonds, \$127,900 in 6% promissory notes, and 57,646 shares of the stock of Motor Body Corp.

Bankers to Buy Notes and Bonds.—Chase Securities Corp. and Blair & Co., Inc., are to purchase forthwith from Hale & Kilburn Corp. for cash, at par, \$300,000 of the notes of Motor Body Corp., to be received by Hale & Kilburn Corp. as above.

Charles M. Schwab to Assume Management.—Charles M. Schwab is to become the executive head of Motor Body Corp. and supervise its management.

American Public Service Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—, 1922., 1921., 1920. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, etc.

American Stores Co., Phila.—Stock to Employees.—

The company is offering to employees 200,000 shares of Capital stock, no par value, at \$20 per share. Any employee is entitled to subscribe for up to 100 shares.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Quarterly Report.—

Pres. H. B. Thayer, N. Y., April 16 wrote in subst.: The stockholders on March 27 1923 voted (4,472,629 shares in favor to 255 shares opposed) that the authorized capital stock available for issue when required, should be increased to \$1,000,000,000 (V. 116, p. 1414).

As shown by the report, the company is growing more rapidly than ever before in its history, in response to a substantial and steadily increasing demand for service.

From time to time the amount of stock which could be legally issued has been increased in anticipation of the future requirements of the business.

The increase in the capital stock authorized amounts to a license to keep on growing. No offer of stock is contemplated in 1923. An offer will be made only when the growth of the company's business calls for it and not until then.

Earnings for the Three Months ending March 31. Table with columns: 1923., 1922., 1921., 1920. Rows include Dividends, Interest, Telephone oper. rev., etc.

Net earnings—\$23,284,300, Deduct interest—3,203,126, Deduct dividends—15,096,787

Balance—\$4,984,388

x Subject to minor changes when final figures for March are available. George F. Baker Jr. has been elected a director.—V. 116, p. 1414.

Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd.—May Issue Stock.—

Reports state that the company will probably issue some new 8% preference stock soon.—V. 116, p. 1653.

Atlantic Gulf Oil Corp.—New Director.—

Andrew J. Miller has been elected a director, succeeding George B. Dyer.—V. 115, p. 1324.

Atlantic Lobos Oil Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—, 1922., 1921., 1920. Rows include Net earnings, Depreciation, depletion, &c., Federal taxes &c., Net profit

Austin-Nichols Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns: Income & Surplus Account Years Ending Jan. 31., 1923., 1922., 1921., 1920. Rows include Profits for the year, Previous surplus, Total surplus

Consolidated Balance Sheet Jan 31. Table with columns: 1923., 1922., 1923., 1922. Rows include Assets—, Liabilities—, Total

Table with columns: 1923., 1922., 1923., 1922. Rows include Plant & equip., less depreciation, Inventories, Acct's rec., less res., Bills receivable, Misc. investments, Cash, Deferred charges

—V. 116, p. 618.

Atlantic Fruit Co.—Annual Report (Incl. Subsidi.)—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—, 1922., 1921., 1920. Rows include Operating profit, Expenses, interest, &c., Other charges, Federal tax reserve, Net loss, Profit & loss deficit

x Includes \$731,976 Atlantic Navigation Co. investments and advances written off and \$204,141 miscellaneous adjustments (net) including reduction in value of live stock, reserve on Colonos, &c.—V. 115, p. 2070, 1944, 1841.

Atlas Tack Co.—New Director.—

B. G. Robbins was recently elected a director, succeeding N. A. Middleton.—V. 116, p. 1054.

Barnet Leather Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Results for Three Months Ended March 31., 1923., 1922., 1921., 1920. Rows include x Net earnings from operations, Dividends on Preferred stock and provision for sinking fund, Balance, surplus

Balance, surplus—def. \$4,085, \$11,080, \$35,730, \$268,038 x After deducting charges for maintenance and repairs of plants, depreciation and estimated amount of Federal and State taxes, &c. Note.—The result is subject to adjustment at the end of the year when accounts are finally audited, and to change incident to income tax rulings.—V. 116, p. 724.

Bay Sulphite Co., Ltd.—New Officers, &c.—

A. M. Irvine, Chairman of the executive committee, announces that arrangements are now completed for the reorganization of the board of directors, which will consist of the following: Sir Frederick Becker, President, London; Victor E. Mitchell, K.C., Vice-President and General Counsel, Montreal; Arthur C. Hastings, Vice-President and member of the executive committee, New York; G. R. Hall Caine, C.B.E., M.P., Vice-President, London; and John W. Ross, Montreal; J. H. Gundy, Toronto. R. O. Swezey, A. M. Irvine and G. Sureth, all of Montreal, have been elected members of the executive committee.—V. 116, p. 1536.

Bayuk Bros., Inc.—Stockholders' Rights.—

The Common and 2d Preferred stockholders of record April 5 are given the right to subscribe at par, on or before April 27, to (new) 1st Preferred stock on the basis of 0.234 shares of 1st Preferred stock for each share of Common and 2d Preferred stock held. The stockholders on Feb. 13 authorized the sale of \$2,000,000 new 7% 1st Preferred stock (see V. 116, p. 826).—V. 116, p. 1653.

Bear Mountain Hudson River Bridge Co.—Bonds Offered.—

W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., are offering at 98 1/2 and int., \$3,000,000 1st Mtge. 7% 30-Year Sinking Fund Gold bonds. Dated April 1 1923. Due April 1 1953. Interest payable A. & O. at W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., New York without deduction of Federal income tax not exceeding 2%, Pennsylvania and Connecticut taxes not exceeding 4 mills, and Massachusetts income tax not exceeding 6% per annum, refundable.

Capitalization Authorized and Outstanding After Completion of Present Financing 1st Mtge. 7% 30-Year Sinking Fund Gold bonds (this issue) \$3,000,000 Income 8% 30-Year Sinking Fund Gold Debenture bonds—1,500,000 Common stock, no par value—12,500 shs.

Data from Letter of Pres. E. Roland Harriman, New York, April 19.

Company.—Incorporated March 1922 in New York, and will construct and operate a highway toll bridge across the Hudson River between Anthony's Nose and Fort Clinton. The bridge will be a main artery for traffic crossing the river south of Albany, will afford an avenue of approach to Bear Mountain Park, and will offer material time saving to the large commercial traffic between New England, southern New York, and points west of the Hudson.

The State reserves the right to purchase the bridge at any time at cost plus 10% less earned amortization, or for amounts fixed by the charter ranging from \$4,500,000 during the sixth year after completion to \$2,000,000 during the 26th year. If not purchased by the State prior to the expiration of 30 years after completion, the bridge will become the property of the State without cost. Rates of toll are subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission.

Construction Contract.—Company has contracted with the Terry & Tench Co., Inc., for construction of the bridge and approaches at a fixed price. The construction schedule calls for completion within 24 months.

Earnings.—Net revenue from operation during the first year, is estimated at \$547,400 by W. A. Welch, Chief Engineer, Palisades Inter-State Park Commission, based upon actual counts of highway and ferry traffic. This is equivalent to over 2 1/2 time annual interest charges and 1 7-10 times combined annual interest and sinking fund requirements on this issue.

Booth Fisheries Co., Chicago.—Fiscal Year Changed.—

The company has changed its fiscal year to end April 30, instead of Dec. 31, due to seasonal nature of company's business.—V. 115, p. 2383.

Borden Co.—New Director.—

U. N. Bethell has been elected a director to fill a vacancy.—V. 116, p. 1527.

Boston Montana Corp.—Foreclosure Suit.—

A suit in equity has been filed in the Federal Court at Butte, Mont., by the New England Trust Co. of Boston, to foreclose a mortgage of \$5,000,000. The company has defaulted in payment of \$150,000 interest on bonds which was due last Sept.—V. 116, p. 1415.

Boston Store of Chicago, Inc.—Notes Offered.—

Ames, Emerich & Co. and A. G. Becker & Co., New York and Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 100 to 100 1/2 and int., to yield from 5.29% to 6%, according to maturity, \$3,750,000 Guaranteed 6% Serial notes (see adv. pages).

Dated April 1 1923. Due serially \$470,000 each year from Jan. 1 1924 to 1930 incl. and \$460,000 Jan. 1 1931. Redeemable on and after Jan. 1 1928 on 60 days' notice by the payment of principal and interest and a premium of 1/2 of 1% for each year, or part thereof, which any unmatured notes have to run before maturity. Interest payable J. & J. at First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, or at First National Bank, New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax net in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, and \$1000*.

Data from Letter of Pres. Charles Netcher, Chicago, April 14.

Company.—The Boston Store, the second largest department store in Chicago and the second largest strictly cash store in America, was established in 1873. The store building consists of 17 stories and 3 basements, over 1,000,000 sq. ft., or over 23 acres of floor space. The store employs 3,500 people. It is the policy to merchandise for cash only. Business was incorporated in Illinois in June 1903. All the stock is owned by Mollie Netcher Newbury and the Netcher Estate, of which Mrs. Newbury is sole executor and trustee. The business is now being incorporated in Delaware.

Guaranty.—Guaranteed, principal and interest, by Mollie Netcher Newbury. The estimated present value of the assets owned by the

Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co.—Rights.—

The stockholders of record April 27 will be given the right to subscribe on or before May 18 to 19,655 shares of Capital stock of no par value at \$75 per share...

Pres. Thomas J. Watson, April 17, says:

The directors on April 17 decided that it was to the best interests of the stockholders that the company should be supplied at this time with additional working capital...

Continental Utilities Co., Lansing, Mich.—Sale.—

See Interstate Public Service Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 96, p. 421.

Crane Co., Chicago.—Annual Report.—

President R. T. Crane Jr., April 16, wrote in brief: On Dec. 1 1922 we paid in full all outstanding \$4,900,000 1st Mtge. 5 1/2% bonds...

Profit and Loss Statement for 1922.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Balance to surplus after deprec., taxes, and Pref. and Com. divs., Previous surplus, Total surplus, Stock dividend, Profit and loss surplus.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1922, 1921, 1922, 1921. Rows include Real estate, mach., & equipment, Inv. in assoc. cos., 1st Mtge. 5 1/2% bds. in treasury, Pref. stk. subscrip., Inventories, Cash, Notes & accts. rec., U. S. Govt. secur., Total, x After deducting \$155,879 reserve for doubtful accounts, y After deducting \$11,751,965 for depreciation reserve, z Includes Federal tax reserve.

Davis-Daly Copper Co.—Suit.—

Suit against the company and its subsidiary, the Smokehouse Mining Co., was filed in the Federal Court at Butte, Mont., March 31, by Daniel N. Dellinger of St. Paul, and David F. Roach of Butte...

Davol (Cotton) Mills, Fall River, Mass.—Extra Div.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% and an extra cash dividend of 10%. The extra cash dividend is payable May 1 to holders of record April 12...

(D. G.) Dery Corp.—Personal Receiver for President.—

Francis J. Gildner, personal receiver for D. George Dery of the D. G. Dery Corp. in Pennsylvania, and Abraham Benedict were appointed ancillary receivers for Mr. Dery personally by U. S. District Judge Mack April 18...

Diamond Match Co.—Sells Plant.—

The Oshkosh, Wis., plant of the company, it is reported, has been sold to the Wisconsin Match Corp., with headquarters at Oshkosh.—V. 116, p. 1417, 1280.

Dominion Cannery, Ltd.—Amalgamation.—

According to Hamilton, Can., dispatches, the amalgamation of between 35 and 40 independent canning factories with Dominion Cannery, Ltd., has been consummated...

Douglas-Pectin Corp., Rochester, N. Y.—Earnings, &c.—

Net earnings for the quarter ended March 31 last were approximately \$260,000 after reserve for interest and taxes. Sales are running ahead of 1922.

Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.—Recapitalization, &c.—

The stockholders on April 18 approved the plan to reclassify the stock by authorizing in addition to the 90,000 of no par value Common shares now authorized an additional issue of 35,000 shares of 7% cummul. 1st Pref. of \$100 par and 90,000 shares of no-par Cumul. Pref. entitled to receive dividends at rate of \$3 50 per share per annum.

Gates Rubber Co., Denver, Colo.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

James H. Causey & Co., Avery, Bordman & Traylor and Edwin M. Bosworth & Co., Denver, Colo., recently offered at a price to yield over 7% \$350,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, Series of 1923 (par \$100)

in business during the past few years, and the expected growth of business in the immediate future, with a consequent demand for further equipment, the management has contracted for the construction of 2 high-class, combined passenger and freight steamers for the Boston and New York service.

As this expenditure will mean an application of surplus and earnings to capital account, it has been considered fair that the Common shareholders should at the time of the reclassification of the stock receive, by way of a stock dividend, something to represent such part of the surplus and earnings as may be applied to capital account.

Earl Fruit Co. of Calif.—Bonds Offered.—Hunter, Dulin & Co. and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., are offering at 99 and div., to yield about 6.60%, \$3,800,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6 1/2% Sinking Fund Gold bonds (see advertising pages).

Electric Storage Battery Co.—Stock to Employees, &c.—The stockholders have approved (1) a plan to sell 6,000 shares of stock to employees at \$53 per share and (2) a plan for pensioning certain classes of employees (see V. 115, p. 550).

Fall River Electric Light Co.—To Increase Capital, &c.—The stockholders will vote April 26 (a) on increasing the authorized common stock from \$3,500,000 to \$5,250,000 and (b) on changing the par value of the stock from \$100 to \$25 per share.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—Sale of Cars Possible With Initial Deposit of \$5.—See Under "Current Events" in last week's "Chronicle", page 1608.—V. 116, p. 1654.

Frontenac Motor Co.—Bankruptcy.—This company, organized in 1922, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the District Court at Indianapolis, listing assets at \$425 and liabilities at \$88,164.—V. 115, p. 765.

Robert Gair Co.—Earnings.—There has been a substantial gain in the earning power of the company so far during 1923, according to the bankers identified with the company.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Net profits, Depreciation, Bond interest, Federal, &c., taxes, Preferred dividends, Balance, surplus, a Loss, x Includes \$500,000 reserve for contingencies.

Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '22, Jan. 6 '22, Dec. 31 '22, Jan. 6 '22. Rows include Assets—Land, buildings, mach. & equip., Goodwill, Cash for ret. of 1st Pk. stk., Gair Realty Corp. obligation, Inventories, Accts. & notes rec., Stocks and bonds, Cash, Deferred charges, Deficit, Tot., Liabilities—1st Pref. stock, 2d Pref. 7% stock, Common stock, Capital surplus, Oblig. for red. of 1st Pf. 7% Cum. stk., 1st Mtge. 7s., Oblig. on contr. for pur. of Quiney plant, Accts. pay., incl. payroll, Acct. int. & taxes, Divs. pay. on 2d Pref. stock.

x After deducting \$3,378,140 for depreciation, y 475,000 shares of no par value at \$5 per share.

Note.—An agreement is in force under which the company may be called upon to redeem \$735,000 of the 2d Preferred stock at par in quarterly cumulative installments of \$75,000 or 25% of the quarterly net earnings, whichever is the lower.

As to the non-par value Pref. stock, The very satisfactory earnings of the company for 1922 would, in the absence of any requirements for extraordinary expenditure, warrant placing the present Common shares upon a substantial dividend basis.

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Dividends cumulative from Mar. 1 1923 and payable Q.-M., Red, all or part at 110 and divs. on 30 days' notice. Registrar, Bankers' Trust Co., Denver; transfer agent, Gates Rubber Co., Denver.

Company.—Property consists of a modern rubber manufacturing plant, comprising 16 unit buildings containing approximately 375,000 sq. ft. of floor space, located in Denver. The company manufactures cord tires, fabric tires, tubes, fan belts and radiator hose.

Purpose.—To purchase and install new equipment and to provide additional working capital.

Earnings.—Net earnings for 1922, after depreciation and Federal taxes, amounted to \$369,790, or more than 7½ times the dividend requirements on the Preferred stock, including this issue. Average net earnings for the past six years, after depreciation and Federal taxes, based on 1922 rates, amount to \$253,608 per year, or more than 5 times the Preferred stock dividend requirements, including this issue.—V. 116, p. 621.

General American Tank Car Corp.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross sales & rentals—	Not stated	\$21,755,724	Not stated	\$20,975,808
Net oper. profits—	\$3,131,068	\$2,907,473	\$3,838,363	\$4,459,594
Depreciation	762,816	905,584	707,525	547,635
Interest on Tank Car				
Equipment notes	661,456	662,871	543,160	353,074
Taxes	185,000	184,404	418,604	1,263,331
First Pref. dividends	500,330	345,652	302,431	237,174
Second Pref. dividends			23,300	70,000
Common dividends	760,203	760,710	605,738	299,961
Balance to surplus—	\$261,262	\$48,252	\$1,237,606	\$1,688,419

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—	1922.	1921.	Liabilities—	1922.	1921.
Rolling stock (tank cars)—	14,325,032	15,154,098	Preferred stock—	8,843,900	4,871,700
Real estate, plants & machinery—	5,466,210	5,372,632	Com. stk. equity—	10,663,035	10,551,002
Pats. & goodwill—	1	2	Tank car equip.	9,192,000	11,855,000
Investments—	211,750		Notes payable—	2,900,000	720,284
Cash—	1,628,783	1,313,888	Accounts payable—	1,568,991	
Notes receivable—	5,302,908	4,209,466	Acr. taxes, int. &c	648,902	294,370
Trade acceptances	12,000		Divs. payable—	534,842	466,968
Accounts rec—	2,122,797	1,488,364	Res. for contng. & Federal taxes.	295,000	300,000
Inventories	5,615,400	1,736,224	Other reserves—	834,212	1,001,602
Other assets		168,218			
Prep. int., ins., &c	796,001	618,034	Tot. (each side)	35,480,883	30,060,926

A. H. Mulliken has been elected a director, succeeding C. H. Coyle.—V. 116, p. 1418.

General Asphalt Co.—Tenders.

The Bankers Trust Co., 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until April 26 receive bids for the sale to it of 8% 10-Year Sinking Fund Conv. Gold bonds dated Dec. 1 1920, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$50,760, and at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 116, p. 1654.

General Baking Co.—Sales—Earnings, &c.

Sales in the first quarter of this year have been approximately 15% in excess of 1922. Earnings, it is stated, are about the same as last year. A bakery has been acquired in New Haven, Conn., with five ovens, which will soon be increased to 10. A new 12-oven bakery in the Bronx, costing about \$1,000,000, started in February. It is producing over 100,000 loaves daily. Present plans include a bakery in Brooklyn, N. Y. Land has been bought and construction will begin this year.—V. 116, p. 1057.

General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.—Orders.

According to a statement made by President Gerard Swope, orders received by the company for the three months ending March 31 1923 totaled \$80,010,045, as compared with \$51,335,300 for the corresponding quarter in 1922, or an increase of 56%.—V. 116, p. 1654, 1527.

General Motors Acceptance Corp.—Capital Increased.

The company has filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., showing an increase in the capital stock from \$4,800,000 (all outstanding and owned by the General Motors Corp.) to \$6,000,000, par \$100. The New York State Banking Dept. has approved the increase.—V. 116, p. 613.

General Motors Corp.—New Subsidiary Co., &c.

The corporation has organized a subsidiary, *General Motors Chemical Co.*, which will market through gasoline filling stations, refiners and large distributors of gasoline, what is essentially a modified type of gasoline. This new type of gasoline contains an "anti-knock" compound which has been developed after many years' experiment by the General Motors Research Corp. at Dayton, Ohio.

To fill vacancies existing on the board, John L. Pratt, Vice-President of General Motors in charge of accessory companies, and DeWitt Page, Pres. and Gen. Mgr. of New Departure Mfg. Co., have been elected directors.—V. 116, p. 1654, 1538.

General Petroleum Corp.—Note Issue Authorized.

The stockholders on Apr. 17 authorized an issue of \$10,000,000 5-Year 6% Gold notes, proceeds of which will be used for the construction of storage facilities in California.—V. 116, p. 521.

General Refractories Co.—Acquisition.

Negotiations for the purchase of the American Refractories Co. have been concluded and the merging of the two companies now awaits the formal approval of the stockholders of the two companies. The American company has plants in Danville and Joliet, Ill., and Baltimore, the combined capacity of which is approximately 36,000,000 brick annually. It also has foreign magnesite properties, but it is stated that these are not involved in the deal.—V. 116, p. 1281.

Gill Manufacturing Co. of Ill.—Stock Sold.—Paul H. Davis & Co. and Lamson Bros. & Co., Chicago, have sold at \$25 per share 35,000 shares Common stock of no par value.

Application will be made to list stock on Chicago Stock Exchange. Transfer agent, Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago; registrar, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Capitalization.—Common stock (no par value), 70,000 shares. No preferred stock or bonds.

Company.—Incorp. in Illinois in 1917. Manufactures and distributes the well known Gill piston rings, which are extensively used in replacement work by automobile garages, repair stations and accessory dealers located throughout the United States. Company owns and operates through affiliated organizations 28 branch sales establishments situated in the various distributing centres of the United States, and in addition Gill piston rings are regularly sold by many thousand dealers in all parts of the country.

During 1922 company manufactured and sold over 4,000,000 rings. **Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to retire a small outstanding issue of Preferred stock, to pay all bank debt and to provide working capital.

Earnings.—Estimated net profits for 1923 should be in excess of \$300,000, or more than twice dividend requirements. Net earnings available for employees and Federal income taxes paid, but after deducting all other charges, including depreciation, amortization of patents and after allowance for Federal taxes at the 1922 rates, for 1919 (7 months), 1920 and 1921, averaged \$235,847, or \$3 39 per share on 70,000 shares of stock. During 1922 company suffered a loss of \$128,521.

Dividends.—Directors have indicated their intention of immediately placing stock on an annual dividend basis of not less than \$2 per share, payable in quarterly installments, beginning July 1 1923.

Gilliland Oil Co.—Reorganization Plan.

Judge Morris in the U. S. District Court at Wilmington, Del., approved the reorganization plan. The plan has been consented to by the creditors. See V. 116, p. 727, 184.

(B. F.) Goodrich Co.—Prof. Stock Retirement—Business.

The stockholders on April 18 voted to retire 11,880 shares of Prof. stock. President Work reported that the volume of business for the first quarter of the present year was satisfactory and showed a marked increase over the same period for the previous year. The regular quarterly dividend of \$1 75 cents per share was declared on the Prof. stock, payable July 2 to holders of record June 21.—V. 116, p. 1538.

(H. W.) Gossard Co., Inc.—Common Divs.—Earnings.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 a share on the Common stock, payable in quarterly installments of 25c. a share on the first day of June, July, Aug. and Sept., to holders of record on May, June, July and Aug. 20, respectively. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the Preferred stock, payable May 1 to holders of record April 20. The only distribution on the Common stock in 1922 was \$1 a share paid Dec. 28. **Earnings.**—The earnings for the first quarter of this year, after all charges, including Federal taxes, it is reported, were \$127,954 greater than the total for the first six months of 1922.—V. 116, p. 1184.

(W. T.) Grant Co.—Sales.

Years ended Jan. 31—	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Sales—	\$15,382,631	\$12,728,412	\$10,192,535
Net profits—	\$1,010,927	\$651,781	\$557,880

x Before taxes and bonuses and after inventory adjustment. The volume of sales for the first quarter of the calendar year 1923 was \$3,734,223, an increase of 50.92% over the same period last year.—V. 115, p. 550.

Green Star Steamship Corp.—Modifications to Reorganization Plan—Operating Agreement.

The committee for the 5-Year 7% Marine Equip. Serial 1st Mtge. bonds and 5-Year 7% Marine Equip. Sinking Fund 1st Mtge. bonds has notified the holders of certificates of deposit of the adoption of certain modifications to the plan of reorganization dated Oct. 1 1922 (V. 115, p. 2273).

The committee in a circular dated Apr. 5 gives a brief outline of an operating agreement for the operation of the steamships, executed with the Planet Line, Inc. The committee says in substance:

The seven vessels which, under the plan, are to be acquired by the new company, have been sold at marshal's sales and have been bought in on behalf of the committee and are about to be transferred to the Planet Steamship Corp. The reorganization managers and the new company have executed an agreement for the operation of these seven vessels with Planet Line, Inc., a subsidiary of the Seas Shipping Co., Inc. (Arthur Lewis, President). The Seas Shipping Co., Inc., which has been engaged in the successful operation of a fleet of steamships for many years, guarantees the performance of this agreement.

Under the terms of this agreement, the ships will be reconditioned and promptly placed in operation. The agreement provides a fixed income to the new company of approximately \$188,000 per annum, which should be ample to pay interest on and partially amortize the indebtedness incurred in terminating the receivership, removing the maritime liens, transferring the vessels to the new company, reconditioning the same, and the other expenses of reorganization, and to pay initially a small dividend on the stock to be issued under the plan to the depositing bondholders.

The operating agreement further provides for the payment to the new company of 50% of the net profits of the operation of the vessels, after deducting 7½% of the gross operating income, which 7½% is retained by the Planet Line, Inc.

After the new company shall have received out of the net profits of the operation of the vessels a sum equal to the value of the seven vessels covered by the operating agreement, at the rate of \$30 per d. w. ton, the new company agrees to deliver to the Planet Line, Inc., an amount of capital stock of the new company which will equal 51% of the total capital stock of the new company issued and outstanding after such delivery shall have been made. The stock issued to the Planet Line, Inc., under these provisions will not be entitled to share in the earnings of the new company received or accrued prior to the delivery of such stock. It is provided, in effect, in the operating agreement that, at the time the 51% of the capital stock is delivered, all liens or encumbrances upon the seven vessels covered by the operating agreement shall have been discharged.

The operating agreement will remain in force for a term of five years, but the Planet Line, Inc., has the option to renew the agreement for two further periods of five years each. In case the new company shall not have received, before the operating agreement shall terminate or expire, as its share of the net profits from the operation of the vessels, a sum equal to \$30 per d. w. ton on all of the vessels covered by the operating agreement, the Planet Line, Inc., shall not receive or be entitled to receive any of the capital stock of the new company.

Modification of Reorganization Plan.

By reason of the provisions of the above operating agreement, the committee has approved and adopted on Apr. 5 1923 an agreement of modification of the plan of reorganization. The principal features of the modification are as follows:

In view of the fact that two of the vessels have been sold for cash, in order to provide a portion of the funds necessary for reorganization, and of the fact that the operating agreement makes it unnecessary for working capital to be furnished by the new company, the committee has determined to reduce the amount of bonds to be authorized by the new company from \$2,000,000 to \$800,000.

The securities to be authorized by the new company will be as follows: (1) First Mortgage Income bonds, \$800,000; (2) Common stock, 140,000 shares of no par value.

The amount of the capital stock to be issued in exchange for the Serial and Sinking Fund First Mortgage bonds as provided in the plan remains unchanged, and the balance of the authorized capital stock will be placed in escrow under an agreement providing that such amount of the capital stock as may be necessary for such purpose shall be delivered to the Planet Line, Inc., as and when that company shall be entitled to receive the same under the provisions of the operating agreement.

The purchase at par and accrued int. of a sufficient number of the \$800,000 bonds to insure the termination of the receivership and the transfer of the vessels to the new company, and to provide for the reconditioning of the vessels, has been underwritten. Of the 140,000 shares of Common stock authorized, 67,370 shares are to be presently issued for delivery: (a) to holders of Sinking Fund bonds, 27,776 shares; (b) to holders of Serial bonds, 39,600 shares. (A portion of this stock is to be held in escrow as above provided.)—V. 116, p. 302, 1057.

Greenwald Packing Corp., Baltimore, Md.—Stock Offered.

The Baltimore Trust Co. and the Commerce Trust Co., Baltimore, are offering at \$28 50 per share 20,000 shares Class "A" capital stock of no par value. A circular shows:

Class "A" stock is entitled to cumulative preferential dividends at the rate of \$2 per share per annum and in the event of liquidation is preferred as to assets over Class "B" stock up to \$40 per share. Red, all or part on 60 days' notice at \$45 per share and div. Convertible share for share into Class "B" capital stock. Divs. payable Q.-J. Transfer agent, Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore. Registrar, Commerce Trust Co., Baltimore.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Class "A" capital stock (no par value) ----- 20,000 shares 20,000 shares Class "B" capital stock (no par value) ----- 40,000 shares 20,000 shares

Company.—Organized in Maryland. Is a consolidation of the Greenwald Packing Co. and the partnership of Haas & Fox. These concerns have been successfully engaged in the meat packing industry over a long period of years. Their business has shown a steady increase and since 1916 their combined sales have been in excess of \$4,000,000 annually.

Earnings.—Average annual net earnings of Haas & Fox for 6 years ended Dec. 31 1922, available for distribution among the partners, and the average annual net earnings of the Greenwald Packing Co. for 10 years ended Dec. 31 1922, adjusted to a corporation basis, after Federal taxes computed at 1923 rates, and before depreciation, were \$110,529, or 2¼ times the annual dividend requirements on the Class "A" capital stock.

Listing.—Application will be made to list stock on Baltimore Stock Exch.

Gulf States Steel Co.—Earnings.

Earnings for the first quarter are understood to have been \$533,978.—V. 116, p. 1057.

Hale & Kilburn Corp.—Reorganization Plan for American Motor Body Co.

Chairman W. D. Baldwin in a letter dated April 14 to holders of Preferred stock and voting trust certificates announces a plan of reorganization of American Motor Body Co., to which the plant and property of Hale & Kilburn Corp. were sold in Nov. 1920 (V. 111, p. 797). The stockholders of Hale & Kilburn Corp. (which owns alto

gether 17% of the outstanding stock) will vote Apr. 25 on approving the plan. Chairman Baldwin says in substance:

Hale & Kilburn Corp. holds the following shares of American Motor Body Co., these shares constituting the entire assets of the corporation: (1) 16,000 shares of Class A stock, having a total par value of \$1,600,000; (2) 50,000 shares of Class B stock, having a total par value of \$250,000, represented by voting trust certificates.

No dividends have ever been paid on the Class A stock of American Motor Body Co. during the 2½ years of its existence, and its balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1922 shows a loss for 1922 of \$328,727. Inasmuch as the business of the company has not been successful, a reorganization is deemed advisable.

Charles M. Schwab has offered to undertake the management of the business now carried on by American Motor Body Co., provided the proposed plan of reorganization can be effected and he is allowed to purchase a substantial interest in the business.

A new corporation—the *Motor Body Corp.*—has accordingly been organized in Delaware. This corporation will acquire the entire property, assets and good will of American Motor Body Co. and its subsidiaries, the Wadsworth Manufacturing Corp., by purchase or otherwise, and securities of the new corporation, consisting of 6% bonds, 6% notes and no-par-value shares of stock, all of one class, together with certain amounts of cash, will be delivered to the present stockholders of American Motor Body Co.

Hale & Kilburn Corp. holds slightly less than 12% of the outstanding Class A stock of American Motor Body Co. and exactly 5% of the outstanding Class B stock. Under the reorganization plan it is proposed to give the holders of Class A stock of American Motor Body Co. their respective pro rata share of the bonds and notes of the new corporation. Each stockholder will also receive three shares of stock of the new corporation for each share of Class A stock now held by such stockholders, except that 9,646 shares of new stock will be given to Hale & Kilburn Corp. in addition to its pro rata (48,000 shares) of such new stock. Hale & Kilburn Corp. will thus receive \$591,900 of bonds, \$127,900 of notes and 57,646 shares of stock, there being a small cash adjustment on account of fractional amounts. A director of Hale & Kilburn Corp. will be elected to the board of directors of Motor Body Corp.

It is also proposed to pay American Can Co. (one of the stockholders of American Motor Body Co.) \$150,000 in cash in consideration of its surrender of more than a majority of the Class B stock of American Motor Body Co. and in consideration of services in connection with the management of that company rendered without charge during the past 2½ years.

It is hoped that the new management directed by Mr. Schwab will prove beneficial to the business.

For further details of proposed plan of reorganization of American Motor Body Co. see that company above.—V. 111, p. 2143.

Hanover (Pa.) Power Co.—New Control.

See Metropolitan Edison Co. below.—V. 116, p. 1184.

Heyden Chemical Co. of America, Inc.—Annual Report.

—Years End. Dec. 31—15 Mos. End. Year End.				
	1922.	1921.	Dec. 31 '20.	Sept. 30 '20.
Net sales	\$899,931	\$1,311,922	\$4,484,854	\$4,114,199
Cost of sales	745,761	1,170,927	3,751,857	3,366,563
Gross profit on sales	\$154,170	\$140,995	\$732,997	\$747,636
Administrative expense	123,669	117,384	164,968	119,125
Selling expense		148,955	333,740	287,129
Net profit on sales	\$30,500	loss\$125,344	\$234,238	\$341,382
Miscellaneous credits		2,031	31,192	26,773
Discounts allowed		Dr. 4,967	Dr. 24,516	Dr. 22,860
Inventory adjustments		110,515		
Net inc. from oper.	\$30,500	loss\$238,794	\$240,964	\$345,294

—V. 114, p. 1896.

Hingham (Mass.) Water Co.—Bond Issue.

The company has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue (at par) \$225,000 1st Mtge. 5½% bonds, payable June 1 1943. Of the proceeds \$120,000 will be applied to refunding an equal amount of bonds now outstanding, and \$105,000 to pay for additions to plant. The company has an authorized capital of \$500,000, of which \$440,000 is outstanding.—V. 76, p. 1251.

Houston (Tex.) Lighting & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at 89½ and int., to yield 5½%, \$2,000,000 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, Series "A" 5% (see advertising pages).

Dated March 1 1923. Due March 1 1953. Int. payable M. & S. in New York without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Denom. c* \$1,000. \$500 and \$100, and r* \$1,000 and authorized multiples. Red. all or part upon 4 weeks' notice on or before March 1 1928 at 105 and int. and at 1% less for each 5-year period thereafter to and incl. Mar. 1 1948; thereafter until and incl. March 1 1950, at 100½ and int., and thereafter at par. Penn. 4-mill tax refundable. Guarantee Trust Co., N. Y., trustee. Listed.—Listed on the Boston Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Pres. Edwin B. Parker, Houston, Texas, April 5.

Company.—Incorp. Jan. 8 1906 in Texas and succeeded to the business of a corporation of similar name, operating under a franchise which, in the opinion of counsel, is without limitation as to time, granted in 1882.

The present generating plant of the company has an installed capacity of 32,500 k. w., incl. a 10,000 k. w. unit placed in operation in 1922. Rapidly growing business has required an increase in capacity of this plant of more than 200% in the last 5 years. An extensive system of transmission and distribution lines, aggregating 488 miles, radiates from the centre of the city and extends into the surrounding territory.

Company has under construction at present its Deepwater station designed for an ultimate installation of 150,000 k. w. The initial installation will consist of two 20,000 k. w. turbo-generators with the necessary auxiliary machinery. The site of this plant is advantageously located on the Ship Channel (which extends from Houston to the Gulf), just outside the city limits and ten miles east of the centre of Houston, Texas.

Capitalization after Proposed Financing—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. Series "A" 5s, 1953 (this iss.)	a	\$2,000,000
1st Mtge. Sinking Fund 5s, 1931	(Closed)	\$2,403,000
Preferred stock	2,000,000	1,250,000
Common stock	2,500,000	2,500,000

a Authorized issue limited by the restriction of the mortgage. b In addition, there will be pledged under the First Lien & Ref. Mtge. \$2,100,000 of these bonds, exclusive of \$497,000 bonds that have been retired and canceled through the sinking fund.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the treasury for expenditures incurred in the enlargement and extension of its property and for other corporate purposes.

Earnings for 12 Months ended Jan. 31 1923.

Gross earnings (including other income)	\$2,131,900
Net, after operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	716,694
Annual interest on \$4,403,000 bonds outstanding with public, including this issue, requires	220,150

—V. 116, p. 183.

Humble Oil & Refining Co.—Annual Report.

—Calendar Years—			
	1922.	1921.	1920.
Total income	\$26,490,523	\$24,247,867	\$32,538,070
Cost of operation and interest	19,760,643	17,147,236	21,564,611
Depreciation	2,238,853	5,243,524	See x
Depletion	5,646,506	3,000,000	2,500,000
Estimated Federal taxes			1,000,000
Balance	def.\$1,156,479	df\$1,142,893	sr\$7,473,459

x After deducting depreciation.—V. 116, p. 1184.

Hydraulic Steel Co.—Not To Enter Merger.

Pres. James H. Foster states that the company has decided not to enter the proposed merger with the Parish & Bingham Corp. of Cleveland and the Detroit Pressed Steel Co. of Detroit. He says:

"Our directors have decided not to take part in the three-cornered consolidation. We have made arrangements for certain necessary financing and will continue to operate alone."—V. 116, p. 1655, 522.

Hydrox Corporation.—Earnings.

President T. H. McInnerney states that gross earnings for the first quarter of this year exceeded by 30% those of the same period last year, and it is estimated that the net earnings for 1922 will exceed \$600,000, or equivalent to more than \$5 a share on the Common stock after Preferred dividends.—V. 116, p. 1184, 417.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—To Increase Capital.

The company has petitioned the Illinois Commerce Commission for authority to increase the authorized capital stock by \$10,000,000 to \$70,000,000. The company plans to spend about \$17,400,000 for new construction this year. See also annual report for 1922 in V. 116, p. 1529, 1538.

Indian Refining Co.—Annual Report (Incl. Subsidi.)

—Calendar Years—			
	1922.	1921.	1920.
Net earnings from oper.	loss\$402,538	loss\$355,717	\$2,663,072
Deduct—Interest paid	226,566	277,991	353,744
Deprec., deple., &c.			9,666,217
Prof. divs. (7% p. a.)	x19,429	180,177	197,902
Common dividends			(16)721,170
			(12)360,000

Balance $\text{def} \$648,533$ $\text{df} \$4,015,285$ $\text{sr} \$424,039$ $\text{sr} \$1,172,980$
 Prof. & loss sur. or def. $\text{df} \$2,071,464$ $\text{df} \$1,425,931$ $\text{sr} \$2,592,354$ $\text{sr} \$2,168,316$
 x Central Refining Co. to Dec. 31 1922. y Includes taxes, \$285,000; inventory shrinkage, \$281,431; Central Refg. Co. (loss), \$60,250; dry holes, leases, &c., written off, \$339,536. z Includes deprec. & deple., \$812,816, and taxes, \$725,000.—V. 115, p. 1319.

Indiana Hydro-Electric Power Co.—New Officers.

Harry Reid, formerly Vice-Pres. and Gen. Mgr., has been elected President, succeeding Samuel Insull, who has been elected Chairman of the Board. Ernest Van Arsdell, a director, has been elected Vice-President.—V. 115, p. 2484.

Industrial Fuel Supply Co. (Calif.)—New Control.

See Los Angeles Suburban Gas Corp. below.

Inland Steel Co.—Transfer Agent—Listing.

The U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. has been appointed Transfer Agent in New York for the Preferred and Common stocks of the company.

The 7% Cum. Pref. stock, when issued, and Common stock, no par value, when issued, have been admitted to the list of the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 116, p. 1655, 1538.

International General Electric Co.—Annual Report.

—Calendar Years—			
	1922.	1921.	1920.
Net sales billed	\$20,212,258	\$38,359,012	\$32,774,812
Other income	4,621,273	2,581,649	2,642,421

Total income	\$24,833,531	\$40,940,661	\$35,417,233
Cost of merch. sold & exps. (deprec. in 1922) incl. taxes	\$22,229,189	\$37,714,544	\$32,436,549
Interest paid	338,864	1,253,044	573,726
Preferred dividends (7%)	700,000	700,000	700,000

Surplus available for Common. \$1,565,477 \$1,273,072 \$1,706,958
 Unfilled orders on the books of the company on Jan. 1 1923 amounted to upwards of \$13,800,000.—V. 116, p. 1655, 1419.

International Harvester Co.—New Sub. Co. Officer.

T. J. Maloney has been elected Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr. of the Illinois Northern Ry., a subsidiary, to succeed the late A. G. Huckin.—V. 116, p. 1045.

Invincible Oil Corp.—Earnings.

—Years Ended Dec. 31—		
	1922.	1921.
Earnings from operations	\$3,971,576	\$1,130,926
Other income	185,949	43,504

Total income	\$4,157,526	\$1,174,531
Interest, &c.	422,585	661,686
Development, including drilling expense, &c., lawfully deductible for taxation purposes	1,344,842	819,200

Net income, before depletion, depreciation, &c.	\$2,390,099	def\$307,355
Previous surplus (adjusted)	6,721,328	13,511,835
Bond discount & prem., org. exp., comm., &c.	Dr. 1,994,196	
Proportion of surplus applic. to minor int.	746,248	1,071,686
Dividends paid by subsidiaries to minor int.		239,844

Profit and loss, surplus. x\$6,370,982 \$11,892,949
 x Before depletion, depreciation, &c.—V. 116, p. 1655.

Iowa Packing Co., Des Moines, Iowa.—Bonds Offered.

Central State Bank of Des Moines is offering at 100 and int. \$300,000 1st Mtge. Coll. 7% Sinking Fund Serial Gold bonds dated Mar. 15 1923, due \$100,000 each March, 1926, 1928 and 1930. Int. payable M. & S. at Central State Bank of Des Moines, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part upon 30 days' notice on any int. date at 102 and int. up to Mar. 15 1924 and at 101 thereafter. A sinking fund is provided for the retirement by maturity of approximately 55%, 52% and 66% of the 1926, 1928 and 1930 maturities, respectively.

Data from Letter of President F. T. Fuller, March 15.

Company.—Incorp. in Iowa. Does a considerable export business with the British Isles and Continental Europe and maintains foreign sales agencies to which regular shipments of cured meats and lard are made. Has in operation 50 modern refrigerator cars, which carry its products to its own sales branches in the Middle West and South. Plants located at Des Moines.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire current liabilities and increase working capital.

Security.—Secured by pledge of \$500,000 1st Mtge. 8% 10-Year Convertible Gold bonds.

Capitalization After This Financing—	Authorized.	Outstand'g.
Common stock	\$500,000	\$492,400
Preferred stock (7% non-cumulative)	2,000,000	1,786,000
1st Mtge. Collateral 7s (this issue)	300,000	300,000
1st Mtge. 8% 10-year Conv. Gold bonds	750,000	250,000

Iowa Southern Utilities Co.—Bonds Offered.—Hoagland & Co., Inc., are offering at 93 and int., to yield 6½%, \$1,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6% Gold bonds, Series of 1923.

A circular shows: Dated Feb. 1 1923. Due Feb. 1 1943. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. on any int. date at 107½ to Jan. 1 1928; 105 to July 1 1933, and 102½ thereafter. Int. payable F. & A. in New York and Chicago, without deduction for any Federal income tax not to exceed 2%.

Company.—Owns and operates 2 modern steam central power stations, furnishing without competition, electric light and power at wholesale and retail to 40 towns and cities in the agricultural section of Southern Iowa. Population estimated 75,000. Company owns and operates the electric interurban railway connecting Centerville, Mystic and Albia, and supplies gas and steam heat to the city of Centerville. Of the net earnings 80% is derived from the electric light and power business, 17% from railway and 3% from gas and steam heat.

Earnings Year ended Feb. 28 1923.

Gross earnings	\$954,797
Operating expenses, incl. taxes, maintenance and improvements	610,189
Net earnings	\$344,607

Annual interest requirements on all bonds outstanding including this issue and divisional bonds. \$165,906

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage on the central power station at Creston and transmission lines and properties at Creston, Cromwell, Orient and Afton. Also secured by mortgage on the central power station at Centerville and over 300 miles of transmission lines, subject only to \$1,765,000 divisional bonds, for the retirement of which provision has been made.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse company for additions to the properties, for improvements and for other corporate purposes.—V. 108, p. 2245.

Jones Bros. Tea Co., Inc.—March Sales.—
 1923—March—1922. Increase. 1923—3 Mos.—1922. Increase.
 \$1,590,225 \$1,517,174 \$73,051 \$4,340,918 \$4,289,208 \$51,710
 These figures do not incl. wholesale or jobbing depts.—V. 116, p. 1655, 1419.

Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.—To Retire Notes.—
 Certain 10-year 8% Sinking Fund Gold notes, dated May 15 1921, aggregating \$500,000, have been called for redemption May 15 at 110 and interest at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York, 80 Broadway, New York City.—V. 116, p. 1539.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc., New York.—Back Dividends.
 The directors have declared a dividend of \$2 per share on the Preferred stock (on account of back dividends), payable June 1 to holders of record May 21.—V. 116, p. 1420.

Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp.—Definitive Bonds.—
 It is announced that definitive 5½% Gen. & Ref. Mtge. bonds, Series "F," are now ready for delivery in exchange for outstanding interim certificates at the offices of any of the bankers who participated in the offering. See V. 116, p. 1186.

Los Angeles Suburban Gas & Electric Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Central Trust Co. of Illinois, H. T. Holtz & Co., Chicago, and Hambleton & Co., New York, are offering at 100 and int. \$4,000,000 1st (Closed) Lien Coll. Trust 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated March 1 1923. Due March 1 1938. Int. payable M. & S. in Chicago or New York without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Red. all or part on any int. date up to and incl. Sept. 1 1927 at 105 and int., the premium decreasing ½ of 1% on each March 1 thereafter until a redemption price of 101 and accrued interest is reached which continues to maturity. Com. and Conn. 4-mill tax, present Maryland securities tax and Mass. income tax not in excess of 6% rounded. Demom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, trustee.

Data from Letter of President Rufus C. Dawes, April 16.

Los Angeles Suburban Gas Corp.—Inc. in Del. Apr. 9 1923 Will own 14,989 shares, being the entire amount, except 11 directors' qualifying shares, of the outstanding Common stock of the Southern Counties Gas Co. of Calif., and \$1,250,000 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds and 20,000 shares of Common stock, being the entire outstanding bonded debt and capital stock of the Industrial Fuel Supply Co.

Operating Companies.—The Southern Counties Gas Co. is a distributing system with over 1,400 miles of mains and ranks third among the gas companies of California in the number of consumers served. It serves without competition 52 communities in the prosperous suburban and agricultural district surrounding Los Angeles. Company has 102,732 meters installed and serves an estimated population of 450,000. The Industrial Fuel Supply Co. owns a gathering and transmission system in and adjacent to the territory served by the Southern Counties Gas Co. and is engaged in the purchase and sale of natural gas. Neither operating company has any investment in natural gas producing properties, being assured an ample supply through contracts and long established business relations with the principal producing companies in Southern California.

Security.—Secured, through pledge of all outstanding first mortgage bonds and capital stock, by first lien upon the fixed properties of the Industrial Fuel Supply Co. and by pledge of the entire Common capital stock, less directors' qualifying shares, of Southern Counties Gas Co. of Calif. The pledged securities are conservatively valued at over \$8,000,000.

Earnings.—Gross revenues of the operating companies have shown a remarkable and continuous growth. The sales of the Southern Counties Gas Co. have increased over sevenfold in seven years and those of the Industrial Fuel Supply Co. almost fourfold in three years.

Combined surplus earnings for the past three years, after all operating expenses, taxes, maintenance, depreciation and interest and dividend charges upon outstanding securities not owned by the parent company, have averaged \$731,000, or approximately 2½ times interest requirements upon the present bond issue. Surplus earnings for 1922 are in excess of 4½ times such annual interest charge; and over 3 times the fixed annual interest and sinking fund charges combined. Net earnings for 1922 of the properties upon which the bonds are a first lien through deposits of securities as above stated were \$629,539, or approximately 2½ times annual interest charge upon the present bond issue.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture obligates company to pay to the trustee semi-annually, first payment to be made Sept. 1 1923, an amount equivalent to \$400,000 annually, such payments to be used as far as necessary to pay interest and the balance to retire bonds either by purchase in the open market or call at not exceeding the redemption price.

Capitalization—Authorized. Outstanding.
 First Lien Collateral Trust 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds (this issue) \$4,000,000 \$4,000,000
 Common stock (no par value) 54,000 shs 54,000 shs.
 In addition there are outstanding in the hands of the public \$1,250,000 Preferred stock and \$7,827,200 funded debt of Southern Counties Gas Co. of California.

Lowell (Mass.) Electric Light Corp.—Annual Report.—
Calendar Years.—

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross earnings	\$1,363,077	\$1,180,510	\$1,235,878	\$995,953
Oper. & maint. exp.	\$743,873	\$703,666	\$683,987	\$636,615
Taxes	152,198	107,504	81,227	71,731
Interest charges	9,801	16,542	31,359	24,365
Divs. paid (\$10 sh.)	250,133	205,870	117,640	117,640
Net direct charges to reserves & surplus	16,322	Cr. 5,857	12	2,627
Replacement reserve	100,000	100,000	125,000	75,000
Balance, surplus	\$90,751	\$52,786	\$16,653	\$67,976
Prior surplus	\$14,937	762,151	745,498	677,522
Current surplus	\$905,689	\$814,937	\$762,151	\$745,498

—V. 114, p. 1541, 1293.

MacAndrews & Forbes Co.—Stock to Employees.—
 The stockholders will vote May 9 on approving the sale to officers and employees at par (\$100) of 7,500 shares of unissued Common stock.—V. 116, p. 1283.

McCrary Stores Corp.—Sales.—
 1923—March—1922. Increase. 1923—3 Mos.—1922. Increase.
 \$1,772,284 \$1,205,238 \$567,046 \$4,258,119 \$3,211,039 \$1,047,080
 —V. 116, p. 1656, 1186.

Mammoth Oil Co.—Status, &c.—
 See Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp. under "Reports" above.—V. 116, p. 830.

Manufacturers' Aircraft Association, Inc.—Suit.—
 Alleging conspiracy to destroy his business, James V. Martin, of the Martin airplane factory, Little Island, filed suit under the Clayton Act at Washington, April 14, to recover \$51,510,000 from the Association, 27 other corporations and 35 individuals.

The plaintiff declared that his business had been damaged to the extent of \$17,000,000, and he claimed triple damages plus an attorney's fee of \$510,000. He charged that the defendant corporation and individuals had conspired to monopolize the aircraft trade, and told the court that whereas he had worked as a contemporary of the Wright Brothers and Glenn H. Curtiss, and had invented indispensable parts of present-day airplanes, none of the defendants had invented any airplane or airplane device.

Among the corporations named are: Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., New York; Dayton Airplane Co.; Fisher Body Corp., Detroit; Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron; Mitsui & Co., Ltd., New York; Packard Motor Car Co., Detroit; St. Louis Aircraft Corp., J. G. White & Co.; Wright Aeronautical Corp., New York. (See also New York "Times," April 5, p. 22).—V. 105, p. 611.

Martel Mills, Inc.—Annual Report Cal. Year 1922.—
 This company succeeded to the business of 8 predecessor companies as of Apr. 1 1922. Earnings for the period of 9 months ending Dec. 31 1922 amount to \$259,525, but the combined results of operations by the predecessor companies for the first three months of 1922 and by Martel Mills are given as follows for the last 9 months:

Earnings Year Ended December 31 1922.
 Net sales (incl. \$69,219 other income), \$4,510,292; cost of sales, \$3,440,481; gross profits, \$1,069,812
 Gen. selling & adm. exp., \$472,217; int. on bonds, loans, &c., \$146,890. 619,107
 Provision for Federal income tax 57,034
 Pref. div. allowance (7%), \$74,998; Common divs. paid, \$150,000 224,998

Balance to surplus \$168,672
 The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1922 shows capital assets (less reserve for depreciation of \$1,603,858), \$4,431,042; current assets, \$2,941,596, and deferred charges, \$31,061; total, \$7,403,701. Offsets include 7% Pref. stock, \$1,071,400; Common stock (100,000 shares of no par value), \$3,710,823; 1st Mtge. 15-Year 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, \$2,000,000; current liabilities, \$621,478.—V. 115, p. 1329.

Martin-Parry Corp.—Dividend Increased—Earnings.—
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share, payable June 1 to holders of record May 15. This is an increase of 25 cents a share as compared with dividends of 50 cents per share paid quarterly from Mar. 1920 to Mar. 1923, incl.

Net profits during the first quarter this year amounted to approximately \$172,000, as against \$72,000 needed for dividend requirements.—V. 116, p. 1283.

Mason Valley Mines Co.—Earnings for Calendar Years.—

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross profit	loss\$5,541	loss\$630	\$13,229	\$124,038
Other income	138,482	119,603	28,544	35,337
Total income	\$132,941	\$118,973	\$41,773	\$159,375
Expenses, taxes, &c.	68,754	107,643	101,838	68,600
Balance, surplus	\$64,187	\$11,330	def\$60,065	\$90,775

—V. 114, p. 1772.

Maverick Mills, Boston.—Bond Issue, &c.—
 The stockholders on April 18 (a) authorized an issue of \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds; (b) authorized the retirement of the Preferred shares from time to time, at a price not exceeding par and divs.—V. 116, p. 1657.

Maxwell Motor Corp.—Status—Earnings.—
 Chairman Chrysler says in substance: "The corporation is at present in a very strong position, with no bank loans. Manufacturing plants have sufficient capacity to produce quantities as scheduled at low cost." Cash and sight drafts have increased from \$4,449,220 on Jan. 1 1923 to approximately \$6,000,000 at present.
 Net earnings for the first quarter of 1923 approximated \$1,026,000, compared with a loss during the corresponding period of last year of \$611,438.—V. 116, p. 1657.

Mercer Motors Co.—Subscriptions.—
 Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. (Columbia office), 60 Broadway, New York, will receive subscriptions to \$400,000 Class A stock of the Mercer Motors Co. under plan dated Mar. 15 1923. See V. 116, p. 1420.

Metropolitan Edison Co.—Acquisitions.—
 It is announced that the company has acquired control of the Hanover Power Co. and the Gettysburg Electric Co. See also V. 116, p. 1186, 1657.

Metropolitan Power Co.—New Financing Shortly.—
 This company is being incorporated in Pennsylvania, to build and operate a large steam electric power generating plant at Middletown, on the Susquehanna River. The initial capacity of the plant will be 30,000 k. w., but it will be designed for extension to an ultimate capacity of 200,000 k. w. The entire power generated in the plant will be sold to the Metropolitan Edison Co., which will then be in a strong position to meet the demand for electric power and lighting service in the extensive industrial district of Reading, Lebanon and sections in the vicinity of Middletown and Steelton. Metropolitan Edison Co. will be enabled to use this steam power in conjunction with the full capacity of the present hydro-electric power station of York Haven Water & Power Co., the control of which it owns.

Provision was made so that prior to the company being incorporated a well-adapted site could be acquired for the plant and borings for the foundations started. A contract for a 30,000 k. w. turbine generator, together with boilers and accessories, has already been made, and delivery will be during the early part of 1924.

The plant of the Metropolitan Power Co. will be connected by 110,000 volt tower transmission lines with the present large generating plant of Metropolitan Edison Co. at Reading, which is now being connected by 110,000 volt tower transmission line with the system of the Pennsylvania Edison Co., which supplies the territory in Easton and adjacent thereto.

It is understood that there will be issued in connection with the initial development approximately 40,000 shares no par value common stock, 12,000 shares no par value Preferred stock, and \$3,000,000 First Mtge. bonds. The Preferred stock has been purchased by a Philadelphia banking syndicate and a public offering will shortly be made.

Miami Copper Co.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years—

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross income	\$8,767,260	\$6,758,640	\$9,869,520	\$10,533,737
Expenses, taxes, &c.	6,561,559	6,008,287	6,610,051	8,951,036
Depreciation	404,601	336,267	286,257	285,696
Depletion	x	x	1,807,483	1,806,748
Balance	\$1,801,100	\$414,086	\$1,165,729	def\$519,743
Other income	172,344	515,898	248,466	207,580
Total income	\$1,973,444	\$929,984	\$1,414,195	def\$311,893
Dividends	1,494,228	1,494,228	1,494,228	1,867,786
do rate	40%	40%	40%	50%
Balance, surplus	\$479,216	def\$564,244	def\$80,033	df\$2,179,678

x No depletion charge made against 1922 income, but \$2,138,904 is charged against surplus account and for 1921 \$1,719,288.—V. 115, p. 2387.

Middle West Utilities Co.—New Director, &c.—
 B. E. Sunny, Chairman of the Board of the Illinois Bell Telephone Co., has been elected a director to succeed the late Frank J. Baker. John F. Gilchrist, Vice-Pres. of the Commonwealth Edison Co. has been elected a member of the Executive Committee.—V. 116, p. 1421.

Midland Counties Public Service Corp.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years—

	1922.	1921.	1920.
Gross earnings	\$837,483	\$800,386	\$648,248
Operating exp., maint., taxes, &c.	629,069	566,496	463,504
Int., bond discount and expenses	149,493	115,144	103,237
Balance	\$58,921	\$118,745	\$91,506

—V. 115, p. 2054.

Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co.—Stricken from List.—
 The New York Stock Exchange has stricken from the list the capital stock of this company to take effect April 28.—V. 116, p. 1186.

Midway Gas Co.—Annual Report.—
Calendar Years—

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross revenue	\$2,690,774	\$2,623,303	\$2,370,947	\$1,728,510
Op. exp., taxes, depr., &c.	2,076,328	1,913,386	1,782,342	954,884
Int., bond disc. & exp.	126,502	172,485	158,676	126,980
Balance, surplus	\$487,944	\$537,432	\$429,930	\$616,645

—V. 115, p. 1845.

National Breweries, Ltd.—New Officer, &c.—
 Lieut.-Col. Geo. R. Hooper has been elected 1st Vice-President, succeeding Vesey Boswell. A. W. H. Buchanan has been elected a director, succeeding Mr. Boswell.—V. 116, p. 1657.

National Cloak & Suit Co.—To Retire Pref.—
 The stockholders will vote May 1 on reducing the 7% Cumul. Pref. stock from \$8,330,000 to \$7,757,500, par \$100.—V. 116, p. 1421.

National Motors Corp.—Withdraw Bond Offering.—
 Moore, Leonard & Lynch, Wm. H. Colvin & Co., and Stroud & Co., Inc., announce that they have withdrawn the offering of \$3,000,000 1st

mtge. bonds recently offered for subscription by a syndicate of which they were the managers on a when, as and if issued basis.

The bankers authorized this statement: "It is understood that the company is making other arrangements to take care of its financial requirements." See V. 116, p. 1284.

Nebraska Gas & Electric Co.—Capital Increase.

This company, a subsidiary of Continental Gas & Electric Co., has increased its authorized Capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000.—V. 115, p. 654.

Nevada-California Electric Corp.—Annual Report.

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years Including Subsidiary Cos. [Inter-company transactions eliminated.]

Table with 3 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows include Gross operating earnings, Operating & general expenses, Taxes, Uncollectible accounts, Total non-operating expenses (net), Total income, Interest charges, &c.

Table with 3 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows include Available surplus for year, Total surplus Jan. 1 plus appr. during current year for bond redemptions, Total Dividends declared.

Table with 3 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows include Total profit & loss, surplus, Dec. 31, Note.—The corporation has an interest in profits of other operating companies not included in above statement.

Note.—The corporation has an interest in profits of other operating companies not included in above statement. In 1921 and 1922 the operations resulted in a loss and a consequent reduction in the combined surplus of those companies.

Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.—Annual Report.

[The mine was shut down April 8 1921 but opened April 1 1922.] Calendar Year—

Table with 4 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Total revenues, Operating expenses, Depreciation, Miscellaneous income, Dividends.

Table with 4 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Balance, deficit, Profit and loss surplus.

New Brunswick Power Co.—Injunction Denied.

Chief Justice Hazen at St. John, N. B., has denied the application of the company for a temporary injunction restraining the city of St. John from duplicating the lighting system. The decision does not affect proceedings for a permanent injunction, which will be heard April 27.—V. 115, p. 2590.

New England Oil Corporation.—Decision.

The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond, Va., has held that the Island Oil Marketing Corp., New York, is entitled to recover from the New England Oil Corp., Boston (now the New England Oil Refining Co., per reorganization plan, V. 116, p. 523), \$1,161,835 upon first paying to the Boston concern within 40 days a rebate of \$240,000. The decision affirms a judgment of the Norfolk District Court. Otherwise the case will be sent back for new trial. The Island Oil sued the New England company for alleged breach of contract for purchase of approximately 2,000,000 bbls. of crude petroleum, to have been delivered at Tampico, Mex., between Dec. 1 1920 and Dec. 1 1921, at \$1 50 a bbl. The alleged contract was breached when the price of oil fell to 90c. a bbl. The opinion of the Appellate Court held that the defendant corporation was entitled to a credit of 400,000 bbls. on the quantity of oil it contracted to buy at \$1 50 a bbl., with the allowance of 60c. on the bbl., which amounts to \$240,000.—V. 116, p. 523.

Newmarket Mfg. Co., Boston.—Capital Increase, &c.

The stockholders on April 18 increased the authorized capital stock from \$1,800,000 (all outstanding) to \$2,700,000, par \$100. Stockholders will be given the right to subscribe, at par, on or before May 18 to the new stock on the basis of one new share for each share held. Part of the proceeds will be used to acquire by purchase the former No. 2 plant of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co. at Lowell, Mass.—V. 116, p. 1657.

New Niquero Sugar Co.—2% Cash Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 2% on the Common stock, payable May 1 to holders of record April 25. On Dec. 29 last a 200% stock dividend was paid on the Common stock. On Dec. 1 last a semi-annual disbursement of 3 1/4% was made.—V. 115, p. 2903, 2913.

Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd.—Production, Earnings, &c.

The company in March mined one of an estimated net value of \$189,784, and shipped 253,783 ounces of silver, valued at \$173,431. Cobalt output was 33,501 lbs.

Table with 5 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Total income, Expenses, Dividends.

Table with 5 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Balance, surplus, P. & l. surplus Dec. 31.

North American Oil Co.—Officers Resign.

Lawrence Chamberlain, Chairman of the Board; George H. Hutchins, Secretary, and Charles A. Roberts, General Counsel, have resigned their positions with the company.—V. 116, p. 524, 305.

Old Dominion Transportation Co.—New Officers.

Calvin Austin has been elected President, Josiah W. Hayden, Treasurer and John R. Dillon, Secretary.—V. 116, p. 945.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

[Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and Mt. Shasta Power Corp.]

Table with 2 columns: 1922, 1921. Rows include Assets—Plants & prop., Other investments, Sinking funds, Prepaid taxes, Cash with trustee, Construc. funds in hands of trustees, Discount & exp. on capital stocks, Material & supplies, Interest accrued, Acc'ts & bills rec., Cash, Deferred charges, Install. rec'd from subscriptions to 1st Pref. stock, Liberty bonds, Empl. subscrip's.

Total 230,776,497 218902,345. x Includes \$1,820,134 reserved against amounts charged during 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917 to consumers in excess of rates allowed by city ordinances. y Includes stock subscribed for but not fully paid and issued.

The New York Stock Exchange has admitted to the list \$255,000 additional common stock, making the total amount listed \$35,632,400.—V. 116, p. 1658, 1061.

Panhandle Producing & Refining Co.—Annual Report (Including Subsidiaries).

Table with 4 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows include Calendar Years—Gross earnings, Oper., gen. & adm. exp., and taxes, Other income credits, Interest, discount, &c., Inventory adjustments (crude oil, &c.), Depreciation, Depletion and amortization, Preferred dividends (8%), Balance, deficit.

—V. 115, p. 2154.

Parenti Motor Corp., Buffalo.—Sale.

Assets of the company were sold at Buffalo April 12 to the Hanover (Pa.) Motor Car Co. for \$225,000 at a receiver's sale. Claims against the company filed in Federal court total \$500,000.

Pathe Exchange, Inc.—To Establish Sinking Fund.

The stockholders will vote April 24 on amending the certificate of incorporation so as to include therein such provisions with regard to the establishment of a sinking fund for the purchase or retirement of the Preferred stock.—V. 115, p. 1542.

Penn Central Light & Power Co.—Stockholders' Rights.

Stockholders of record April 27 will be given the right to subscribe on or before May 12 to no par value Preference stock to the extent of 10% of their holdings at \$4 50 per share. See also V. 116, p. 1285.

(J. C.) Penney Co.—March Sales.

Table with 4 columns: 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include 1922—March—1922, Increase, 1923—3 Mos.—1922, Increase.

Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corp.—Indebtedness.

The stockholders on April 5 increased the indebtedness from nothing to \$525,000 to provide in part for purchases of property from the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corp. and the Carrolltown Coal Co.—V. 116, p. 1658.

Pennsylvania Lighting Co.—Tenders.

The Bank of North America & Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa., up to April 19 received bids for the sale to it of First Mtg. 5% sinking fund gold bonds, dated July 1 1910, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$20,059, and at price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 109, p. 277.

Pennsylvania Rubber Co.—Sales Increase.

Sales for the first quarter of this year, it is stated, show an increase more than 40% over the corresponding period of 1922.—V. 116, p. 187.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.—To Increase Capital Stock—Issuance of Bonds and Stock Proposed.

The stockholders will vote May 15 on increasing the authorized Capital stock from \$8,500,000 (\$8,495,000 outstanding) to \$13,500,000, par \$100. President Charles E. F. Clarke says: "In the annual report for the year 1922 (V. 116, p. 528) attention was called to the rapidly increasing demand for hydro-electric energy and to the expediency of considering the advisability of installing two additional generating units at Holtwood. The company has contracted to sell a large additional block of power, delivery of which will begin late this year. As a consequence it will be necessary to install two new generating units of a capacity of 19,000 h.p. each, together with required auxiliary apparatus and some 60 odd miles of transmission lines. The revenue from this new business will result in a substantial net return to the company and will be safeguarded by suitable long term contracts. It is estimated that the needed extensions to the Holtwood plant will require \$2,500,000 of new money, and as there are but \$910,000 of bonds available, it is proposed to finance the balance by an issue of stock, which will be offered to the stockholders at par.

Table with 3 columns: Authorized, Outstanding, Closed. Rows include Capitalization Upon Completion of Present Financing, First Mtg. 5% Sinking Fund Gold bonds 1940—, Capital stock (par \$100).

People's Gas Light & Coke Co.—To Issue Bonds, &c.

The company has applied to the Illinois Commerce Commission for authority to issue \$5,496,000 of bonds and \$2,432,000 additional Capital stock, par \$100. At the present time the company has total funded debt, including bonds and assumed obligations of companies absorbed, amounting to \$46,177,000. Of an authorized issue of \$50,000,000 capital stock, par \$100, there is now outstanding \$38,500,000. Compare annual report in V. 116, p. 614.

Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc.—1923 Sales, &c.

Table with 5 columns: January, February, March, Total. Rows include Month of, Sales, Profits for the first three months, Stockholders will vote May 1 on increasing the Class "A" stock from 200,000 shares to 500,000 shares of no par value.

Pittsburgh & Westmoreland Coal Co.—Redemption.

Fifty (\$50,000) First Mtg. 5% bonds, due Nov. 1 1925, have been called for redemption May 1 at par and interest, at the Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 115, p. 1846.

Planet Steamship Corp.—Succeeds Green Star Line, &c.

See Green Star Steamship Corp. above.—V. 116, p. 1061.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—To Offer Common Stock.

Common stockholders of record May 18 will be given the right to subscribe on or before June 15 to \$10,258,900 Common stock at par (\$25) to the amount of 28% of their holdings. Subscriptions will be payable at the Land Title & Trust Co., either in full on June 15 or in installments as follows: \$12 50 per share on June 15 and \$12 50 per share on Sept. 15. Interest will be allowed at the rate of 6% per annum on the first installment from June 15 1923 to Sept. 15 1923. The new stock will be entitled to participate in dividends thereafter declared.—V. 116, p. 1659.

Porto Rican American Tobacco Co.—Hearing Adjournd.

The hearing on the injunction restraining the company from proceeding with the capitalization plan scheduled for April 17 before Vice-Chancellor Backes at Newark has been adjourned to April 24. The stockholders' meeting scheduled for April 20 has also been adjourned after the court hearing.—V. 116, p. 1285, 1659.

Providence Gas Co.—Reduces Rates.

The company has announced a reduction of 5c. per 1,000 cu. ft. in price of gas, effective June 1. This is the third reduction within 11 months, a total cut of 20c. per 1,000 cu. ft.—V. 116, p. 1659.

Public Service Electric Co.—Stock Increase.

The company has increased its authorized capital stock from \$50,000,000 to \$200,000,000. The new capital structure consists of \$100,000,000 6% Cumulative Preferred stock and \$100,000,000 of Common stock. According to the last annual report the outstanding capital stock amounted to \$36,000,000.—V. 116, p. 1659.

Public Service Electric Power Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.

Bonbright & Co., Inc., are offering at 98 3/4 and div. (from May 1 1923), to yield about 7.10%, \$6,000,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock (see advertising pages).

agents: Bankers Trust Co., New York, and Public Service Corp. o New Jersey. Registrars: Central Union Trust Co., New York, and Fidelity Union Trust Co., Newark, N. J.

Listing.—Application will be made to list Preferred stock on New York Stock Exchange. Guaranty.—Unconditionally guaranteed as to dividends by endorsement by Public Service Corporation of New Jersey.

Purpose.—Proceeds from sale of this Preferred stock, together with that from the sale of \$14,000,000 1st Mtge. Gold bonds and 300,000 shares of no par value Common stock, already underwritten, will provide funds equal to the estimated cost of the new power plant, and any excess cost will be paid by the lessee. Additional bonds 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 rental (see offering of bonds, &c., in V. 116, p. 1659).

The company was incorporated in Delaware April 14 1923 to build and operate one or more electric power generating stations. The formal organization has been completed by the election of the following officers: Richard E. Danforth, Pres.; Henry D. Whitcomb, V.-Pres.; William H. Feller, Sec.; Frederick A. Neis, Treas. Martin White, William H. Pettes, Matthew R. Boylan, Henry G. Donecker, Edward H. Farnshaw and John A. Clark have been chosen directors.—V. 116, p. 1659.

Pullman Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

[As reported to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.] Table with columns for 1922 and 1921, split into Assets and Liabilities (Concl.).

Ray Consolidated Copper Co.—Annual Report.

[The mine was shut down April 8 1921, but opened April 1 1922.] Table with columns for 1922, 1921, 1920, and 1919. Rows include Copper produced, Operating revenues, Operating expenses, etc.

Ray-Hercules Mines, Inc.—To Increase Capital.

The stockholders will vote May 7 on increasing the capital stock from \$6,000,000 to \$7,500,000 and changing the par value from \$5 to \$15.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.—Quarterly Earnings.

3 Mos. ending Mar. 31—1923, 1922, 1921, 1920. Table with columns for Net earnings, Total income, Depreciation & renewals, etc.

These are the net earnings from operations, after deducting charges for maintenance and repairs of plants, amounting to \$1,015,541 in 1923, \$455,391 in 1922, \$704,059 in 1921 and \$1,518,717 in 1920, respectively, and also after provision for excess profits, &c., taxes, in 1920.

Rogers Milk Corp.—Receivership.

Harry Bijur has been appointed receiver by Judge Augustus N. Hand. Liabilities are said to amount to about \$675,000, with assets about \$500,000.

R. & V. Motor Co.—Balance Sheet.

See under "Annual Reports" above and see V. 116, p. 1659.

Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co.—Report.

See under "Annual Reports" above.—V. 116, p. 1659.

Roxbury Carpet Co.—Balance Sheet.

Table with columns for 1922 and 1921, split into Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Plant account, Inventories, Cash & debts rec., etc.

(A. L.) Sayles & Sons Co.—Suits.—Two suits were brought by stockholders in the Superior Court at Providence, April 13, for injunction against the sale of the mill property of the company at Warren, Mass., and also asking that a receiver be appointed, alleging insolvency.

Complainants state that at recent annual meeting stockholders voted to sell company's woolen mill at Warren for \$225,000, whereas, it is estimated to be worth in excess of \$900,000 (Boston "News Bureau").—V. 113, p. 2828.

St. Louis Rocky Mtn. & Pacific Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Table with columns for Gross earnings, Cost, expenses & taxes, Net earnings, Total net income, Deduct int. charges, &c., Reserve for depreciation, etc.

Savage Arms Corp.—Further Data.

In connection with the offering of \$500,000 7% Cumul. 1st Pref. stock at 97½ and div. by Aldred & Co., Curtis & Sanger and Gorrell & Co. (V. 116, p. 1660), a circular issued by the bankers shows:

Capitalization after this financing—Authorized, Outstanding. Table with columns for 7% Cumulative 1st Preferred stock, 6% Non-cumulative 2d Preferred stock, Common stock.

Earnings.—Consolidated earnings of the Savage Arms Corp., including J. Stevens Arms Co., on sporting arms and ammunition for a period of 10 years ending Dec. 31 1922, before depreciation and Federal taxes and excluding all earnings of the Utica plant during the war period and subsequently, show an average of over \$270,000 per year or nearly 8 times 1st Pref. dividend requirements. For the 6 months ending Dec. 31 1922 excluding losses on plants now eliminated and before depreciation and interest charges, net earnings of the sporting arms business alone were approximately \$200,000.

Dividends.—Dividends on both the 1st and 2d Pref. stock have been declared payable quarterly July 1 and Oct. 1 for the remainder of 1923. Dividends on the 1st Pref. stock are cumulative from April 1 1923.

Conversion Privilege.—Any holder of 1st Pref. stock may, at his option, at any time prior to April 1 1926, exchange the 1st Pref. stock held for Com. stock, at the rate of two shares of Com. for one share of the 1st Pref.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for additional working capital to care for the increasing business in sporting arms and for the development and marketing of new products.

Savannah (Ga.) Electric & Power Co.—New Officer.

Norman W. Mumford was recently elected a Vice-President.—V. 113, p. 2081.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—Dividend Dates.

The dividend of \$8 per share on the Common stock announced last week (V. 116, p. 1660) is payable in 8% Cumul. Pref. stock in four quarterly installments as follows: June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1 1923, and Mar. 1 1924, to holders of record May 15, Aug. 15, Nov. 15 1923, and Feb. 15 1924, respectively.—V. 116, p. 1660.

Sharon (Pa.) Pressed Steel Co.—Plant Closed.

The receivers have been ordered to close the plant by the Federal court at Pittsburgh.—V. 116, p. 1190, 947.

Sheriff Street Market & Storage Co., Cleveland.—Bonds Offered.

The Union Trust Co., the Herrick Co. and Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland, are offering at par and int. \$1,000,000 15-Year 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund bonds (see advertising pages).

Data From Letter of O. M. Stafford, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in 1890 and is the oldest and much the largest company in this line of business in the city of Cleveland. Company's cold storage facilities, consisting of 5,000,000 cu. ft. of storage space, with all of the most modern equipment for insulation, refrigeration, lighting, heating and ventilation, are the largest between New York and Chicago. Company derives substantial revenue from rentals paid by approximately 100 regular tenants of the Sheriff Street Market at Huron Road, Bolivar Road and East Fourth St. Company also manufactures ice in one of the most modern ice plants in the country, having a capacity of 80 tons per day. Earnings.—Net earnings for the five years ended Jan. 31 1923, after depreciation and all other expenses except Federal taxes and after giving credit for interest up to the amount saved by this financing, have averaged \$161,222, which is equivalent to more than 2.68 times maximum interest charges on this issue of bonds. Company has regularly shown a profit every year for 30 years, and it is estimated that with the new warehouse unit which has just been completed, and in view of the increasing demand for the company's facilities, profits in the future will increase appreciably. Purpose.—Proceeds shall be used in the repayment of bank indebtedness, principally incurred in the construction of additions to fixed property. Capital Stock.—Capital stock outstanding, \$2,500,000; surplus as of Jan. 31 1923, \$493,285. Dividends.—Company has paid cash dividends on the amount of capital from time to time outstanding in every year for 23 years, as follows: 1900-07, 2%; 1908, 3%; 1909-14, 4%; 1915-17, 5%; 1918, 7%; 1919, 6½%; 1920, 6½%; 1921-22, 7%; 1923 (to date), 7%. Officers.—O. M. Stafford, President; George N. Sherwin, 1st V.-Pres.; George H. Hodgson, 2d V.-Pres.; M. E. Wagar, Sec'y; Homer McDaniel, Treas. & Mgr.; George F. Desnoyers, Asst. Sec.—V. 100, p. 1677.

Sherwood Distilling Co.—Receivers Asked.

Charging provisions of a deed of trust agreement had been violated, the Fidelity Trust Co. of Baltimore, in equity court, at Towson, Md., has asked appointment of receivers for the company. In its bill of complaint the Trust Co. says that on Jan. 2 1907 the company executed a deed of trust to it to secure the issue of \$300,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, of which \$133,000 outstanding.

Sierra Pacific Electric Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.

Cyrus Peirce & Co., San Francisco, and Stone & Webster, Inc., New York, are offering at 80 (ex. div.), to yield 7½%, \$1,643,800 6% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock. Red. at 115. Divs. payable Q.-F. A circular shows: Capitalization Outstanding—Bonds of subsidiary companies (closed) \$477,000 6% Cumul. Pref. stock (authorized & outstanding) 3,500,000 Common stock (authorized & outstanding) 8,000,000 Company.—Owns all the Capital stock of Truckee River Power Co., which does the entire electric lighting and power business in Reno, Sparks, Virginia City, Carson City and Minden, Nevada, and furnishes power.

to the surrounding mining district of Western Nevada. That company and its subsidiary also do the entire gas business in Reno, Sparks and Carson City and supply water for domestic purposes in Reno and Sparks. Power is supplied by hydro-electric plants with a combined capacity of 8,600 k.w. A high tension transmission line to be completed this fall will connect this system with the Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Earnings of Properties for 12 Months Ending Feb. 28.

	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$928,594	\$886,889
Net. after operating expenses & taxes	436,893	404,377
Interest charges	62,299	75,181
Required for divs. on the 6% Cum. Pref. stock	210,000	210,000

Balance \$165,594 \$119,195
Management.—Company has been under Stone & Webster management since organization in 1909.

Dividend of \$3 per Share Declared on Acc't of Accumulations.
 The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 50 per share and a dividend of \$3 per share on account of accumulations on the Preferred stock, both payable May 1 to holders of record Apr. 17.—V. 111, p. 1089.

Silversmiths Co.—Directors, &c.

The stockholders at the annual meeting amended the by-laws, reducing the number of directors from 15 to 6. Edward B. Aldrich, Florrison M. Howe and Thomas West, Jr., Providence, were elected directors to represent the stockholders who have deposited their stock with the stockholders' protective committee, which was organized Feb. 1 1923. Other directors elected were Henry J. Fuller, John S. Holbrook and Franklin A. Taylor.

The company has been in financial difficulties since 1920 and on July 1 1922 defaulted in the payment of \$724,000 certificates of indebtedness and \$245,000 secured notes. On Feb. 1 1923 a noteholders' protective committee was formed to protect the interests of the noteholders. The Silversmiths Co. controls the Gorham Mfg. Co. through ownership of 99% of Gorham common stock. The Gorham Mfg. Co. in turn controls the Gorham Co. of New York through ownership of all of the latter company's common stock.—V. 116, p. 1542.

Simplex Automobile Co., Inc.—Sale, &c.

See Mercer Motors Co. in V. 116, p. 1420, and compare V. 115, p. 2804.

(A. O.) Smith Corp.—Tenders.

The Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until April 30 receive bids for the sale to it of Preferred stock, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$109,682, and at a price not exceeding \$110 per share.—V. 115, p. 1847.

South Penn Oil Co.—Earnings.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross income for year	\$13,363,426	\$15,183,827	\$24,829,401	\$18,766,767
Op. exp., tax., depr., &c.	14,628,763	14,779,174	19,339,810	16,098,531
Dividends	(4½%)900,000	(13)2600,000	(20)4000,000	(20)4000,000

Bal., sur. or deficit def. \$2,165,337 dr. \$2,195,347 sr. \$1,489,591 dr. \$1,331,764
 Previous surplus 14,046,230 16,241,578 14,751,987 16,083,751

Prof. & loss sur. Dec. 31 \$11,880,893 \$14,046,231 \$16,241,578 \$14,751,987
 a Includes restoration of \$10,159,090 excessive depreciation charged off prior to Mar. 1 1913.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Assets—				
Property acc'ts	12,660,163	14,215,837		
Cash & acc'ts rec.	2,496,056	2,989,450		
Acc'ts receivable				
from sub. cos.	2,774,000	2,560,000		
Material & mer. & stock oil	14,023,609	11,530,899		
Stock in other cos., bonds, mtgs., notes receivable	7,912,034	8,409,428		
Def'd charges to future operat'ns.	153,281	146,162		
Total	40,019,147	39,851,777		
Liabilities—				
Capital stock	20,000,000	20,000,000		
Acc'ts payable	8,058,573	5,691,333		
Reserve for taxes	79,681	114,214		
Surplus	11,880,893	14,046,230		

Southern California Gas Co.—Annual Report.

	1922.	1921.
Operating revenue	\$5,739,154	\$4,268,335
Operating expense & taxes	4,208,089	3,151,534
Net operating income	\$1,531,065	\$1,116,801
Non-operating income	50,336	38,294
Gross income	\$1,581,401	\$1,155,095
Interest, bond discount & expense	534,274	392,882
Depreciation	295,600	209,099
Balance, surplus	\$751,527	\$553,114

Southern Counties Gas Co. of Calif.—New Control.

See Los Angeles Suburban Gas Corp. above.—V. 116, p. 188.

Southern Worsted Corp.—Preferred Stock Offered.—An issue of \$500,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100, is being offered by Lockwood, Greene & Co., New York, A. M. Law & Co., Spartanburg, S. C., and Alester G. Furman Co., Greenville, S. C., at \$96 and div., yielding 7.30%, with a participating feature giving possible yield up to 10.40% (see adv. pages). A letter to the bankers states:

Corporation has been organized as the Southern subsidiary of the Waterloo Textile Corp. of New York, which has manufactured woolen goods since 1836.

The earnings of the parent company for the last 7 years have averaged \$164,000 before Federal taxes. When the net earnings of the Southern Worsted Corp. for any year exceed 7% on the outstanding Common and Preferred stocks, the holders of the Preferred stock will be entitled to additional dividends in excess of 7% up to 10%, which dividends, if not paid, shall be cumulative.

The corporation has no funded indebtedness of any description, and none can be created without the consent of the holders of at least 75% of the Preferred stock. Dividends payable Q.-J. Red. all or part upon 60 days' notice at \$110 and divs. Transfer agent, American Bank & Trust Co., Greenville, S. C.

Capitalization.—
 7% Cumul. Participating Pref. stock (this issue) \$600,000 \$500,000
 Common stock 600,000 600,000

Spicer Manufacturing Corp.—Earnings for 1st Quarter.

	1923.	1922.
Sales	\$3,588,380	\$1,570,654
Deduct: Cost of sales	2,867,709	1,201,350
Deduct: Administrative, selling and general exp.	163,696	106,057
Add: Miscellaneous income	\$556,974	\$263,247
Deduct: Interest and discount	Cr. 37,855	Cr. 10,022
	\$3,403	\$7,235
Profit first quarter	\$511,426	\$186,034

After deducting Federal taxes at rates now in effect, the net available for the 313,750 shares of Common stock was equivalent to \$1 23 per share, compared with \$0.32 per share earned in the first quarter of 1922. See also V. 116, p. 1660.

Standard Coal Co. of Utah.—Bonds Offered.—Banks, Huntley & Co., M. H. Lewis & Co., and Drake, Riley & Thomas, Los Angeles, are offering, at prices to yield 6¾% \$400,000 First Mtge. Serial 6s. A circular shows:

Dated Jan. 1 1923. Due \$40,000 annually July 1 1924 to 1933. Denom. \$1,000 e*. Interest payable J. & J. at the office of Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles. Callable by lot at 103. Normal Federal income tax of 2% paid by company. Security Trust & Savings Bank and L. H. Roseberry, trustees, Los Angeles, Calif. Indenture provides a sinking fund of 15c. per ton for the first 350,000 tons mined and sold during each calendar year, and 10c. per ton for each ton in excess thereof.

Company.—Incorp. in 1913. Owns in fee and controls by leases more than 3,100 acres of coal land having two seams of high-grade coal, each of which is from 8 to 16 ft. in thickness. A conservative estimate of marketable tonnage contained in these lands amounts to 70,050,900 tons. Property is located in Carbon County, Utah.

Earnings.—Net earnings, after charging off depreciation, &c., for the past five years have averaged eight times the maximum interest charge on outstanding bonds.
Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to acquire the valuable coal lands owned by the Rio Grande Fuel Co. adjoining, and to retire all funded debt.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Notes Called.

All of the outstanding 7% gold notes have been called for redemption May 10 at 107½ and int. at the First National Bank, 2 Wall St., N. Y. City, or at the option of the holder at the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, 208 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.—V. 116, p. 1660.

Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.—Obtain Licenses.

According to the official Netherlands "Indian Government Gazette," the Netherlands Colonial Petroleum Corp., a subsidiary, and the American Petroleum Co., another American corporation, have been granted licenses to explore for and develop oil in Southern Sumatra.—V. 116, p. 1542.

Steel & Tube Co. of America.—Hearing on Injunction.

Final hearing on the sale of assets of the company to the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. will start on June 8 before Chancellor Walcott, of Wilmington, Del.—V. 116, p. 1542.

Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.—Extra Dividend.

Dividend Rate Increased—Earnings for First Quarter.

An extra dividend of 50 cents per share and a quarterly dividend of \$2 per share has been declared on the outstanding capital stock, no par value, both payable May 15 to holders of record April 30. On Feb. 15 last, a quarterly dividend of \$1 50 per share was paid. (Compare V. 115, p. 422.)

Net profits before taxes for the quarter ending March 31 1923 were \$2,072,400, against \$516,480 in corresponding period of 1922.—V. 116, p. 833.

Submarine Signal Corp.—Incorporated.

This company was incorporated in Delaware April 14 1923 with an authorized capital of \$3,000,000 Preferred stock and 60,000 shares of no par value Common stock, in accordance with the plan of the Submarine Signal Co. in V. 116, p. 1543.

Superior Oil Corp.—Annual Report.

	1922.	1921.	1920.
Gross income	\$1,869,398	\$1,816,893	\$3,015,656
Operating expenses, &c.	\$684,371	\$672,561	\$485,773
General and administrative expenses	194,371	278,525	181,390
Adjustments of warehouse inventory		47,225	
Depletion	1,188,530	1,546,563	580,990
Depreciation	606,477	822,049	418,132
Dividends paid			1,125,741
Net loss	\$754,352	\$1,550,032	sur. \$17,629

—V. 115, p. 2057.

Superior Water, Light & Power Co.—Tenders.

The U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., 55 Cedar St., N. Y. City, will until May 1 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. bonds, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$28,584.—V. 114, p. 1774.

Timken Detroit Axle Co.—Business Increased.

Volume of business for the first three months of 1923, it is stated, was over \$8,000,000, compared with \$3,000,000 in the corresponding period of 1922.—V. 115, p. 2592.

Tonopah Belmont Development Co.—Annual Report.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross value of production	\$1,390,903	\$1,793,660	\$1,796,142	\$1,231,483
Losses in treatment	75,346	147,702	141,338	106,226
Operating expenses	984,931	1,153,964	1,252,396	742,861
Net earnings	\$330,625	\$491,994	\$402,408	\$381,996
Net of other plants	125,007	23,857	55,419	28,104
x Other income	64,422	56,150	204,532	204,352
Gross income	\$520,054	\$572,001	\$662,358	\$614,452
Adm., expl., taxes, &c.	261,976	315,220	59,212	44,645
Depletion charges	238,982	344,100	305,324	371,640
Dividends paid	(20%)300,000	(10)150,000	(10)150,000	(25)375,000

Balance, sur. or def. \$80,904 def. \$105,320 sur. \$147,823 def. \$176,833
 x Includes dividends from Belmont Surf Inlet Mines, Ltd. y Includes \$130,750 expenses and losses occasioned by labor strike. z Includes \$22,280 depreciation, &c.—V. 116, p. 86.

Tonopah (Nev.) Mining Co.—Annual Report.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Net earnings	\$615.55	\$339,148	\$410,399	\$402,206
Dividends	(30%)300,000	(10)100,000	(5)50,000	(30)300,000
Deprec'n, depletion, &c.	315,061			
Balance, surplus	\$6	\$239,148	\$36,399	\$102,206
Profit and loss surplus	\$3,301,947	\$5,025,431	\$4,642,131	\$4,381,247

x After charging off as uncollectible, loans of \$2,024,100 to Eden Mining Co.—V. 116, p. 1287, 1063.

Union Apple Co., Inc.—Bond Issue.

The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for \$140,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 7% Gold bonds dated July 1 1922, due July 1 1932.

United States Glass Co.—Listing—Earnings.

The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 64,000 new shares (par \$25) of capital stock.

Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.

Gross income from oper. (sales, &c.), incl. \$3,222 other income, \$4,589,288; less discount on sales, \$34,717	\$4,554,571
Less oper. charges, incl. all labor, materials, gen. repairs, maint., &c. (incl. \$212,675 selling exp. charged to factories)	4,054,094
Adm. exp., general, sales, legal and gen. mfg. exp. (net of \$212,675 selling exp. charged to factories)	187,702
Losses on accounts	13,214
Interest on funded debt, \$19,435; int. on floating debt, \$26,737	
\$46,172 (less discount on purchases, \$12,828)	33,344
Depreciation chargeable to oper. on basis of actual cost of property, \$120,472; losses on property abandoned during year, \$33,715	154,187
Loss Glassport Land Co. for year	9,533
Net adjustment charges (accrued items, &c.)	13,593
Net gain for year ended Dec. 31 1922	\$88,903

Note.—Due to loss in year 1921 no provision has been made for Federal taxes.—V. 116, p. 526.

United States Rubber Co.—Financing Not Contemplated.

At annual meeting Pres. Charles B. Seger stated that the company is in a sound financial condition and that no new financing is contemplated. In his remarks he said: "The encouragement expressed in closing paragraph of annual report for 1922 (V. 116, p. 1171) has been fully justified by the results for the first quarter of 1923. The company's business generally has shown substantial improvement since the close of last year."

The tire business has shown substantial gains over the corresponding period of last year. As a result of the remarkable increase in automobile production, trade conditions among tire dealers indicate a largely increased demand for our products over last year. The constantly increasing demand for Royal Cord tires and Royal tubes continues to reflect the high quality

Reports and Documents.

THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON COMPANY

NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

New York, N. Y., April 2 1923.

To the Stockholders of

The Delaware and Hudson Company:

The following presents the income account of your company for the year 1922, arranged in accordance with the rules promulgated by the Interstate Commerce Commission, with comparative results for the year 1921:

	1922.	1921.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—).
	\$	\$	\$
Railway operating revenues	37,823,256 36	45,776,859 41	—7,953,603 05
Railway operating expenses	35,615,053 38	38,825,529 11	—3,210,475 73
Net railway operating rev.	2,208,202 98	6,951,330 30	—4,743,127 32
Operating Income Credits—			
Hire of freight cars—credit bal	Dr. 65,052 12	915,595 24	—980,647 36
Rent from locomotives	73,779 06	81,131 03	—7,351 97
Rent from passenger-train cars	81,011 00	78,114 04	+2,896 96
Rent from work equipment	69,589 22	24,998 36	+44,590 86
Joint facility rent income	122,803 97	167,055 68	—44,251 71
Total credits	282,131 13	1,266,894 35	—984,763 22
Gross railway oper. income	2,490,334 11	8,218,224 65	—5,727,890 54
Operating Income Debits—			
Railway tax accruals	879,053 23	993,973 96	—114,920 73
Uncollectible railway revenues	11,361 10	16,731 56	—5,370 46
Rent for locomotives	23,364 40	26,065 95	—2,701 55
Rent for passenger-train cars	52,813 89	55,482 21	—2,668 32
Rent for work equipment	606 34	2,364 71	—1,758 37
Joint facility rents	356,922 84	364,489 49	—7,566 65
Total debits	1,324,121 80	1,459,107 88	—134,986 08
Net railway operating income	1,166,212 31	6,759,116 77	—5,592,904 46
Non-operating Income—			
Income from lease of road	101,832 41	88,124 39	+13,708 02
Miscellaneous rent income	68,151 43	49,410 47	+18,740 96
Miscellaneous non-operating physical property	10,672 95	12,148 98	—1,476 03
Dividend income	1,282,295 09	1,327,616 98	—45,321 89
Income from funded securities	197,127 50	202,547 19	—5,419 69
Income from unfunded securities and accounts	139,431 65	108,888 85	+30,542 80
Income from sinking and other reserve funds	57,258 46	74,181 15	—16,922 69
Miscellaneous income	1,856,421 88	1,569,868 89	+286,552 99
Total non-operating income	3,713,191 37	3,432,786 90	+280,404 47
Gross income	4,879,403 68	10,191,903 67	—5,312,499 99
Deductions from Gross Income—			
Rent for leased roads	1,836,948 69	1,771,929 41	+65,019 28
Miscellaneous rents	3,255 14	1,716 00	+1,539 14
Interest on funded debt	3,427,065 71	3,284,579 63	+142,486 08
Interest on unfunded debt	70,601 68	178,272 37	—107,670 69
Miscellaneous income charges	17,532 56	17,954 10	—421 54
Total deductions	5,355,403 78	5,254,451 51	+100,952 27
Net income—The Delaware & Hudson Company carried to general profit and loss	loss 476,000 10	4,937,452 16	—5,413,452 26
Percentage to capital stock	No	11.62	

FINANCIAL.

The capital stock of The Delaware and Hudson Company on December 31 1922 was \$42,503,000, there having been no change during the year.

The total funded debt on December 31 1922 was \$70,605,200, an increase of \$2,710,600 as compared with December 31 1921. There was issued on June 1 1922 \$7,500,000 principal amount of The Delaware and Hudson Company's fifteen-year five and one-half per cent gold bonds to provide funds to pay at maturity, on July 1 1922, the company's first lien equipment four and one-half per cent fifteen-year gold bonds which were outstanding in the principal amount of \$6,024,000, and for other corporate requirements. The issue of six per cent gold notes under the equipment trust, provided to pay for 1,500 freight cars allocated to your company by the United States Railroad Administration, decreased \$265,400 by the payment of that amount which matured on January 15 1922. The total issue was \$3,981,000, of which the balance outstanding on December 31 1922 was \$3,450,200.

The sum of \$422,040, being one per cent of the par value of the first and refunding mortgage gold bonds outstanding on June 1 1922, was paid during the year to the trustee under the mortgage securing that issue, making the total paid to December 31 1922 \$4,480,310. The sum paid was expended in additions and betterments to the mortgaged property in accordance with the trust agreement.

There was accumulated in the Coal Department sinking fund during the year, in accordance with the ordinance passed on May 9 1899 and amended on May 10 1910, \$190,

228, which has been used in the acquisition of coal lands and unmined coal in Pennsylvania.

Final settlement with the United States Government for all transactions incident to the occupation and use of your company's property during the period of Federal Control, from January 1 1918 to the close of business on February 29 1920, was consummated on September 22 1922, your company agreeing to pay \$1,500,000 to the United States Railroad Administration, for additions and betterments to your property made during the period of Federal Control. This payment was secured by a six per cent note, in favor of the Director-General of Railroads, payable on March 1 1930. Nothing was received from the United States during the year on account of the guarantee of net earnings provided for by the Transportation Act, 1920, covering the Guaranty Period, from March 1 to August 31 1920. Final settlement of this account is still pending.

Under date of January 11 1923 a statement reading as follows was mailed to all stockholders:

"On the basis of the actual figures for the first eleven months, and estimating the results for the month of December 1922, the Company will probably fall short by about \$500,000 of the amount necessary to meet its Operating Expenses and Fixed Charges. These results are directly attributable to the decrease in the volume of traffic and the extraordinary expenses resulting from the strike in the coal mines and the strike of our shop employees.

"In view of the established earning capacity of the property and the temporary nature of the conditions which reduced the earnings during the year 1922, it is the opinion of the Board of Managers of the Company that no change in its dividend policy should be made at this time, especially as the Company has a large accumulated surplus created in former years the use of which to meet emergencies such as confronted the Company during 1922 is one of the purposes for which it has been conserved."

The months of January and February 1923 were characterized by low temperature and heavy snowfall, weather that was continuously and extremely unfavorable to railway operations throughout the whole region traversed by your lines. The tonnage of trains was necessarily reduced, enhancing the relative cost of operation. These conditions changed during March and the earnings for that month were normal. In the absence of unexpected developments of an unfavorable character, the hope is entertained that the operations of succeeding months of the year will result in a satisfactory balance of net income.

COAL DEPARTMENT.

The anthracite produced by your affiliated corporations during the year 1922, including the product of washeries, aggregated 4,423,864 long tons; a decrease of 4,698,544 tons or fifty-two per cent below 1921. This output was eleven per cent of the year's total production of all Pennsylvania anthracite mines and washeries, estimated at 42,159,375 long tons.

This extraordinary drop in production was the result of a strike of mine employees lasting from April 1 to September 10, inclusive, one hundred and sixty-three days, or only one day less than the strike of 1902. The wages contract with the mine employees expired on April 1 1922. On March 15 preceding, a date selected by the President of the United Mine Workers, the operators met officers of the union in New York City to consider the terms of a new agreement. At that meeting the union officers presented nineteen demands, all of which would have resulted, if granted, in an increase of over fifty per cent in the pay roll. The operators replied that, under the conditions of the times, a deflation from war labor costs was demanded by the consuming public and should be conceded by the men. Negotiations were referred to sub-committees representing the union and the operators, but while these negotiations were in progress the employees walked out and work ceased on April 1. This was the first refusal of the employees, since 1902, to continue production

during the conferences necessary to the formulation of a new agreement.

In the course of the negotiations the operators proposed reductions in wages averaging approximately twenty-one per cent, calling attention to the fact that the cost of living had been reduced 22.9 per cent, and proposed that the new schedule should run for five years, with annual readjustments of wage rates by negotiation, or by arbitration should negotiations fail. These proposals were flatly rejected by the union officers. Thereupon the operators proposed that the President of the United States be requested to appoint a commission to determine all questions concerning wages and conditions of employment at issue between the two parties. This proposal was also rejected, the union officers continuing to insist upon increases in wages. Consequently, on June 14 negotiations were discontinued.

On July 1 1922 President Harding invited representatives of the anthracite operators and the striking employees to attend a conference in Washington, at which he urged them to compose their differences and agree upon resumption of production. This recommendation not being accepted, the President urged that work be resumed under the former scale of wages, future wages to be determined by a commission which he would appoint. The operators accepted this proposal; but it was rejected by the union officers. In his address to Congress on August 18, the President referred to this incident in the following words: ". . . The simple but significant truth was revealed that, . . . the country is at the mercy of the United Mine Workers."

Much later, the employees modified their demands to the extent that they undertook to resume work under the old wages scale and to continue until September 1 1923. This proposal was at once accepted by the operators and work was resumed on September 11 1922.

The 1902 strike settlement was constructive. It settled the points then in contention and established a basis of agreement under which there was but one general strike and no prolonged interruption of production for twenty years. The 1922 agreement settles nothing. Work was provisionally resumed under pre-existing conditions and for a limited time only, that is until September 1 1923. Since 1902 there have been constant efforts by mine employees to break away from the working conditions determined by the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission of 1902-03, and there have been repeated increases in wages. As a result, wage rates have increased 162 per cent; a minimum wage rate has been established; and the work-day has been reduced from nine hours to eight hours. The prices of powder and supplies purchased by contract miners from the producers have been fixed at an unvarying level, and in recent years have been less than cost, although the contract rates paid to the miners for performing their work have been on an ascending scale. Means of adjusting grievances have been amplified, but there has been no diminution in the number of grievances presented.

In 1902 the fourth demand of the mine employees was as follows:

"The incorporation in an agreement between the United Mine Workers of America and the anthracite coal companies of the wages which shall be paid and the conditions of employment which shall obtain, together with satisfactory methods for the adjustment of grievances which may arise from time to time, to the end that strikes and lockouts may be unnecessary."

The Anthracite Coal Strike Commission complied with this demand in all respects, except that it declined, for reasons fully set forth in its opinion, to direct an agreement between the United Mine Workers of America and the anthracite operators. Since 1902 wage agreements have been based on the award of this commission and grievances have continued to be adjusted by the Conciliation Board, for which it provided. At each negotiation, the employees have demanded recognition of the United Mine Workers of America. This demand was granted when the agreement of September 2 1920 was signed by the Vice-President of the United Mine Workers of America and by the Presidents of Anthracite Districts Nos. 1, 7 and 9. Since the 1920 agreement, therefore, the mine employees have had everything which they sought under the fourth demand of 1902, then represented to have been made "to the end that strikes and lockouts may be unnecessary." Nevertheless, when the agreement of 1920 expired on April 1 1922 a general strike ensued which was as long and as detrimental to the public and to the anthracite industry, including these employees, as that which occurred in the year 1902. The public may well inquire whether anything was gained when the formal recognition of the United Mine Workers which the great commission selected by President Roosevelt denied, was conceded by the operators in deference to what they believed to be the trend of public opinion.

The strike in the anthracite mines coincided with the walkout in the bituminous region, which lasted about the same period. The extent of concerted action to insure the success of the soft-coal strike by creating a fuel famine may be the subject of conjecture.

During the strike of 1922, property had to be maintained, water pumped, and ventilation continued. Those regularly engaged in operating the boiler plants and in pumping and ventilating remained at work, but throughout the strike their removal was repeatedly threatened, so that it was necessary always to be prepared to fill their places in order to

avoid irreparable damage to or destruction of the properties. For such protection and for maintenance, the cost to your affiliated corporations during the strike was approximately \$2,800,000.

Shortly after the termination of the strike President Harding, in pursuance of Federal legislative action, appointed a United States Coal Commission of seven members to investigate all phases of the anthracite and bituminous coal industries and to report within a year. This commission is now actively engaged in its work.

Anthracite mining is at all times subject to unusual hazards. Cloudbursts in the Carbondale, Pa., region on June 3, 17 and 28 and on July 2, resulted in floods which damaged your property, entering the mines and filling them with water faster than pumps could remove it, so that the pumps were flooded and ruined by the action of the acid water. Extraordinary measures were necessary to repair the damage and remove the accumulated water, requiring expenditures of approximately \$800,000.

The report for last year referred to several statutes adverse to the anthracite industry of the State, enacted in 1921 by the Legislature of Pennsylvania. The taxing statute, effective on July 1 1921, which established a new and special tax of one and one-half per cent of the value of all anthracite prepared for market, was recently declared constitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States. Suits are now in progress in the State courts of Pennsylvania embodying objections to the validity of this tax which were not presented by the first suit, and these may ultimately reach the Supreme Court of the United States. The "Kohler" Act, imposing penalties for causing subsidence of surface resulting in injuries to persons or property, was declared invalid by the United States Supreme Court. The "Fowler" Act, exempting from punitive provisions of the "Kohler" Act all operators who, in terms, accept that legislation and agree to pay to the State mine cave reimbursement fund two per cent of the value of the coal they prepare for market, was in general rejected by the operators, as permitted by the law, and has not been the subject of judicial inquiry. The decision of the Supreme Court, with reference to the "Kohler" Act, was an effective affirmation of property rights.

The tonnage tax of one and one-half per cent above referred to, on a normal year's production of the entire industry, would produce about \$8,000,000. Taxes imposed on coal lands by local municipalities are constantly rising. Increases are made both by raising the tax rate and by increasing the valuations. In 1921 the total value for taxation purposes placed upon anthracite coal property in Schuylkill County was more than seven times the value assigned for the preceding year, while in Northumberland County the value assigned more than doubled. The taxes on anthracite and anthracite property have assumed extremely burdensome proportions.

RAILROAD DEPARTMENT.

Operating Revenues.

Gross operating revenues of your railway for the year 1922 amounted to \$37,823,256, which is \$7,953,603, or *seventeen* per cent less than in 1921. This reduction was due to three principal causes: First, the national strike of the United Mine Workers; second, general and miscellaneous reductions in freight rates ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission; and third, the increased divisions of fifteen per cent allowed most of the New England railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The national strike of the United Mine Workers, which lasted from April 1 to September 11 1922, 163 days, in the anthracite fields, and from April 1 to August 15, 136 days, in the bituminous coal fields, is entirely responsible for the reduction in anthracite tonnage of 6,132,069 tons and the loss in bituminous traffic of 634,770 tons. Freight receipts from coal for the year were \$9,559,437 less than in 1921, of which approximately \$637,000 was due to reductions in rates and \$8,922,437 to the interruption of coal mining.

Reductions in freight, switching, demurrage, and miscellaneous rates by the Interstate Commerce Commission diminished operating revenues substantially \$2,011,000. There was a general reduction of ten per cent in freight rates, effective on July 1 1922, which applied to all commodities except sand, stone, gravel and other road building material, iron ore, products of agriculture, etc.; the exceptions mentioned having been subjected to prior decreases. As the major portion of the decreases were operative throughout a part of the year only, the loss stated does not by any means measure the loss on an annual basis. This is particularly true of the reduction in anthracite rates of ten per cent, effective on July 1 1922, the loss in 1922 being restricted to substantially \$556,000 owing to the absence of any movement from the mines until the resumption of mining about the middle of September. Coal moved from storage points, during the period of the strike, accumulated prior to the effective date of this reduction and therefore moved at the former rates. The general reduction of ten per cent covering switching, storage, reconsigning, stop and transit privileges, all effective on July 1 1922, reduced 1922 operating revenues substantially \$29,000. The reduction in demurrage rates, in January 1922, reduced 1922 earnings about \$394,600. On an annual basis it is estimated that these reductions are equivalent to a loss, in coal transportation earnings, of approxi-

mately \$2,487,000 and, in merchandise transportation earnings of \$1,471,000, or a total of substantially \$3,958,000. These figures will be exceeded in any year to the extent that traffic movement exceeds that of the year 1921.

The order of the Interstate Commerce Commission increasing the divisions of New England carriers was effective on April 1 1922, and reduced the earnings of your company approximately \$360,000. On an annual basis the loss will be about \$480,000. Combined, the reductions ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission, during the year 1922, exceed, on an annual basis and with traffic moving in about the volume of 1921, the sum of \$4,861,000.

The average receipts per ton-mile from revenue freight, during 1922, was 1.084 cents, which is to be compared with 1.236 cents in 1921, a reduction of slightly over twelve per cent, largely the consequence of the reductions in freight rates and divisions above mentioned. While the average loading of revenue freight per car during 1922 decreased slightly, from 30.98 tons in 1921 to 29.12 tons in 1922, a decrease of 1.86 tons per car, the average haul of revenue freight in 1922 was 162 miles compared with 137.47 in 1921, an increase of 24.53 miles.

Revenue freight transported during 1922 aggregated 17,559,253 tons, of which traffic originating and terminating on your railway contributed twelve per cent; traffic originating on your railways and destined to points on other railways contributed thirty-eight per cent; traffic on which your railway performed an intermediate service, thirty-two per cent; and traffic received from other carriers destined to points on your railway, eighteen per cent. The total revenue tonnage was 5,745,522 tons less than the previous year, the reduction in carload traffic being 5,712,079 tons and in less-than-carload traffic 33,433 tons. Notwithstanding decreased rates and divisions, earnings from freight transportation, exclusive of anthracite and bituminous coal, increased \$847,362 over 1921, or approximately six per cent. This was due to an increase in such traffic of 1,021,317 tons, largely made up of high grade tonnage; manufactured and miscellaneous articles increasing 782,420 tons and products of agriculture 113,515 tons.

Passenger receipts were less than in 1921 by \$229,203, or six per cent, the number of passengers carried being 582,469 less. The total movement was 115,901,530 passenger-miles as against 119,696,843 in 1921, a decrease of three per cent. Passenger-train mileage increased seven-tenths of one per cent over 1921 and passenger-car miles increased two per cent. The average passenger paid 3.28 cents per mile traveled, as compared with 3.37 cents in 1921, the average journey in 1922 being 28.66 miles compared with 25.87 miles in 1921, and the average revenue per passenger being 93.945 cents as compared with 87.072 cents in 1921. Gross receipts per passenger-train mile averaged \$1.61 in 1922 and \$1.72 in 1921, a decrease of six per cent. The average receipts per passenger-car mile was eight per cent less than in 1921.

Receipts for mail transportation amounted to \$223,588, an apparent decrease from the preceding year of \$12,008, or five per cent, due, however, to the fact that \$17,841 mail pay applicable to previous years was included in the figures for 1921. The mail revenue actually attributable to the respective years shows an increase in 1922 resulting from increased space required by the Post Office Department.

There was an increase in express revenue during the year 1922, the earnings being \$606,866, as compared with \$392,402 in 1921, an increase of \$214,464, or fifty-five per cent. Approximately \$63,000 of the increase resulted from adjustments by the American Railway Express Company covering operations previous to January 1 1922 and approximately \$18,000 from similar adjustments included in 1921. Exclusive of these adjustments there was an increase of \$169,464.

The receipts from demurrage, for the year, increased \$273,578 over the previous year, principally owing to the accumulation of loaded cars awaiting orders for north-bound movement, particularly at Carbondale, during January and February, augmented by a general increase in the detention of loaded equipment, particularly in April and June.

Miscellaneous revenue increased one hundred fifty-nine per cent, principally in revenue from coal storage, which aggregated \$572,643, as compared with \$60,573 in 1921.

Operating Expenses.

The decrease in operating expenses of \$3,210,476 must be attributed chiefly to the decrease in traffic handled, reductions in wages ordered by the United States Railroad Labor Board, reduced prices of materials and supplies, and curtailment of the freight car retirement program.

As a consequence of the heavy falling off in coal traffic, a smaller aggregate of labor was required from Transportation Department employees, resulting in a decrease in operating expenses of nearly \$935,000; the saving in cost of fuel consumed amounted to approximately \$230,000; and other transportation expenses, such as expenditures for lubricants, other train and locomotive supplies, heating, light, etc., decreased about \$275,000. On account of the greater volume of coal handled from storage, however, the cost of operating coal-storage plants increased \$140,000. Conditions resulting from the coal strikes, therefore, brought about a net decrease in operating expenditure of approximately \$1,300,000.

On June 6 the United States Railroad Labor Board ordered wage reductions for shop employees of from five to ten

cents an hour, to take effect on July 1. The Federated Shop Crafts refused to accept this decision, and in contempt of the Labor Board began a nation-wide strike on July 1, demanding that the railroads ignore the direction of the official body and continue to pay the wage rates previously in effect which had been found to be excessive and hence unjust to the railways and to those dependent upon railway services. They also demanded that certain working rules which also had been condemned by the Labor Board should be restored and that contracting for work with non-affiliated shops should be abolished. It was a strike, not against the railroads, but against Federal authority.

The walk-out was recognized as a failure almost immediately, and the demand for restoration of pre-existing wages was dropped. The strikers insisted, however, on reinstatement with full seniority rights, notwithstanding that the railroads had hired skilled workers every day since the strike began, promising them steady work at the new rates. The railroads could not restore the seniority rights which the strikers had abandoned without violating their pledges and obligations to the new men. By the middle of September the failure of the strike was complete and negotiations by the strikers for separate agreements with each company began.

The walk-out affected practically the entire personnel of the Motive Power and Car Departments of your company, only 266 of the normal force of approximately 4,000 men remaining in service, of whom 191 were foremen. Immediately upon this defection of the regular organization, an emergency force was recruited and installed. Your company, faithful to its obligations to these new shop men, refused to consider re-employment of the strikers except as new men.

After recruiting the new shop forces, your management entered into negotiations with representatives of the local shop-craft unions both with regard to rates of pay and working conditions. As a result, agreements were signed with the Car Department employees, effective on November 1 1922; with the Locomotive Department employees, effective on November 16 1922; and agreements in connection with overtime rules were entered into with all departments, effective on December 1 1922. These agreements provide for the basic rates of pay established by the Labor Board's decision, with adjustments and allowances in recognition of factors of experience and the relative importance of the work involved. The working day has been fixed at eight hours during slack time, and at nine or ten hours when business improves and conditions warrant; work in excess of the regular day will be paid for at the rate of time and one-half. Piece work, which was unwisely discontinued under Federal Control, is being re-established wherever possible. The agreements will, furthermore, afford the shop workers opportunities for direct dealing with your management and for greater earnings through efficient and diligent work.

The direct cost to your company of the shopmen's strike aggregated \$1,665,000.

As a partial offset to the reduction of tariff rates on various commodities, the United States Railroad Labor Board issued, during the years 1921 and 1922, decisions which resulted in reductions in rates of pay, which, for your company, accounted for about \$1,375,000 of the decrease in expenses as compared with 1921. These wage reductions, it will be observed, fell very far short of the loss in gross earnings resulting from the reductions compelled by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

A further decrease in operating expenses of substantially \$1,350,000 was due to reduced prices of materials and supplies, the major changes due to this cause being a decrease of about \$491,000 in the cost of fuel consumed; \$405,000 in ties, rails, and other track material; and \$445,000 in equipment material. The cost of maintaining rails and ties decreased \$318,474, although there were 3,051 tons more rails, and 38,138 more ties applied in maintenance in 1922 than in the preceding year.

Your company's program of retirements of freight cars was held in abeyance during the year on account of the labor difficulties and other adverse conditions. This accounts for \$873,464 of the decrease in operating expenses as compared with 1921.

The cloudbursts at and in the neighborhood of Carbondale during June and July washed out your company's roadbed just south of Forest City and inundated portions of tracks for several miles, causing a temporary suspension of traffic. Nine hundred carloads of cinders and a large number of ties were required to fill the openings caused by the wash-outs.

To summarize operating costs for the year 1922: Maintenance of Way expenditures decreased \$369,768 or seven per cent, largely on account of reductions in the prices of the materials applied. Maintenance of equipment charges decreased \$1,210,873 or nine per cent, mainly on account of less work performed owing to the decreased force resulting from the strike of shopmen. Traffic expenses increased \$32,393 or seven per cent, chiefly on account of outside traffic agencies re-established at the end of Federal Control for the recovery of traffic diverted during that period. Transportation expenses decreased \$1,794,736 or ten per cent, largely as a result of reduced freight movement on account of the coal miners' strike and reductions in rates of pay of enginemen, trainmen and yardmen, as well as decreases in

cost of fuel and other supplies. General expenses decreased \$109,933 or six per cent.

Hire of Freight Cars.

The change in the freight car situation during the current year resulted in a net charge to operating income of \$65,052 compared with a credit balance of \$915,595 in 1921, a reduction of \$980,647. This net decrease represents a reduction of \$848,307 in receipts from other roads for the use of your freight cars and an increase of \$132,340 in payments for the use of cars belonging to other carriers. As the rate of one dollar per car per day was in effect throughout the whole of both years, the figures also represent the reduction in car-days of your company's equipment on other roads and the increase in car-days of foreign roads' equipment on your railway. This adverse result is a natural consequence of the decrease in open-top car loading, involving the use of home-line cars, with a corresponding increase in box-car loading on overhead traffic, involving the use of foreign cars. The less-productive use of your company's cars resulted from the suspension of operations in the anthracite fields during the national strike of the mine employees.

Federal Valuation.

During 1922 a revised engineering report, purporting to show for your company's properties the cost of reproduction new as it stood on June 30 1916 and the cost of reproduction less depreciation, as of the same date, was issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission, Bureau of Valuation. A former report had been submitted by the Bureau late in 1920 and detailed objections to it were filed early in 1921, your officers maintaining that the methods employed were unwarranted and produced absurd and inadequate results. The revised engineering report reflected concessions to very few of these objections and although increases were allowed under a few accounts others were arbitrarily reduced, effecting substantial and unjustifiable reductions in the totals. Many revised pages of the preliminary accounting report were received from the Interstate Commerce Commission during 1922, embodying changes conceded in response to the objections to the preliminary report that was received in 1921. The "tentative valuation" of your company's property has not yet been issued and the "value" which will be allowed cannot be stated.

Tentative valuations of the Greenwich & Johnsonville Railway Company and the Cooperstown and Charlotte Valley Railroad Company were served during the year, showing the following amounts:

Greenwich & Johnsonville Railway Company.....	\$901,912
Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley Railroad Company.....	531,427

Objections have been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission protesting against these valuations as being incorrect and insufficient. The statute provides for formal hearings on these protests.

The cost of valuation work on your company's properties, to the end of 1922, aggregated \$613,040, of which \$476,468 was charged to corporate operating expenses, and \$136,572 to the operating expenses of the United States Railroad Administration.

Industrial Department.

Your Industrial Department has continued its active cooperation with Farm Bureau organizations and all other Federal, State and co-operative agencies and organizations that are endeavoring to promote agricultural and commercial prosperity in the regions adjacent to your line.

Sixty-three new industrial plants were located along the tracks of your company during 1922 as compared with ninety-four during the preceding year. In addition, there were eight extensions to plants already established, which corresponds with thirty in 1921. The decrease in the location of new industries in your territory was largely because all industrial properties were under full utilization and few concerns would undertake new construction at the present high costs. During 1922 twenty new industrial side tracks were authorized or built and three enlarged, at a cost of \$46,807, of which \$15,845 was borne by your company and \$30,962 by the industries served.

Additions and Betterments.

During the year 1922, your company's investment in added property amounted to \$2,091,507, property abandoned was valued at \$560,564, leaving a net increase in road and equipment of \$1,530,943. The following constitute the major items of improvement during the year.

The new interlocking plant at Schoharie Junction, construction of which was commenced during 1921, was completed and placed in operation at a final cost of \$102,239, of which \$87,096 was charged to capital and \$15,143 to operating expenses. At Schenevus, the construction of a new electro-mechanical interlocking plant was begun, on which, to the close of the year, \$24,719 had been charged to capital and \$4,145 to operating expenses. This work is about one-half completed. The construction of a new electric interlocking plant at "XO" Tower, Mechanicville, to replace the mechanical plant in use at that point, was also commenced, the cost to be borne equally by your company and the Boston and Maine Railroad, but no charge to capital will be made until 1923.

The new grade and realignment of the track between Cobleskill and Barnerville Summit was completed during the

year, resulting in charges of \$202,235 to capital and \$52,124 to operating expenses. To eliminate the present difficulties of maintaining the south-bound main track at proper grade, operations were commenced to widen the cut at Kelley's, permitting realignment of the track at this point. To the close of the year \$99,848 had been charged to capital for this project.

During 1922, improvements were made to the scrap dock and foundry layout at Colonie. Expenditures for this work amounted to \$28,593, of which \$26,765 was charged to capital and \$1,828 to operating expenses.

At South Junction, the erection of a five-hundred-ton capacity road coaling-station with appurtenances was commenced. The cost of this work, which was approximately eighty-five per cent completed on December 31 1922, amounted to \$97,913, of which \$97,772 was charged to capital and \$141 to operating expenses.

By order of the Public Service Commission of the State of Pennsylvania, the construction of an overhead viaduct, to eliminate the grade crossing at Dundaff Street, Carbondale, was begun. This was approximately one-fourth completed on December 31 1922 at an expenditure of \$49,071, of which \$48,181 was charged to capital and \$890 to operating expenses.

The Dickinson passing siding at Port Crane was extended 1,400 feet at a cost of \$11,822, of which \$10,627 was charged to capital and \$1,195 to operating expenses. A passing siding 4,475 feet long, with a capacity of one hundred cars, was constructed at South Junction, in connection with the new coaling plant, at a total cost of \$39,307, of which \$39,182 was charged to capital and \$125 to operating expenses. On the North Creek branch, the weight of rail was increased from sixty-two and sixty-seven pounds to eighty and ninety pounds for a distance of approximately twenty-three track-miles, at a total cost of \$90,270, of which \$32,155 was charged to capital and \$58,115 to operating expenses. During the year the condition of the track was improved by the application of a large number of tie plates and rail anchors where not previously applied.

Land was purchased at Glenville for a proposed enlargement of the freight yard, at a capital expenditure of \$33,185, and at Scranton, for future development, at a capital outlay of \$15,263. Between Albany and Whitehall your company purchased certain abandoned canal lands under and in the vicinity of seven bridges at a cost of \$30,965. When the old canal beds are filled in and the structures removed, the cost of maintaining these bridges will be eliminated. At Whitehall, land was acquired, at a capital cost of \$10,296, for the purpose of eliminating the tunnel at that point. At Fort Edward, additional right-of-way was purchased at a capital expenditure of \$5,075, for future development.

During the year seventy-five locomotives were equipped with strainers for air compressors; eighty were equipped with additional water glasses; twenty had classification lamps on the rear of tenders wired in connection with electric headlight installation; eleven had flange oilers applied; twenty were equipped with steel bumper-beams; four were equipped with superheaters; one had power reverse gear applied; and four were equipped with U. S. R. A. standard water columns. Locomotive No. 1002 was converted from consolidation, type 2-8-0, to switcher, type 0-8-0. The improvements thus made amounted to \$16,152. Betterments were also made in a considerable number of freight and passenger cars by the application of improved appliances at a net capital outlay of \$185,429. There was also expended in the conversion of work equipment \$67,600. One new Bucyrus steam shovel, with a dipper of three yards capacity, was purchased at a cost of \$21,982. Thirty Western, automatic, all steel, air dump cars, of twenty yards capacity, were purchased at a cost of \$63,320.

The coal storage plant at Glenville, which was destroyed by wind storm on February 26 1918 during the period of Federal Control, and not replaced by the Government, was written out of the capital account during the year, involving a reduction of \$372,068.

Leased Lines.

Effective on June 1 1886 your company, as lessee of the railway properties of The Utica, Clinton and Binghamton Railroad Company and the Rome and Clinton Railroad Company, made a sub-lease of those properties to the New York, Ontario and Western Railway Company for a period of thirty-five years, to and including May 31 1921. This lease was subsequently extended for one year. A new sub-lease has been negotiated, to continue during the life of the charters of the respective corporations and all renewals thereof, and will be submitted for your consideration and action. This new contract provides for maintenance and payment of taxes by the sub-lessee, which is also to pay rent to your company in the annual sum of \$67,000 for the first five years, or until June 1 1927, and thereafter in the annual sum of \$83,875, in equal quarterly payments on the first of March, June, September and December. The usual remedies for default in payment of rent are stipulated and it is provided that no assignment can be made without the consent of your company, that the structures shall be insured against fire, and that additions and betterments may be capitalized according to the terms of the respective leases of these railroads and subject to authorization by proper public authority.

Employees Group Insurance and Pensions.

On January 1 1922 your company announced a plan of insurance affording comprehensive protection to its employees in case of death, sickness, accident and unemployment, under an arrangement whereby your company and the employees participate in the cost. This plan, with the pension system already in effect, affords protection against the five major hazards of life. Under it, all employees in service continuously for two years or more are offered \$500 insurance against death or total and permanent disability, the entire cost being borne by your company. Half of this amount, or \$250 is made available on completion of six months continuous service. Those insured for \$250 have the option of subscribing to \$250 additional at a cost to them of eighteen cents a month, while those who qualify for \$500 free insurance are offered any or all of the following options:

- A. Additional life or total and permanent disability insurance:
- Five Hundred dollars additional insurance at a cost of sixty cents a month.
 - Additional insurance, in multiples of \$200, to bring the total up to the employee's average annual compensation for the preceding two calendar years, but not to exceed \$5,000, at a cost of six cents a month for each one hundred dollars of insurance over the first \$1,000.
- B. Health insurance:
- Sick benefits of fifteen dollars a week for twenty-six weeks, at a cost of \$1.26 a month.
- C. Accident insurance:
- Accident benefits of fifteen dollars a week for twenty-six weeks, at a cost of twenty-four cents a month.
 - Accidental death and dismemberment insurance equal to the total life insurance subscribed for under the company's plan, at a cost per month of thirty-three cents for each \$1,000 protection.

Employees who subscribe to at least two of the three forms of additional insurance offered are automatically insured, at the company's expense, against unemployment resulting from dismissal for any cause, in the amount of fifteen dollars a week for not to exceed six weeks, or for so much of that time as they are unable to find employment, except that if their average annual compensation for the preceding two calendar years of service has not been more than \$1,000 they will be paid only ten dollars a week for the same period.

Your company entered into a contract, dated December 30 1921, renewable from year to year, under which the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company writes all the foregoing forms of insurance, except that covering unemployment.

Under the terms of the offer 11,837 employees subscribed for an aggregate of \$16,363,350 life and total and permanent disability insurance. Advantage was also taken of the other forms of protection offered as follows:

- 7,296 policies covering health insurance,
- 8,067 policies covering accident benefits, and
- \$11,520,400 accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

During the first year's operations the premiums paid by your company amounted to \$85,980. During the same period 487 claims were filed aggregating \$145,098.

Your company's pension rolls on December 31 1922 included 219 former employees, a net increase of eleven during the year.

ALLIED STEAM RAILWAYS.

The operating revenues of the Greenwich & Johnsonville Railway Company for the year 1922 decreased \$892 or one-half of one per cent below 1921; operating expenses decreased \$3,476 or three per cent below 1921; and net operating revenues amounted to \$42,092, which was \$2,584 or six per cent more than in 1921. The freight movement, in ton-miles, was only four tenths of one per cent less than in 1921. Passenger miles decreased twenty-two per cent.

The operating revenues of The Quebec, Montreal and Southern Railway Company, for the year 1922, increased \$7,493 or one per cent, while the operating expenses increased \$27,563 or three per cent. Income from rent of freight car equipment increased \$60,294 or twenty-three per cent, and the net deficit, before deducting interest due your company was \$65,080 or a decrease in the net deficit of \$37,384. The freight movement increased 2,577,319 ton-miles or fifteen per cent, and freight revenues increased \$22,077 or five per cent. The passenger movement decreased 367,722 passenger-miles or nine per cent, and passenger revenues \$15,253 or ten per cent.

The operating revenues of the Napierville Junction Railway Company decreased \$6,189 or one per cent; operating expenses decreased \$105,989 or twenty-two per cent; and net income increased \$94,811.

LITIGATION.

The Supreme Court of the United States, on February 19 1923, rendered its decision in The New England Divisions case, affirming the decision of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York, which sustained the order of the Interstate Commerce Commission mentioned in the last annual report. The decision is of importance, primarily because it sustains a socialistic principle, taking revenue from one group of carriers and transferring it to another upon grounds of supposed financial expediency and wholly without regard to the respective services performed or the separate rights of independent corporations. The ultimate effect of this decision upon your revenues is uncertain. The Court concludes its decision by observing that the way is open to apply to the Commission for a modification of the order if it is believed to operate unjustly in the special case of any carrier.

The action in the Supreme Court of New York, heretofore reported, in which the Rensselaer and Saratoga Railroad Company has sought to compel *pro rata* deductions by your company from the dividends paid to the stockholders of the former in order to pay the Federal income taxes assessed against that corporation, has proceeded to final judgment which was entered in Rensselaer County during November 1922. By that judgment The Delaware and Hudson Company was directed to make the necessary deductions from the dividends payable on January 1 1923; to provide for the arrears of these taxes for past years, including 1921, to the extent that deductions had not already been made from the stockholders under their voluntary assents or under the injunction *pendente lite* which went into effect in 1920 and in so far as the stockholders of record on past dividend dates were entitled to dividends on January 1 1923. The judgment also directed current deductions from the semi-annual dividends of all Rensselaer and Saratoga stockholders, regardless of assent, to provide for future taxes.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Despite the efforts to prevent restoration, of those who brought about and manipulated the coal and railroad strikes and similar interruptions of the orderly methods of industry, and the common damage which they were unfortunately in a position to inflict, the year 1922 was one of renewed and marked activity in the general business of the country. The extent of this activity and of railway participation is indicated by the figures which represent the loading of revenue freight for movement by rail, as follows:

	Number of Cars Loaded		
	All Commodities Except Coal.	Coal.	Total.
1920—January 1 to June 30	16,795,447	4,676,276	21,471,723
July 1 to December 31	18,240,575	5,406,174	23,646,749
Total	35,036,022	10,082,450	45,118,472
1921—January 1 to June 30	14,805,732	3,880,189	18,685,921
July 1 to December 31	16,542,085	4,095,152	20,637,237
Total	31,347,817	7,975,341	39,323,158
1922—January 1 to June 30	16,804,410	3,443,982	20,248,392
July 1 to December 31	19,460,768	4,004,359	23,465,127
Total	36,265,178	7,448,341	43,713,519

During the last two months of the year, 8,072,245 railway cars were loaded with revenue freight, which may be compared with 7,309,642 in the corresponding period of 1920, the previous year of maximum activity, the comparison showing an increase of ten per cent.

These figures suggest, although they cannot measure, the extent to which prosperity returned during the year to the general productive industries of the United States. This prosperity was not shared by the railway industry, without the efficient services of which it would have been impossible. A statement issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission on February 23 1923 shows the net railway operating income for the year 1922 as \$777,000,000, and comments as follows: "When it is considered that the interest, rents and similar deductions commonly known as fixed charges, of these roads are around \$669,000,000, it will be seen that, regardless of any disputes about valuations, the roads did not earn enough in 1922, even if account be taken of the non-operating income, which before Federal Control averaged about \$200,000,000. A substantial margin above fixed charges is obviously necessary in any business."

The Commission shows, in the same statement, that, compared with the year 1916, the operating revenues of Class I railroads (which includes all the principal corporations) increased only a little more than fifty per cent, while operating expenses increased eighty-eight per cent and taxes increased ninety-two per cent. Two of these items, revenues and taxes, are wholly under political control and the third, operating expenses, is under such control to the considerable extent to which its aggregate is influenced by rates of wages and conditions of employment. It is, therefore, plainly within the bounds of truth to assert that the failure of the railways to participate reasonably in the general prosperity of the country's business is due to political control of their affairs and to nothing else. The issue must be squarely met and the conclusion stated is inescapable unless it is to be believed that for some occult reason which has never been explained, the American business men in charge of railway finances and operation are distinctly inferior in capacity to American business men engaged in other industries. Evidently Mr. Secretary Hoover is not of that opinion, for he has recently and officially said:

"We must find a way out of the cycle of systematic starvation of a large part of our (railway) mileage and the denudation of our railway managers of their responsibilities and initiative."

The unmistakable truth is that the system of political control of railway rates, services and operation, as exemplified in the Federal Acts of 1887, 1906, 1910 and 1920 is on trial. Particularly, the experimentation provided for in the Transportation Act, 1920, must be the subject of close scrutiny and those elements which are found not to be conducive to the general welfare must be promptly rejected; otherwise, disaster far wider than the industry directly affected cannot be long delayed.

By order of the Board of Managers,
L. F. LOREE, President.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

To the Stockholders of the Illinois Central Railroad Company:

The Board of Directors herewith submits the following report of the operations and affairs of your company for the year ended December 31 1922.

The number of miles of road operated as of Dec. 31 1921 was.....4,799.37

Additions for year:

Jan. 1 1922:	Rechaining line Fulton, Ky., to Louisville, Ky.....	.06	miles
June 13 1922:	Track changes at Rantoul, Ill.....	.03	"
Oct. 1 1922:	Track changes at Kensington, Ill.....	.02	"
Nov. 1 1922:	Track at West Frankfort, Ill.....	1.38	"
			1.49

Less:

Jan. 1 1922:	Rechaining line East Cairo, Ky., to Fulton, Ky.....	.01	miles
Jan. 1 1922:	Trackage rights, Metropolis, Ill., to Paducah, Ky.....	14.92	"
Feb. 1 1922:	Remeasurement at 67th Street, Chicago, Ill.....	.01	"
Oct. 28 1922:	Track retired near Monticello, Miss.....	1.28	"
			16.22

The number of miles operated as of Dec. 31 1922 was.....4,784.64

The average number of miles of road operated during the year was...4,784.52

INCOME.

A summary of the income for the year ended December 31 1922 as compared with the previous year is stated below:

	1922.	1921.	Increase (+) Decrease (-)
Average miles operated during the year.....	4,784.52	4,799.37	-14.85
Railway operating revenues:			
Freight (including bridge tolls and miscellaneous freight).....	\$ 119,849,020 19	\$ 107,092,090 55	\$ +12,756,929 64
Passenger (incl. bridge tolls and miscellaneous passenger).....	24,264,250 53	24,740,350 62	-476,100 09
Mail.....	2,158,420 02	2,505,671 37	-347,251 35
Express.....	3,570,474 46	2,326,832 50	+1,243,641 96
Other passenger train.....	1,029,237 60	880,517 13	+148,720 47
Other transportation.....	1,709,548 75	1,413,524 02	+296,024 73
Incidental and joint facility.....	2,279,435 91	2,168,079 52	+111,356 39
Total railway operating revenues.....	154,860,387 46	141,127,065 71	+13,733,321 75
Railway operating expenses:			
Maintenance of way and structures.....	20,538,117 07	22,437,587 08	-1,899,470 01
Maintenance of equipment.....	36,236,119 65	34,591,449 68	+1,644,669 97
Traffic.....	2,314,554 49	1,887,711 35	+426,843 14
Transportation.....	55,934,968 78	53,603,439 42	+2,331,529 36
Miscellaneous operations.....	997,772 66	1,009,049 13	-11,276 47
General.....	3,606,447 59	3,679,022 95	-72,575 36
Transportation for investment—Cr.....	Cr. 498,710 92	Cr. 355,926 57	-142,784 35
Total railway operating expenses.....	119,129,269 32	116,852,333 04	+2,276,936 28
Net Revenue from railway operations.....	35,731,118 14	24,274,732 67	+11,456,385 47
Railway tax accruals.....	11,208,967 28	8,119,035 45	+3,089,931 83
Uncollectible railway revenues.....	15,413 11	24,318 81	-8,905 70
Railway operating income.....	24,506,737 75	16,131,378 41	+8,375,359 34
Net credit.....	725,590 81	1,614,026 69	-888,435 88
Joint facility rent.....	111,200 64	203,177 54	-91,976 90
Net railway operating income.....	25,121,127 92	17,542,227 56	+7,578,900 36
Non-operating income.....	4,104,464 81	5,039,238 05	-934,773 24
Gross income.....	29,225,592 73	22,581,465 61	+6,644,127 12
Deductions from gross income.....	13,135,916 81	12,880,671 47	+255,245 34
Net income.....	16,089,675 92	9,700,794 14	+6,388,881 78
Disposition of net income:			
Income appropriated for investment in physical property.....	34,786 13	44,519 31	-9,733 18
Total appropriations of income.....	34,786 13	44,519 31	-9,733 18
Income balance transferred to credit of profit and loss.....	16,054,889 79	9,656,274 83	+6,398,614 96

Note.—To afford a proper comparison of the income for the two years, the results for 1921 have been restated by omitting from "Railway Operating Expenses" credits, and from "Deductions from Gross Income" charges, amounting to \$6,854,541 96, due to cancellation of Guaranty Period maintenance reserves in that year, as explained elsewhere.

RAILWAY OPERATING REVENUES.

"Railway Operating Revenues" amounted to \$154,860,387 46 this year as compared with \$141,127,065 71 last year, an increase of \$13,733,321 75, or 9.73 per cent.

There was an increase of \$12,756,929 64, or 11.91 per cent, in "Freight Revenue" due to the larger volume of traffic handled, offset in part by decreases in rates during the year, a considerable proportion of which was due to a ten per cent reduction ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission, effective July 1 1922. The tons of revenue freight carried one mile were 14,151,817,246, an increase of 3,067,723,286 ton miles, or 27.68 per cent, as compared with last year. The average rate per ton per mile was .847 cent, a decrease of .119 cent, or 12.32 per cent, compared with last year. There

was a substantial increase in the tonnage of practically all classes of commodities transported, particularly bituminous coal, building materials, forest products, asphaltum and refined petroleum and its products. There was a material decrease in the tonnage of wheat.

"Passenger Revenue" for the current year decreased \$476,100 09, or 1.92 per cent, as compared with the previous year. There was a decline in the volume of through passenger traffic but a substantial increase in the Chicago suburban traffic. As a consequence there was registered an increase in the number of revenue passengers carried one mile of 5,518,060, or 0.68 per cent, and a decrease in the average revenue per passenger per mile of .079 cent, or 2.59 per cent, due to the lower rates prevailing for Chicago suburban traffic as compared with through traffic.

There was a decrease of \$347,251 35, or 13.86 per cent, in "Mail Revenue," due in part to the inclusion in the "Mail Revenue" for the previous year of a portion of the back mail pay for 1916 to 1919, inclusive, awarded under an order of the Interstate Commerce Commission in December 1919, and in part to a reduction in mail pay, owing to the Post Office Department's arrangement for the transportation of mails between railway stations and post offices at a number of stations along the line of road, a service previously performed by your company.

The increase of \$1,243,641 96, or 53.45 per cent, in "Express Revenue" was due to the increased volume of express business handled.

The increase of \$148,720 47, or 16.89 per cent, in "Other Passenger Train Revenue" was occasioned in part by increased milk shipments and in part by a larger amount received from the operation of Pullman sleeping cars.

The increase of \$296,024 73, or 20.94 per cent, in "Other Transportation Revenue," was due to increased switching receipts, partly offset by a decrease in "Special Service Train Revenue."

The increase of \$111,356 39, or 5.14 per cent, in "Incidental and Joint Facility Revenue" consisted of increases in "Dining and Buffet Revenue," "Station, Train and Boat Privileges," "Demurrage," and "Miscellaneous Revenue," offset in part by decreases in "Hotel and Restaurant Revenue," "Storage—Freight," and "Storage—Baggage."

RAILWAY OPERATING EXPENSES.

"Railway Operating Expenses" amounted to \$119,129,269 32 this year as compared with \$116,852,333 04 last year, an increase of \$2,276,936 28, or 1.95 per cent. For the purpose of suitable comparison of the railway operating expenses for the two years, there has been eliminated from the figures of last year a credit of \$6,854,541 96, of which \$2,744,697 84 was credited to "Maintenance of Way and Structures Expenses" and \$4,109,844 12 was credited to "Maintenance of Equipment Expenses, in connection with the cancellation of reserves for maintenance because the Interstate Commerce Commission, in an order dated December 15 1921, prescribed a different method for adjusting maintenance expenses of the Guaranty Period.

The decrease of \$1,899,470 01, or 8.47 per cent, in "Maintenance of Way and Structures Expenses" was primarily on account of decreased wages, reductions in costs of materials and supplies used and a decrease in the renewal of bridge and switch ties due to the inability to secure full requirements.

The increase of \$1,644,669 97, or 4.75 per cent, in "Maintenance of Equipment Expenses" was on account of increased depreciation charges by reason of additional equipment acquired, an increase in charges for equipment retired and additional expenses incurred by reason of labor troubles.

There was an increase in "Traffic Expenses" of \$426,843 14, or 22.61 per cent, due in part to heavier outlays for advertising, to a larger volume of tariffs issued during the year and to increased forces of the Traffic Department, including outside soliciting agencies.

There was an increase of \$2,331,529 36, or 4.35 per cent, in "Transportation Expenses" primarily due to an increase in freight service on account of a greater volume of traffic transported this year as compared with the previous year.

There was a decrease of \$11,276 47, or 1.12 per cent, in "Miscellaneous Operations."

The decrease of \$72,575 36, or 1.97 per cent, in "General Expenses" was due primarily to decreases in salaries and expenses of clerks and attendants, valuation expenses, stationery and printing, and other expenses, which were offset in part by increases in law expenses and pensions.

The decrease in expenses by reason of the increase of \$142,784 35 in "Transportation for Investment—Credit" was on account of the increase in the volume of construction work carried on during the year.

RAILWAY TAX ACCRUALS.

"Railway Tax Accruals" amounts to \$11,208,967 28 this year as compared with \$8,119,035 45 last year, an increase of \$3,089,931 83, or 38.06 per cent. The increase was due to increased Federal income taxes caused by an increase in the tax rate from 10 per cent to 12½ per cent of the taxable income; to an increase in taxable income by reason of the increased volume of business during the year and the inclusion in taxable income of the amount allowed in the Federal Control settlement for undermaintenance, materials and supplies, etc., and by additional accruals for 1917 income taxes in connection with the filing of consolidated returns for that year as required by the Act of Congress passed in 1921. There was also a substantial increase in the Illinois charter tax due to increased earnings on charter lines this year as compared with last year.

UNCOLLECTIBLE RAILWAY REVENUES.

"Uncollectible Railway Revenues" were \$15,413 11 this year as compared with \$24,318 81 last year, a decrease of \$8,905 70, or 36.62 per cent.

EQUIPMENT RENTS—NET CREDIT.

"Equipment Rents—Net Credit" amounted to \$725,590 81 this year as against \$1,614,026 69 last year, a decrease of \$888,435 88. This was due to a substantially increased use of freight cars, by reason of the heavier volume of business handled, which resulted in increased per diem outlays and reclaim allowances to other companies.

JOINT FACILITY RENT—NET DEBIT.

"Joint Facility Rent—Net Debit" amounted to \$111,200 64, a decrease of \$91,976 90 as compared with last year.

NON-OPERATING INCOME.

"Non-Operating Income" this year amounted to \$4,104,464 81, as against \$5,039,238 05 last year, a decrease of \$934,773 24. This decrease was due to \$113,270 44 received last year covering additional compensation allowed by the Director-General of Railroads in final settlement for the period of Federal Control, whereas there was no similar income during the current year; non-receipt of dividends from the Madison Coal Corporation, whereas \$900,000 00 was received last year from this source; a decrease of \$124,287 21 in interest on funds on deposit with bankers and others; and a decrease of \$387,596 87 in miscellaneous income, the major portion of which was due to the cancellation during the current year of a portion of the Guaranty Period claim under Section 209 of the Transportation Act, 1920, disallowed by the Interstate Commerce Commission in settlement as effected June 27 1922. These decreases were partly offset by an increase of \$291,205 00, consisting mainly of interest received on United States bonds purchased during the year, and interest on additional holdings of The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Company's Five Per Cent Gold Improvement Bonds; an increase of \$258,732 76 in interest on advances to affiliated corporations, the major portion of which was received from the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Company and the Dubuque & Sioux City Railroad Company; and other minor increases of \$40,443 52.

DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME.

"Deductions from Gross Income" amounted to \$13,135,916 81 this year, as against \$12,880,671 47 last year, an increase of \$255,245 34. There has been excluded from the figures for the previous year \$6,854,541 96, covering the cancellation of income accrued during 1920 in connection with the Guaranty Period, resulting from the cancellation of reserves for maintenance, referred to under the head of "Railway Operating Expenses" on page 6 [pamphlet report]. The increase for the year consisted in part of rental payments to the Dubuque & Sioux City Railroad Company of \$715,648 48, whereas no payment was reported in the previous year; an increase in "Interest on Funded Debt" of \$411,943 96 due to the inclusion of interest during the entire year on securities issued last year, and, in addition, interest for portions of the year on securities issued during the current year, less interest on Equipment Trusts and other securities retired, as compared with a part year's interest on securities issued during the previous year, a comparison of which may be made by reference to Table No. 7 [pamphlet report] of the report this year, and the corresponding table for the previous year; an increase of \$406,902 00, covering an adjustment of interest accrued on open accounts with the Director-General of Railroads in the previous year, which has been offset in part by a decrease of \$84,166 67 in interest paid on loans from banks and trust companies and \$8,485 79 in miscellaneous interest charges this year as compared with last year; an increase in

"Separately Operated Properties—Loss" and "Miscellaneous Tax Accruals" of \$67,063 46; and an increase in other miscellaneous deductions of \$1,183 41. The foregoing was partly offset by a reduction of \$563,288 02 in deficit "Net Railway Operating Income" for the Guaranty Period, as fully explained in the report for last year, and a decrease of \$691,555 49, resulting from the assumption by your Company of a deficit of \$383,477 42 from the operations under the lease of the Dubuque & Sioux City Railroad last year, repaid to the extent of \$308,078 07 this year.

FINANCIAL.

The General Balance Sheet, Table No. 4, shows the financial condition of your company on December 31 1922, as compared with the previous year.

CAPITAL STOCK AND FUNDED DEBT.

At your annual meeting, held in Chicago on April 19 1922 you authorized an issue of \$50,000,000 00 par of preferred shares for the purpose of providing funds for the electrification of your company's lines within Chicago; the reconstruction of its principal passenger station and freight terminals, the improvement of lands acquired under contract ordinance with the City of Chicago, passed July 1 1919 and for other lawful purposes, such preferred shares to be issued in series and to be entitled to dividends at a rate not exceeding 7 per cent per annum non-cumulative and convertible into common shares, as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. In accordance with the foregoing, the Board of Directors at a meeting held April 27 1922, authorized the issue of \$10,929,600 00 par of Six Per Cent Convertible Preferred Shares, Series "A." The preferred shares were subscribed and paid for in full and dividends began to accrue thereon as of June 26 1922. During the year preferred shares of the par value of \$208,300 00 were converted into common shares.

Illinois Central Equipment Trust Certificates, Series "H," amounting to \$3,255,000 00 were issued and sold February 1 1922.

Illinois Central Equipment Certificates, Series "I," amounting to \$6,645,000 00 were issued and sold October 1 1922.

Obligations under equipment contract with The Pullman Company, amounting to \$1,748,500 00, were issued to that company January 17 1922.

Under the terms of the Illinois Central Railroad Company and Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans Railroad Company Joint First Refunding Mortgage there were issued to your company in June 1922 \$1,924,400 00 Five Per Cent Bonds, Series "A," in reimbursement for improvements made to the mortgaged properties. Under the same mortgage, \$8,500 00 par value of Series "A," or Dollar Bonds, were issued in exchange for £1,700 Sterling Bonds, the equivalent of \$8,245 00 of Series "B," or Sterling Bonds upon payment of the difference of \$255 00 in cash.

Under the terms of the trust agreement \$296,000 00 Illinois Central Railroad Company One to Fifteen Year Secured Gold Notes matured and were retired.

There were retired and canceled under the terms of the respective trust agreements Illinois Central Equipment Trust Certificates, Series "A," \$800,000 00; Series "B," \$350,000 00; Series "C," \$198,000 00; Series "D," \$190,000 00; Series "E," \$550,000 00; Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans Railroad Company Equipment Trust Certificates, Series "A," \$570,000 00; Government Equipment Trust No. 33, \$647,100 00; and under the equipment contract with The Pullman Company, \$66,495 00, a total of \$3,371,595 00.

SECURITIES OWNED.

There were purchased during the year \$2,017,200 00 par value United States Second Liberty Loan Four and One-quarter Per Cent Bonds of 1927-1942; \$5,000,000 00 par value United States Third Liberty Loan Four and One-quarter Per Cent Bonds of 1928; \$4,000,000 par value United States Victory Liberty Loan Four and Three-quarters Per Cent Notes of 1923; \$2,000,000 00 par value United States Series "A"; and \$1,313,000 00 par value United States Treasury Four and One-quarter Per Cent Notes of 1926, Series "B."

There was received from The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Company in settlement for advances made for improvements to its property \$5,034,000 00 of its Five Per Cent Gold Improvement Bonds.

One million three hundred thirty-eight thousand dollars par value of Tennessee Central Railroad Company Four Per Cent Prior Lien Bonds were charged to "Profit and Loss" as worthless for the reason that the property of the Tennessee Central Railroad Company was sold under foreclosure during the year and it was realized there would be very little remaining for the bondholders from the proceeds of the sale after the various claims of the receivership had been settled.

The Peoria & Pekin Union Railway Company redeemed \$12,500 00 par value of its Five Per Cent Debenture Bonds maturing August 1 1922.

ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS—EXPENDITURES.

There was expended during the year for "Additions and Betterments" (including improvements on subsidiary properties) \$17,742,565 30. The following is a classified statement of these expenditures:

THE CHICAGO ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1922.

To the Stockholders:

We take pleasure in submitting reports of the operation of your Company for the year 1922.

After the payment of all fixed charges and taxes, the Company showed a balance of income available for dividends of \$4,285,378 72. Full dividends on the preferred stocks amounted to \$3,567,335, leaving a surplus of \$718,043 72, which was credited to profit and loss. In view of the adverse conditions under which we had to operate during the year, we regard this as a very satisfactory showing.

STRIKE OF SHOP EMPLOYEES.

By far the most important feature of the year was the strike of the shop employees. On July 1 1922 the Federated Shop Crafts on all the railroads of the United States, dissatisfied with a decision of the United States Labor Board fixing their wages and working conditions, ceased work without notice to the carriers, and of 11,500 men employed in the Mechanical Department of the Rock Island, practically all abandoned their employment and left the service of the Company. Since the law compels us to continue public service, we were forced to operate the road as best we could under this handicap, and after unavailing efforts to induce our old men to return to work in compliance with the order of the Labor Board, proceeded to employ and organize a new force of shop and mechanical department employees. All the new men we employed were, of course, employed at wages prescribed by the Labor Board, and while it has been a long process, and while the effect of the cessation of work in the mechanical departments necessarily put us somewhat behind in our maintenance of equipment, nevertheless the situation has been of great benefit to the Rock Island. Notwithstanding the efforts of strike leaders to prevent us from obtaining new men, and in spite of repeated violence on the part of strikers, not only against the property of the Company, but against the new employees and the loyal foremen who refused to leave the service, we succeeded in building up a force of more than 10,000 men. With these men we were able to put into effect a new basis of working conditions, relieving the shop work of many burdensome restrictions and unfair working conditions inherited from Federal control, so that we expect eventually to get along with a force of approximately 9,500 men, instead of 11,500 as formerly, and working under conditions conducive to individual efficiency and personal initiative, which practically had been destroyed under the old conditions. This improved situation in our shops is enabling us rapidly to make up the maintenance deferred during the summer, and should be of great benefit to your Company during the present and all future years.

There is a great deal of misunderstanding in the minds of the public and of some high public officers concerning the nature of this strike and the issues involved. While the strike is over, so far as this Company is concerned, the issues were so important and have been the subject of so much misrepresentation in the press, and on the part of those whose interest lay in confusing the real issues, that we regard it as our duty to call to your attention the true facts in the matter, so far as they affected your Company.

First and foremost, the men struck not on account of anything your Company had done, or had not done, but because they were dissatisfied with an order of the United States Labor Board, which was established by Congress for the purpose of settling labor controversies on the railroads, and thereby avoiding interruptions to the public service. The object of the strike was so to cripple the service that the railroads would be forced to pay greater wages than those which the Labor Board had found to be just and reasonable. On July 5, five days after the strike was called, we asked all of the men to come back, promising restoration of their pension, free transportation, and seniority privileges if they should return by July 10. Only twenty-five old men returned, and some of these were forced to quit work by threats and intimidations of their families. We thereupon began to employ new men as rapidly as we could, and, in order to keep traffic moving, many of our supervisory officers and employees from other departments put on overalls and took the

places of striking shopmen, doing it so effectively that we never had to annul a single train.

Later on the striking employees on the Rock Island and on the other roads, through their organizations, stated that they would return to work if the carriers would restore their seniority, which meant in practical application that we would displace the men whom we had hired to run the railroad, and who had been loyal to the Company in its hour of need. This was the seniority issue, which was an after-development and had nothing to do with the issue on which the strike was called.

We declined to displace either the loyal employees or the new men who had entered our service to fill the places of strikers. This was the rock upon which we stood, and shall stand. We made it plain to our former employees that we would welcome them back, giving them their old jobs as far as possible, but that we could not displace the new men.

On September 18, the following announcement was made on behalf of your Company and its subsidiary, the Chicago Rock Island and Gulf Railway Company:

ANNOUNCEMENT.

"These companies are not negotiating a settlement of the shopmen's strike with the officers of the shop craft organizations.

"An Association of Rock Island Shop Employees is being formed by those now in the service, with which all future negotiations will be conducted.

"The men who were in the service July 10 1922 will head the seniority list, and those employed since July 10 will follow on that list in the order of their employment.

"There are vacancies to be filled and our officers will give preference to former employees who apply for work and whose record is satisfactory to the employing officer, and while such former employees cannot be given their old places on the seniority list, they will have restored full pass and pension privileges. As to such former employees returning to service before October 1 1922, pension continuity of service will be computed without regard to any breaks on account of strikes.

"Employment for those not now in the service will not result from waiting for some other person or persons to arrange for it, but will be given only on the personal application of the one who wants the work."

The so-called "Baltimore Plan" of strike settlement was announced in September. It provided for the restoration within thirty days of all the men who had left their jobs, except those who had committed acts of violence, and where positions were not available for all it provided that after the thirty days old employees were to be carried on the payroll at their former rates, regardless of whether work could be found for them. At the time this plan was announced, the Rock Island had in its shops a working force of 4,500 new men. When approached to settle on the "Baltimore Plan," we made it plain to the Committee of the Federated Shop Crafts that we could not displace these men, although we would be glad to take back the old men up to the limit of the force required. The Committee at this interview, which was on September 14, stated that they were limited in their authority to a settlement under the "Baltimore Plan"; consequently, no progress was made through the interview. On the other hand, the strike leaders continuously urged their men not to come back, and the recruiting of our force to the strength stated above has been in spite of their efforts to prevent their adherents from coming back to their old jobs.

On November 22 an agreement was completed with an organization formed among our new employees, known as the "Rock Island Association of Mechanical and Power Plant Employees," comprising in its membership practically all of our present shop forces.

We are now operating under this agreement, and getting excellent results from it, in addition to being relieved from the constant interference of the former shop crafts leaders. The new men willingly accept the direction of foremen charged with the responsibility of supervising their work, which the old men since Federal control never did.

We cannot too strongly record our appreciation and thanks for the services of those officers and employees who served in the place of the striking shopmen and worked long hours at unfamiliar duties, in order to help us keep traffic moving through this crisis.

Naturally, the end of the year found us with some deferred maintenance on our equipment, but it is rapidly being restored, and by the time of our heavy traffic movement in 1923 we shall be in normal condition.

COAL STRIKE.

We also were affected in 1922 by a strike in the coal industry, which began April 1 and lasted until October. While the strike to a certain extent was anticipated, we nevertheless felt the effect severely, not only in diminution of coal traffic, but in the high prices which later in the summer we were compelled to pay for fuel. We estimate that the increased fuel bill in 1922 amounted to \$1,512,000 over what it would have been had there been no coal strike.

RATE REDUCTIONS.

The greater part of the loss in freight revenues in 1922 is accounted for by reductions in freight rates ordered by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The principal rate reductions became effective January 1 1922, being approximately 17% on grain and grain products and 10% on live stock and other products of agriculture. Other substantial reductions became effective July 1 1922. The aggregate effect of these reductions was about \$10,000,000. In other words, if the Inter-State Commerce Commission had not reduced the rates, we would have had about \$10,000,000 more revenue on the same volume of traffic, notwithstanding the railway and coal strikes.

FINANCING DURING THE YEAR.

We have concluded settlement with the Government of all matters arising out of Federal control. This includes not only the Federal control period proper, which ended February 28 1920, when the roads were handed back to their owners, but the so-called "guaranty period" of six months immediately following Federal control, when the Government guaranteed to each company accepting in advance a return at the same rate as during Federal control.

The balance of accounts between the Company and the Director-General of Railroads, which related only to the Federal control period, showed that we were indebted to the Government on this account in the sum of approximately \$7,900,000. After much negotiation and consideration of our claims for under-maintenance, the Director-General agreed to reduce this amount to \$2,500,000, and accept in settlement our eight-year 6% collateral trust note due March 1 1930 for this amount.

Under the funding provisions of the Transportation Act, we were allowed to fund certain of the expenditures made by the Railroad Administration for additions and betterments to our property during Federal control. By conference with the Director-General this amount was fixed at \$5,500,000, which we borrowed from the Secretary of the Treasury under the provisions of the Transportation Act, giving our eight-year 6% collateral trust note therefor.

After much discussion of the amount necessary to make good the Government's guaranty for the six months' period, ended August 31 1920, we agreed to accept approximately \$2,000,000 in full settlement of the balance due us.

With the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, we sold in September \$5,500,000 First and Refunding bonds. This was the first direct sale of First and Refunding bonds in many years. The proceeds of the sale amounted to \$4,673,760.

On the other side of the ledger, we paid in full our notes to the War Finance Corporation, aggregating \$10,430,000, covering indebtedness originated during Federal control.

The results of these transactions may be summarized:

Borrowed from Secretary of Treasury through funding provisions of Transportation Act on account of additions and betterments during Federal control.....	\$5,500,000 00
Received in settlement of claims for guaranty period (estimated amount necessary to bring operating income during that period to same rate as during test period).....	2,000,000 00
Proceeds of sale of \$5,500,000 First and Refunding Bonds.....	4,673,760 00
Total.....	\$12,173,760 00
Less	
Company's notes to War Finance Corporation paid in full.....	10,430,000 00
Balance—applied against additions and betterments.....	\$1,743,760 00
The total additions and betterments to road and equipment during the year amounted to.....	\$2,590,533 12
The remainder of the funds necessary for their financing was, of course derived from current assets.	
The Company has no unfunded obligations.	

NEW EQUIPMENT.

We have ordered and will place in service during the year 1923 the following equipment:

60 Milkado type freight locomotives.	
20 Mountain type passenger locomotives.	
Total Cost.....	\$4,742,420 00
50 Steel suburban cars.	
500 Coal cars.	
500 Box cars.	
250 Flat cars.	
500 Automobile cars.	
250 Refrigerator cars.	
Total Cost.....	\$6,022,327 50
Total Cost. All Equipment.....	\$10,764,747 50

DEPRECIATION.

The Company has revised its depreciation charges to figures based on the actual experience of the Company with respect to the life of its equipment. The officers are giving constant attention to this subject, and, in the event that experience should prove the present rate of depreciation charges is inadequate to reflect properly the depreciation due to the wearing out of the equipment, proper corrections will be made.

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE.

We estimated that the cost of making up the maintenance of equipment deferred, as a result of the strike, would amount to about \$1,600,000. We would have liked to set this up in the income account as a monthly operating reserve, but the rules of the Inter-State Commerce Commission do not provide for so doing. The actual work of making up the deferred maintenance was well under way at the end of the year and now is almost completed.

NEW WORK IN CONTEMPLATION.

The most important item of new work in contemplation is the double tracking of the line between Topeka, Kansas, and Herington, Kansas, a distance of approximately seventy miles. About one-half of this will be completed during the coming summer.

We have also authorized the use of oil as fuel on the lines in Arkansas and Louisiana. This will necessitate a substantial capital expenditure, but, on account of the saving resulting from the use of oil, as compared with coal, it will be a very productive expenditure. Studies are being made to convert other divisions to the use of oil as rapidly as conditions justify it.

PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF RAILROADS.

The Transportation Act of 1920 required the Inter-State Commerce Commission to group the carriers of the country into a number of large systems, with a view to an equality of competitive and financial strength, and with the limitation that existing channels and routes of trade should be preserved so far as possible. The Commission has prepared a tentative plan, putting the Rock Island into its group known as No. 17, which is based upon the Rock Island, El Paso & Southwestern and Southern Pacific, with certain less important lines; the principal competitor of this group being based on the Santa Fe System. At the hearing on our case, we stated that, while we are opposed to any consolidation by law, if we are to be grouped, we consider this grouping the natural one.

It should be borne in mind that the Commission's grouping plan is only tentative, and does not mean an actual consolidation of the properties. It simply means the consolidations of railroads in the future must be along the lines approved by the Commission in its plan. There is nothing compulsory about the consolidations authorized by the Transportation Act. We mention this here, only to advise you of our position with respect to the hearings now being conducted.

SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

On October 10 1922 we celebrated the Seventieth anniversary of the running of the first train on your railroad. On that day, we ran a special train from Chicago to Joliet, following the route and time of the first train. A remarkable incident was that one of the passengers, Mrs. W. W. Stevens, of Hubbard Woods, Illinois, was a passenger on the first train seventy years ago. The celebration attracted interest all over the United States. Fifty-four commercial clubs and Rock Island employees clubs located at various points on the system joined in the festivities. One hundred and two memorial trees were planted along the Company's lines, commemorating the services of past officers and employees who were conspicuous by their devotion to the Company's interest. Service medallions were presented to every employee, and medals of honor were presented to fourteen employees who had been continuously in the service of the Company for more than fifty years. It was a great occasion, and we feel that the celebration helped to cement the friendly feeling which we are inculcating between the Company and its employees on the one hand, and its patrons on the other.

GENERAL.

As in former years, we renew our insistence that you as stockholders take an active interest in all matters of public regulation affecting your property. Perhaps the next year will be the most crucial in the history of Government supervision. The Transportation Act of 1920 was the first piece of constructive railway legislation ever enacted by Congress. For the first time Congress attempted to prescribe a definite rate of return, and while so far the purpose of the Act has not been realized, we feel that it must be supported, and that those charged with its administration must be aided and encouraged in their efforts to apply to the railway situation its constructive mandates. Efforts are constantly being made by interested parties to break down the principles upon which the Act is based. For instance, an Act passed by the last session of Congress directed the Inter-State Commerce Commission, after a hearing, to require the railroads to establish an interchangeable mileage book arrangement; and the Commission, pursuant to this direction, has just ordered the carriers to publish and sell a scrip coupon book at 20% reduction from the regular passenger tariffs. The effect of this is that \$90 worth of transportation is sold in coupon form for \$72, so that any man who has \$72 to invest in transportation at one time may ride for 20% less rate than the man who wishes, or is able, to purchase only a single ticket. It is a vicious piece of regulation, unfair to the person in moderate circumstances, and it legalizes discrimination, which in itself is contrary to the whole purpose of the Act. Moreover, the carriers must pay the bill, not only sustaining a loss of revenue, but being placed under a heavy burden with respect to accounting

STANDARD GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

Office of Standard Gas & Electric Co.
208 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

April 11 1923.

To the Stockholders of the
Standard Gas and Electric Company:

The year 1922 was in all respects the most satisfactory year in the history of your Company. The balance of earnings, after interest charges and 8 per cent dividends on preferred stock, was \$1,736,457, equal to 16.38 per cent (or \$8 19 per \$50 par value share) on the common stock. For the previous year the comparative figures were 11.37 per cent and \$5 68, respectively.

Your Company includes in its earnings only amounts actually received or in the process of collection. No so-called applicable earnings—that is, amounts retained for surplus and reserves by the companies in which your Company holds investments—are included in the earnings statement.

Standard Gas and Electric Company's earnings compare as follows for the four-year period ended December 31:

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross Revenue	\$4,759,702 13	\$3,632,745 35	\$3,153,689 62	\$3,040,987 91
Net Revenue	4,652,126 10	3,564,120 99	3,076,612 23	2,960,896 13
Interest Charges	1,840,703 52	1,367,752 79	1,282,539 30	993,781 40
Balance	2,811,422 58	2,196,368 20	1,794,072 93	1,967,114 73
Preferred Dividends	1,074,964 84	990,388 00	990,388 00	939,568 56
Rate	(8%)	(8%)	(8%)	(7 2-3%)
Balance	1,736,457 74	1,205,980 20	803,684 93	1,027,546 17
Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense	350,000 00	125,000 00	90,000 00	65,000 00
Surplus	1,386,457 74	1,080,980 20	713,684 93	962,546 17

Effective April 3 1923, the stockholders approved reclassification of the common stock of your Company from shares of \$50 par value to shares without par value, and authorized the increase of common stock from 300,000 shares to 600,000 shares, and also authorized the exchange of the previously outstanding common stock for shares without par value, share for share. There will be outstanding 212,000 shares common stock when this exchange has been completed.

The improvement of business and agricultural conditions throughout the country, the increasing large public demand for additional electric and gas services, and the ability to finance and construct property additions and extensions, caused large increases in the gross and net earnings of the operated public utility companies. The combined gross earnings of these companies during the year increased \$2,485,483, or 7.11 per cent, and the net earnings increased \$1,599,112, or 12.95 per cent.

Combined earnings of the operated public utility companies compare as follows for the four-year period ended December 31:

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross Earnings	\$3,413,158 42	\$3,927,675 71	\$3,352,232 19	\$2,715,137 39
Net Earnings	13,946,718 17	12,347,605 97	11,230,741 54	9,980,446 50
Aggregate Gross				
Balance of Earnings Retained in Surplus or Allocated to Depreciation Reserve	2,066,361 05	1,587,272 53	1,593,227 02	1,166,369 06

Shaffer Oil and Refining Company during 1922 had gross earnings of \$8,163,463 92, while operating expenses, including Federal taxes and maintenance, amounted to \$6,158,416 03, leaving net earnings of \$2,005,047 89; fixed charges and annual dividends at the rate of 7 per cent on the preferred stock amounted to \$1,340,569 85, leaving a balance of \$664,478 04 for depletion, depreciation, amortization and surplus. The prospect for considerably increased earnings by Shaffer Oil and Refining Company during 1923 is excellent. Added to the general improvement in the market for petroleum products, the Company, through its affiliated companies, has the benefit of a highly efficient cracking process of four units now in successful operation at its large refinery at Cushing, Oklahoma, and also additional oil producing properties.

The Byllesby Engineering and Management Corporation, which is owned by Standard Gas and Electric Company, greatly increased its business and resultant earnings during 1922. Still further marked advances are assured by the heavily increased volume of construction and operating activities in the present year.

New property construction by the operated public utility companies in 1922 greatly exceeded that of any previous year, the total cost exceeding \$18,000,000. For 1923 the construction budgets for new power stations, gas plants, enlarged capacities, sub-stations, line and main extensions, etc., aggregate about \$30,000,000. This remarkable growth of physical equipment is urgently required by present and prospective demands for service; in part it reflects construction deferred during periods of excessively high money

rates and temporarily halted commercial and business development.

During 1922 in addition to increased earnings certain definitely favorable progress was made in various ways by practically all of the operated public utility companies. A brief summary of the most important developments is of interest.

The name of The Arkansas Valley Railway, Light and Power Company was changed to Southern Colorado Power Company, to more adequately express the scope of the Company's operations, centering at Pueblo; its funded debt was consolidated by the issuance of long term bonds. The territory served by the Company is recuperating rapidly from a severe depression, and earnings are showing a satisfactory increase.

Fort Smith Light and Traction Company acquired the Mississippi Valley Power Company, which serves a large agricultural, fruit growing and coal mining territory. Also the Company, through inter-connected transmission lines, provided for an ample and more economical supply of electric power by a contract with the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company.

Louisville Gas and Electric Company greatly strengthened its position by the refinancing of its funded debt, at materially lower interest rates, through the issue of thirty-year bonds; business and earnings showed a decided gain, and new plant and line capacities are being provided to care for the demands.

Mobile Electric Company continued its steady progress in improved earnings.

Improvement in the earnings of Mountain States Power Company was pronounced; the necessary transmission lines were completed to enable the delivery of purchased hydroelectric power to the Company's Willamette Valley Division under a favorable contract. Arrangements have been virtually consummated for the merger of the Tacoma Gas and Fuel Company and the Puget Sound Gas Company with the Mountain States Power Company; these two companies increased net earnings during the year. Consolidation of these companies will provide a larger unit that will facilitate future financing and effect further operating economies.

Northern States Power Company had a most satisfactory year; after payment of interest, 7 per cent preferred stock dividends and dividends on the common stock at the rate of 8 per cent, a balance of \$1,134,526 19 was left for amortization, depreciation and surplus. Preliminary permits were granted by the Federal Water Power Commission for the development of the Company's water power sites on the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers, and it is expected that construction of one of these developments will be started during 1923. The Company announced a ten-year construction program to provide upwards of 300,000 additional horsepower to supply the requirements of Minneapolis, St. Paul and vicinity. A part of this program is the immediate construction of a new steam turbine power station in St. Paul, the ultimate capacity to be 200,000 horsepower.

Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company had a remarkable growth in 1922. This Company now serves a very large area of Oklahoma with electricity. Transmission lines were completed linking the entire system, and connecting Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Fort Smith, Arkansas. Two new modern power plants are under construction, one near Muskogee, with an initial capacity of 30,000 horsepower, and the other near Oklahoma City, with an initial capacity of 20,000 horsepower. During the past year many new communities and large industries were connected with the Company's lines.

Steady growth in business and earnings characterizes the operations of the California companies. Satisfactory increases in net earnings were recorded by the San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company. Western States Gas and Electric Company advanced materially. The new El Dorado water power, which will supply energy replacing purchased power in the Stockton Division, was more than half completed, and it is expected it will be in operation the latter part of 1923.

All the properties are being maintained in a high state of efficiency.

Continued operation of the customer ownership policy of equity financing by the operated public utility companies met with increasing success. The properties now have approximately 40,000 shareholders, including those purchasing stock on the partial payment plan. During 1922 there were 18,992 separate sales of securities at the operated properties, the total par value of securities thus sold being \$10,768,550.

Your attention is called to the condensed general balance sheets, earnings statements, etc., of the operated properties, to be found on pages 13 to 48 of this [pamphlet] report, and to the report of the Treasurer of Standard Gas and Electric Company, on pages 6 to 12, inclusive [pamphlet report].

Your Company had at the close of the year 7,630 preferred stockholders and 3,060 common stockholders, the total, 10,-

690, representing an increase of 3,051 stockholders during the year.

Your Directors again express their appreciation to the executives and employees of the operated companies for their loyal, able and experienced services.

By order of the Board of Directors,
 H. M. BYLLESBY, *President.*

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Chicago, Illinois, April 10 1923.

H. M. Byllesby, Esq.,

*President, Standard Gas and Electric 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 Standard Gas and Electric Company and Utilities Investment Company, by Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants.

The \$1,736,457 74, remainder of net income before deduction of \$350,000 00 for amortization of debt discount and expense, was equal to 16.38% on the \$10,600,000 00 common stock outstanding on December 31 1922, or \$8 19 per share.

The figures given in the audit are the collectible income of Standard Gas and Electric Company, and do not include any earnings of Shaffer Oil and Refining Company applicable to common shares of that company owned by Standard Gas and Electric Company, nor any of the contingent interest of the Company in the \$2,066,361 05 "Undistributed Gross Balance of Earnings Retained in Surplus or Allocated to Depreciation Reserve" by the operated public utility companies.

In order to present, solely for the purpose of comparison with previous years and similar statements of other utility companies, there is shown on page 12 [pamphlet report] the so-called applicable income of Standard Gas and Electric Company, which includes the collectible income as well as the contingent interest in the \$2,066,361 05 of "Undistributed Gross Balance of Earnings Retained in Surplus or Allocated to Depreciation Reserve."

Immediately following the certified audit report will be found statements of capitalization and securities owned, as well as other relative information, all of which should be read in conjunction with the data contained in the certified balance sheet.

Respectfully yours,
 ROBERT J. GRAF, *Treasurer.*

STANDARD GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY AND UTILITIES INVESTMENT COMPANY. SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND PROFIT & LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

Income Credits:		
Interest on Bonds Owned	\$553,222 62	
Interest on Notes and Accounts Receivable	218,462 22	
Dividends on Preferred Stocks Owned	1,020,991 87	
Dividends on Common Stocks Owned—Public Utility Companies, Byllesby Engineering & Management Corporation, &c.	2,071,898 94	
Net Profit on Securities Sold	895,126 48	
Total		\$4,759,702 13
Income Charges:		
General Expenses and Taxes	\$107,576 03	
Interest:		
On Funded Debt	\$1,769,067 64	
Miscellaneous	71,635 88	
Total	1,840,703 52	
Total		1,948,279 55
Net Income, before Deducting Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense	\$2,811,422 58	
Dividends on Preferred Capital Stock	1,074,964 84	
Surplus for the Year, before Deducting Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense	\$1,736,457 74	
Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense	350,000 00	
Surplus for the Year	\$1,386,457 74	
Surplus December 31 1921	3,718,253 41	
Surplus December 31 1922		\$5,104,711 15

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1922.

ASSETS.		
Securities Owned		
Sinking Funds:		\$50,403,406 14
Convertible 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds	\$148,872 92	
7 1/2% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds	25,199 72	
Total Sinking Funds		174,072 64
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$316,244 43	
Notes Receivable, Subsidiary and Affiliated Companies	1,632,371 18	
Accounts Receivable:		
Subsidiary and Affiliated Companies	2,198,555 78	
Sundry Debtors	108,988 13	
Security Sales Accounts—Installment Contracts (the Securities Sold being Held as Collateral)	910,237 19	
Accrued Accounts:		
Interest on Bonds Owned	187,537 68	
Dividends on Preferred Stocks Owned	83,149 23	
Dividends on Common Stocks Owned	78,545 00	
Interest on Notes Receivable	1,458 33	
Total Current Assets		5,517,086 95
Office Furniture and Fixtures		1 00
Deferred Charges:		
Unexpired Insurance	\$1,208 16	
Prepaid Capital Stock Tax	8,217 48	
Discount and Expenses:		
Preferred Capital Stock	224,117 25	
Bonds and Gold Notes—Unamortized Portion	4,458,482 18	
Total Deferred Charges		4,692,025 07
Total		\$60,786,591 80

LIABILITIES

Preferred Capital Stock—8% Cumulative:		
Issued—330,000 Shares of \$50 00 each	\$16,500,000 00	
Less Treasury Stock	1,423,250 00	
Outstanding		\$15,076,750 00
Common Capital Stock—Amount outstanding after deducting Stock in Treasury, but including \$141,650 00, issued for dividend on Preferred Stock, not yet claimed by Stockholders—212,000 shares of \$50 00 each		
		10,600,000 00
Funded Debt:		
Convertible 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due December 1 1926 (secured by deposit of securities owned as collateral)	\$5,605,500 00	
Twenty-Year 6% Gold Notes, due October 1 1935	15,000,000 00	
Convertible 7% Gold Bonds, due March 1 1937 (secured by deposit of securities owned and notes receivable, as collateral)	2,663,500 00	
7 1/2% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due September 1 1941 (secured by deposit of securities owned and notes receivable, as collateral)	3,133,000 00	
7% Gold Notes, due November 1, 1941	3,335,000 00	
Less Treasury Notes	1,262,500 00	
Total Funded Debt		28,474,500 00
Current Liabilities:		
Notes Payable:		
Loan from Affiliated Company (secured by deposit of securities held as collateral to installment contracts)	\$411,500 00	
Sundry Notes	529,000 00	
Accounts Payable:		
Affiliated Companies	1,996 90	
Sundry Creditors	21,650 00	
Accrued Accounts:		
Interest on Funded Debt	417,679 98	
Interest on Notes Payable	8,391 45	
Taxes	9,978 50	
Miscellaneous Expenses	29,922 16	
Total Current Liabilities		1,430,118 99
Accrued Dividends on Preferred Capital Stock		100,511 66
Surplus, per Accompanying Summary		5,104,711 15
Total		\$60,786,591 80

The Standard Gas and Electric Company was contingently liable, at December 31 1922, as guarantor of the principal and interest of the First Mortgage Convertible 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds of the Shaffer Oil and Refining Company, of which \$9,884,600 00, par value, were then outstanding; and on account of surety bond, and notes endorsed, guaranteed or discounted for various subsidiary and affiliated companies, in the amount of \$1,450,000 00.

CERTIFICATE.

We have audited the books and accounts of the Standard Gas and Electric Company and the Utilities Investment Company, Chicago, Illinois, for the year ended December 31 1922.

The amount shown in the accompanying Consolidated General Balance Sheet December 31 1922, for Securities Owned, represents the accounts for such securities on the books of those two companies without adjustment to the underlying asset valuations of subsidiary companies. The amounts shown for Income and Surplus, which reflect results without inter-company eliminations applicable to subsidiary companies, include income arising from charges made against subsidiary companies for engineering services rendered in connection with construction work, which charges have in turn been capitalized in the accounts of the subsidiary companies. The amount shown by the Company for Net Profit on Securities Sold, \$895,126 48, includes an item of \$745,281 87 arising from the redemption of subsidiary company bonds and consisting of \$300,000 00 cash received and \$445,281 87 representing the excess of the Company's valuation of new bonds received over the book value of the bonds redeemed.

We certify that, on the bases above stated, the accompanying Consolidated General Balance Sheet and Summary of Consolidated Income and Profit & Loss, exhibit, respectively, the consolidated financial condition of the two companies at December 31 1922, and their income results for the year so ended.

HASKINS & SELLS.

Chicago, April 3 1923.

STANDARD GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY. BONDS AND NOTES OWNED DECEMBER 31 1922.

Company	Description	Face Value Owned.
Fort Smith Light & Traction Co.	1st S. F. 5s, 1936	\$760,000
Fort Smith Light & Traction Co.	2d Mtge. 8s, 1931	1,100,000
Mobile Electric Co.	2d Mtge. 6s, 1939	250,000
Mobile Electric Co.	Convertible 7s, 1930	125,000
Mountain States Power Co.	1st & Ref. 5s, 1938	1,050,000
Mountain States Power Co.	Convertible 8s, 1930	400,000
Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.	Convertible 8s, 1924	261,200
Southern Colorado Power Co.	2d Mtge. 6s, 1947	3,000,000
Southwestern General Gas Co.	1st & Ref. S. F. 6s, 1931	362,000
Tacoma Gas Co.	Real Estate 6s, 1928	35,000
Western States Gas & Electric Co.	1st & Ref. 5s, 1941	14,000
Total		\$7,357,200
Fort Smith Light & Traction Co.	Promissory Notes	150,000
Mountain States Power Co.	Promissory Notes	100,000
Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.	Promissory Notes	750,000
Southern Colorado Power Co.	Promissory Notes	400,000
Southwestern General Gas Co.	Promissory Notes	40,000
Grand Total		\$8,817,200

STANDARD GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY.

PREFERRED AND COMMON STOCKS OWNED DECEMBER 31 1922

Company	Par Value of Preferred Stocks Owned.	Par Value of Common Stocks Owned.
Fort Smith Light & Traction Co.	\$881,500	\$950,000
Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (Del.)	6,506,100	3,705,900
Mobile Electric Co.	278,000	897,200
Mountain States Power Co.	1,200,000	---
Northern States Gas & Electric Co. (Del.)	---	2,113,400
Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.	2,835,800	4,499,700
Oklahoma General Power Co.	---	75,000
Puget Sound Gas Co.	182,900	772,100
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.	1,196,900	2,955,000
Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.	---	---
Southern Colorado Power Co.:		
First Preferred	405,000	---
Second Preferred	840,000	---
Southwestern General Gas Co.	25,000	1,000,000
Tacoma Gas & Fuel Co.	369,100	1,548,500
Western States Gas & Electric Co. (Del.)	259,500	3,253,200
Totals	\$14,979,800	\$21,770,000
Other Sundry Investments	787,100	809,900
Grand Totals	\$15,766,900	\$22,579,900
		Shares Owned Without Par Value or with Nominal Par Value.
Byllesby Engineering & Management Corporation		100,000
Mountain States Power Co.		36,571
Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.		158,000
Southern Colorado Power Co.		35,000
Other Sundry Investments		1,605
Total		331,176

Northern States Power Co. Option Warrants.....	Number Owned.
Miscellaneous Investments:	4,226
Preferred Stock.....	410 Shares
Common Stock.....	7,256 Shares

STANDARD GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY.
APPLICABLE INCOME.

As in preceding reports, there is submitted herewith the so-called applicable income of Standard Gas and Electric Company and Utilities Investment Company. This is submitted solely for the purpose of comparison with previous years and similar statements of other public utility holding companies.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

Collectible Gross Revenue (as shown on page 7 [pamphlet report]).....	\$4,759,702 13
Add—Contingent Interest of Standard Gas & Electric Company in the "Undistributed Gross Balance of Earnings Retained in Surplus or Allocated to Depreciation Reserve," of \$2,066,361 05, of the operated public utility companies for the year 1922 (as shown on page 14 [pamphlet report]), amounting to.....	1,274,589 99
Making for the year ended December 31 1922 what is commonly designated as Applicable Income of Standard Gas & Electric Co.....	\$6,034,292 12
Deduct for the year 1922:	
Standard Gas & Electric Company's General Expenses and Taxes.....	\$107,576 03
Interest Charges.....	1,840,703 52
	1,948,279 55
Balance.....	\$4,086,012 57
On the basis of Applicable Income, Standard Gas & Electric Co. would show for the year ended Dec. 31 1922 as follows:	
Dividends paid on Preferred Stock outstanding at 8%.....	1,074,964 84
Leaving a balance of.....	\$3,011,047 73
or the equivalent of 28.41% on the \$10,600,000 Common Stock outstanding Dec. 31 1922.	
Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense.....	350,000 00
Balance.....	\$2,661,047 73
Note.—The above figures do not include any earnings of Shaffer Oil & Refining Company applicable to common shares of that company owned by Standard Gas & Electric Company.	

OPERATED PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES OF STANDARD GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY.

EARNINGS AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

Gross Earnings—	
Electric Department.....	\$27,284,603 76
Gas Department.....	8,110,170 19
Steam Department.....	694,348 46
Telephone Department.....	151,605 94
Street Railway Department.....	1,035,596 28
Water Department.....	68,913 62
Ice Department.....	67,920 17
Total Gross Earnings.....	\$37,413,158 42
Operating Expenses—	
Operating Expenses.....	\$17,410,942 82
Maintenance Charges.....	2,765,945 26
Taxes.....	3,289,552 17
Total Operating Expenses.....	23,466,440 25
Net Earnings.....	\$13,946,718 17
Deduct—	
Interest on Funded and Floating Indebtedness.....	\$6,437,851 72
Preferred and Common Stock Dividends.....	4,969,942 84
Amortization of Bond Discounts.....	472,562 56
Total Foregoing Interest, Dividend Disbursements and Amortizations.....	11,880,357 12
Balance for Reserves and Surplus.....	\$2,066,361 05

Instead, however, of declaring in dividends all of the undistributed gross balance of earnings, the Directors of the companies have allocated such undistributed gross balance on the books of the respective companies as follows:

Depreciation Reserves.....	\$1,363,093 89
Undistributed Surplus.....	703,267 16
Total.....	\$2,066,361 05

and in consequence of this, the collectible income of Standard Gas and Electric Company, as shown on page 7 [pamphlet report], is \$1,274,589 99 less than its so-called applicable income; the \$1,274,589 99 representing Standard Gas and Electric Company's contingent interest in the \$2,066,361 05 transferred to Reserves and Surplus.

OPERATED PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES OF STANDARD GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY.

Depreciation Reserves—	
Depreciation reserve balance on December 31 1921.....	\$3,755,363 49
Additional depreciation reserve during year 1922:	
From current earnings.....	\$1,363,093 89
From previously accumulated surplus.....	22,222 43
	1,385,316 32
Total.....	\$5,140,679 81
Charged against the foregoing for replacements, renewals and equipment retired from service during the year 1922.....	1,503,973 59
Leaving the total depreciation reserves on Dec. 31 1922.....	\$3,636,706 22
Surplus Account—	
Surplus balance December 31 1921.....	\$2,684,812 26
Add amount credited to surplus for the year 1922.....	703,267 16
Total.....	\$3,388,079 42
Deduct:	
Dividends on Preferred Stock, Louisville Gas & Electric Company, cumulative from prior period.....	\$272,675 00
Provision for depreciation & other reserves.....	37,222 43
	309,897 43
Surplus balance on December 31 1922.....	\$3,078,181 99
On December 31 1922—	
The total depreciation reserves of.....	\$3,636,706 22
and surplus balance of.....	3,078,181 99
make an aggregate amount of.....	\$6,714,888 21
which has been invested in extensions and enlargements of the properties.	
Maintenance and Replacement Charges—	
The companies have been maintained at highest operating efficiency, and the cost of this maintenance, which is included in the operating expenses of the various companies for the year ended December 31 1922 was.....	\$2,765,945 26
There were also made during the year replacements, renewals, adjustments, &c., net, out of the previous depreciation reserves aggregating.....	1,503,973 59
Total.....	\$4,269,918 85
Expenditures for Improvements—	
During the year ended December 31 1922 the net additions, improvements and betterments to the properties, after deductions for replacements and renewals, aggregated.....	\$18,307,453 95
Taxation—	
The total taxes charged through operation in the year 1922 were.....	\$3,289,552 17
Equal to 8.79% of the aggregate gross earnings.	

Increase in Taxes Charged Through Operation.

Year—	Amount.	Year—	Amount.
1922.....	\$319,828 00	1917.....	\$273,602 54
1921.....	391,267 24	1916.....	131,281 93
1920.....	548,672 01	1915.....	60,946 68
1919.....	339,607 54	1914.....	83,973 91
1918.....	253,762 48	1913.....	102,211 67
Increase in ten years.....	\$2,505,133 91		

OPERATED COMPANIES OF STANDARD GAS & ELECTRIC CO. CAPITALIZATION OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31 1922.

	Funded Debt.	Preferred Stock.	Common Stock.
Fort Smith Light & Traction Co., including Mississippi Valley Power Co.....	\$4,550,000	\$1,460,000	\$950,000
Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (Del. and Subs.).....	23,500,000	14,616,000	6,496,900
Mobile Electric Co.....	2,489,550	852,500	950,000
Mountain States Power Co.....	3,965,100	2,132,500	No Par
Northern States Power Co. (Del. and Subs.).....	48,728,000	27,835,800	6,175,000
Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., including Oklahoma General Power Co.....	15,914,100	5,562,000	4,575,000
Puget Sound Gas Co.....	None	225,000	950,000
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.....	9,930,000	4,125,600	3,025,000
Southern Colorado Power Co.....	9,000,000	2,960,700	No Par
Southwestern General Gas Co.....	362,000	25,000	1,001,000
Tacoma Gas & Fuel Co.....	479,500	510,000	2,125,000
Western States Gas & Electric Co. (Del. and Subs.).....	13,193,000	3,148,000	3,503,000
Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.....	11,487,800	6,000,000	No Par
Totals.....	\$143,599,050	\$69,453,100	\$29,750,900
Byllesby Engineering & Manager's Corp.....			100,000
Mountain States Power Co. (Shares without par value).....			50,000
Shaffer Oil & Refining Co. (or with nominal par value).....			160,000
Southern Colorado Power Co.....			35,000
Total.....			345,000
Northern States Power Co. Option Warrants, Number Outstanding.....			78,050

OPERATED PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES OF STANDARD GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GROSS AND NET EARNINGS FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.

Company—	GROSS EARNINGS				
	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Fort Smith and Sub.....	\$1,158,245 94	\$1,059,147 89	\$1,070,390 69	\$850,364 73	\$693,980 84
Louisville.....	5,571,192 83	4,891,706 45	4,469,316 60	3,594,345 27	3,176,477 80
Mobile.....	825,320 52	764,221 84	737,446 37	758,707 57	547,689 57
Mountain States.....	1,133,612 83	992,932 21	928,923 39	770,779 21	673,168 56
Northern States.....	13,881,919 01	12,963,222 30	11,798,778 84	9,875,934 34	8,392,664 40
Oklahoma.....	5,736,912 04	5,135,937 65	5,070,656 34	4,289,673 75	3,415,558 26
Ottumwa.....		*513,487 49		456,267 20	402,162 14
Puget Sound.....	171,134 49	168,964 25	163,985 02	142,455 98	114,622 81
San Diego.....	3,771,526 62	3,814,918 17	2,661,045 93	2,257,264 65	2,185,738 96
Southern Colorado.....	1,839,460 02	1,755,525 73	1,865,743 05	1,579,020 15	1,480,547 62
Southwestern.....	80,622 19	251,085 81	286,470 34	205,894 12	176,608 38
Tacoma.....	545,828 11	582,848 77	561,098 24	476,127 25	456,071 33
Western States.....	2,697,383 82	2,547,164 64	2,224,909 89	1,901,303 17	1,628,995 86
Totals.....	\$37,413,158 42	\$34,927,675 71	\$32,352,232 19	\$27,158,137 39	\$23,344,286 53
Company—	NET EARNINGS				
	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Fort Smith and Sub.....	\$308,409 41	\$302,181 85	\$300,793 14	\$280,387 47	\$230,930 12
Louisville.....	2,639,744 84	2,243,413 05	2,095,489 84	1,820,430 05	1,642,676 83
Mobile.....	283,200 67	250,923 85	214,081 33	193,619 75	149,056 88
Mountain States.....	371,966 48	299,925 28	294,292 03	254,143 69	236,678 20
Northern States.....	5,781,092 07	5,207,543 82	4,466,938 23	4,117,312 69	3,542,774 06
Oklahoma.....	1,472,921 04	1,316,110 35	1,276,114 64	1,006,830 37	821,403 46
Ottumwa.....		*105,184 63		113,947 73	135,255 04
Puget Sound.....	43,593 92	29,261 34	25,915 72	18,031 75	11,836 53
San Diego.....	1,254,313 23	1,109,481 06	883,427 02	758,870 75	702,848 19
Southern Colorado.....	712,795 67	599,084 89	608,632 30	536,598 70	605,070 83
Southwestern.....	49,726 01	35,649 57	39,677 31	19,241 54	35,881 54
Tacoma.....	111,259 22	95,453 65	104,909 01	78,131 86	91,655 83
Western States.....	917,695 61	858,577 26	815,286 34	782,900 15	643,593 73
Totals.....	\$13,946,718 17	\$12,347,605 97	\$11,230,741 54	\$9,980,446 50	\$8,849,861 24

* Eleven months to December 1 1920.

CITIES SERVICE COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS—FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

The Thirteenth Annual Report of your Company for the year 1922 is herewith submitted.

The business of the Company improved materially over the preceding year as shown by the combined net earnings from operation, which increased from \$23,704,554 to \$27,589,481. Preferred stock dividends were earned 2.41 times and the balance accruing to the Common stock was \$14.88 per share.

The diversity of your Company's investment and earning power is indicated by the division of the net earnings of the Company and its subsidiaries. Of these net earnings 67% were from public utility properties, 45% of which were from utilities other than natural gas and 22% from natural gas properties. The Oil Division contributed 33% of the total earnings and of this 23% was from oil production and 10% from the other branches of the oil business. Disregarding any earnings from the Oil Production Division, earnings from other sources were more than sufficient to pay all fixed charges and the Preferred stock dividends on the Company and its subsidiaries.

This shows very clearly the strength and stability of the combined earning power and how the other branches of the Company's business protected the combined situation during a year of severe depression in the Oil Production Division. It also indicates plainly that the Company is in such a position that either its Utility or Oil Divisions will carry its total overhead, fixed charges and Preferred dividend requirements.

The oil industry did not share in the general business recovery—in fact, the average prices of petroleum and its products during the year were lower than in 1921. However, towards the close of the year, and since January 1, substantial price advances have resulted in materially larger earnings for the oil production division of your Company. With the continuing improvement in the utilities, refineries, pipe lines and other divisions, a much larger earning power is forecast for the year 1923.

On September 1 and October 1 your Company redeemed the scrip previously issued on its Preferred and Preference stocks, and monthly cash dividends on these shares are being paid. Holders of scrip were offered the option of taking either cash or a new Series "E" 8% Debenture. Those who took advantage of the latter opportunity have since seen the market value of such Debentures advance materially.

A policy was inaugurated during the year to stimulate the conversion of the Company's Debentures. On December 4, \$500,000 of Series "B" were called for redemption, and since the first of the year a call of \$500,000 additional Series "B" was made. Tenders were also asked for \$1,000,000 of Series "E." Included in this [pamphlet] report is a reprint of a published statement which fully sets forth the policy of your Board of Directors in regard to its Debentures.

As you have been previously advised by special communications, the authorized capital stock of the Company was increased on December 28 from \$350,000,000 to \$650,000,000.

Attention is again called to your Company's explained consolidated balance sheet on pages 14 and 15 of this [pamphlet] report, which shows the effect of the year's financial operation of the Company and its subsidiaries. The current assets total \$58,075,238 or over 2¼ times the total current liabilities of \$20,730,120.

Further progress was made during the year in strengthening the individual credit of subsidiary companies, and in placing them in a position to obtain capital for their own requirements. The most important financial operation of this character was that of the Empire Gas and Fuel Company, which eliminated approximately \$30,000,000 of short-term funded Notes and current obligations, and increased the Company's working capital through the sale of 15-Year Bonds. With the elimination of the early maturities of the

Denver Gas and Electric Light Company, Toledo Traction, Light and Power Company and Cities Fuel and Power Company, your Company and its subsidiaries have practically removed short-term issues from their schedule of outstanding obligations.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

General business conditions have improved in practically every territory where your companies operate. This is reflected in added requirements for power, lighting and gas service. The earnings of properties in this division were the largest in the Company's history.

An extensive construction program is in progress in Ohio. Work has progressed rapidly in tying together with high voltage transmission lines the properties consolidated last year under the name of the Ohio Public Service Company. These transmission lines will complete the inter-connection not only of the various properties of the Ohio Public Service Group, but will also connect with the transmission lines of two other large operating companies in that section. The benefits from this inter-connection will be of considerable importance, and will make surplus capacities available at any one station for use at other points on the distribution system.

Large amounts of business are still being offered your companies serving the Ohio territory, and contracts have recently been signed to supply all the power requirements of the Cleveland & Southwestern Railway Company and the Stark Electric Company, both interurban railways operating in the districts served by the Ohio Public Service Company. The steel mills in this district are operating at capacity and the coming year will see connection to our lines of additional load from these plants, as well as from industries allied with the steel and automobile business.

The growth of the electric light and power business in Colorado served by the Denver Gas & Electric Light Company and the Western Light and Power Company has made it necessary to provide additional generating capacity. Plans are being completed and work has started on a large generating plant, which will provide increased facilities to take care of the growth of this district.

During the year work was commenced on the installation of a 30,000 K.W. turbine at the Acme Plant of the Toledo Edison Company, a 20,000 K.W. turbine at Lorain, Ohio, and a 10,000 K.W. turbine for the Empire District Electric Company, Joplin, Mo. To provide for more efficient generation and also to take care of an increasing load a new plant is being built at Sedalia, Mo., and additional generating facilities are also being provided at Salina, Kansas, and Amarillo, Texas.

The street railway properties have shown some improvement in earnings during the year, generally through the reduction of operating costs. An intensive educational campaign conducted by the American Electric Railway Association, which your companies have actively supported, has been beneficial in pointing out to public officials and to the public the necessity for the removal of burdensome franchise restrictions, particularly as to track and paving requirements.

Your Company has sold its interest in the Montgomery (Ala.) Light and Water Power Company and the Lincoln (Neb.) Gas and Electric Light Company. Since January 1 1923 your company has purchased the property of the Niagara Falls Gas and Electric Light Company, and also has options to purchase two other public utility properties.

The development of this branch of your business was greatly augmented during the year by the activity of the well developed New Business Department, now composed of more than 250 trained salesmen, who are actively engaged in selling the various classes of service to a population of more

than 3,000,000 people served by your public utility subsidiaries. This Department is an important factor in the maintenance of the very satisfactory relations which your Companies enjoy with the public. Over 20,000 revenue producing devices were placed on the lines during the year. The gross appliance sales aggregated \$3,500,000 for the year, and for the past five years the appliance sales amounted to more than \$17,500,000.

At Denver, the New Business Department is now selling artificial gas for house heating, and very satisfactory results have been obtained from this utilization of gas. With the application of the rational Three Part Rate method of charging, discussed elsewhere in this report, we anticipate substantial increases in sales for this class of business, as well as in sales for industrial purposes.

NATURAL GAS.

The Natural Gas properties show a decided improvement in earnings over the preceding year. Not only were the earnings of this branch of the business the largest in the history of the Company, but we are assured 1923 will show still further substantial increases.

The most important single development in this branch of the business was the progress made in establishing the Three Part Rate, the universal acceptance of which we believe is of fundamental importance to the industry. The adoption of this rate makes possible the lowest charge for the widest variety of service, which will undoubtedly result in the broadest expansion of the business to the mutual benefit of the Company and the community. After three years of actual operation at Ottawa, Kansas, the State Public Utility Commission, following a hearing at Ottawa, ordered the Three Part Rate established, and in its decisions recognized it as the only practical solution of the problem for the pipeline company, distributor and consumer. A noteworthy feature of this case was that the Commission received hundreds of written requests from the citizens of Ottawa asking that the Three Part Rate be permanently established. The people were almost unanimous in their support of this rate. The Commission has since ordered that this method of charging be made effective throughout the State of Kansas. This form of rate was inaugurated and developed by your Organization as the only practical and equitable means of rendering adequate service at a fair return.

The discovery of additional gas fields during the year, coupled with the rational methods of charging above referred to, warrant the belief that the rapidly increasing demands which are being made on the gas system of your Company can be supplied for many years to come.

PETROLEUM PRODUCTION.

The operations of this Department for the year were influenced, as in the preceding year, by the price of crude oil. From a price of \$2 00 per barrel for Mid-Continent crude on January 1, the price receded to \$1 25 per barrel by August, where it remained until November 22. On this date the purchasing companies announced a new scale, based on the gravity of the oil, ranging from \$0 90 a barrel for oil below 28° Baume to \$1 80 a barrel for oil of 39° Baume and higher. The establishment of this scale of prices for the various grades of oil resulted in an average increase of 25 cents per barrel on your Company's total production in these fields. Since the close of the year additional increases have been posted and added to grades specified which brought the average price received per barrel by your companies on February 17 up to about \$2 15.

Due to the price situation, which obtained through a greater part of the year, only sufficient drilling was done to protect leaseholds and offset production. However, the drilling operations proved highly satisfactory as new reserves were proved up which are estimated to exceed more than three times the oil extracted during the year. Profitable production was encountered on 21 new leases. Deeper drilling in the El Dorado Pool in Kansas has indicated production from another sand of considerable extent which has heretofore been untouched. To-day your Company has more proven locations undrilled than ever before and when it is indicated that a price will obtain for a substantial duration of time that will justify more intensive drilling activities, your production can be greatly increased.

During the year many new leases were acquired which possess a potential value yet to be developed. The most important block of producing acreage was acquired through the purchase of the capital stock of the Planet Petroleum Company which holds acreage in the Electro Pool in Texas and in the Duncan Pool in Oklahoma, having a fairly well settled production of about 3,000 barrels daily.

During the latter part of the year a contract was closed with the Mexican Sinclair Petroleum Corporation under which they will aggressively develop a large block of your Company's acreage in the Panuco field in Mexico. Extensive drilling operations are now being carried on by them on this property and wells brought in to date have proven the existence of a vast amount of oil on this acreage. Additional pipe line and transportation facilities are being installed by them to transport this oil to terminal facilities already owned by your Company. We feel sure that the returns from the developments under this contract will justify your investment in this property. The rapid decline in light oil production in Mexico during the past year has materially improved the value and marketability of the heavy oil produced in the Panuco field.

A substantial business has been built up in the purchase and sale of crude oil in addition to the handling of our own production. Stocks of crude oil on hand at the end of the year were approximately 2,000,000 barrels.

The Pipe Line Department passed through one of its most successful years and has constantly increased its runs. Extensions amounting to 75 miles of pipe line were made to the system during 1922, and further extensions of over 100 miles have either been completed since the close of the year or are in process of construction. The Company's pipe line system is now gathering and transporting in excess of 30,000 barrels of crude oil daily.

MARKETING AND REFINING.

In this Department special attention was given to the extension and development of marketing facilities. Filling stations have been added in Wilkes-Barre and Lancaster, Pa.; St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn.; Des Moines, Iowa; Rock Island, Ill., Temple, Fort Worth, Dallas, Waco and Austin, Texas; Oklahoma City, Bartlesville and Tulsa, Okla.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Wichita and Topeka, Kan.; Cleveland, Elyria, Canton and Columbus, Ohio, and Denver, Colo. Tank and filling stations were also acquired in Columbus and Canton, Ohio.

During the year storage facilities were acquired in Antwerp, Belgium, which will be operated under the name of the Cities Service Oil Storage Company of Antwerp and will import oil from the different producing sections of the world and market it in Belgium, Holland and the Rhine Country of Germany.

Your Company is now marketing petroleum products in twenty-two States, featuring Cities Service oils and their nationally adopted trade marks. Entire sales through all your marketing facilities during the past year exceeded by 50% the output of your refineries.

The expansion of the marketing facilities of your Company has made possible more uniform and continuous operation of your refineries. Improved efficiency in these plants during the year resulted in very satisfactory increases in the earnings of this division.

Additional equipment was installed at the Ponca City refinery, which completed and balanced this plant as a refining unit. Substantial appropriations for further improvements in the other plants have been made, and work will be completed during the current year.

Your Board is desirous of expressing its appreciation of the co-operation of its stockholders and employees in bringing about the most satisfactory situation disclosed by this report. Your Directors have endeavored during the year to further strengthen the financial position of the Company by the conservation of its cash resources, and feel sure that future achievements will justify this policy.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

By HENRY L. DOHERTY, *President.*

CITIES SERVICE COMPANY—EARNINGS STATEMENT.

Year ending December 31—	Gross Earnings.	Expenses.	Net Earnings.	Interest.	Net to Stock.	Dividends Preferred Stock.	Net to Common Stock and Reserves.	No. of Times the Preferred Dividend Was Earned.	% of Earnings on Average Common Stock Outstanding.
1911	\$965,876 11	\$43,843 52	\$922,032 59	-----	\$922,032 59	\$521,387 09	\$400,645 50	1.77	8.23
1912	1,190,766 80	77,034 19	1,113,732 61	-----	1,113,732 61	605,875 79	507,856 82	1.84	9.29
1913	2,172,411 11	85,347 95	2,087,063 16	\$123,062 27	1,964,000 89	908,777 60	1,055,223 29	2.16	10.71
1914	3,934,453 37	116,908 29	3,817,545 08	420,000 00	3,397,545 08	1,635,993 50	1,761,551 58	2.07	11.28
1915	4,479,800 44	172,855 15	4,306,944 29	490,000 00	3,816,944 29	1,570,005 00	2,246,939 29	2.43	15.27
1916	10,110,342 90	239,389 70	9,870,953 20	258,960 44	9,611,992 76	2,409,690 92	7,202,301 84	3.99	36.74
1917	19,252,492 84	357,229 09	18,895,263 75	2,861 74	18,892,402 01	3,712,695 15	15,179,706 86	5.09	60.73
1918	22,280,067 17	521,485 59	21,758,581 58	272,579 52	21,486,002 06	4,034,274 50	17,451,727 56	5.32	61.67
1919	19,977,550 77	703,835 08	19,273,715 69	1,922,861 17	17,350,854 52	4,215,264 40	13,135,590 12	4.12	39.09
1920	24,698,039 43	700,472 70	23,997,566 73	1,941,628 22	22,055,938 51	4,685,474 90	17,370,463 61	4.71	43.09
1921	13,461,770 13	517,054 25	12,944,715 88	2,098,130 67	10,846,585 21	4,856,631 50	5,989,953 71	2.23	13.04
1922	14,658,970 81	453,296 38	14,205,674 43	2,358,555 34	11,847,119 09	4,917,517 30	6,929,601 79	2.41	14.88

DIVISION OF GROSS EARNINGS OF CITIES SERVICE COMPANY PUBLIC UTILITY AND OIL OPERATIONS.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
From Public Utilities	\$8,347,546 20	6,918,740 77	\$4,609,911 85	\$4,655,945 26	\$4,229,563 15	\$4,742,651 79	\$5,573,116 29
From Oil Operations	\$6,311,424 61	6,543,029 36	20,088,127 58	15,321,605 51	18,050,504 02	14,509,841 05	4,537,226 61
Total	\$14,658,970 81	\$13,461,770 13	\$24,698,039 43	\$19,977,550 77	\$22,280,067 17	\$19,252,492 84	\$10,110,342 90

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET CITIES SERVICE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES, DECEMBER 31 1922—INTER-COMPANY ITEMS ELIMINATED.

ASSETS.

Capital Assets—	
Plant and Investment	\$378,868,745 38
Represents cost of fixed property (All inter-company securities deducted at par.)	
Sinking Fund	4,365,478 90
Amount of bonds or funds deposited with Mortgage Trustees, and debenture fund investments.	
Employees' Subscriptions	783,686 00
Amount due on employees' Stock Subscription Contracts.	
Total Capital Assets	\$384,017,910 28
Current Assets—	
Cash	\$12,189,883 35
Money on hand and on deposit.	
Securities Owned	540,961 27
Miscellaneous temporary investments.	
Receivable for Subsidiary Securities Sold (since received)	8,258,450 04
Bills Receivable	1,793,535 41
Notes received in settlement for sales of gas, electricity, oils and merchandise.	
Accounts Receivable	17,957,759 21
Due from customers in payment for gas, electricity, gasoline, lubricating oils, crude oil, &c.	
Oils in Stock	7,838,100 55
Market value of crude and refined oils on hand.	
Materials and Supplies	9,496,548 32
Construction materials, operating supplies and merchandise.	
Total Current Assets	\$58,075,238 15
Other Assets—	
Payments Made in Advance	\$3,253,142 96
Expenses paid in advance and chargeable to future operations.	
Discount on Bonds, Debentures, &c.	14,169,109 87
Difference between par value and sale price; to be amortized over the life of the securities.	
Special Deposits	685,281 71
Miscellaneous funds on deposit for specific purposes.	
Total Other Assets	18,107,534 54
TOTAL ASSETS	\$460,200,682 97

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stocks Outstanding—	
Cities Service Co. Preferred Stock	\$78,805,114 89
Cities Service Co. Preference B Stock	3,452,220 00
Cities Service Co. Preference BB Stock	80,000 00
Cities Service Co. Common Stock	46,594,161 15
Subsidiary Stocks Outstanding—	
Preferred Stocks	17,059,225 50
Common Stocks	6,396,159 00
Total Capital Stocks	\$152,386,880 54
Bonds and Funded Notes Outstanding—	
Cities Service Co. Debentures, Series A, B, C, D and E (Due 1966)	\$36,508,341 50
Subsidiary Bonds and Funded Notes	154,988,623 53
Subsidiary Securities in Sinking Fund	3,637,777 47
Total Bonds and Funded Notes	\$195,134,742 50
Current Liabilities—	
Bills Payable	\$10,481,346 46
Notes given for money borrowed, materials, supplies, &c.	
Accounts Payable	5,704,841 81
Current wages, operating accounts, supplies, &c.	
Taxes Accrued	1,899,067 99
Amounts set aside from earnings for taxes due at future dates.	
Interest Accrued	2,459,093 68
Amounts set aside from earnings for interest payments at future dates.	
Preferred and Preference Scrip (not presented)	100,718 35
Miscellaneous Unclassified Items	85,052 11
Total Current Liabilities	20,730,120 40
Other Liabilities—	
Cities Service Co. Common Cash Scrip	\$4,416,232 30
Cities Service Co. Stock Scrip	11,040,581 07
Amounts of dividends declared for which scrip certificates have been issued.	
Customers' Deposits	1,485,163 20
Amount of cash deposited by customers to guarantee payment of bills.	
Total Other Liabilities	16,941,976 57
Depreciation and Other Reserves	\$32,949,141 82
Amounts set aside for depreciation, &c.	
Surplus	42,057,821 14
Amount of earnings accumulated to date which have not been declared as dividends.	
Total Surplus and Reserves	75,006,962 96
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$460,200,682 97
Contingent Liability: Guarantee by Empire Gas and Fuel Company of \$2,125,000 Empire Tank Line Co. 8% Notes, due 1931.	

The above statement shows the financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries, all inter-company items having been eliminated. The above statement shows the financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries, all inter-company items having been eliminated.

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS CITIES SERVICE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES, WITH INTER-COMPANY EARNINGS ELIMINATED, YEAR ENDING DEC. 31 1922.

Gross Earnings	\$99,194,394 27
Operating Expenses, Maintenance and Taxes	71,604,913 42
Net Earnings	\$27,589,480 85
Interest Charges	14,490,575 44
Net to Stock	\$13,098,905 41
Preferred Stock Dividends	5,796,491 67
Net to Common Stocks	\$7,302,413 74

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL STOCKS AND FUNDED DEBTS OF SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

Common Stocks—	
Owned directly by Cities Service Company	\$163,025,703 00
*Inter-company, being securities owned by sub-holding companies	87,863,434 00
Outstanding in hands of the Public	6,396,159 00
Preferred Stocks—	
Owned directly by Cities Service Company	\$32,770,012 00
*Inter-company, being securities owned by sub-holding companies	1,699,400 00
Outstanding in hands of the Public	17,059,225 50
Bonds and Funded Notes—	
Owned directly by Cities Service Company	\$4,431,943 24
*Inter-company, being securities owned by sub-holding companies	9,918,200 00
Bonds and Funds in Sinking Funds	3,637,777 47
Outstanding in hands of the Public	154,988,623 53

* The securities of operating companies which are owned by sub-holding companies are referred to above as inter-company securities. Such sub-holding companies are Toledo Traction, Light & Power Company, Empire Gas & Fuel Company (Del.), Dominion Gas Company, &c.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1922.

Oil and Refineries.		
Barrels of Oil Produced	-----	10,044,648
Number of Oil Wells Owned	-----	3,810
Daily Refining Capacity (Barrels of Crude Oil)	-----	24,400
Oil Storage Capacity in Barrels	-----	7,102,000
Number of Tank Cars Owned and Leased	-----	2,248
Number of Distributing Stations (Excluding Foreign Countries)	-----	813
Natural Gas.		
Gas Sold in Cubic Feet	-----	38,606,628,000
Number of Gas Wells Owned	-----	2,199
Miles of Gas Mains Owned	-----	5,604
Casinghead Gasoline Produced (Gallons)	-----	4,863,066
Population Served	-----	1,650,000
Artificial Gas.		
Sales in Cubic Feet	-----	5,957,786,800
Twenty-four Hour Capacity in Cubic Feet	-----	24,495,000
Number of Customers	-----	103,537
Miles of Mains on 3-inch Basis	-----	1,721
Population Served	-----	1,100,000
Electric Properties.		
Kilowatt-hours Sold	-----	862,066,092
Kilowatts Installed Capacity	-----	390,390
Kilowatts Connected Load	-----	711,453
Number of Customers	-----	247,961
Population Served	-----	1,450,000
Electric Railways.		
Number of Passengers Carried	-----	93,492,405
Miles of Track	-----	308
Number of Cars Owned	-----	776
Population Served	-----	650,000

CAPITAL STATEMENT CITIES SERVICE COMPANY DEC. 31 1922.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred Stock, 6% Cumulative	\$150,000,000	\$78,805,114 89
Preference B Stock, 6% Cumulative	40,000,000	3,452,220 00
Preference BB Stock, 6% Cumulative	60,000,000	80,000 00
Common Stock	400,000,000	46,594,161 15
Convertible Debentures		
Series A 5%	Closed	25,531 50
Series B 7%	"	5,128,750 00
Series C 7%	"	16,460,530 00
Series D 7%	30,000,000	9,676,200 00
Series E 8%	"	5,217,330 00

TRANSFER AGENTS.

HENRY L. DOHERTY & COMPANY	.60 Wall St., New York, N. Y.
THE STATE SAVINGS BANK AND TRUST CO.	Columbus, Ohio
THE INTERNATIONAL TRUST COMPANY	Denver, Colo.

REGISTRARS.

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK	New York, N. Y.
COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK	Columbus, Ohio
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DENVER	Denver, Colo.

ALLIS-CHALMERS MANUFACTURING COMPANY

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 10 1923.

To the Stockholders:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, there is submitted herewith a report on the affairs of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company for the fiscal year ended December 31 1922, together with a Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet as of December 31 1922:

Sales Billed	\$20,794,045 69
Cost, including Depreciation and Development Expenditures	16,571,784 10
Factory Profit	\$4,222,261 59
Selling, Publicity, Administrative and General Expenses	2,634,086 96
Manufacturing Profit	\$1,588,174 63
Add—Other Income:	
Interest, Discounts, Royalties, Commissions, &c.	920,374 54
Total Profit and Income	\$2,508,549 17
Deduct—Provision for 1922 Federal Income Taxes and Contingencies	300,000 00
Net Profit carried to Balance Sheet	\$2,208,549 17

BALANCE SHEETS AT DECEMBER 31 1922 AND 1921.

ASSETS.			
	Dec. 31 1922.	Dec. 31 1921.	
Property —			
Factory Sites, Buildings, Machinery, Equipment, Patents, Patterns, Drawings and Goodwill	\$40,329,215 95	\$40,169,557 65	
Deduct—Reserve for depreciation of Buildings, Machinery and Equipment	8,890,308 80	8,397,114 29	
	\$31,438,907 15	\$31,772,443 36	
Current and Working Assets —			
Inventories of Work in Process, Manufactured Stock, Materials and Supplies	\$10,009,029 69	\$12,504,188 13	
Accounts and Notes Receivable	7,237,955 37	6,781,033 14	
Treasury Certificates, Liberty Bonds and other Marketable Securities	9,420,605 85	7,592,278 08	
Cash in Banks and on hand	970,872 89	1,152,769 12	
	\$27,638,463 80	\$28,030,268 47	
Miscellaneous Assets —			
Land Sales Contracts, Outside Real Estate and Property not required for manufacturing operations	\$525,868 33	\$586,415 07	
Prepaid Insurance	26,602 33	42,826 17	
	\$552,470 66	\$629,241 24	
	\$59,629,841 61	\$60,431,953 07	
LIABILITIES.			
Capital Stock Issued —			
Preferred	\$16,500,000 00	\$16,500,000 00	
Common	26,000,000 00	26,000,000 00	
	\$42,500,000 00	\$42,500,000 00	
Current Liabilities —			
Accounts Payable and Pay-rolls	\$985,106 68	\$936,788 31	
Advances received on Contracts	283,774 30	708,007 42	
Reserve for Erection and Completion of Contracts Billed	898,180 00	1,095,033 66	
Accrued Taxes (including provision for Federal Income Taxes)	1,082,171 75	699,318 89	
Mortgage obligation on property acquired	4,800 00	4,800 00	
Dividends Payable:			
Preferred—Jan. 15	\$288,702 75		
Common—Feb. 15	257,707 50		
	546,410 25	546,410 25	
	\$3,800,442 98	\$3,990,358 53	
Reserves —			
General Contingencies	\$1,065,536 92	\$1,714,746 39	
Employer's Liability for accident compensation	274,331 49	260,226 10	
	\$1,339,868 41	\$1,974,972 49	
Profit and Loss Account —			
Balance January 1	\$11,966,622 05	\$11,936,795 24	
Add—Net Profit for year ending Dec. 31	2,208,549 17	2,215,467 81	
	\$14,175,171 22	\$14,152,263 05	
Deduct—Dividends declared during year, being 7% on Preferred and 4% on Common Stock	2,185,641 00	2,185,641 00	
	\$11,989,530 22	\$11,966,622 05	
	\$59,629,841 61	\$60,431,953 07	

INCOME ACCOUNT.

The net profit for the year 1922 after provision for Federal taxes and all known liabilities was \$2,208,549 17, compared with \$2,215,467 81 for the preceding period.

At the close of the year there was transferred to earnings \$524,619 13, representing the balance of reserves on certain contract guarantees which had expired; also \$175,000 00 received in part settlement of a foreign contract, which amounts are included in the profit mentioned above.

During the year, in accordance with the policy of the Company, liberal reserves for various purposes were established before arriving at the foregoing results. To provide for new lines of apparatus and expand existing ones, there was expended for standard development the sum of \$339,449 75, which amount was absorbed in earnings. There was also expended and charged off during the year the sum of \$900,520 46 for maintenance and general upkeep of buildings and machinery. The amount set aside for depreciation of buildings and machinery was \$647,824 33.

As is customary, a complete verification of all inventories of finished and semi-finished stock, raw materials and supplies was made prior to closing the books, said inventories having been priced substantially at cost or market, whichever was lower. In addition to this any obsolete or superseded stock has been reduced to appropriate values. This revaluation of inventories resulted in a write-off of \$333,902 86, which amount was charged against the contingency reserve established in prior years for such purpose. The total value of all inventories December 31 1922 was \$10,009,029 69, compared with \$12,504,188 13 the year before.

DIVIDENDS.

During 1922 there were declared four quarterly dividends of 1¼% each on the preferred stock. There were also declared four quarterly dividends of 1% each on the common stock. The total of these dividends was \$2,185,641 00.

MARKETABLE SECURITIES.

The Company at the close of the year owned the following securities:

U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Liberty Bonds and Treasury Notes	\$5,158,281 25
Sundry other securities	4,262,324 60
	\$9,420,605 85

INCREASE IN PLANT AND WORKING CAPITAL.

The net capital additions during the year for buildings, machinery and equipment amounted to \$159,658 30. This outlay was principally in connection with the new mill shop at West Allis Works and miscellaneous purchases of equipment.

The net working capital as at December 31 1922 comprising cash, marketable securities, receivables and current inventories, less accounts payable, pay rolls, taxes, dividends and other current obligations, amounted to \$23,838,020 82, as compared with \$23,994,841 76 the year before. It will be noted from the balance sheet that the total current and working assets are \$27,638,463 80 and the total current liabilities \$3,800,442 98; further, that the surplus on December 31 1922 was \$11,989,530 22.

UNFILLED ORDERS, BOOKINGS AND BILLING.

The unfilled orders on hand at the close of the year amounted to \$8,215,545 34, as compared with \$7,300,574 16 on January 1 1922. The total bookings for 1922 were \$21,709,016 87, while the total billing for the same period, as indicated by the Profit and Loss statement, was \$20,794,045 69.

DIRECTORS.

It is with deep regret that announcement is made of the death, during the year, of Mr. William T. Abbott, of Chicago, who had served as a member of the Board of Directors for a number of years and whose counsel and co-operation were of great value to his associates and to the Company.

On July 7 1922 Mr. George M. Moffett, of New York City, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Abbott's death.

GENERAL.

While the amount of unfilled orders on hand December 31 1922 is not largely in excess of the year before, the prospect for 1923 is favorable and there is good reason to believe that the volume of new orders during 1923 will show a substantial increase over the preceding year.

Following the policy heretofore inaugurated of concentrating its manufacturing plants in order to effect economies and improve efficiency of operations, the Company during the year completed the closing of its Reliance Works, the transferring of the operations of that plant to West Allis, and in this connection erected and equipped an additional building for mill work at the latter Works.

The books and accounts have been examined by Price, Waterhouse & Company, Chartered Accountants, and their certificate is appended hereto.

The annual meeting of the Company will be held at its principal office in Wilmington, Delaware, at 12 o'clock noon, on May 3 1923.

The relations between the Company and its employees have been cordial and there has prevailed a spirit of co-operation throughout all departments which has contributed in a substantial measure to the results achieved during the year.

OTTO H. FALK, *President.*

By Order of the Board of Directors.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

United States, Canada, Mexico, Great Britain.

Continental Europe, &c.	South America,
Price, Waterhouse, Peat & Co.	Price, Waterhouse, Faller & Co.
Also Great Britain,	First Wisconsin
W. B. Peat & Co.	National Bank Building,
	Milwaukee, March 6 1923.

To the Directors of the
Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company:

We have examined the books and accounts of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company for the year ending December 31 1922, and certify that the attached Balance Sheet and relative Profit and Loss Account are correctly prepared therefrom.

We have satisfied ourselves as to the propriety of the charges to Property Account during the year and that adequate provision has been made for depreciation. All expenditures incurred for experimental and development work have been charged off as operating expenses.

The inventories of work-in-process, manufactured stock, materials and supplies, as certified by the responsible officials, have been valued at cost or market or estimated realizable prices, whichever were the lowest.

We have verified the cash and securities by actual inspection or by certificates obtained from the depositaries, or other satisfactory evidence of ownership.

Full provision has been made for bad and doubtful debts and for all ascertainable liabilities, and

WE CERTIFY that, in our opinion, the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true financial position of the Company as at December 31 1922, and that the relative Profit and Loss Account fairly and correctly sets forth the results of the operations for the year ending as of that date.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

[The introductory remarks formerly 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."]

Friday Night, April 20 1923.

COFFEE on the spot quiet; No. 7 Rio, 11½@11¼c.; No. 4 Santos, 14½@15c.; fair to good Cucuta, 15½@16c. Futures declined. Of course the outstanding feature of the recent trading has been drastic liquidation with the most conspicuous decline in the near months, owing to the increase in the New York stock and what is considered its undesirable quality. Lack of buying power was a striking factor, and a lack of any great short interest. Brazil, it is true, did not fully meet the early decline. Liquidation seems to have been of a very thoroughgoing sort, and some maintain that, with other commodities so high, new-crop months are in a pretty good position. On the 16th inst. coffee was lower in sympathy with the weakness in Brazilian exchange and a drop in Rio and Santos futures. May and July are selling, it is computed, much below the parity of the spot market. May coffee at times reflected this idea by rising when other months declined. There is not enough speculative interest to maintain an equilibrium between the spot prices and futures. The Banque Francaise et Italienne of Sao Paulo, it is stated, estimates the next crop at 13,257,000 bags, including 12,377,000 Sao Paulo, 16,000 North Parana and 720,000 Minas. To-day prices advanced 38 to 42 points and show a rise for the week of 52 points on May and 23 on July. Closing prices: Spot (unofficial) 1¼@1½ July 9.51@9.55 December 8.17@8.20 May 9.85@9.90 September 8.35@8.40 March 8.20@8.25

SUGAR.—Cuban raws advanced sharply on a good demand from refiners for the actual sugar, wholly irrespective of speculation, due to a tendency to reduce the Cuban crop estimates on the basis of disappointing returns from numerous centrals and also on further rains in Cuba. Wall St. raised the price to 6½c. and 6¾c. c.i.f. Then on the 19th inst., like a bolt from the blue, came an announcement that the Department of Justice at Washington had asked for a permanent injunction in the Federal District Court of New York restraining the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange from dealing further in sugar on the ground that its business was purely speculative, a conspiracy and in restraint of trade. The effect was electrical. Prices collapsed falling in 10 minutes some 50 to 78 points on futures in which there was a big long account. Later there was a rally and at the close the net decline was 21 to 33 points after transactions estimated at 90,000 tons. Refined was 9.60 to 9.85c. and business almost ceased for the time being. Cuban raws were said to have sold early at 6½c. for May, c.&f. Early in the week Cuban spot raws advanced to 6c. c.&f. with renewed buying, the sales early in the week reaching 100,000 bags for late April and first half of May shipment. Later 6½c. was asked. The United Kingdom was quiet but firm. Other transactions here included 3,250 tons Philippines for May arrival at 7.78c. c.i.f.; 1,000 tons Cuba, May loading to Amsterdam at 30s. 5¼d. c.i.f.; and 16,000 bags Porto Ricos for April shipment at 7.78c., 10,000 bags Santo Domingos for second half April and first half May shipment at 6c. c.i.f. St. John, N. B.

On the 18th inst. Cuban raws on a big business and a sudden spurt ran up to 6¼c. c. & f. or a new "high" for the season, with Porto Rico 8.06c. and refined 9.60 to 9.85c., with sales reported of 250,000 bags of which about 100,000 bags were Porto Rico. Philippines sold at 8.03 to 8.06c. May and June. The mainspring of the market evidently was a rumor that Himely, who is now on the way to New York, will reduce his Cuban crop estimate of 4,100,000 tons. That is much higher than most reports. Also reports of heavy rains in Cuba electrified the market here. On the 18th inst. one refiner raised prices 20 points to 9.50c. On the 19th inst. futures suddenly broke 100 points, owing to the fact that the U. S. Government had asked the U. S. Court here for an injunction against the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange to restrain it from further transactions in sugar as being, it was alleged, in the nature of a conspiracy to and in restraint of trade, &c. It will be news to most people if the Exchange has conspired to put up prices. They thought it was due to a disappointing Cuban crop and increased consumption. On the 20th inst. the trade showed more confidence in the present sugar price. An encouraging factor was the buying of 40,000 bags of Cuba by the American Sugar Refining Co. for April-May shipment at 6½c. c. & f. The contention in the trade is that supply and demand are governing the price of sugar; that no combination could control it.

The Louisiana "Planter" said: "Heavy rains during the week have interrupted field work on practically all Louisiana sugar plantations. The rains have been heavy for this season of the year. A few weeks ago field work on this year's

crop was about three weeks in advance, but now, unless there is a cessation of rains planters will be backward. The cane is growing rapidly with good stands reported from all districts and prospects for a good crop continue favorable. Havana cabled April 18 that 52 sugar centrals had completed their new crop grinding, reporting an out-turn of 3,843,079 bags. This total represents a falling off of 23% from the estimate, which was 5,018,000 bags. It became known there that 50,000 bags of sugar have been sold this week on a basis of 6 5-16c. c. & f. The heavy rains which have prevailed this month throughout the island have, it is said, seriously interfered with grinding operations and have compelled the growers to finish the harvesting. Five more sugar estates in Cuba stopped grinding, making about 60 mills that have finished to date out of 182 that operated.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 157,696 tons, against 122,568 tons in the previous week, 194,759 in the same week last year and 151,687 two years ago; exports, 108,318 tons, against 98,464 tons in the previous week, 115,564 in the same week last year and 94,704 two years ago; stock, 727,174 tons, against 677,796 in the previous week, 930,463 in the same week last year and 908,480 two years ago. Centrals grinding numbered 137, against 161 in the previous week, 178 in the same week last year and 196 two years ago. To-day prices advanced slightly and are 15 to 18 points higher than last week. The close was as follows:

Spot (unofficial) 6.13 July 6.24 @ 6.25 December 5.93 @ 5.95 May 6.01 @ 6.02 September 6.37 @ 6.38 March 4.90 @ 4.91

LARD lower; prime Western 11.85@11.95c., refined to Continent 12.75c., South American 13c., Brazil in kegs 14c. Futures declined on large fortnightly stocks, lower prices for hogs with large receipts, a drop in Liverpool of 6d. to 1s., a decline in grain on the 18th inst., and scattered liquidation. Yet at one time prices were steadied a little by a German inquiry, fair exports and some demand from trade interests. Liverpool rallied on the 18th inst., coming unchanged to 6d. up. The average weight of hogs for the week was 253 lbs., against 249 the previous week and 245 a year ago. To-day prices ended unchanged but are 53 to 58 points lower for the week. The close was as follows:

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	11.55	11.40	11.40	11.25	11.12	11.12
July delivery	11.77	11.62	11.60	11.50	11.37	11.37
September delivery	11.97	11.85	11.87	11.75	11.62	11.62

PORK dull; mess, \$27 50 to \$28; family, \$32 to \$38; short clear, \$23 to \$29. Beef quiet; mess, \$16 to \$17; packet, \$17 to \$17 50; family, \$21 to \$22; extra India mess, \$32 to \$35; No. 1 canned roast beef, \$3 25; No. 2, \$5 25; 6 lbs., \$15; sweet pickled tongues, \$55 to \$65 nom. per bbl. Cut meats dull. Pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 16½ to 17½c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 14 to 14½c. Butter, creamery, firsts to high scoring, 44¼ to 46c. Cheese, flats, 20 to 29c. Eggs, fresh gathered seconds to extra, 27 to 32½c.

OILS.—Linseed in good demand for nearby deliveries, but little or no interest is shown in the distant months. Consumption continues heavy and stocks of spot oil are still scarce. Spot car lots, \$1 17 to \$1 20; tanks, \$1 15; less than car loads, \$1 20 to \$1 23; less than 5 bbls., \$1 26. Coconut oil, Ceylon bbls., 10¼@10½c.; Cochin, 11c. Corn, crude tanks, mills, 10½c.; bbls., spot, New York, 13½c.; refined, bbls., 14c. Olive, \$1 15 to \$1 17. Lard, strained, winter, New York, 13¼c.; extra, 13½c. Cod, domestic, 68 to 70c.; Newfoundland, 71 to 74c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 48. Rosin, \$6 15 to \$8. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 19,700 bbls., including switches. Crude, S. E., 100,000. Prices closed: Spot 11.40@11.75 June 11.35@11.45 September 11.31@11.33 April 11.40@11.75 July 11.41@11.42 October 10.23@10.25 May 11.38@11.41 August 11.39@11.40 November 9.30@9.32

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline rather quiet and ea. er. The recent cut in Eastern and California crude oils had a depressing effect on gasoline. And while it is true consumption is bound to increase shortly, the recent unseasonable weather has hurt business. And stocks are said to be very large. The Standard Oil Co. of Indiana made a reduction of 1c. a gallon in the tank wagon price of gasoline in Chicago and Kansas to 15½ and 14½c. respectively. Kerosene dull and weaker. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, 29.75c.; U. S. Navy specifications, bulk, 16½c.; export naphtha, cargo lots, 19c.; 63 to 66 deg., 22c.; 66 to 68 deg., 23c. Kerosene, cases, cargo lots, 16½c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel barrels), 24½c. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey reduced the tank wagon price of gasoline 1c. a gallon in New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Kerosene was cut ½c. in the same territory. The Texas Co. and the Gulf Refining Co. met these reductions in prices. The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, for the first time since February, reduced the price of Bellevue crude oil 20c. a barrel to \$1 15.

Penn.	\$3 75	Ragland	\$1 10	Illinois	\$2 27
Corning	2 15	Wooster	2 50	Cincinnati	1 85
Cabell	2 41	Lima	2 48	Curry	2 40
Somerset	2 20	Indiana	2 28	Plymouth	1 65
Somerset, light	2 45	Princeton	2 27	Mexia	2 00

RUBBER declined with London. Trade is quiet. Business is confined to small tonnages. Large dealers are playing a waiting game. Buying for factory account is absent. First latex crepe and ribbed smoke sheets, spot and May, 32½¢.; June, 32¼¢.; July-Sept., 32¾¢.; Oct.-Dec., 33¢. In London on April 16 rubber was ½¢. higher. Plantation standard closed at 167½¢. There was a decrease of 1,598 tons at the end of last week in the stock there. It was 61,724 tons, against 63,322 tons in the previous week, 67,215 in the same week last year and 65,915 tons two years ago. In London on the 18th inst. rubber was weak, closing at 16d. for plantation standard. Singapore exports for the 2 weeks ended March 31 were 750 to Great Britain, 225 to European-Continental ports and 6,070 to the United States. Crude rubber importations into the United States for March 1923 totaled 33,916 tons, against 28,702 in the same month last year, according to the Rubber Association of America. The total importations for the first quarter of the year amounted to 89,333 tons, against 79,542 tons in the same period last years.

HIDES were tending downward, in country hides especially. Carlots of all weights of New York State hides, it seems, sold at 11½¢. City packer hides were dull. Packers appear much more disposed to sell. Dry hides dull. Orinocos were in rather better demand, and the last sales were made at 19¾¢. Bogotas also seemed to attract rather more attention, and importers are asking around 22¢. Frigorifico hides were dull here at the River Plate. Nominally they are around 23 to 23½¢. In Chicago on the 16th inst. country hides were quiet but firm, with as high as 14½¢. asked for choice extreme weight stock and buffs at 13 to 13½¢. Calf leather was readily salable in the low grades at 18c. to 30c. per foot as to quality. Oak sole leather was reported active at 53c. per lb. for steer backs from frigorifico hides. Later frigorificos were more active. News from the River Plate section showed that large United States buyers were operating. Sales, including 20,000 Sansinena frigorifico steers, at around 20¾¢., 2,000 Campana frigorifico steers at 21 11-16c. c.&f., and also 12,000 Sansinena extremes at 15¾¢. Common dry hides remained dull. Rumors were current that Orinocos had sold at 19½¢. Most holders ask 19¾¢. Coastal Bogotas held at 20½¢., choice about 22¢.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been quiet and coke tonnage to the French Atlantic ports declined. Grain and sugar cargoes were firm. Berth room was in good demand early in the week and firm. Grain rates from Montreal to Italy fell later to 22c.

Charters included grain from Montreal to Mediterranean 23c. not east of West Italy, May; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom 23s. option of Denmark 25s. May; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom 22s. 6d. May; lumber from Gulf to Villa Constitution or Rosario, 162s. 6d. June; coke from Atlantic range to French Atlantic \$5 25 April; grain from Montreal to west coast of Italy 23c. option of Greece at 26c. April; grain from Montreal to Mediterranean not east of West Italy, 23c. May; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom 22s. 6d. May; lumber from Gulf to Villa Constitution or Rosario, 162s. 6d. June; grain from Montreal to west coast of Italy, 22c. May; from Montreal to west coast of Italy, 4s. 9d. May; coke from Baltimore or Philadelphia to French Atlantic, \$5 25 April; 35,000 qrs. grain from Atlantic range to Genoa or Naples, 22c. April; grain from Atlantic range to French Atlantic, \$5 30 prompt; coal from Hampton Roads to River Plate, 19s. May; grain to West Italy, 23c. to 22c.; grain from Montreal to Mediterranean not east of Italy, 23c. second half May; from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy, 19c. second half May; from Montreal or Quebec to west coast of Italy, 23c. May; from Montreal to Naples direct, 4s. 7½d. May; coal from Hampton Roads to Marseilles, \$4 early May.

COAL.—Northern bituminous and coke prices have been depressed. A southern smokeless pier price of \$6 50, however, was agreed upon on the 17th inst. for Pocis 1 and 2. Southern mines have shown less anxiety to get northern railroad orders. Anthracite has been steady on domestic sizes and weak on steam. Later on bunker coal was firmer, owing to high prices at English ports.

TOBACCO has been in fair demand and steady. Some Havana new crop forced cured has been on the market. But what everybody wants to see is a general marketing of the new crop. Trade in the manufactured product makes a fair showing. Washington wired April 15 that the cigar and cigarette manufacturing industry was one of the few in the country which increased the value of its products between 1919 and 1921. The Census Bureau announced the value of cigar and cigarette manufactures in 1921 at \$806,749,000, compared with \$773,062,000 in 1919 and \$314,884,000 in 1914. There was an increase of 4% in the value of products in the two years 1919 to 1921 while in the 7-year period from 1914 the increase was 156%. Salaries and wages paid in the industry totaled \$128,962,000 in 1921 to 149,461 persons, which is an increase as compared with 1914 of 56% in wages, although the number of persons employed in that year was 178,954. New York and North Carolina in 1921 were the leading States in the value of products.

COPPER has been rather quiet and easier; electrolytic, 16¾¢@17c. Exports are increasing. According to the Government exports in February were the lowest recorded for two years past. However, it is pointed out that February is usually a light month, especially so when January shows heavy shipments. France took 10,000,000 pounds during February while Germany took only 7,153,000 pounds, which is less than half its usual quota. Exports of products consisted mostly of rods, the bulk going to England. The American Brass Co. has purchased considerable second-hand copper and this caused a somewhat better tone late in the week. Copper shipments for the first quarter reached 600,000,000 pounds, the greatest total reported in peace-time.

TIN lower; spot, 44¾¢. London prices have also declined. There is a rather better business here. Straits shipments to this country in the first half of the month were 1,580 tons, against 3,995 in the first half of March.

LEAD quiet and lower; spot, New York, 8.00@8.10c.; East St. Louis, 7.90@8.00c. The fact that Spanish lead can be imported at 7.75@7.90c. had a depressing effect here.

ZINC lower; spot, New York, 7.55@7.60c.; East St. Louis, 7.20@7.25c. Rapidly increasing production offsets heavy consumption.

STEEL has been in smaller demand and occasionally prices have eased somewhat. And there is less disposition to pay premiums for early delivery. At the same time there is a steady demand. The output hardly keeps up with it. There is still a shortage of semi-finished product. The foundries need more labor. They fear they will lose their workers to outdoor employment. The U. S. Steel Corporation is operating at fully 93%. Plates, shapes and bars have latterly sold at rather lower quotations than were current a short time ago. But cotton ties are \$1 60 per bundle against \$1 10 last year. Railroads bought on an unexpectedly large scale, taking 85 locomotives and 6,300 cars. Chicago and the South report a good inquiry in different lines from various consumers. Alloy steel has sold freely to automobile makers and prices are above the recent minimum. Ford, it is said, wants 15,000 tons of structural steel. And automobile sheets, it is reported, have sold at as high as 7c. per lb. Heavy melting steel is lower in Youngstown, O. Birmingham, Ala., is getting only small orders. In the West it is said that inability to get steel as needed is causing some restriction in plant operations. It is said that Thyssen of Germany recently bought 20,000 tons of steel plates in Scotland to be delivered at Hamburg. It is also reported that the invasion of the Ruhr has caused an advance of £3 in steel billets, latterly quoted at £9 8s.

PIG IRON has been quiet, in fact the quietest for some time past, and prices of Buffalo and Virginia iron in some cases have, it is intimated, been reduced. Yet in the main quotations have been fairly steady. Eastern Pennsylvania has been quoted at \$31 and Buffalo in some cases at \$29.50, Chicago \$32 and Birmingham \$27. At St. Louis there is said to be an inquiry for 5,000 tons of foundry iron for May, June and July delivery for an Indiana melter and there is a moderate inquiry from Kansas City. But taking the pig iron district as a whole sales are small. Coke has declined sharply. It is even said that furnace coke could be had at \$6. Connellsville and foundry coke was quoted at \$7 75. It is said, too, that some of the coke sold to Europe, owing to the invasion of the Ruhr, may after all not be shipped, owing to the possibility that time limits on payments may expire before freights can be had on the Atlantic Seaboard.

WOOL has been steady but less active. Dealers are not inclined to endorse the recent relatively high western prices; it is declared that they leave little profit here in the East. The scarcity of merinos and their dearness may cause a shifting of demand, it is contended, to fine crossbreds. Lake Views sold freely at 43c. The Jericho Utah wool clip was sold to the American Woolen Co. and Hallowell, Jones & Donald recently. It included a number of clips and was sold, it is stated, for 51c., which means a clean cost landed Boston of about \$1 45. Last year Hallowell, Jones & Donald bought the wool at 40c.; in 1920 the wool was sold on the sheeps' backs at 71c., shortly after which came the great collapse of prices and similar wool dropped to around 15c. to 16c. In 1921 the Jericho pool was sold at 19½¢. In Boston quotations have recently been as follows: Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces: Delaine unwashed, 56c. to 58c.; fine unwashed, 50c. to 51c.; ½ blood combing, 57c. to 58c.; ¾ blood combing, 55c. to 56c. Michigan and New York fleeces: Delaine unwashed, 55c.; fine unwashed, 48c. to 50c.; ½ blood unwashed, 53c. to 54c.; ¾ blood unwashed, 54c. to 55c.; ¼ blood unwashed, 52c. Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England, ½ blood, 50c. to 52c.; ¾ blood, 55c. to 56c.; ¼ blood, 50c. to 51c. Scoured basis: Texas fine, 12 months, \$1 38 to \$1 42; fine 8 months, \$1 25 to \$1 28. On April 16 at Sydney, Australia, there was general demand at the resumption of the auctions, with a good clearance of wools offered at firm prices, mostly on weft wools.

London cabled April 17 that wool in stocks and afloat on March 31 was officially reported at 663,571 bales, as follows: Merino, Australian, 25,616 bales; New Zealand, 389,013 bales; Crossbreds, Australian, 1,300 bales; New Zealand, 155,778 bales; slipes, New Zealand, 47,611 bales; scoured, New Zealand, 44,253 bales. Half of the Australian wool listed above and all the New Zealand grades belong to the Government. The other half of the Australian belongs to the Realization Association. London cabled that the quantities available for the third series of London Colonial wool auctions, commencing April 24, are as follows: Australian free, 56,000 bales, and of Bawra, 31,000 crossbreds; New Zealand, 43,000 free wools, and of Bawra 31,000 crossbreds; Cape, 13,000 free wools, and South American, 13,000 free wools.

The Boston "Commercial Bulletin" in its issue of April 21 will say:

"The wool market is gradually but surely broadening, although what business is being done in the seaboard markets is almost wholly on worsted descriptions, woolen wools being still very dull and rather on the easy side for price. The mills, both worsted and woolen, appear to be running very steadily and are consuming a large quantity of wool. Topmakers are asking more money, especially on the finer qualities.

"The foreign markets are very strong and advances of 5 to 10% over the last series closing are expected at London on Tuesday. Sydney closed very strong at about 10% rise on the best wools.

"In the West buying has become more general and prices are apparently very firmly fixed as a result of the Jericho sale at a clean basis of \$1 40 to \$1 45, landed Boston, for fine and medium wools.

"The mohair market is slow but strong, and more inquiry is reported during the last week or so for mohair noils.

COTTON

Friday Night, April 20 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 34,681 bales, against 34,990 bales last week and 63,854 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1922, 5,330,211 bales, against 4,972,753 bales for the same period of 1921-22, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1922 of 357,458 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	638	1,333	1,521	401	1,568	637	6,098
Houston		9,832					9,832
New Orleans	456	1,883	1,216	2,019	1,149	706	7,429
Mobile		1					200
Jacksonville							5
Savannah	1,264	604	2,301	611	391	127	5,298
Brunswick							150
Charleston	142		168	183	328	183	1,004
Wilmington	4	6			19	50	79
Norfolk	64	423	90	14	224		345
New York		119					119
Boston	231	643		1,356	45		2,275
Baltimore						1,032	1,032
Totals this week	2,799	14,844	5,296	4,603	3,950	3,189	34,681

The following tables shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1922 and stock to-night, compared with the last year:

Receipts to April 20.	1922-23.		1921-22.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1922.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1921.	1923.	1922.
Galveston	6,098	2,232,896	28,080	2,173,515	113,178	255,947
Texas City		69,692	1,228	24,805	612	7,827
Houston	9,832	700,775	13,586	380,161		
Port Arthur, &c.				10,305		
New Orleans	7,429	1,266,603	22,608	997,276	134,014	256,983
Gulftport				8,123		
Mobile	200	81,548	4,819	122,118	2,423	6,587
Pensacola		8,820	975	2,045		
Jacksonville	5	9,149		3,178	6,579	1,757
Savannah	5,298	390,205	12,811	605,461	40,683	117,613
Brunswick	150	27,912	1,900	24,546	152	5,782
Charleston	1,004	106,355	6,929	95,558	39,134	73,742
Georgetown						
Wilmington	79	88,617	951	86,848	10,747	25,372
Norfolk	1,160	259,559	5,371	298,723	67,577	109,246
N'port News, &c.				583		
New York	119	5,997	1,520	21,019	57,075	82,753
Boston	2,275	60,875	232	37,055	11,808	13,623
Baltimore	1,032	16,337	839	52,291	2,567	2,743
Philadelphia		4,871	150	29,143	4,603	6,606
Totals	34,681	5,330,211	101,999	4,972,753	491,152	966,581

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Galveston	66,098	28,080	49,529	24,048	33,814	11,151
Houston	66,832	1,228	10,640	1,503	98	4,287
New Orleans	7,429	22,608	17,465	24,927	25,898	15,738
Mobile	200	4,819	1,312	1,288	4,487	12
Savannah	5,298	12,811	10,886	15,816	12,469	20,859
Brunswick	150	1,900		1,000	2,500	1,000
Charleston	1,004	6,929	1,682	25,458	2,967	1,610
Wilmington	79	951	1,140	2,160	2,476	887
Norfolk	1,160	5,371	5,166	3,508	5,023	3,663
N'port N., &c.			67		28	173
All others	3,431	17,302	1,916	3,816	593	8,688
Total this wk.	34,681	101,999	103,803	103,524	90,323	62,068
Since Aug. 1 --	5,330,211	4,972,753	5,106,973	6,242,717	4,371,691	5,157,182

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 64,448 bales, of which 2,250 were to Great Britain, 14,571 to France and 47,627 to other destinations. Below are the exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1922.

Exports from—	Week ending April 20 1923.				From Aug. 1 1922 to April 20 1923.			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	756	7,896	14,517	23,169	414,799	290,779	1,046,648	1,752,226
Houston		3,675	6,157	9,832	234,633	144,239	319,128	698,000
Texas City							3,765	3,765
New Orleans	1,055	2,715	8,305	12,075	189,349	67,389	436,004	692,742
Mobile					23,675	4,745	28,759	57,179
Jacksonville					75		300	375
Pensacola					7,960		860	8,820
Savannah	100		14	114	127,588	4,410	96,799	228,797
Brunswick					21,257		6,650	27,907
Charleston	186		3,228	3,414	30,356	1,094	18,718	50,168
Wilmington			15,000	15,000	11,600		70,800	82,400
Norfolk					93,554	923	32,530	127,007
New York	153	285	300	738	32,890	41,450	131,807	226,147
Boston					3,143		3,898	7,041
Baltimore					1,479		167	1,646
Philadelphia			6	6		109	610	719
Los Angeles					12,014		3,925	17,916
San Fran.						200	68,337	68,537
Seattle			100	100			8,882	8,882
Total	2,250	14,571	47,627	64,448	1,224,372	557,315	2,278,587	4,060,274
Total '21-'22	52,253	28,372	50,199	130,824	1,246,518	578,544	2,775,892	4,600,954
Total '20-'21	5,389	1,158	43,881	50,428	1,310,909	439,410	2,212,431	3,962,750

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 Mar. 31 (no later returns are as yet available) the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 150,481 bales. In the corresponding period of the preceding season the exports were about 136,240 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.

April 20 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.	
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger-many.	Other Cont'n't.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	500	2,000	2,000	7,536	3,000	15,036	98,142
New Orleans	860	1,580	2,745	6,460	3,692	15,337	118,677
Savannah			2,000		1,000	3,000	37,683
Charleston							39,134
Mobile							2,423
Norfolk							67,577
Other ports *	5,200	500	3,500	300		9,500	84,643
Total 1923--	6,560	4,080	10,245	14,296	7,692	42,873	448,279
Total 1922--	47,287	26,707	13,979	38,313	9,865	136,851	829,790
Total 1921--	31,250	9,491	17,654	37,839	3,983	100,217	1,364,952

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been active at lower prices, although from time to time there have been sharp rallies. On Thursday prices broke 70 to 82 points, the latter on July, with May down about 80 points, largely owing to warmer weather and the action of the U. S. Government in applying for a permanent injunction in the Federal District Court here against the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange with a view of putting a stop to its trading in sugar futures on the ground that they were "solely for illegitimate gambling or speculative profits." When sugar futures dropped 30 to 75 points at the opening that day and sugar stocks about 2%, the cotton market took the alarm. It was reasoned that this action against the Sugar Exchange and the fact that some days previous the Supreme Court of the United States had affirmed the constitutionality of the Grain Futures Act might have far-reaching consequences and possibly in some way involve the cotton exchanges of the country, though there is no hint of anything of the kind at the present time. Cotton, indeed, is in different case. In recent years it has been as high as 43 cents. And now it is down around 28 to 29 cents. Besides, the boll weevil is known to have cut down the yield for some years past and thus afforded a sound economic reason for the rise of prices. In addition, consumption is large. And much of the week the weather has been bad. It has been too wet and cold over vast tracts of the cotton belt. Indeed, pretty much the whole cotton country of the South has suffered from unfavorable conditions for field work, for planting or for cultivation where the cotton was up. And in parts of Texas and also, it appears, in Georgia, there has been a good deal of replanting. In Texas the progress has been slow on account of continued cool wet weather. In Oklahoma heavy rains have interrupted field work. That was the case also in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, not to mention parts of Georgia. But by Wednesday and Thursday the rains had fallen off very noticeably. In fact, Thursday reports showed no rain at all in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. And the early map revealed more seasonable temperatures. Moreover, the forecast was for fair and warmer weather east of the Mississippi River and warmer and only partly cloudy weather to the westward. Spot markets have been quiet for the most part, although on Tuesday there was a brief spurt when the total for the South somewhat exceeded 14,000 bales. That was seven times as large as they had been on many previous days. Also, for a time, spot cotton was more active in Liverpool, with daily sales of 8,000 to 10,000 bales. But on Thursday they dropped to 7,000. Manchester, Fall River and Worth Street have been dull; they furnished no stimulus to the raw cotton market. Fall River, after the dullest week on record last week, has remained sluggish. Worth Street has been cautious. And Manchester, although it has reported a somewhat larger inquiry for various goods, has added that the bids were in very many cases unworkable. It is true that it has been doing a fair business in fancy goods with the Far East. But taking it by and large, Manchester has been anything but encouraging.

Exports from this side have continued small. Not that we have a great deal of cotton to spare, but daily reports of exports of only 4,000 or 5,000 bales, as has been the case on many days during the week, certainly have no very cheering effect. Yet on one day, it is true, Wilmington cleared 15,000 bales for Italy. The trouble is that trade on the Continent is still backward and in England, despite some improvement, anything but satisfactory. Unemployment there is still very large. In this country the question arises whether when goods made from high priced cotton come to be offered to the public it will balk or not. Some fear there may be a buyers' strike at prices for goods on the basis of 30-cent cotton. That remains to be seen. But glancing at the speculative side of the market, there has certainly been very heavy selling of late. That is to say, on Thursday uptown interests sold, it is understood, some 40,000 to 50,000 bales of July. Wall Street and Chicago, as well as the South, were also heavy sellers. Southern wire houses flooded the market with selling orders, as soon as the news of the sugar injunction became known. Everybody was nervous. The question arose, Who next? or What next? With spots dull, exports small, cotton goods neglected, the weather map better and Liverpool dropping, it was small wonder that New York fell some \$3 50 to \$4 a bale and over.

On the other hand, the action of the May delivery may be significant. Recently the May premium over July dropped

to 56 points. But latterly it has been mounting. On Monday last it was 64, by Wednesday it had got up to 94, and in spite of all the flurry on Thursday, May ended at 97 points over July. It is understood that there is a considerable short interest in May, partly, it appears, for trade account. There was a rumor last Saturday that shorts in May delivery had made a private settlement. But it proved to be baseless. The question arises just where the May option may go. Recently it was assumed when the heavy liquidation was on that a selling of May would be steady and large until April 25, the first notice day. But after a time liquidation died down. And now with notices close at hand it seems that big interests want May cotton so much that the premium over July has got back to nearly the 100 points which ruled for a considerable period earlier in the season. And the crop is not getting an early start. It may catch up. That is very possible. But a wet May would be a decided drawback.

The March consumption in this country was 623,000 bales. The world is using up American cotton, it is estimated, at the rate of about 1,000,000 bales a month. At times there has been considerable said about the fact that the mills have on hand a supply of 2,035,000 bales, or some 475,000 bales more than a year ago. This will keep them going for a certain length of time undoubtedly. But there are those who believe that many mills have yet to buy a good deal of cotton to tide over until the new crop becomes available in quantity some four months from now. The March consumption was the largest on record. In regard to the sugar injunction, it is worth recalling that the U. S. Government has never taken action against the New York Cotton Exchange or any other recognized cotton exchange in this country. Acts against cotton exchanges in this country have been introduced from time to time in Congress, but they have always died a natural death. The boll weevil explains the rise in cotton prices within the last year and the failure of the crop for two years in succession. Latterly trade interests have been calling cotton on a considerable scale. To-day prices fell 45 to 104 points, the latter on May, the aftermath of Thursday's break on the action of the Government against the Sugar Exchange. An early advance was lost, despite rains in Texas, a better tone later in Liverpool and bullish weekly statistics. Spot cotton closed at 27.60c. for middling, showing a decline for the week of 175 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the April 19 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 26, 1923.

Table with 2 columns: Grade and Difference. Includes entries like Middling fair (91 on), Strict good middling (63 on), Good middling (47 on), etc.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table showing Middling uplands prices for April 14 to April 20, 1923, with columns for days and prices.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on April 20 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows: 1923 - 27.60c. 1915 - 10.45c. 1907 - 11.20c. 1899 - 6.25c. 1922 - 17.95c. 1914 - 13.10c. 1906 - 11.75c. 1898 - 6.44c. 1921 - 12.15c. 1913 - 12.15c. 1905 - 7.80c. 1897 - 7.31c. 1920 - 42.75c. 1912 - 11.95c. 1904 - 14.15c. 1896 - 7.94c. 1919 - 28.60c. 1911 - 14.95c. 1903 - 10.35c. 1895 - 7.00c. 1918 - 30.75c. 1910 - 15.15c. 1902 - 9.44c. 1894 - 7.56c. 1917 - 19.85c. 1909 - 10.85c. 1901 - 8.38c. 1893 - 7.94c. 1916 - 10.45c. 1908 - 9.90c. 1900 - 9.81c. 1892 - 7.25c.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Large table with 7 columns: Day, Range, Closing. Lists futures prices for months from April to March.

f 29c. t 28c. i 25c. t 24c. e 27c.

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.

Table showing Cotton Stock at Liverpool, London, Manchester, and various European ports (Hamburg, Bremen, Havre, Rotterdam, Barcelona, Genoa, Antwerp, Ghent) for 1923, 1922, 1921, and 1920.

Table showing Total European stocks, Total visible supply, and American stocks (Liverpool, Manchester, Continental, etc.) for 1923, 1922, 1921, and 1920.

Table showing East Indian, Brazil, &c. stocks (Liverpool, London, Manchester, etc.) for 1923, 1922, 1921, and 1920.

Table showing Total East India, &c. stocks and Total visible supply for 1923, 1922, 1921, and 1920, including details for Middling uplands, Midding uplands, etc.

Continental imports for past week have been 35,000 bales. The above figures for 1923 show a decrease from last week of 155,638 bales, a loss of 1,919,146 from 1922, a decline of 2,865,127 bales from 1921 and a decrease of 2,411,182 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:

Table with 7 columns: Towns, Receipts, Shipments, Stocks for Movement to April 20 1923 and Movement to April 21 1922. Lists towns like Ala., Birmingham, Eufaula, etc.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 34,614 bales and are to-night 411,333 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 40,195 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table with columns for 1922-23 and 1921-22, split into Shipped and Deducted Shipment categories, listing various ports and their respective bale counts.

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 13,506 bales, against 12,495 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 255,765 bales.

Table with columns for 1922-23 and 1921-22, split into In Sight and Spinners' Takings categories, listing receipts and consumption for various ports.

* Decrease during week. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table showing movement into sight in previous years with columns for Week, Bales, and Since Aug. 1.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLINE 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 titled 'Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—' listing prices for various ports like Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, etc., for each day of the week.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing New Orleans contract market data for various months from April to March, including spot and options prices.

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, Contr't, Total).

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening denote that rainfall was heavy in most sections of the cotton belt. Temperatures have been about normal in all parts of the cotton belt except in central and western Texas, where they have been considerably below normal.

Texas.—Progress and condition of early planted cotton rather poor on account of cool, wet weather. Cotton planting has made fair progress in the north and west, but poor elsewhere.

Mobile.—Cotton planting has made fair progress although the ground is too wet and the weather has been generally too cool.

Large table with columns for Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer, listing weather data for numerous locations including Galveston, Abilene, Brenham, etc.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing river heights at various points like New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, etc., for April 20 and April 21, 1922.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table showing receipts from plantations for various weeks, with columns for Receipts at Ports, Stocks at Interior Towns, and Receipts from Plantations.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1922 are 5,433,747 bales; in 1922 were 4,801,470 bales, and in 1921 were 5,856,746 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 34,681 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 67,000 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 34,641 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations were 48,571 bales and for 1921 they were 85,832 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table titled 'Cotton Takings, Week and Season.' comparing 1922-23 and 1921-22, listing visible supply, total supply, and deductibles.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 3,069,000 bales in 1922-23 and 2,621,000 bales in 1921-22—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 11,136,741 bales in 1922-23 and 10,131,721 bales in 1921-22, of which 6,429,191 bales and 6,617,700 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table with columns for April 20 Receipts at, 1922-23, 1921-22, and 1920-21. Rows include Bombay, Exports, and Total all.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 9,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive a weekly cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt.

Table for Alexandria, Egypt, April 19. Columns: 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21. Rows: Receipts (cantars) and Exports (bales).

Table for Manchester Market. Columns: 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21. Rows: Exports (bales) to Liverpool, Manchester, etc.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is steady.

Table with columns for 1922-23 and 1921-22. Rows: Feb, Mar, Apr with sub-columns for different cotton types.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 64,448 bales.

Table listing shipping news with columns for destination, date, and bales. Includes NEW YORK, GALVESTON, CHARLESTON, HOUSTON, PHILADELPHIA, and WILMINGTON.

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table of Cotton Freight rates. Columns: High Density, Standard, and Low Density. Rows: Liverpool, Manchester, Rotterdam, etc.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table of Liverpool market statistics for March 30, April 6, April 13, and April 20. Rows: Sales, Actual export, Forwarded, etc.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table of Liverpool market prices. Columns: Spot (Saturday to Friday) and Futures (Market opened, Market, P.M.). Rows: Market, Mid. Upl's, Sales, Futures.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table of futures prices for Liverpool from April 14 to April 20. Columns: April 14, April 20, and daily prices from Sat. to Fri.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, April 20 1923.

Flour has been quiet, with supplies liberal. The output is well ahead of consumption. The inevitable result is that markets are well supplied, while at the same time the demand is slack.

Wheat advanced 3 cents on May early in the week, on bad weather, covering and a fair export demand. But on the 16th inst. it dropped, owing to the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court upholding legislation regulating grain exchanges.

Chicago Board of Trade would not have fought it, and the price would not have fallen 2 to 3 cents on the 16th inst. It brings the grain exchanges under Government control. Also, the visible supply in the United States increased last week 98,000 bushels, against a decrease last year of 789,000. The total is now 45,476,000 bushels, against 32,884,000 a year ago. But on the 17th inst. prices advanced 2 cents on bad crop reports. Selling fell off. Traders thought less of the Futures Act. Export sales in two days were 800,000 bushels, mostly Manitoba, but including a little Durum. The estimate of the wheat crop in Canada was cut down about 25,000,000 bushels. Liverpool, too, was firmer. On the 17th inst. prices advanced on a better technical position after recent heavy liquidation and the Futures Act was less dreaded. And winter wheat crop reports were not good; quite the contrary, especially from Nebraska and Ohio. The weather was warmer in the Northwest and also in Canada. Moreover, the official estimate on the Argentine crop was increased 26,000,000 bushels. True, the Northwestern Grain Dealers' Association reduced their estimate on the Canadian crop about 24,000,000 bushels. But export business was small, sales for the day being only about 200,000 bushels. Inquiries came from Italy for shipment covering a period of about four months and the Greek Government was expected to be in the market for about 750,000 bushels of Manitobas or American hard winters on April 24. On the 18th inst. it was much warmer all over the West and also in Canada, and May, after touching 1.26% in Chicago dropped to 1.25 at the close. The warmer temperatures will naturally hasten seeding at the Northwest. Cash markets were dull with flour trade poor. Exporters took only 300,000 bushels of Manitoba. Some bad crop reports from the winter wheat belt were ignored. On the 19th inst. prices advanced with crop news unfavorable and export sales of 1,000,000 bushels, including 250,000 bushels of Durum and a moderate quantity of hard wheat at the Gulf. The Clement Curtis report indicating a decrease of 15.2% in acreage and an indicated crop of 547,000,000 bushels compared with the last Government report of 572,000,000, was a bullish factor. But the weather was warmer throughout the country and advices from the Northwest were more favorable to the progress of spring wheat seeding. Liverpool cabled: "The plague situation in India is less serious, with mortality cases abating. Weather reports are improving and harvesting is again proceeding. In Western Europe the weather is generally favorable, and we are receiving only a few complaints of crop damage. In the Balkans the weather recently has been very wintry and farmers have been hindered in their field work. Several districts in South Africa are badly infested by locusts." To-day prices declined 1% to 2 1/4 c., but for the week they end irregular, being 7/8 c. higher on May and 7/8 c. lower on July.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat. 151	Mon. 147 3/4	Tues. 149 3/4	Wed. 148 3/4	Thurs. 149 1/2	Fri. 147 3/4
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 126 1/2	Mon. 124 1/2	Tues. 126	Wed. 126 3/4	Thurs. 126	Fri. 124 1/2
July delivery in elevator	123 3/4	121 3/4	123 3/4	123 1/2	124 3/4	122 1/4
September delivery in elevator	122 3/4	120	121 3/4	120 3/4	122	119 3/4

Indian corn advanced slightly at first with the weather cold, wheat up, and shorts covering. The decision upholding the Grain Futures Act by the U. S. Supreme Court had a depressing effect on the 16th inst., especially as cash demand was slow. Liquidation was general. Exporters took about 200,000 bushels. But on the 17th inst. prices rallied with those for wheat. The American visible supply decreased last week 789,000, against 897,000 a year ago. It leaves the total only 26,574,000 bushels, against 41,749,000 last year at this time. On the 17th inst. 300,000 bushels sold for export to England and Germany and shorts covered freely. On the 18th inst. warmer weather and a drop in wheat put prices down, especially for May, on which large deliveries were predicted. But there was quite a good export inquiry and the actual sales to Europe were estimated at 300,000 bushels. A total of 600,000 bushels in two days, it was thought, was not doing so badly. To-day prices declined 1 to 1 1/2 c. and are 1 1/2 to 1 5/8 c. lower than last Friday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 103 1/2	Mon. 101	Tues. 101 1/2	Wed. 100	Thurs. 100 1/2	Fri. 99 3/4
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 80 3/4	Mon. 79	Tues. 80	Wed. 79	Thurs. 79 3/4	Fri. 78 3/4
July delivery in elevator	82 1/2	81 3/4	82 1/2	81 1/2	82	80 3/4
September delivery in elevator	82 3/4	82 3/8	82 3/8	81 3/8	82 1/2	81 3/8

Oats early in the week advanced somewhat, but reacted on Monday with wheat, only to rally on Tuesday with that cereal. Oats are a mere echo of wheat and corn. The outlook for warmer and more seasonable weather had some effect, especially on the distant months. The American visible supply last week decreased 296,000 bushels, against 1,673,000 in the same week last year. The total is now only 22,926,000 bushels, against 61,933,000 a year ago. But if the visible supply is small the demand is generally quite as small. On the 17th inst. futures fell for a time with the weather better, but they rallied with those for wheat and cash oats were noticeably steady at all times. On the 18th inst. exporters took about 500,000 bushels of Canadian oats. The idea seemed to be that they will be shipped both from the Atlantic seaboard and from Montreal to English ports and that the prices were eased to help the deal through. To-

day prices fell 1/2 to 3/4 c., and show a decline for the week of 5/8 to 7/8 c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat. 57 1/2	Mon. 57 1/2	Tues. 57 1/2	Wed. 57 1/2	Thurs. 57 1/2	Fri. 57
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 46 1/2	Mon. 45 3/8	Tues. 45 1/2	Wed. 45 1/2	Thurs. 45 3/8	Fri. 45 1/2
July delivery in elevator	46 1/2	46 1/8	46 1/8	46 1/4	46 1/2	46
September delivery in elevator	46	44 3/8	45 1/4	45	45 1/2	44 3/8

Rye advanced and receded with other grain. Sales for export were reported early in the week of 450,000 bushels. The American visible supply decreased last week 18,000 bushels, against 25,000 last year. The total is now 18,413,000 bushels, against 8,675,000 last year. On the 17th inst. prices advanced. Of barley 50,000 bushels were taken by Germany on the 16th. The visible supply of barley in the United States decreased 3,000 bushels last week, against an increase in the same week last year of 13,000 bushels. The total is 2,478,000 bushels, against 1,680,000 a year ago. On the 16th inst. cash rye fell 1/2 to 3/4 c. in Chicago, but it was firm at Minneapolis. On the 17th and 18th insts. exporters took in all 350,000 bushels, partly for Germany. Prices at one time on the 18th inst. were somewhat higher, but they reacted later with those for wheat. To-day prices declined 1 1/4 c. and are 5/8 c. to 1 3/8 c. off for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	Sat. 87 3/4	Mon. 86 3/8	Tues. 87	Wed. 86 1/2	Thurs. 86 1/2	Fri. 85 3/4
July delivery in elevator	88 3/4	86 3/8	88 3/8	87 3/8	88 1/4	87
September delivery in elevator	88	87 3/8	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 3/4	87 1/2

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN		Oats	
Wheat—		No. 2 white	57
No. 2 red	\$1 47 3/4	No. 3 white	56 1/2
No. 2 hard winter	1 41 1/4	Barley—	
Corn—		Feeding	Nominal
No. 2 yellow	99 3/4	Malting	85@86
Rye—No. 2	95		
FLOUR			
Spring patents	\$6 85@72 25	Barley goods—	
Winter straights, soft	5 90@6 25	No. 1, 1-0, 2-0	\$5 75
Hard winter straights	6 40@6 75	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl	6 50
First spring clears	6 00@6 25	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 15@2 25	Spot delivery	2 85@2 92 3/4
Corn flour	2 15@2 20		

For other tables usually given here, see page 1730. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, April 14, was as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
New York	1,629,000	1,930,000	1,147,000	392,000	297,000
Boston	2,000	2,000	20,000	3,000	—
Philadelphia	970,000	440,000	811,000	47,000	3,000
Baltimore	462,000	914,000	387,000	2,530,000	43,000
Newport News	—	101,000	—	—	—
New Orleans	1,069,000	802,000	88,000	56,000	12,000
Gastonia	1,268,000	—	—	103,000	—
Buffalo	1,461,000	324,000	587,000	422,000	426,000
Toledo	650,000	121,000	277,000	14,000	1,000
Detroit	24,000	32,000	72,000	21,000	—
Chicago	2,409,000	16,391,000	5,258,000	843,000	300,000
afloat	12,000	407,000	131,000	216,000	—
Milwaukee	158,000	899,000	974,000	169,000	203,000
Duluth	11,609,000	271,000	388,000	9,718,000	398,000
St. Joseph, Mo.	982,000	284,000	88,000	3,000	3,000
Minneapolis	14,503,000	418,000	8,929,000	3,281,000	765,000
St. Louis	565,000	510,000	599,000	12,000	5,000
Kansas	4,747,000	1,180,000	738,000	139,000	—
Peoria	2,000	138,000	148,000	—	—
Indianapolis	154,000	131,000	86,000	—	—
Omaha	2,006,000	944,000	1,633,000	378,000	—
Sioux City	407,000	335,000	365,000	56,000	—
On Canal and River	381,000	—	—	10,000	32,000

Total April 14 1923—45,476,000 26,574,000 22,926,000 18,413,000 2,478,000
 Total April 7 1923—45,378,000 27,471,000 23,222,000 18,431,000 2,481,000
 Total April 15 1922—33,129,000 43,146,000 51,933,000 8,675,000 1,680,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 446,000 bushels; Boston, 63,000; Baltimore, 882,000; Buffalo, 532,000; Duluth, 36,000; Toledo, 48,000; Toledo afloat, 153,000; Total, 1,660,000 bushels, against 146,000 bushels in 1922. Barley, New York, 224,000 bushels; Buffalo, 689,000; Duluth, 72,000; total, 985,000 bushels, against 53,000 bushels in 1922. Wheat, New York, 2,812,000 bushels; Boston, 176,000; Philadelphia, 940,000; Baltimore, 1,324,000; Buffalo, 1,701,000; Duluth, 251,000; Toledo, 241,000; Toledo afloat, 834,000; Chicago, 261,000; total, 8,540,000 bushels, against 2,215,000 bushels in 1922.

Canadian

Montreal	956,000	245,000	364,000	153,000	221,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	35,682,000	—	—	—	—
afloat	163,000	—	5,158,000	—	3,734,000
Other Canadian	2,824,000	—	709,000	—	651,000

Total April 14 1923—39,625,000 245,000 6,231,000 153,000 4,606,000
 Total April 7 1923—38,663,000 149,000 5,716,000 154,000 4,413,000
 Total April 15 1922—34,906,000 986,000 9,999,000 18,000 2,992,000

Summary

American	45,476,000	26,574,000	22,926,000	18,413,000	2,478,000
Canadian	39,625,000	245,000	6,231,000	153,000	4,606,000

Total April 14 1923—85,101,000 26,819,000 29,157,000 18,566,000 7,084,000
 Total April 7 1923—84,041,000 27,620,000 29,938,000 18,585,000 6,894,000
 Total April 15 1922—68,035,000 44,132,000 71,932,000 8,693,000 4,672,000

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 17.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending April 17, is as follows:

The outstanding feature of the week ended April 17 was a continuation of unseasonably cool weather in Central and Northern States east of the Mississippi Valley thus making the fifth consecutive week with unfavorable temperature conditions in this area and resulting in further retardation of vegetative development. Temperatures were normal in the cotton belt, except in the extreme western portions where they were considerably below normal. From the Rocky Mountains westward somewhat more than normal warmth was received which made conditions generally favorable for agriculture, especially for live stock interests. Rainfall was heavy in much of the South, particularly in the northwest Gulf districts, and it was rather heavy in the immediate Ohio Valley, Tennessee and the middle Atlantic Coast area, with considerable snow and sleet in Maryland, Pennsylvania and some adjoining sections. Beneficial rains occurred in Oklahoma, eastern New Mexico and in the northern, western and Rio Grande Valley sections of Texas, but in other portions of Texa-

there was too much moisture. Rains were helpful also in Florida. Severe drouth, however, continued in the central western Great Plains and more moisture was needed generally.

The week was mostly favorable for farm work from the Great Plains westward and was somewhat more favorable than the preceding week in the upper Mississippi Valley, but there was considerable delay in much of the south and east.

Cotton.—Temperatures averaged nearly normal in the central, eastern and portions of the cotton belt, but were considerably below normal in central and western Texas, rainfall was frequent and heavy in most cotton growing districts, particularly in the central and west Gulf States and planting made mostly slow progress.

Progress and condition of early planted cotton was poor in Texas because of continued cool weather while heavy rain interrupted field work in Oklahoma where planting progressed slowly.

Conditions were somewhat more favorable in Arkansas, where planting made very good progress except where it continued too cool in the northern portion and it was too wet in localities. Conditions were generally unfavorable in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, where it was too wet for much field work. Some cotton was planted in extreme southwest Tennessee.

Heavy rain delayed field work in central and northern Georgia, but was more favorable in the southern portion where much cotton was up, but growth was slow and stand mostly unsatisfactory. The crop was up to a generally good stand in Florida and chopping out progressed there. The week was mostly favorable for field work in South Carolina and planting was generally good although growth was slow on account of cool nights. Some early planted cotton had come up in extreme southern North Carolina and planting was in progress in the southern coastal plains.

Corn.—Corn planting made slow progress because of unfavorable weather conditions in most sections east of the Mississippi, although fairly good advance was made in this work in the South Atlantic Coast section including southern Georgia. Some corn was planted as far north as South Carolina. This work made better progress in the Central Great Plains area and in Arkansas and was well advanced in Texas, although the stand was poor and the crop late in part of the latter State. Planting was retarded by rains in Oklahoma, but germination of the early planted in the southern portion was satisfactory. Much ground was prepared for corn in Missouri, but scarcely any planting was done and considerable plowing of sod and uplands was accomplished in Iowa. Generally unfavorable conditions of corn prevailed in the Central Gulf States.

Small Grains.—Cool weather for the season prevailed in the central and eastern portion of the winter wheat belt and rainfall was rather heavy in the immediate Ohio Valley section, but only light to moderate west of the Mississippi except in Texas and Oklahoma. The growth of wheat was slow in the Ohio Valley States because of cool weather, but the crop was greening up slowly and showing improvement in some localities. There was little growth during the week in the upper Mississippi Valley, but some advance was shown in Missouri, where the general condition was reported fair.

Wheat.—Moisture was still deficient in Nebraska and the conditions of the crop remained uncertain in that State. Wheat showed good growth in the eastern half of Kansas, but continued very poor in the western third, where much had not come up. Rainfall during the week was favorable for winter cereals in Oklahoma, Iowa and Texas, where a general improvement in condition was reported. The weather conditions were generally favorable throughout the Rocky Mountain section and in Montana, but in the winter wheat crop was reported as uneven and spotted in the latter State. Grains made good growth in Pacific Coast States, while warmth and showers were beneficial in the plateau district of the West. They did fairly well in most of the Atlantic Coast area and the Southeast, although there was increase complaint of rust in Georgia.

Conditions were most favorable for seeding spring wheat in South Dakota and the more Northwestern States, where temperatures were generally favorable and the soil mostly in satisfactory condition. It continued unfavorable, however, for field work in North Dakota and the Eastern States of the spring wheat belt. The ground remained frozen in many portions of North Dakota, but there was some seeding done in the extreme eastern part, which was also the case in extreme south Minnesota.

Oats.—Oats seeding made poor advance in most sections of the Mississippi River, but conditions in south Iowa improved where seeding of this crop made better progress. Conditions were favorable for seeding in Nebraska. Oats were reported as generally in poor condition in the south Great Plains, but as fair to good in Texas, while conditions were favorable in Arkansas. Little preparation had been made for planting rice in Arkansas because of continued unfavorable weather and seeding was much delayed in Louisiana and Texas. Rice seeding made splendid progress in California.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON CROP ACREAGE ESTIMATE.—The Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture issued on April 20 for the first time the following special report of the acreage farmers intend to plant of the principal spring-sown crops in 1923, compared with the acreage of such crops grown in 1922, also with the five-year average 1918-1922. This report is based largely on reports received the first 10 days in April from many thousands of crop reporters, giving actual acreage of crops grown on their own farms in 1922 and acres intended to be planted in 1923 on the same farms.

The intended plantings this year as a percentage of last year's planted for the various cotton States are as follows: Virginia, 150%; North Carolina, 102%; South Carolina, 103%; Georgia, 101%; Florida, 130%; Alabama, 113%; Mississippi, 110%; Louisiana, 110%; Tennessee, 119%; Texas, 114%; Arkansas, 111%; Missouri, 200%; Oklahoma, 120%; Arizona, 121%.

Weather conditions since April 1 have been very unfavorable for cotton planting. Spring wheat intentions have been affected by late spring. Minnesota and South Dakota show 12% decrease compared with 1922; North Dakota, 4%. The Far Western States show about the same; Montana reports 6% less and Washington 10% more.

An increase in Nebraska is due to planting of spring wheat on some of the abandoned winter wheat acreage. In Minnesota, North and South Dakota there will apparently be a strong shift to flax.

Corn.—Intended acreage of 2.6% for corn over 1922 is due to have increase in the Western portion of the corn belt and in the Far Western States. A part of the increase will replace winter-killed wheat, especially in Kansas and Nebraska. The East North Central States show an increase of 3%, the West North Central States 8%. The increase in the Far Western group, 20%; slight decreases are shown for most Southern States.

Oats.—Intended increase in the United States of 2.6% in acreage of oats over 1922, results from increases of 6% in the East North Central States; 2% in the West North Central; 7% in the South Atlantic; 13% in the Far Western; 1% in the North Atlantic; with a 7% decrease in the South Central division.

Barley.—The United States show an intended increase of 5% in barley acreage compared with 1922; the East North Central States showing an increase of 10% and the West North Central States an increase of 8%. The Far Western States show a decrease of 1%, a tendency to increase in the Mountain States being offset by decreases in California.

Flax.—The 1923 flax acreage in the United States will be almost double the 1922 acreage according to early intentions, Minnesota showing 190%, North Dakota 200%, South Dakota 225%, respectively, compared with last year's period. The change in Montana and other States is moderate.

Tobacco.—The intended acreage of 10% in tobacco over 1922 is the result of proposed material increases in practically all States. Kentucky and Tennessee show an increase of 14%; Virginia, 2%; North Carolina, 6%; South Carolina, 20%; New England, 17%; Ohio, 15%; Wisconsin, 12%, and Pennsylvania, 8%.

The following table shows the percentage of acreage for the principal spring-sown crops in 1923 compared with the acreage of such crops in 1922; also the five-year average for 1918-1922 and 1909-1913:

	1922	1918-22.	1909-13.
Cotton of planted area.....	127	109.9	108.7%
Spring wheat of harvested area.....	94.5	83.8	96.5
Corn of harvested area.....	102.6	103.2	100.9
Oats of harvested area.....	102.6	97.8	111.9
Barley of harvested area.....	105.7	100.5	102.5
Flax of harvested area.....	189.0	162.7	99.3
White potatoes of harvested area.....	90.9	99.6	107.0
Sweet potatoes of harvested area.....	97.5	107.6	175.8
Tobacco of harvested area.....	110.0	108.9	155.1

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Friday Night, April 20 1923.

Textile markets continued to rule quiet during the past week, and prices in some divisions developed an easier undertone, this being particularly true in regard to cotton goods. The sharp downward tendency of raw cotton caused hesitation among buyers and prompted sellers to lower selling prices on some unfinished lines of goods. There is very little likelihood, however, that finished goods prices will be disturbed to any great extent by the present decline, as price advances have not been as pronounced as those in gray cloths. Other factors responsible for the present quietness are the facts that mills are well covered with business for the next sixty days and therefore not willing to make further price concessions, and the amount of re-sale goods in the market continues smaller than usual. There are still many staple finished cotton goods for fall use to be priced, but owing to the uncertainty concerning distribution at higher levels, agents are hesitating. They could name higher prices and secure a limited business, but they much prefer to wait and see if there is any chance of a general recovery in retail demand within the next few weeks, when weather conditions become more normal. On the other hand, there appears to be increasing evidence of a more conservative attitude spreading among buyers throughout the country, and there is less inclination to stock up at prevailing prices. Furthermore, a fact which is being pointed out now as having a great bearing on merchandising, is that three years ago, when mills were running at full capacity, there was an admitted scarcity of production in many lines, while the large production that is now seen through the textile world is rapidly filling up the gaps of scarcity in various lines. Export demand is dull and jobbers are making an effort to hold down their stocks, which throws the burden on the mills. If the mills continue to operate at present capacity when their current orders expire it will no doubt result in accumulations. This is a prospect which is clearly in the minds of conservative merchants during the present quiet period.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Domestic cotton goods markets have been generally inactive during the past week, and prices in second hand trading have shown further softening. The lower cotton markets for late months suggest lower cloth prices, and while a few mills are said to be open to accept contracts at concessions, they have not as yet found a level attractive enough for large operators to move, while jobbers are not pressed to buy more, and many can wait for another three or four weeks. Sheetings are reported as showing continued easing, and the absence of export demand is felt very much, particularly in cases where overtime operations are making small lots of spots available. Mills as a rule are more willing to sell ahead than they were, but in some instances agents will not consider the low offers any more than buyers will pay attention to them. There have been reports of second hand sales at material concessions from some of the local quotations, but in most cases they represented nothing more than exchange of weak holdings or the unloading of some small speculative lots. Slowly improving weather, however, is making for a more active distribution of percales and gingham. Two weeks of good weather no doubt will change the situation for the better. During the latter part of the week the further instability of the cotton market made buyers more timid and until the staple shows improvement, traders do not look for much increase in activity. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 8½c., and the 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 7½c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's, are quoted at 12½c., and the 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 14c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Markets for woolens and worsteds, unlike the market for cotton goods, maintained a firm tone. Price advances are heard from time to time. Where the output of certain staples is not sufficient to meet the demand, prices are firmer, while some fancies have been bought up so quickly that needy buyers are willing to bid higher in the hope of bringing out more goods. Buyers in great numbers have been about the houses dealing in the better grades of dress goods, and while complaints are heard about the higher prices, the latter do not appear to deter them from making purchases wherever they can. One reassuring feature of the woolen goods situation is the fact that the market was thoroughly deflated before the current boom commenced. There were no surplus goods lying about in the hands of distributors, and it now appears that it will take more or less time before production catches up with consumption.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: There has been no increase in activity in markets for linens during the past week, the market continuing quiet. There have been fewer out-of-town buyers in the market, and while men on the road continue to book orders, they are smaller in size than recent commitments of retailers. An interesting feature in the market, however, is the absence of complaint among buyers concerning prices, which continue to be well maintained. Household linens appear to have suffered most in the decline of activity, but a new buying movement is expected to develop within a few weeks. In the absence of demand, bur-laps have been quiet with the tendency of prices downward. Easier advices from Calcutta and heavy arrivals have encouraged buyers to hold off. Light weights are quoted at 7.00 to 7.15c., and heavies at 8.15 to 8.25c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Annexation of East Chattanooga Voted—East Lake Defeats Annexation.—At an election held on April 10 the annexation of East Chattanooga to the City of Chattanooga was voted by 391 "for" to 371 "against."

It is estimated that the joining of East Chattanooga to the city will increase the city's assessed valuation by about \$8,000,000 and the population by about 18,000.

Dallas, Tex.—Trinity Heights Annexed to City.—The City Commission April 12 passed an ordinance providing for the annexation of Trinity Heights.

New Hampshire.—Doubtful Tax Bills Passed by House.—In an effort to frame a new taxation system to replace the levies recently declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court (V. 116, p. 1682), the House of Representatives is giving consideration to proposed taxation measures.

The State House of Representatives yesterday passed three tax bills whose constitutionality is considered doubtful. One of these bills provides for a gasoline tax of one cent per gallon, though the Ways and Means Committee of the House had previously reported that the Supreme Court of the State might consider such an Act unconstitutional.

Two inheritance tax bills were also passed on which there is a question of constitutionality. The first provides for a flat rate direct inheritance tax of 2% with the same exceptions now existing in this State. A new grade was added consisting of collateral heirs, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. It imposes on this class a flat rate of 6%. All other collateral heirs must pay 10% on their inheritance.

The second Act applies only to personal estates. The State will collect a tax of one-half of 1% on inheritances in excess of \$50,000 and less than \$100,000, of 1% from inheritances from \$100,000 to \$250,000, and of 3% on all in excess of the latter figure.

The inheritance tax bills require the payment of the tax upon the decree of the judge of probate. The tax must be turned over to the State Treasurer for the use of the State.

A fourth bill passed reduced the tax on savings bank deposits from three-fourths of 1% to one-half of 1%. It does not change the distribution of the tax.

New York City, N. Y.—Injunction Against Jubilee Bonds Sustained.—On April 13 the injunction granted by Justice Mullan of the Supreme Court to Wm. J. Schieffelin, of the Citizens Union, preventing the Mayor and Board of Estimate from appropriating special revenue bonds for New York City's twenty-fifth anniversary celebration, was sustained by the Appellate Division, to which an appeal had been taken by the City.

Tennessee (State of).—Legislature Adjourns.—The 1923 session of the Legislature came to an end at 8:15 a. m. April 3. During the session an excise tax law was enacted. This measure provides for a tax levy of 3% on net incomes of corporations doing business in Tennessee. Another tax measure passed provides for a gasoline levy of 2 cents a gallon. Counties must now receive the approval of the voters before issuing bonds, under one of the new laws. A bill proposing the repeal of all laws permitting the issuance of tax-free securities by counties and municipalities was introduced, but met defeat early in the session.

BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS

Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas.—Bond Call.—D. F. Howell, Mayor, is calling for payment all outstanding optional bonds, which will be paid at par and accrued interest upon presentation to the Seaboard National Bank, N. Y. City, provided said bonds are not presented later than July 1 1923, and all other outstanding bonds of Cleburne, bearing 5% will also be paid at par and accrued interest if presented prior to July 1.

The official notice of the call of these bonds may be found elsewhere in this Department.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ABBEVILLE, Vermilion Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc. of New Orleans, purchased \$45,000 6% water works and electric light bonds on April 9 at a premium of \$135, equal to 100.91. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 15 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due 1924 to 1931, incl.

ADAMS, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports, \$60,000 street bonds, dated May 1 1923 and maturing from 1924 to 1933, incl., were purchased by Merrill, Oldham & Co., Boston, at 100.21, on an interest rate bid of 4 1/4%.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. A. Parmelee, Director of Finance, will receive bids until 12 m. May 14 for the purchase of not less than par and int. of the following 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) special assessment street impt. bonds, issued under authority of Sec. 3914, Gen. Code:

- \$42,300 West North Street bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$300. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,300, 1924; \$5,000, 1925 to 1929, inclusive; \$4,000, 1930; \$5,000, 1931, and \$4,000, 1932.
10,000 Springdale Street bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1931, incl., and \$2,000, 1932.
79,100 Bellows Street bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$100. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,100, 1924; \$9,000, 1925 to 1931, incl., and \$8,000, 1932.
7,600 Annadale Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$800 and \$600. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924; \$800, 1925; \$1,000, 1926; \$600, 1927; \$1,000, 1928; \$600, 1929; \$1,000, 1930; \$600, 1931, and \$1,000, 1932.
8,400 Hite Street bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$400. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,400, 1924; \$2,000, 1925; \$1,000, 1926, and \$2,000, 1927 and 1928.
3,400 Rothrock Ave. bonds. Denom. \$700 and \$600. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$600, 1924, and \$700, 1925 to 1928, inclusive.

- \$10,900 Baird Street bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$900. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,900, 1924, and \$2,000, 1925 to 1928, incl.
4,200 Brown Street bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$800. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924, and \$800, 1925 to 1928, incl.
6,300 Crosier Street bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$300. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,300, 1924; \$1,500, 1925; \$1,000, 1926; \$1,500, 1927, and \$1,000, 1928.
27,200 Cuyahoga Falls Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$200. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,200, 1924; \$6,000, 1925; \$5,000, 1926; \$6,000, 1927, and \$5,000, 1928.
31,600 Cuyahoga Falls Ave. bonds. Denom. \$600 and \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,600, 1924; \$6,000, 1925; \$7,000, 1926, and \$6,000, 1927 and 1928.
12,400 South Bates Street bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$400. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,400, 1924; \$1,000, 1925 and 1926; \$2,000, 1927; \$1,000, 1928; \$2,000, 1929; \$1,000, 1930; \$2,000, 1931, and \$1,000, 1932.
25,500 Cuyahoga Falls Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,500, 1924, and \$5,000, 1925 to 1928, inclusive.
18,600 Lakemont Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$600. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,600, 1924; \$4,000, 1925 to 1927, incl., and \$3,000, 1928.
30,200 South Arlington Street bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$200. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,200, 1924, and \$6,000, 1925 to 1928, inclusive.

Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Director of Finance, required. Bonds to be delivered to purchaser at Akron.

ALMA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Alma), Lafayette County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by E. B. Becker, Secretary, Board of Education, until 1:30 p. m. April 30 for \$28,000 5, 5 1/2 or 6% 15-year serial school bonds. Denom. to be agreed upon. Int. semi-ann. A cert. check for 2% required. Bidder to name rate of int. Assessed valuation of District, \$1,915,015.

ANAHEIM, Orange County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward B. Merritt, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until April 26 for \$160,000 5% sewer construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 15 1923. Principal and semi-annual int. (A. O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$40,000 on April 1 from 1924 to 1963 incl. A certified check for 5% of amount bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

ANNISTON, Calhoun County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$188,000 5 1/2% coupon street impt. bonds offered on April 17—V. 116, p. 1683—were awarded to Ward, Sterne & Co. of Birmingham at par. Date April 2 1923. Due April 2 1933.

ASHEBORO GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Asheboro), Randolph County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—Geo. H. Burr & Co., of St. Louis have purchased the \$60,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1683—as 5 1/4s at a premium of \$3,000, equal to 105, a basis of about 4.84%. Date March 1 1923. Due on March 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1928 to 1942 incl., and \$3,000, 1943 to 1952 incl.

ASHLAND, Ashland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. April 28 by Lotta Westever, Director of Finance and Public Record, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$5,600 5 1/2% (property owners' portion) Vesper Street and Evergreen Street improvement bonds, issued under the authority of law of the State of Ohio, and Section 3914 of the General Code. Denoms. 7 for \$600 and 2 for \$700. Date April 15 1923. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$600, 1924 to 1927, inclusive; \$700, 1928; \$600, 1929 to 1931, inclusive, and \$700, 1932. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City of Ashland, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award.

ASHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Ashland), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo, purchased the 2 issues of 5 1/2% bonds offered on April 18 (V. 116, p. 1569). The bonds are described as follows: \$87,000 Mansfield-Wooster I. C. H. No. 146, Sections "A" and "Mifflin," road impt. bonds. Date April 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1924 to 1926, incl., and \$9,000, 1927 to 1933, incl. 132,000 Mansfield-Wooster I. C. H. No. 146, Sections "B" and "Hayesville," road impt. bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$13,000 1924 to 1931, incl., and \$14,000, 1932 and 1933. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the County Treasurer's office.

ASHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Ashland, Ohio).—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 road bonds which were offered for sale on April 9 (V. 116, p. 1450) were awarded to A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo. Date April 1 1923. Due \$10,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1920 to 1933 inclusive.

ATLANTA, Ga.—\$9,000,000 BOND ISSUE BARRED UNDER CITY LAWS.—The Atlanta "Constitution" of April 14 says: "Advocates of a new \$9,000,000 bond issue for Atlanta to be expended for additional school facilities, water-works extension and development of the proposed central park project were given a rude shock Friday (April 13) when Comptroller Graham West submitted figures showing that under the city's bonding limitation, only \$7,363,000 in additional bonds can be issued. The total bonding limitation of Atlanta, based on 7% of the city's tax assessments, amounts to \$20,300,000, according to Mr. West's figures, or 7% of the total tax assessments which aggregate \$290,000,000. Already the city's bonded indebtedness amounts to \$12,937,000, which leaves only \$7,363,000 that can be issued in order to reach the maximum limit as provided by the State Constitution, which limits bonded indebtedness of cities and counties to 7% of assessments."

Must Increase Revenues.

"If any more bond issues are floated in Atlanta," declared Mr. West in commenting on his figures, "the city will unquestionably have to increase its revenues to take care of sinking funds and interest. This year we are already at a stage where there are practically no funds with which to carry on improvements and municipal expansion."

Under the proposed new bond issue plan as outlined recently by Mayor Walter A. Sims, Superintendent of Schools Willis A. Sutton and other representative city officials, the new issue would include \$6,000,000 for school improvement bonds; \$2,000,000 for development of the central park project, and \$1,000,000 for water-works extension.

AUDUBON, Audubon County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—B. E. Rice, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. May 1 for the purchase of \$50,000 5% coupon tax-free Liberty Memorial Building construction bonds. Date May 1 1923. Denom. to suit purchaser. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at place of purchaser's choice: Due on May 1 as follows: \$4,500, 1928; \$1,500, 1929 and 1930; \$2,000, 1931 to 1935, inclusive; \$2,500, 1936 to 1940, inclusive; \$3,000, 1941 and 1942; and \$3,500, 1943 to 1946, inclusive. The approving opinion, as to the legality of issue, of Chapman, Cutler & Parker, will be furnished the purchaser. The official circular offering these bonds states that there is no controversy or litigation pending or threatened affecting the validity of these bonds, the corporate existence or boundaries of this municipality or the title of the present officials to their respective offices, and that the principal and interest on all bonds previously issued have been promptly paid at maturity. These bonds were voted at the election held on Jan. 17. Notice of the bonds being voted was given in V. 116, p. 537.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. True value (estimated) of all taxable property in municipality: \$2,236,534 00. Assessed valuation of real estate, personal and all other taxable property for 1922: \$559,131 00. Moneys and credits (not included in above): 2,521,632 00. Total bonded debt, including bonds now offered: 138,850 00. Water debt: 42,000 00. Special assessment debt: None. Cash value of all sinking funds on hand: 33,896 00. Water debt sinking fund: 14,340 00. Municipality's power to tax is limited to 5% of actual value of all property. Legal debt limit, \$238,407. Population (U. S. Census), 1920, 2,208. Present estimate, 2,500.

BAKERS HAULOVER DISTRICT, Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 6% municipal bonds offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1569—were awarded to the G. B. Sawyers Co. of Jacksonville at a premium of \$9,900, equal to 106.60, a basis of about 5.36%. Date April 1 1922. Due on April 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1927 incl.; \$4,000, 1928 to 1931 incl.; \$5,000, 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$6,000, 1935 and 1936; \$7,000, 1937 and 1938; \$8,000, 1939 to 1941 incl.; \$9,000, 1942 and 1943; \$10,000, 1944 and 1945; \$9,000, 1946, and \$10,000, 1947.

BARBERTON, Summit County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$2,623 50 6% water works bonds, which were offered for sale on April 16.—V. 116, p. 1569.

BARNWELL COUNTY (P. O. Barnwell), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta have purchased the following 2 issues of 5 1/2% bonds: Due \$2,000 yearly from 1924 to 1943, inclusive. \$40,000 road and bridge bonds. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1938, incl., and \$4,000, 1939 to 1943, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O), payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City.

BATTLE GROUND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Vancouver), Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election, to vote on issuing \$28,000 high school bonds, will be held on April 28.

BAYARD, Morrill County, Nebr.—NO BONDS TO BE ISSUED.—In answer to our inquiry regarding the result of the election, to vote on issuing \$1,500 park bonds held on April 3 (V. 116, p. 1327) James Burns, City Clerk, says: "No bonds will be issued, but warrants for \$1,500 to draw 7%."

BERGEN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, McHenry County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of March the State of North Dakota, purchased \$8,000 4% funding bonds at par. Date Aug. 1 1920. Due Aug. 1 1940. Although bonds are not subject to call, they may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

BLADELL, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Forest F. Glezen, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 8 p. m. April 30 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$119,229 sewer and sewage disposal plant bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5%. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$769 16. Date April 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due \$4,769 16 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1953, incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

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 27 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 May 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1926 to 1930, incl.; \$10,000, 1931 to 1934, incl.; \$20,000, 1935 to 1941, incl.; and \$10,000, 1942 and 1943. A cert. check for \$1,000, on a local bank, required. Bonds and attorney's opinion to be furnished by purchaser. A like amount of bonds was offered on April 20.—V. 116, p. 1683.

BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. Taunton), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On April 17 S. N. Bond & Co. were awarded, it is stated, \$50,000 tuberculosis hospital maintenance notes, dated April 18 and maturing April 18 1924, off a 4.45% discount basis plus a \$1 75 premium.

BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Jerry C. Leary, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 8 p. m. May 1 for the purchase at not less than par of the following 4 1/2% bonds: \$10,000 refunding bonds. Denoms. (9) \$1,000, (2) \$500. Due May 1 1953. 75,000 street impmt. bonds. Denoms. (55) \$1,000, (10) \$2,000. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1928 and 1929; \$11,000, 1930; \$9,000, 1931; \$7,000, 1932; \$6,000, 1933; \$5,000, 1934; \$4,000, 1935 and 1936; \$3,000, 1937; \$1,000, 1938 and 1939. 7,750 sewer bonds. Denoms. (4) \$1,000, (3) \$1,250. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$2,250, 1928 1929 and 1930, and \$1,000, 1931. Date May 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York City.

BROOKHAVEN SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brookhaven), Lincoln County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis, has purchased \$150,000 5 1/4% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Dec. 5 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis. Due serially on Dec. 5 from 1923 to 1947.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Actual value of all taxable property (estimated) \$6,500,000. Assessed value, 1922 3,017,908. Total bonded debt (this issue only) 150,000. Total bonded debt less than 5% of assessed valuation, Population, 1920 Census, 4,706.

BRYAN, Brazos County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 10—V. 116, p. 1451—the \$25,000 street improvement bond issue carried by a vote of 147 to 24.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase, at not less than par and int., of the four issues of 4% coupon or registered bonds listed below will be received by Ross Graves, Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, until 11 a. m. Apr. 25: \$200,000 park bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl. 100,000 Bird Island pier impmt. bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl. 800,000 J. N. Adam Memorial Hospital bonds. Due \$40,000 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl. 1,700,000 water bonds. Due May 1 1953. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, or at the Hanover National Bank, New York, at holder's option. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the office of the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts on May 1 or as soon thereafter as the bonds are prepared. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York.

BUHL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Buhl), Twin Falls County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—G. E. Miller & Co. of Portland have purchased \$35,000 5 1/2% school bonds at par.

BUTTS COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Ga.—BOND SALE.—J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta have purchased \$150,000 5% road bonds at \$169,775 (113.17), a basis of about 4.22%. Date Mar. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due Mar. 1 1953. Notice of this sale was given in V. 116, p. 202; it is given again as additional information has come to hand.

CANANDAIGUA, Ontario County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 4 1/2% bonds offered for sale on April 17—V. 116, p. 1684—were awarded to Union National Corp. of N. Y. at 101.25, a basis of about 4.31%. Date April 1 1923. Due \$5,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1938 inclusive. The following bids were received:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Bid, Name, Bid. Union Nat. Corp., N. Y. 101.25. Farson, Son & Co., N. Y. 101.06. G. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., New York 101.07. O'Brian, Potter & Co., Buffalo 100.619. Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., N. Y. 101.192. Clark, Williams & Co., N. Y. 101.213.

CANNON COUNTY (P. O. Woodbury), Tenn.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. April 23 by B. F. Wood, Clerk of the County Court, for \$50,000 6% coupon tax-free school notes. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at any bank in Woodbury. Date May 1 1923. Purchaser to bear expense of investigation as to legality of notes and also cost of having notes prepared by printer. A certified check for \$1,000 required.

CANON CITY, Fremont County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The International Trust Co. of Denver has purchased \$160,000 4 1/4% refunding water bonds.

CANTON, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 4 1/2% coupon refunding bonds offered for sale on April 18 (V. 116, p. 1451) were awarded to R. T. Barnes & Co. of Hartford, at 101.211. Date May 1 1923. Due \$2,000 yearly.

CANTON, Starke County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Sammel E. Barr, City Auditor, informs us that the Sinking Fund purchased three issues of 5 1/2% bonds on Mar. 1 at par and accrued int. The bonds are described as follows: \$14,500 00 land purchase bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due in 1938. 1,150 00 street impmt. bonds. Denom. \$575. Due 1925 and 1926. 29,005 27 "unpaid light bill of 1922" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 1934. Date Mar. 1 1923. Int. M. & S.

CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Canton), Stark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$295,000 4 1/2% building bonds offered on April 18 (V. 116, p. 1451) were awarded to Richards, Parish & Lamson of Cincinnati, and Keane, Higbie & Co. of Detroit, for \$295,767, equal to

100.26, a basis of about 4.48%. Date April 20 1923. Due \$13,000 on April 20 in each of the odd years from 1925 to 1937, incl.; \$12,000 on April 20 in even years from 1926 to 1936, incl., and \$12,000 yearly on April 20 from 1938 to 1948, inclusive.

CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Price), Utah.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$225,000 4 1/4% bonds awarded as stated in V. 116, p. 1327, 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 1943.

CARPIO SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ward County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of February. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Although bonds may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue, they are not subject to call.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Logansport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$56,000 5% bridge bonds which were offered for sale on March 23—V. 116, p. 1091—were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis, for \$57,204, equal to 102.167. Date Oct. 15 1922. Due serially beginning May 15 1924.

CASTLEROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Castlerock), Cowlitz County, Wash.—INTEREST RATE.—The \$50,000 school bonds awarded at par to the State of Washington as stated in V. 116, p. 1451, bear 4 1/2% interest.

CATHAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Wells County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% funding bonds at par during the month of March. Date July 1 1922. Due July 1 1942. Bonds are not subject of call, but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

CHAMBERS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Anahuae), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Apr. 28 to vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 5 1/2% road bonds. J. F. Willson, County Judge.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY (P. O. Urbana), Ill.—BONDS AWARDED. IN PART.—Of the three issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$2,500,000, which were offered for sale on Apr. 18 (V. 116, p. 1684), the \$500,000 issue was awarded to the Wm. R. Compton Co. and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago for \$517,951, equal to 103.5902, a basis of about 4.56%. Date May 1 1923. Due \$125,000 May 1 1924 and \$25,000 yearly on May 1 from 1929 to 1943 incl.

CHANCELLOR, Turner County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 7 p. m. April 23 by A. N. Berens, Town President, for \$10,000 6% electric light bonds. Date March 1 1923. Due March 1 1943, payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. A cert. check for 5% of issue required. The town will furnish the legal opinion of Lancaster, Simpson, Junell & Dorsey as to the legality of the bonds and also will furnish the blank bonds.

CHARLOTTE, Mecklenburg County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 coupon (registerable as to principal) water extension bonds offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1569—were purchased by Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., of New York, at 100.81, a basis of about 4.69%. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1925 to 1933, incl.; \$7,000 1939 to 1952, incl.; \$10,000 1953 to 1958, incl., and \$12,000 1959 to 1964, incl.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Premium, Name, Premium. Lists various banks and their bids for the Charlotte bonds.

CHESTER, Thayer County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—OFFERED.—At the election held on April 10—V. 116, p. 1327—the two issues submitted to a vote of the people at that time carried. \$6,000 bonds. Date July 1 1923. Due July 1 1943. 25,000 bonds. Date May 1 1922. Due May 1 1943. E. A. Garvin, Village Clerk, received bids for these bonds until April 18. Denom. \$500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office in Hebron.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On April 16 the \$18,500 5% Louis Spelestersbach et al. Charlestown & Owell Twps. highway impmt. bonds offered on that date—V. 116, p. 1684—were awarded to the Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis for \$18,761 (101.41) and interest, a basis of about 4.73%. Date April 2 1923. Due \$925 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl. Other bidders were:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Premium, Name, Premium. Lists bids for Clark County bonds.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 7 the following two issues of 5% bonds, offered on that date: V. 116, p. 1570—were awarded to Richards, Parish & Lamson for \$75,196 (101.36) and interest, a basis of about 4.83%; \$55,000 city hall bonds, second series. Denom. \$500. Due \$2,500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1945 inclusive. 19,184 (city's portion) street improvement bonds, first issue of 1923. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$184. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,184, 1924, and \$2,000, 1925 to 1933 inclusive. Date April 1 1923.

CLEVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, Rolette County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$6,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of March. Date Aug. 1 1920. Due Aug. 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

COLFAX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (P. O. Raton), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Ralph Calley, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. May 14 for \$20,000 6% 10-30-year (opt.) school building bonds. Bids for less than 90 will not be considered.

COLUMBIANA, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Alfred Barrow, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Apr. 27 for \$20,255 76 5% street impmt. bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$250 64. Date Nov. 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$2,250 64 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1924 to 1932 incl. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

CONDE, Spink County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 6% water-works bonds offered on Apr. 13 (V. 116, p. 1327) were awarded to the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis as 5 1/8% at a premium of \$452, equal to 101.29. Due 1 to 20 years.

CORNELIUS, Mecklenburg County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Bimpus, Hull & Co. of Detroit have purchased the \$30,000 6% coupon or registered street bonds offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1684—at a premium of \$431, equal to 101.43, a basis of about 5.85%. Date April 1 1923. Due on April 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926 to 1931 incl., and \$2,000, 1932 to 1943 incl.

CONKLIN COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Conklin R. D. 1), Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$8,000 5% school bonds was recently awarded to O'Brian, Potter & Co. of Buffalo.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Nueces County, Texas.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—The \$350,000 5% gas plant construction bonds offered on March 23—V. 116, p. 1327—were not sold, as no bids were received.

CORVALLIS, Benton County, Ore.—BONDS VOTED.—On April 6 the City Council voted to issue \$50,000 sewer extension bonds.

COUNCIL BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Council Bluffs), Pottawattamie County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The State Savings Bank of Council Bluffs purchased \$225,000 school bonds at a premium of \$3,700, equal to 101.64.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY (P. O. Fayetteville), No. Caro.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the \$455,000 5% coupon road and bridge bonds offered on April 12—V. 116, p. 1211—\$245,000 were awarded to a syndicate composed of Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., and A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., of New York, and the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at a premium of \$3,430, equal to 101.40, a basis of about 4.82%. Date March 1 1923. Due on March 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1926 to 1930, incl., and \$10,000, 1931 to 1951, incl.

CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Broken Bow), Nebr.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Apr. 30 to vote on the question of issuing \$36,000 school building bonds. In V. 116, p. 1684, we reported that an election would be held on Apr. 23; apparently the election has been postponed. E. J. Crawford, Director.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5% sewer bonds which were offered for sale on April 11—V. 116, p. 1452—were awarded to the Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee at a premium of \$4,010, equal to 104.01, a basis of about 4.52%. Date May 1 1923. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl. The following bids were also received:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Premium, Name, Premium. Lists bids from Otis & Co., Cleveland; Prov. S. B. & Tr. Co., Cin.; N. S. Hill & Co., Cin.; A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo; Hayden, Miller & Co., Cle.; Guardian Sav. & Tr. Co., Cle.; Richard, Parish & Lamson, Cleveland; Seagoon & Mayer, Cin.; Wm. R. Compton Co., Chi.; L. S. Rosenstiel Co., Cin.; Detroit Tr. Co., Detroit.

BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5% coupon sewer bonds which were offered for sale on April 11—V. 116, p. 1452—were awarded to the Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee for \$10,340, equal to 103.14, a basis of about 4.61%. Date May 1 1923. Due \$500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl. The following bids were also received:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Premium, Name, Premium. Lists bids from Otis & Co., Cleveland; Prov. S. B. & Tr. Co., Cin.; N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati; Guardian Sav. & Tr. Co., Cleve.; Richard, Parish & Lamson, Cle.; Seagoon & Mayer, Cin.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. J. Hieber, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 11 a. m. Apr. 25 for the purchase of \$100,000 5% coupon sewer district No. 1 assessment bonds. Auth. Sec. 6602-2 of the General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl. A cert. check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

DAYTON, Armstrong County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by Lewis Davis, Secretary of Borough Council until May 1 for the purchase of \$25,000 4 1/2% coupon street imp. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in Dayton. Due on May 1 as follows: \$2,500 1928; \$3,000 1933; \$3,500 1938; \$5,000 1943; \$5,500 1948 and 1953. A cert. check for 1/2% is required.

DEER LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40, Stutsman County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of March the State of North Dakota purchased \$7,000 4% building bonds at par. Date Aug. 1 1920. Due Aug. 1 1930. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Delaware), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$63,400 5% Franklin-Delaware road improvement bonds was recently sold to Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati on a bid of 103.

DICKINSON COUNTY (P. O. Iron Mountain), Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on April 2—V. 116, p. 743—the proposition to issue \$90,000 infirmity bonds was defeated.

DODGE COUNTY (P. O. Juneau), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. May 1 by E. F. Becker, County Clerk, for the following 5% coupon highway bonds: \$800,000 bonds, Denom. \$1,000. Due Apr. 1 1938. 179,000 bonds, Denom. \$1,000. Due Apr. 1 1942. 106,000 bonds, Denom. \$1,000. Due Apr. 1 1924. 200,000 bonds, Denom. \$500. Due Apr. 1 1925. 200,000 bonds, Denom. \$500. Due Apr. 1 1929. 200,000 bonds, Denom. \$1,000. Due Apr. 1 1934.

A cert. check for 2% of bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued int. Int. semi-ann. Bonds to be paid for and delivered as follows: \$200,000 as soon as printed and signed; \$200,000 July 1 1923; \$200,000 Aug. 1 1923; \$365,000 Sept. 1 1923.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. Valley), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 5% registered school bonds offered on April 2—V. 116, p. 1327—were awarded to the Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha at a premium of \$1,330, equal to 101.56, a basis of about 4.83%. Due on March 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1926 incl.; \$3,000, 1927 to 1930 incl.; \$4,000, 1931 and 1932; \$5,000, 1933 to 1939 incl., and \$6,000, 1940 to 1943 incl.

DOVER SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dover), Del.—BOND SALE.—The William R. Compton Co. of New York has purchased \$185,000 5% gold coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Apr. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Farmers' Bank of Dover, Dover. Due yearly on Apr. 1 from 1924 to 1946 incl.

DUQUESNE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Duquesne), Allegheny County, Pa.—PRICE PAID.—The bid on which Glover & MacGregor were awarded the \$300,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds on Apr. 10 (V. 116, p. 1685) was \$318,781 (106.26) and interest, a basis of about 4.09%. Other bidders were: Harris, Forbes & Co., N. Y. \$311,727; Graham, Parsons & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Phila. 318,090; Philadelphia 314,267; Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh 312,258; Redmond & Co., Pittsburgh 313,710; Mellon Nat. Bank, Pittsb. 316,172; Hill, Wright & Frew, Pitts. 313,602.

DURBIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12, Cass County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$8,800 4% building bonds at par during the month of March. Date Aug. 1 1920. Due Aug. 1 1930. Although bonds are not subject to call, they may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

EASTWOOD, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl A. Bence, Village Treasurer, will receive bids until 8 p. m. May 1 for the purchase at not less than par of \$60,000 street paving bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the First Trust & Deposit Co. of Syracuse. Due \$3,000 yearly on May 1 from 1927 to 1946 incl. Cert. check on a national bank for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York, and Chas. F. McKay, Syracuse.

ELECTRA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Electra), Wichita County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 9—V. 116, p. 1329—the \$196,000 school bonds were voted by a count of 507 to 82. These bonds, which bear 5% interest, have already been disposed of to a Little Rock (Ark.) firm at par. Notice of the sale was given in V. 116, p. 1092.

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Roy M. Stark, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. April 30 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$38,000 4 1/2% Isaac J. Grimes et al. road bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$450. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$950 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1943, incl.

ELLWOOD CITY, Lawrence County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Geo. S. Rothmeyer, Borough Secretary, until 12 m. April 27 for the purchase of \$135,000 4 1/2% improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

ELYRIA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elyria), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—S. S. Rockwood, Clerk, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. April 30 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued int. of \$175,000 4 3/4% school bonds. Auth., Secs. 5649-4 and 7630-1 of the Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 2 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Savings Deposit Bank & Trust Co. of Elyria. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1924, and \$8,000, 1925 to 1945, incl. Cert. check on some solvent bank for \$5,000, payable to the Clerk, Board of Education, required.

ENGLEVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Ramsey County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 5% building bonds at par during the month of March. Date July 1 1920.

Due July 1 1940. Although bonds are not optional they may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

BOND SALE.—During the month of February the State of North Dakota purchased \$12,000 4% building bonds at par. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

ENNIS, Ellis County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—On April 10 \$60,000 paving bonds were voted by a count of 430 "for" to 75 "against."

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 10 a. m. May 1 by Thomas Hanlon, City Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par and int. of the following 3 issues of 4 1/4% coupon, with privilege of registration as to principal, bonds: \$55,000 railroad grade crossing elimination bonds, Series A. Due \$1,000, May 15 1925, and \$2,000, yearly on May 15 from 1926 to 1952, incl. 45,000 railroad grade crossing elimination bonds, Series B. Due yearly on May 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1935, incl., and \$2,000, 1936 to 1952, inclusive. 325,000 intercepting sewer and sewage disposal works bonds. Due yearly on May 15 as follows: \$8,000, 1925 to 1929, incl., and \$10,000, 1930 to 1938, inclusive, and \$13,000, 1939 to 1953, inclusive.

Date May 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N. 15), payable in lawful money of the U. S. at the City Treasurer's office. Bonds are advertised as free from Pennsylvania State taxes. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City of Erie, required. Bonds are to be delivered and paid for at the City Treasurer's office. The official circular states that there is no litigation pending, or threatened, affecting the corporate existence of the City of Erie, the present boundaries thereof, the titles of its present officers to their respective offices, the validity of these or any other Erie bonds.

EUREKA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76, Williams County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of March the State of North Dakota purchased \$3,500 4% building bonds at par. Date Aug. 1 1920. Due Aug. 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

EVERETT, Snohomish County, Wash.—NO BIDS.—No bids were received for the \$100,000 market revenue bonds offered on April 7—V. 116, p. 1452. Date April 9 1923. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1936, incl., and \$16,000, 1937 to 1941, incl.

FELICITY, Clermont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Ray Canter, Village Clerk, until 12 m. April 23 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$4,130 6% deficiency bonds. Auth. Section 3916 of the General Code. Denom. \$500 and \$630. Date Sept. 6 1919. Int. M. & S. 6. Due yearly on Sept. 6 as follows: \$500, 1924 to 1930, incl.; \$630, 1931. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award.

FORT GIBSON, Muskogee County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED—BONDS MAY BE CONTESTED.—At the election held on April 3—V. 116, p. 1212—the \$45,000 negotiable coupon bonds for the purpose of providing funds for the construction of a sanitary sewer system were voted. The "Oklahoma" of April 10 says:

"Validity of \$45,000 bonds voted for sewer purposes will be contested in the courts if city officials make an effort to proceed with the work. It has been announced by attorneys for tax-payers, who contend the bonds are illegal. Those who insist the bonds did not carry maintain the issue requires 60% of the total vote cast, while others who contend the issue is legal assert the Attorney-General's office has held a bare majority is all that is necessary. The official vote on the bonds shows they carried by a majority of 12. That disqualified persons were permitted to participate in the election will be one of the questions also advanced in the proposed suit to invalidate the issue."

FOSTORIA, Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. May 2 by J. A. Bradner, City Auditor, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following 5 1/2% special assessment street-improvement bonds:

\$18,000 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Auth., Laws of Ohio, and especially Sections 3881, 3914, 3914-1 and 3939 of the General Code. Due \$2,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive.

34,000 bonds. Denom. \$500. Auth., Laws of Ohio and especially Sections 3881, 3914, 3914-1 and 3939 of the General Code. Due \$4,000 in the even years and \$3,500 in the odd years from Sept. 1 1924 to 1932, inclusive.

3,975 bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$475. Auth., Laws of Ohio and especially Sections 3881, 3914, 3914-1 and 3939 of the General Code. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$475, 1925, and \$500, 1926 to 1932, inclusive.

4,000 bonds. Denom. \$500. Auth., Laws of Ohio and especially Sections 3881, 3914, 3914-1 and 3939 of the General Code. Due \$500 yearly on March 1 from 1925 to 1932, inclusive.

10,750 bonds. Denom. \$500, except one for \$750. Auth., Laws of Ohio and especially Sections 3914, 3914-1 and 6559 of the General Code. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$1,250, 1925; \$1,500, 1926; \$1,000, 1927 and 1928; \$1,500, 1929; \$1,000, 1930 and 1931; \$1,500, 1932, and \$1,000, 1933.

6,300 bonds. Denom. \$700. Auth., Laws of Ohio and especially Sections 3914, 3914-1 and 6959 of the General Code. Due \$700 yearly on March 1 from 1925 to 1933, inclusive.

19,650 bonds. Denoms. 18 for \$1,000, 2 for \$500 and 1 for \$650. Auth., Laws of Ohio, and especially Sections 3881, 3914, 3914-1 and 3939 of the General Code. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,650, 1924; \$2,000, 1925 to 1927, inclusive; \$2,500, 1928; \$2,000, 1929 and 1930; \$2,500, 1931, and \$2,000, 1932.

17,500 bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$500. Auth., Laws of Ohio and especially Sections 3881, 3914, 3914-1 and 3939 of the General Code. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1931, inclusive, and \$1,500, 1932.

20,800 bonds. Denoms. 36 for \$500, 8 for \$300 and 1 for \$400. Auth., Laws of Ohio and especially Section 3939 of the General Code. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,400, 1924, and \$2,300, 1925 to 1932, inclusive.

Date March 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award.

FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon sewer bonds offered on April 17 (V. 116, p. 1685) was awarded to White, Weld & Co. of Boston, at 100.937 and int., a basis of about 4.4%. Date April 1 1923. Due \$5,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1953, inclusive.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Campbell), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,500 school bonds offered on April 12—V. 116, p. 1452—were purchased by Henry L. Henriux, as 5 at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 14 1923. Int. A.-O. In answer to our query, "Can bonds be retired before maturity? When?" the district official says, "Yes, in 5 years."

FREMONT COUNTY (P. O. Sidney), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—R. R. Armstrong, County Auditor, will receive bids until 2 p. m. April 25 for \$47,000 6% Missouri River Bank Protection District No. 1 drainage bonds.

GAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—During the month of March the State of Nebraska purchased \$8,000 5% school bonds at par. Date Mar. 1 1923. Due Mar. 1 1943; optional Mar. 1 1931.

GALT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39, Walsh County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$40,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of March. Date Aug. 1 1920. Due Aug. 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

GALVESTON COUNTY (P. O. Galveston), Texas.—BONDS DEFEATED.—A special telegraphic dispatch from our Western correspondent advises us that the \$1,000,000 highway bond issue failed to carry at the election held on April 14—V. 116, p. 1212.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 10 the Tillotson & Wolcott Co., of Cleveland, was awarded for \$115,398 29, equal to 102.06, fourteen issues of 5 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$13,065 29. In which the following ten issues are included: \$7,410 00 Rexwood Ave. sewer bonds. Denom. \$750 and \$740. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$750, 1923, and \$740, 1924 to 1932, inclusive.

\$9,245 00 Alvin Ave. water main bonds. Denom. \$900 and \$1,145. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,145, 1923, and \$900, 1924 to 1932, inclusive.

3,102 48 Melgrove Ave. water main bonds. Denom. \$402 48 and \$300. Date April 1 1923. Due \$402 48 Oct. 1 1924, and \$300 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1933, inclusive.

5,450 00 Alvin Ave. sewer bonds. Denom. \$550 and \$500. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1923, and \$550, 1924 to 1932, inclusive.

3,490 00 Saybrook Ave. sewer bonds. Denom. \$350 and \$340. Date April 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$340, 1924, and \$350, 1925 to 1933, inclusive.

40,066 15 Rockwood Road pavement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$1,066 15. Date April 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,066 15, 1924; \$4,000, 1925; \$5,000, 1926; \$4,000, 1927 and 1928; \$5,000, 1929; \$4,000, 1930 and 1931; and \$5,000, 1932.

6,965 00 Rexwood Ave. water main bonds. Denoms. \$665 and \$700. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due \$665 Oct. 1 1923, and \$700 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive.

1,440 00 East 139th Street water main bonds. Denoms. \$140 and \$100. Date April 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$140, 1924; \$100, 1925; \$240, 1926; \$100, 1927; \$200, 1928; \$100, 1929; \$200, 1930; \$100, 1931 and 1932; and \$200, 1933.

21,333 91 Birchwood Ave. paving bonds. Denoms. \$1,333 91 and \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,333 91, 1924; \$2,000, 1925; \$3,000, 1926; \$2,000, 1927 and 1928; \$3,000, 1929; \$2,000, 1930 and 1931; and \$3,000, 1932.

1,046 80 East 126th Street water main construction bonds. Denom. \$100 and \$46 80. Date April 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$46 80, 1924; \$100, 1925 to 1932, inclusive, and \$200, 1933.

GERMANTOWN, Columbia County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on April 4 issues of \$95,000 school bldg. bonds and \$6,000 land bonds were voted by a count of 144 "for" to 17 "against."

GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Princeton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by Earl M. Miller, County Treasurer, until 11 a. m. April 10 for the purchase at not less than par of \$33,000 5% coupon E. B. Whitney et al. highway bonds. Denoms. 40 for \$500 and 40 for \$325. Date April 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due each six months beginning May 15 1924.

GRAHAM, Tazewell County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$37,500 5% street and sidewalk bonds offered on April 10—V. 116, p. 1453—were awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo. Date March 1 1923. Due March 1 1933.

GRANADA DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Lamar), Prowers County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The \$90,000 drainage bonds offered on April 9—V. 116, p. 1328—were awarded as 6s to Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver at 97.63 flat, with a deposit arrangement.

GRAND JUNCTION, Mesa County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Our Western representative advises us in a special telegraphic dispatch that the \$66,000 Paving District No. 7 bonds offered on April 18—V. 116, p. 1686—were awarded jointly at 100.41 to Bosworth, Chanute & Co. and the International Trust Co., both of Denver.

GREAT SCOTT (P. O. Kinney), St. Louis County, Minn.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$60,000 5% refunding bonds offered on March 22—V. 116, p. 1212—were not sold as no bids were received. Date May 14 1921. John V. Erickson, Town Clerk, says: "Bonds will be put on sale at a later date, which is not set yet."

GREENWICH, Huron County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 12 m. May 11 by F. H. Daniels, Village Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$6,000 6% water works impt. bonds issued under authority of Section 3939, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due \$500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1935 incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award.

HAMLET SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Renville County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of March the State of North Dakota purchased \$20,000 4% building bonds at par. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

HAMMOND, Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. May 16 by H. Broertjes, City Comptroller, for \$38,000 5% coupon fire station and equipment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due yearly on May 15 as follows: \$2,000 1924 to 1930, incl., and \$3,000 1931 to 1938, incl. Certified check for 2½% required. Purchaser to pay for printing of bonds.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Bay St. Louis), Miss.—BOND SALE.—CORRECTION.—Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc. of New Orleans, have purchased \$400,000 5% road and bridge bonds. In V. 116, p. 1213 we incorrectly reported the amount of this sale as \$4,000.

HEBRON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13, Morton County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of March, the State of North Dakota, purchased \$20,000 4% funding bonds at par. Date Oct. 1 1920. Due Oct. 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

HEMING FORD, Box Butte County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—The election which was to have taken place on April 3—V. 116, p. 1329—to vote on the question of issuing \$5,000 6% 10-20 year (opt.) water bonds was postponed because of failure to post notice of election in time. These bonds have been sold to Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver subject to being voted at the election.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. East Rockaway), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$175,500 4½% coupon school bonds offered for sale on Apr. 18 (V. 116, p. 1676), were awarded to the Union National Bank of N. Y. C. at 101.65, a basis of about 4.35%. Date May 10 1923. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$4,500 1925 to 1928 incl. and \$7,500 1929 to 1949 incl.

HENDERSON, Vance County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by S. B. Burwell, City Clerk, until 10 a. m. May 2 for the following issues of bonds:

\$180,000 street and sidewalk impt. bonds (composed of \$130,000 street and \$50,000 sidewalk). Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1924 to 1933, incl., and \$8,000, 1934 to 1943, incl.

20,000 sewer bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on March 1 from 1926 to 1945, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable in gold in N. Y. City. Interest rate not to exceed 6%, to be named by bidder. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. The bonds are to 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. Legality will be approved by Chester B. Masslich. Bids to be made on blank forms to be furnished by above Clerk or said trust company. Bonds will be delivered on or about May 23 1923, in New York City, or, at purchaser's cost for delivery and exchange, at the place of his choice. No bid of less than par and accrued interest will be considered.

HIGHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Hillsboro), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. S. Kerns, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 7 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$32,000 5% coupon Road Improvement No. 66 construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$4,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1931, inclusive. Certified check for \$500 required. Bonds are issued under the authority of the General Laws of Ohio, particularly Sections 6906 to 6956, inclusive, of the General Code.

HOLMES COUNTY (P. O. Millersburg), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—T. D. Glasgow, County Auditor, will receive sealed proposals until 1 p. m. April 28 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$45,000 5½% coupon Section C-2 of the Navarre-Berlin Road I. C. H. No. 79 in Paint Township bonds. Denom. \$4,500. Date May 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Due \$9,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1928, inclusive. Certified check or cash on some solvent bank in Holmes County for \$2,250, payable to the above official, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award. The bonds are issued under the authority of the General Laws of the State of Ohio, and more especially under Section 1223

and under authority of a certain resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County, on April 2.

Sealed proposals will be received by T. D. Glasgow, County Aud., until 1:30 p. m. April 28 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$24,000 5½% coupon Kilbuck-Shreve road impt. bonds. Auth. Sec. 6909, 6955, of the Gen. Code. Denom. \$2,400. Date May 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Due \$4,800 Sept. 1 1924 and Sept. 1 1925, and \$2,400 each 6 months from March 1 1926 to Sept. 1 1928, incl. A cert. check for 5% of the aggregate amount drawn on some solvent bank in Holmes County and payable to the County Auditor is required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award.

HOLYOKE, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—According to newspaper reports, the city has awarded \$200,000 revenue loan notes, due Nov. 7 1923, to S. N. Bond & Co. on a 4.24% discount basis plus \$1 75 premium.

HOUSTON, Harris County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—According to the Houston "Post" of April 10, the result of the election on April 9 was as follows: \$150,000 in bonds for the construction of Buffalo bayou drive. For this the vote was 2,311 "for" and 1,197 "against." The total vote on the other issues was: For \$200,000 in bonds for gravel pavement, 3,169; against, 1,733. For \$500,000 in bonds for permanent pavement, 3,243; against, 1,623. For \$250,000 for storm sewers, 3,040; against, 1,461. For \$150,000 in bonds for White Oak bayou drive, 2,963; against, 1,762. Notice of this election was given in V. 116, p. 1213.

HUDSON, Columbia County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Chairman of the Finance Committee until 5 p. m. Apr. 26 for the purchase of the following 4½% coupon or registered bonds:

\$110,000 street improvement bonds. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1928 to 1932 incl. and \$20,000 1933 to 1935 incl.

16,000 sewer construction bonds. Due \$4,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1927 to 1930 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. A cert. check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Dickey County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$8,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of March. Date Aug. 1 1920. Due Aug. 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Orange County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 8 p. m. April 30 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 at first scheduled to be offered on April 9—V. 116, p. 1572—but due to an error in publication the offering was postponed until April 23 (V. 116, p. 1686). It has now been postponed until above date.

HUTCHINSON, McLeod County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5% street-impt. bonds offered on April 10—V. 116, p. 1572—were awarded to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. and the Minneapolis Trust Co. as 4¾s at a premium of \$456, equal to 100.30, a basis of about 4.72%. Date April 1 1923. Due on April 1 as follows: \$7,000, in all even years from 1924 to 1942, incl., and \$8,000 in all odd years from 1925 to 1943, incl.

INDIANA (State of)—BOND SALE APPROVED—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The sale of the \$1,000,000 4½% State fair ground bonds, awarded on March 20 to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis and the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago at 97, a basis of about 4.86%, has been approved by the State Board of Agriculture, and the bonds are now being offered to investors. The bonds are coupon, registerable as to principal, in denomination of \$1,000 each. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Northern Trust Co., Chicago, or Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis, at holder's option. The bonds are being offered at prices to yield 4.35%, 4.40%, and 4.50%, as follows:

Amount.	Maturity.	Yield.	Price.	Amount.	Maturity.	Yield.	Price.
25,000	July 1 1925	4.50	100.00	75,000	July 1 1933	4.35	101.23
25,000	July 1 1926	4.50	100.00	75,000	July 1 1934	4.35	101.32
50,000	July 1 1927	4.50	100.00	100,000	July 1 1935	4.35	101.41
50,000	July 1 1928	4.50	100.00	100,000	July 1 1936	4.35	101.49
50,000	July 1 1929	4.50	100.00	100,000	July 1 1937	4.35	101.58
50,000	July 1 1930	4.40	100.61	100,000	July 1 1938	4.35	101.66
50,000	July 1 1931	4.40	100.68	125,000	July 1 1939	4.35	101.73
50,000	July 1 1932	4.40	100.75				

Legality of these bonds has been approved by Chapman, Cutler & Parker, Chicago; Smith, Remser, Hornbrook & Smith, and Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord of Indianapolis, and the Attorney-General of Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. May 8 by Jos. L. Hogue, City Comptroller, for the purchase of all or any part, at not less than par and int., of \$375,000 4½% coupon bonds, second issue of 1923. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.). Due \$7,500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1974, incl. If bonds are not sold on May 8 the offering will be continued from day to day until the entire issue is disposed of. Bonds shall be negotiable as inland bills of exchange and shall be payable at the office of the County Treasurer or one of the authorized depositories of the city. These bonds are not an obligation of the City of Indianapolis, but of the Sanitary District as a special taxing district. Cert. check on an Indianapolis bank or trust company for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Apparently these are the bonds which on Feb. 20 were awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago for that issue, like this, was designated "Second Issue, 1923." It seems that that sale was not completed.

IOWA (State of)—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—It is reported that there were no bids received for the \$22,000,000 4½% State Soldiers' Bonus bonds offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1329. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due \$1,100,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1942, incl.

IOWA CITY, Johnson County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—In answer to our request for a description of \$35,767 95 paving bonds, Geo. J. Dohrer, City Clerk, says: "These bonds were sold locally to residents of Iowa City; some have already been paid off."

JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On April 18 the following four issues of bonds, which were offered for sale on that date—V. 116, p. 1686—were awarded to Wm. R. Compton Co. of Chicago on a bid of \$240,782, equal to 100.783, for 4¾s, a basis of about 4.41%:

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 paving and sewer bonds. Due yearly on April 16 as follows: \$3,500, 1930; \$5,000, 1931; \$5,500, 1932; \$6,000, 1933 to 1936 inclusive; \$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. (April 16 and Oct. 16) payable at the Central State Bank of Jackson, and the National Bank of Commerce, New York.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Walden), Colo.—AMOUNT OF BONDS CHANGED.—The amount of the 4½% court house and jail bonds awarded to Este & Co. of Denver as stated in V. 116, p. 1686, has been changed from \$14,400 to \$14,000, as \$400 have been retired.

JAMESTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stutsman County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$40,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of March. Date Jan. 1 1922. Due Jan. 1 1942. Although bonds are not subject to call, they may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

BOND SALE.—During the month of February the State of North Dakota purchased \$80,000 4% building bonds at par. Date Jan. 1 1922. Due Jan. 1 1942. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

JEFFERSON WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, Jefferson County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Morris Bros. Corp. of Portland, have purchased \$5,000,000 6% gold coupon bonds and is now offering to investors \$4,910,000 of this issue, which is described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the County Treasurer's office in Madras, or at the fiscal agency of the State in N. Y. City; at option of holder. The \$4,910,000 bonds, which are being offered mature as follows: \$45,000, 1933; \$145,000, 1934; \$150,000, 1935; \$160,000, 1936; \$170,000, 1937; \$185,000, 1938; \$195,000, 1939; \$205,000, 1940; \$215,000, 1941; \$230,000, 1942; \$245,000, 1943; \$260,000, 1944; \$275,000, 1945; \$290,000, 1946; \$310,000, 1947; \$325,000, 1948; \$345,000, 1949; \$365,000, 1950; \$385,000, 1951, and \$410,000, 1952.

JENNINGS, Jefferson Davis Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., of New Orleans, have purchased the \$135,000 5 1/2% coupon street paving bonds offered on Apr. 16 (V. 116, p. 1453) at a premium of \$2,727, equal to 102.02, a basis of about 5.34%. Date Nov. 1 1922. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1923 and 1924; \$2,000 1925; \$1,000 1926; \$2,000 1927 to 1933 incl.; \$3,000 1934; \$2,000 1935; \$3,000 1936 to 1940 incl.; \$4,000 1941 and 1942; \$3,000 1943; \$5,000 1944; \$4,000 1945; \$5,000 1946 to 1949 incl.; \$6,000 1950 to 1952 incl.; \$7,000 1953 and 1954, and \$8,000 1955 to 1957 incl.

JERRY KILPATRICK SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT, Hernando County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—L. B. Varn, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners (P. O. Brooksville), will receive sealed bids until May 7 for \$75,000 6% road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000 or \$3,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, or at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City. Due \$3,000 yearly from 1924 to 1948 incl. A like amount of bonds was offered on Feb. 3 (V. 116, p. 204).

JOHNSTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. May 1 by H. B. Marrow, Supt. Board of Public Instruction (P. O. Smithfield), for the following 2 issues of 6% school bonds: \$25,000 Wilson's Mills School District bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on May 1 from 1929 to 1953 inclusive. 20,000 Micro Graded School District bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on May 1 from 1934 to 1953 inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. A cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to W. G. Wilson, Chairman, required. Bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., of N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the county officials and the seal impressed thereon. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of N. Y. City as to the legality of the signatures of the county officials and of Peck, Shaffer & Williams of Cincinnati as to the legality of the Micro Graded School District issue will be furnished the purchaser without charge. Bids to be made on blank forms to be furnished by above Clerk or said trust company. Bonds will be delivered to the purchasers at the office of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City, on May 15, and must then be paid for in New York funds.

JOPLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Joplin), Jasper County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. May 1 by Jesse A. Zook, Secretary, Board of Education, for \$75,000 5% school bldg. repairing bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the Conqueror Trust Co., Joplin. Due May 1 1933; optional May 1 1928. Bonds will be furnished by school district. A cert. check for \$1,500,000 payable to J. G. Stare, District Treasurer, required. The official circular states: Prin. and int. of all previous issues have been promptly paid. No previous issue has been contested, and there is no litigation pending or threatened concerning the validity of these bonds.

KALISPELL, Flathead County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 2—V. 116, p. 1453—the \$5,000 5% water bond issue carried by a vote of 133 "for" to 59 "against." A. G. Swaney, City Clerk.

KELSO, Cowlitz County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—M. J. Lord, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. April 24 for \$25,000 coupon city bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in Kelso. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Due in 20 years; optional after 5 years. A certified check for \$500 required.

KENMORE, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by P. E. Waxler, City Auditor, until 12 m. May 5 (Central Standard time) for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$11,000 5 1/2% city's portion sewer-construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 15 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1934, inclusive. A certified check for 5% of the amount of the bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award.

KINYON SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 75, Cass and Traill Counties, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of February. Date Dec. 31 1920. Due Dec. 31 1940. Although bonds are not subject to call, they may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Painesville), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 5% coupon Lake County hospital bonds, offered on April 5—V. 116, p. 1213—have been sold to Hayden, Miller & Co. of Cleveland for \$205,677, equal to 102.83, a basis of about 4.67%. Date April 1 1923. Due \$10,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1944 incl. A bid of \$205,000 was also received from the Tillotson & Wolcott Co. of Cleveland. Word as to whether the \$150,000 5% Madison Sewer District No. 1 bonds, offered for sale at the same time, were sold has not as yet been received by us.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Tiptonville), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—A special wire from our Western correspondent, advises us that bids will be received until May 15 for \$75,000 5% 25-year school bonds.

LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. O. Guild, Director of Finance, will receive bids until 12 m. May 7 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$41,000 5% street-opening bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Director of Finance. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1930, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1931 to 1947, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds, payable to the City of Lakewood, required.

LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY (P. O. Baudette), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% coupon 10-year bonds offered on March 15—V. 116, p. 1094—were purchased by the First National Bank of Baudette at par.

LAMAR, Darlington County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 water-works and \$30,000 sewerage 6% bonds offered on April 3—V. 116, p. 1454—were purchased by J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Mechanics & Metals Nat. Bank, N. Y. City. Due on April 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1933, incl.; \$2,000, 1934 to 1938, incl.; \$3,000, 1939 to 1948, incl., and \$4,000, 1949 to 1953, incl.

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The City Trust Co. of Indianapolis, has purchased and is now offering to investors at prices to yield 4.25%, 4.30%, 4.35% and 4.40%, according to maturities, an issue of \$125,000 5% tax-free bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$1,250. Date March 15 1923. Due \$6,250 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation.....\$94,861,661
Total debt, including this issue.....364,500

LARIMER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 (P. O. Laporte), Colo.—BOND ELECTION—BOND SALE.—Subject to being voted at an election to be held on May 7 \$10,000 5 1/2% refunding 10-20-year (opt.) bonds have been purchased by the International Trust Co. of Denver.

LARIMORE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Larimore), Grand Forks County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—A. P. Lord, Clerk, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. April 27 for all or any part of \$20,000 refunding bonds, subject to the bonds being authorized by the voters. A certified check for \$500 required. Bids to be submitted both on a straight 10-year bond and on a 10-year serial bond. Bonds to be furnished by purchaser.

LA SALLE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jana), La.—BOND SALE.—Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., of New Orleans, have purchased \$40,000 school bonds.

LIBERTY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Liberty R. F. D. 5), Union County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Byron B. Nickels, Township Trustee, until 3 p. m. May 7 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$28,500 5% school bonds. Denom. \$712.50. Date May 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.), payable at the Citizens Bank of Liberty. Due \$712.50 each 6 months from July 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1944, incl. A certified check for \$300, payable to the Township Trustee is required.

LINCOLN, Lancaster County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—The following 2 issues of bonds offered on April 12 (V. 116, p. 1330) were awarded, we are advised in a special telegraphic dispatch from our Western correspondent, to the State of Nebraska: \$192,790 Denom. to suit purchaser. Due 1-10th yearly on April 1 beginning 1924.

46,110 issued for paying cost of improvements in several water Districts. Denom. to suit purchaser. Due 1-5th yearly on April 1 beginning 1924.

Date April 1 1923.

LINDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Cavalier County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of March the State of North Dakota purchased \$25,000 4% building bonds at par. Date Dec. 31 1920. Due Dec. 31 1940. Although bonds are not subject to call they may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

LINDSAY, Platte County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 water bonds offered on Mar. 22 (V. 116, p. 1214) were awarded to James Wachob & Co. of Omaha, at a premium of \$58, equal to 100.48.

LOGAN, Cache County, Utah.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. April 26 by J. L. Montrose, City Recorder, for \$65,000 5% coupon refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. City. Due \$5,000 yearly on May 1 from 1925 to 1937, incl. A cert. check on a reliable bank or trust company for 3% of issue, required. The City will furnish blank bonds and also the approving opinion of John C. Thomson, N. Y. City, without cost to the purchaser.

BOND ELECTION.—An election, to vote on the question of issuing \$300,000 5% serial electric plant rebuilding bonds will be held on May 15.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS REOFFERED.—Robert Dominguez, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10:30 a. m. April 24 for \$2,000,000 sewage disposal and \$2,500,000 fire protection bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 4 1/2%. These bonds were offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1330—but were not sold as the only bid received was rejected, as it came after the time appointed for receiving bids.

LOS ANGELES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,540,000 4 3/4% school building bonds offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1687—were purchased by a syndicate composed of the Anglo-California Trust Co., California Co., California Security Co., Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles, all of Los Angeles, Merchants Security Co. of San Francisco, Cyrus Peirce & Co. Security Co. of Los Angeles, Wm. R. Staats Co. and R. H. Moulton & Co. of Los Angeles, and the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, at a premium of \$32,315, equal to 101.27, a basis of about 4.67%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$63,000, 1923 to 1942 incl., and \$64,000, 1943 to 1962 incl.

LOS ANGELES CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Anglo-California Trust Co., California Co., California Security Co., Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles, Security Co., Wm. R. Staats Co. and R. H. Moulton & Co., all of Los Angeles; Merchants Security Co. of San Francisco, Cyrus Peirce & Co. of Los Angeles, and the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, has purchased the \$1,000,000 4 3/4% school building bonds offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1687—at a premium of \$12,750, equal to 101.27, a basis of about 4.67%. Date Sept. 1 1922. Due \$25,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1962 inclusive.

MCCULLOCH COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On April 2 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$12,000 5% serial bonds.

MCKENZIE COUNTY (P. O. Schafer), No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis purchased \$20,000 6% feed and seed grain bonds on April 6 at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due \$10,000 on April 1 in 1939 and 1940.

MADISON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Madison), Lake County, S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received 8 p. m. April 27 by H. H. Holdridge, Clerk, Board of Education, for the following school bonds: \$45,000 bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5 1/2%. Due Apr. 1 1943; optional April 1 1928. A cert. check for 3% of issue required. The District will furnish blank bonds and approving opinion of Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

65,000 bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. Due April 1 1943. A cert. check for \$1,950, payable to the above official, required.

Date April 1 1923. The official notice of sale states that there is no controversy or litigation over these issues and District has never defaulted in payment of principal and int. when due.

MALCOLM, Lancaster County, Nebr.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on April 10 an issue of \$6,500 transmission line bonds was voted.

MANDAN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Morton County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$50,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of March. Date July 1 1922. Due July 1 1942. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

MARBLE ROCK INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marble Rock), Floyd County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on May 11 to vote on the question of issuing \$45,000 school bldg. and site purchasing bonds. E. W. Garber, Secretary, Board of Directors.

MARION, McDowell County, No. Caro.—BIDS.—The following is a list of the bids received for the \$100,000 6% water works and sewerage bonds on April 9:

Seasongood & Mayer.....\$106,860 00	W. K. Terry & Co., Tol.....\$104,447 50
W. L. Slayton & Co., Tol.....105,910 00	Sidney Spitzer & Co., Tol.....105,711 55
Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Tol.....103,184 50	Prudden & Co., Toledo.....106,025 00
Consey & McMahon, Tol.....106,610 00	Ryan, Bowman & Co., Tol.....105,467 00
Weil, Roth & Irving, Cin.....105,100 07	Keane, Higbie & Co., Chi.....105,300 00
	Hanchett Bond Co., Chic.....104,137 00

* Successful bidder; for previous reference see V. 116, p. 1687.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Ocala), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Ocala National Bank of Ocala, purchased \$15,000 6% school bonds at 102.67 on April 10. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due serially.

MARQUETTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marquette), Clayton County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids were received until 8 p. m. April 20 by Belle J. Ferris, Secretary, Board of Directors, for \$29,000 school bldg. bonds. Bonds and attorney's opinion to be furnished by purchaser. Rate of int. and maturities to be determined at time of sale.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$248,000 5% county unit road bonds has been purchased by the City Trust Co. of Indianapolis, which is now offering the bonds to investors at a price to yield 4 1/2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$400. Due \$12,400 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

MARYSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marysville), Marshall County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 3—V. 116, p. 1214—the proposition to issue school bonds carried by a vote of 691 "for" to 105 "against." The amount of the issue is \$50,000.

MASSACHUSETTS (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals for the purchase of the 4 issues of 4% gold registered bonds listed below will be received until 12 m. April 30 by James Jackson, Treasurer and Receiver-General.

\$550,000 Metropolitan Parks Loan, Series 2. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$28,000, 1924 to 1933, incl., and \$27,000, 1934 to 1943, inclusive.
150,000 Metropolitan Sewer Loan, North System. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1923 to 1952, incl., and \$3,000, 1953 to 1962, inclusive.

\$80,000 Metropolitan Sewer Loan, South System. Due \$2,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1962, inclusive.

MAYBELL IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Maybell), Moffatt County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6 p. m. May 12 by W. T. Stillings, Secretary and Treasurer Board of Directors, for \$80,000 6% coupon irrigation bonds. Date May 1 1923.

MAYWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$78,000 5% school bonds offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1687—were awarded to the First Securities Co. of Los Angeles at a premium of \$736, equal to 100.94, a basis of about 4.91%.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$150,000, maturing \$75,000 Dec. 7 and Dec. 21 1923, was awarded to the First National Bank of Boston, on a 4.16% discount basis.

MEDINA COUNTY (P. O. Medina), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 17 the \$9,000 5 1/2% Medina-Norwalk Road I. C. H. No. 29, Sec. P, in Litchfield Township, road bonds, offered on that date—V. 116, p. 1573—were sold to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at 100.40 and interest, a basis of about 5.415%.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 10 to vote on the question of issuing the following bonds: \$1,500,000 water bonds. 100,000 Cossitt library bonds.

The official notice of the election states that "ordinances for all or portions of above amounts will be passed. The sale will be held by sealed bids June 12." Notice of the election was given in V. 116, p. 1687; it is given again as additional data have come to hand.

The official notice of this election may be found on a subsequent page of this issue.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—NOTE SALE.—The \$500,000 6% revenue notes offered on April 10—V. 116, p. 1330—were awarded jointly to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, Bankers Trust Co. and Curtis & Sanger of New York on a 4.95% basis. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due Sept. 1, 1923.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Celina), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. J. Krieger, Clerk Board of Commissioners, until 12 m. April 23 for the purchase of \$2,500 5 1/2% Elbert Road Improvement bonds, Auth. Section 6923 of the General Code. Denom. \$500.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Celina), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the same official at the same time for the purchase of the following 5 1/2% coupon highway bonds, issued under authority of Section 1223 of the General Code:

\$46,000 Celina Van Wert Road No. 262, Section A, I. C. H. highway bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,000 1924 and 1925, \$10,000 1926, \$9,000 1927 and 1928.

MERIDEN, Cherokee County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—By a count of 65 "for" to 51 "against," a \$14,500 water works bond issue carried when submitted to a vote of the people on April 10. Notice of this election was given in V. 116, p. 1214.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Peru), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. E. Reyburn, County Treasurer, until 11 a. m. April 30 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following 4 1/2% coupon free gravel road bonds:

\$19,200 W. Volpert-Fred Brown et al., Peru Township No. 29 road bonds. Denom. \$960. Due \$960 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

MIAMI, Dade County, Fla.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on March 20—V. 116, p. 540—the \$2,730,000 improvement bond issue carried.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Troy), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The State Industrial Commission was awarded the following 3 issues of 5 1/2% coupon bonds offered for sale on April 16—V. 116, p. 1573:

\$5,200 Series "A" County bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 and 1931.

MIDVALE, Salt Lake County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—On April 16, an issue of \$100,000 5 1/4% 1-15-year serial water bonds was sold to a syndicate headed by the Central Trust Co. of Salt Lake City, at par. Total bonded debt (incl. this issue) \$135,000. Assessed valuation, 1923, \$3,000,000.

MIFFLIN COUNTY (P. O. Lewistown), Pa.—BOND SALE.—Battles & Co. of Philadelphia, have purchased \$280,000 4 1/4% bridge bonds. Date May 1 1923. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$60,000, 1933; \$9,000, 1934 to 1951, incl., and \$58,000, 1952.

Financial Statement. Real valuation (estimated) \$25,000,000. Assessed valuation 14,399,470. Net debt 280,000. Population (Census of 1920), 31,439. Present population (estimated), 33,000.

MILTON, Norfolk County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed proposals were received until 4 p. m. April 20 by J. Porter Holmes, Town Treasurer, for the purchase of \$240,000 4 1/4% coupon "Tucker School Loan of 1923" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the First Nat. Bank of Boston. Due \$12,000 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl. These bonds, it is said, are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts and are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First Nat. Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Messrs. Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about May 1 1923 at the First Nat. Bank of Boston, Boston.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$525,557 33 special park and parkway acquisition and impt. bonds offered on April 17 (V. 116, p. 1454) were awarded jointly to Hamilton A. Gill & Co. and J. A. Sisto & Co., both of New York, at 100.04, as 4 3/4%. Date May 1 1923. Of the \$525,557 33 purchased, \$520,000, which matures \$57,000 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1928, incl., and \$47,000 on May 1 from 1929 to 1933, incl., are now being offered to investors by these firms at prices to yield from 4.40% to 4.30%, according to maturities.

MITCHELL, Lawrence County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Stella Edwards, City Clerk, until 1 p. m. April 27 for the purchase at not less than par of \$14,000 5% coupon bonds. Denom. \$500. Date April 16 1923. Prin. and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the City Clerk's office. Due \$500 each six months from July 1 1926 to Jan. 1 1940, inclusive. A certified check for \$100 on a Mitchell bank required.

MITCHELL SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Mitchell), Lawrence County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by the School Trustees, (O. L. Roberts, Sec.) until 1 p. m. May 10 for the purchase of \$5,000 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due \$500 each 6 months from July 1 1926 to Jan. 1 1930, incl. Cert. check for \$200 required.

MODESTO, Stanislaus County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. A. Love, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. April 25 for \$20,777 22 7% improvement bonds. Date Feb. 20 1923. Int. J. & J. A certified check for 10% of bid, payable to the Mayor, required.

MONMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Freehold), N. J.—NOTE OFFERING.—C. A. Francis, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 11 a. m. April 2, for the purchase at not less than par of \$500,000 highway notes, dated May 1 1923 and maturing \$200,000 Aug. 1 1924 and \$300,000 Aug. 1 1925. Notes to be registered, bearer without coupons, or coupon with privilege of registration. Denom. \$1,000 or multiples, but if coupon notes are desired only one denomination may be specified in bid. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at Freehold, Philadelphia, or N. Y., to suit purchaser. Bidders are to state rate of interest. Certified check for \$5,000, payable to the County, required. Notes to be delivered to purchaser on May 10 at Freehold, Philadelphia or N. Y., to suit the successful bidder. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y.

The official advertisement of these notes may be found on a subsequent page.

MONTCALM COUNTY (P. O. Stanton), Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$200,000 road construction bonds failed to carry when submitted to a vote of the people on April 2—V. 116, p. 320.

MONTCLAIR, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry Trippett, Town Clerk, will receive bids until 4 p. m. April 24 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following two issues of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest, or principal only) bonds, no more bonds of either issue to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of bonds offered:

\$85,000 permanent impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1938, incl., and \$4,000, 1939 to 1948, incl. 15,475 assessment bonds. Denoms. (1) \$475 and (15) \$1,000. Due \$1,475 May 1 1924 and \$2,000 yearly on May 1 from 1925 to 1931, incl.

Montclair, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry Trippett, Town Clerk, will receive bids until 4 p. m. April 24 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following two issues of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest, or principal only) bonds, no more bonds of either issue to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of bonds offered:

\$85,000 permanent impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1938, incl., and \$4,000, 1939 to 1948, incl. 15,475 assessment bonds. Denoms. (1) \$475 and (15) \$1,000. Due \$1,475 May 1 1924 and \$2,000 yearly on May 1 from 1925 to 1931, incl.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by John S. Whitaker, County Treasurer, until 11 a. m. April 30 for the purchase of \$8,800 5% Elijah Johnson et al. free gravel road bonds. Denom. \$440. Date April 10 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N. 15) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$440 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl.

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Morgan), Utah.—BOND SALE.—The Palmer Bond & Mtge. Co. of Salt Lake City, has purchased approximately \$45,000 5% 1-20-year serial school bonds.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—R. E. Fulton, School Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. May 1 for the following bonds:

\$438,000 bonds. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1926, \$41,000 1927, \$38,000 1928, \$39,000 1929, \$40,000 1930, \$30,000 1931, \$39,000 1932, \$38,000 1933, \$30,000 1935, 1936 and 1937, \$13,000 1938, \$30,000 1939, \$5,000 1940, \$20,000 1941 and \$10,000 1942.

1,000,000 bonds. Date May 1 1923. Due on May 1 as follows: \$55,000 1926 to 1941, incl., and \$60,000 1942 and 1943.

424,000 bonds. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1926, \$38,000 1928, \$39,000 1930, \$39,000 1932, \$30,000 1935 and 1937, \$20,000 1939 and 1941, \$41,000 1927, \$39,000 1929, \$30,000 1931, \$38,000 1933, \$30,000 1936, \$13,000 1938, \$5,000 1940 and \$10,000 1942.

1,000,000 bonds. Date May 1 1923. Due on May 1 as follows: \$55,000 1926 to 1941, incl., and \$60,000 1942 and 1943.

Denom. \$100 to \$1,000, at option of purchaser. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the County Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in N. Y. City, at option of purchaser. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. A certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for required. The notice of the offering of these bonds states:

"These bonds are part of an issue of \$3,000,000 authorized by a vote of the people at the general school election held the 17th day of June 1922, for building purposes, and their validity has been determined by the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon. Approving opinion of Teal Winfree, Johnson & McCulloch, Portland, Oregon, will be furnished the successful bidder."

MUNISING, Alger County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on April 2—V. 116, p. 1454—the proposition to issue \$30,000 bonds failed to carry.

MUSKEGON COUNTY (P. O. Muskegon), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,000 Road No. 14 bonds which were offered for sale on April 16—V. 116, p. 1573—were awarded to W. K. Terry & Co. of Toledo on a bid of \$48,307 77, equal to 100.641, for 5 1/4%. Due from 2 to 10 years. The following bids were also received:

Table with columns: Name, Int. Rate, Premium. Howe, Snow & Bertles, Detroit: 5 1/4%, \$826 22; 6%, 2,004 51; Keane, Higbie & Co., Detroit: 5 1/4%, 75 00; Detroit Trust Co., Detroit: 5 1/4%, 58 00.

NATCHITOCHES PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Natchitoches), La.—BOND OFFERING.—C. E. Hooper, Secretary of the School Board, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. May 1 for \$25,000 school bonds. A cert. check for \$750, payable to Z. T. Gallion, Pres. of the School Board, required. Bonds will be delivered to purchaser on day of sale. Bonds will not be sold for less than par and accrued interest.

NATRONA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Casper), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 5% school bldg. bonds offered on April 14 (V. 116, p. 1331) were awarded to a syndicate composed of Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc. of Minneapolis; Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City; Bosworth Chanute & Co. of Denver, and Ferris & Hargrove of Spokane. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$25,000 yearly, from 1924 to 1943, inclusive.

NEWAYGO COUNTY (P. O. White Cloud), Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—A proposition to issue \$15,000 jail bonds was approved by the voters at the election held on April 1—V. 116, p. 541.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. C. Kaiser, City Auditor, until 12 m. April 28 for the purchase of the following 5 1/2% coupon sewer bonds: \$3,300 00 Sanitary sewer bonds. Due yearly on April 1 from 1925 to 1931, inclusive.

12,572 70 storm sewer bonds. Due yearly on April 1 from 1925 to 1931, inclusive. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Certified check for \$100, payable to the City Auditor, required.

NEWPORT BEACH, Orange County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Frank H. Greene, a contractor, of Los Angeles, has been awarded \$75,000 jail, fire-hall and comfort-station bonds.

NORTH ADAMS, Berkshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—According to newspaper reports, the city has awarded a temporary revenue loan of \$100,000, dated April 18 and maturing Nov. 3 1923, to Estabrook & Co., on a 4.21% discount basis.

NORTH FARGO, (P. O. Fargo), Cass County, No. Dak.—BONDS DEFEATED.—By a vote of 81 to 47 the voters turned down the proposition to issue \$44,500 school bonds. The Minneapolis "Journal" says: "By a vote of 81 to 47, residents of the village of North Fargo, adjoining the city of Fargo, turned down a school bond issue of \$44,500 and in the opinion of several prominent residents of the village thus indicated their desire to unite with the city of Fargo, rather than continue a separate existence. Several months ago the City Commission of Fargo voted to annex a portion of the village at the request of residents there. The annexation was fought through the State Supreme Court by the Village Board of North Fargo and the city was denied the right to annex the territory."

OAKLAND, Burt County, Nebr.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 3 (V. 116, p. 1095) the \$10,000 park bond issue was voted by a count of 299 "for" to 123 "against."

OCEAN COUNTY (P. O. Toms River), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—David O. Parker, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive bids until 12 m. May 1 for the purchase of an issue of 5 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) road improvement bonds, not to exceed \$75,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$75,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.), payable at the Ocean County Trust Co. of bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the County Treasurer's office. Legality approved by John C. Thomson of New York.

OLDHAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Oldham), Kingsbury County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on May 5 to vote on the question of issuing \$50,000 school bonds to be dated May 1 1923. Geo. N. Houk, District Clerk.

OROVILLE-WYANDOTTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Butte County, Calif.—BOND SALE—CORRECTION—BONDS ALL SOLD.—J. R. Mason & Co. of San Francisco have purchased \$700,000 6% coupon bonds at 92.50, a basis of about 6.61%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the District Treasury, or through the offices of J. R. Mason & Co. of San Francisco. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$40,000, 1944 and 1945; \$60,000, 1946 and 1947; \$80,000, 1948 to 1951, incl.; \$100,000, 1952, and \$80,000, 1953. In reporting this sale (V. 116, p. 1215), due to a typographical error the amount was given as \$70,000. We are advised by J. R. Mason & Co. of San Francisco that all of the bonds have been disposed of.

ORRVILLE, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. (Central Time) May 15 by A. Jenny, Village Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued int. of \$6,750 5% (village portion) general street impt. bonds. Denom. \$750. Date May 15 1923. Int. F. & A. 15. Prin. payable at Orrville, Ohio. Due \$750 yearly on Aug. 15 from 1924 to 1932, incl. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Auth., Laws of Ohio, and Sec. 3939 of the General Code.

ORRVILLE, Wayne County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$25,000 5% sewage bonds which were offered for sale on April 10—V. 116, p. 1215—were not sold, as no satisfactory bids were received.

OTTAWA COUNTY (P. O. Port Clinton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Three issues of 5% road improvement bonds, aggregating \$100,000 were awarded on April 16 to A. T. Bell & Co. of Toledo, for a premium of \$413, equal to 100.413. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 16 1923. Int. A. & O.

OWASSO, Shiawassee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$18,000 5% water bonds was awarded on March 1 to the Sinking Fund at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Due March 1 1927.

OWATONNA, Steele County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. J. Servatius, City Clerk, for \$28,000 water works reservoir system bonds until 7:30 p. m. May 1. A cert. check for 5% required.

OWEN COUNTY (P. O. Spencer), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. April 30 for the purchase at not less than par of \$9,750 5% coupon Milt Schroer et al. in Morgan Twp. highway bonds. Denom. \$487.50. Date April 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$487.50 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl. A certified check for \$500 is required.

PALMYRA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (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 101.128 for 4.35 s.—a basis of about 4.24% inclusive; \$3,000, 1934 to 1946, inclusive; and \$1,000, 1947. This report corrects the one given in V. 116, p. 1688. The following are the other bidders and the interest rate bid by each:

Stevens & Co., New York, Int. Rate. 4 1/2%	Union National Corp., N. Y., Int. Rate. 4 1/2%
C. W. Whitis & Co., N. Y., Int. Rate. 4 1/2%	Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., New York, Int. Rate. 4 1/2%
Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., New York, Int. Rate. 4 1/2%	Sage, Wolcott & Steel, Roch'r., Int. Rate. 4 1/2%
Farson, Son & Co., New York, Int. Rate. 4 1/2%	

PARKRIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Park River), Walsh County, N. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Duncan McLean, Clerk, Board of Education, will receive bids until 1 p. m. May 1 for \$65,000 5% funding bonds. Date Jan. 1 1923. Interest payable semi-annually. Due \$6,500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1943, inclusive. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the Treasurer, Board of Education, required. Bidders must be prepared to furnish preliminary opinion of their own attorney as to the legality of the issue and also blank bonds ready for execution without expense to the Board.

PAULS VALLEY, Garvin County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on April 5 an issue of \$15,000 park impt. bonds was voted.

PAW PAW AND ANTWERP TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Paw Paw), Van Buren County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$215,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered for sale on April 11 was awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago at par and a premium of \$1,376, equal to 100.64. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 16 1923. Int. semi-annual. The Detroit Trust Co. bid premium of \$26 for 4 1/2 s. Premiums offered on 5s were: Hanchett Bond Co., \$6,127; Detroit Trust Co., \$4,411; Watling, Lerchen & Co., \$2,263; Keane, Hibbie & Co., \$1,290.

PEABODY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—It is reported that S. N. Bond & Co. has purchased a temporary loan of \$200,000 no 4. a 23% discount basis plus a premium of \$325, payable Dec. 1 1923.

PE ELL, Lewis County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—An election to vote on the question of issuing \$29,500 water bonds will be held on May 1.

PERRY AND CASTLE (TOWNS) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Perry), Wyoming County, N. Y.—BIDS REJECTED.—All the bids received for the \$263,000 5% school bonds, offered for sale on April 17—V. 116, p. 1688—were rejected.

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Dorsey, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 1 p. m. May 4 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of an issue of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and interest or principal only) school bonds, not to exceed \$50,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$50,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on May 1 from 1925 to 1954 incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Bonds to be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y.; legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y.

PHILLIPS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$3,000 10-20-year (opt) 6% school bldg. bonds were voted. These bonds have been sold to Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver, subject to being voted at said election. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 116, p. 1096.

PHOENIXVILLE, Chester County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Wm. E. Knapp, Jr., Borough Clerk, until 12 m. May 8 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration and interest or principal only) highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due \$5,000 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1953, incl. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the amount of the loan bid for, payable to the Burgess & Town Council required. Bonds are said to be free of Pennsylvania State taxes. Legality approved by John Haviland of Phoenixville, and Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

PIKE COUNTY (P. O. Petersburg), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by H. H. Harmeyer, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. April 24 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$35,870 5% highway construction bonds. Denoms. \$770 and \$900. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$770 May 15 1923 and \$900 each 6 months thereafter to Nov. 15 1942, incl.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary revenue loan of \$200,000 dated April 17 and maturing Nov. 15 1923, has been awarded, it is stated, to Saloman Bros. & Hutzler on a 4.21% discount basis plus \$7 premium.

PLAQUEMINE PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Pointe a la Hache), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 6% road bonds offered on April 10—V. 116, p. 1331—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of New Orleans at a premium of \$439, equal to 100.87. Date Sept. 2 1922. Due serially 5 to 14 years.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35, Wells County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of February, the State of North Dakota, purchased \$44,000 4% bldg. bonds at par. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Bonds may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue, although they are not subject to call.

PORT CLINTON, Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Wm. H. Williamson, Village Clerk, until 12 m. April 24 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$25,000 5 1/2% coupon special assessment street impt. bonds. Auth., Sec. 3914, of the Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Sept. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Due \$2,500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1933, incl. A cert. check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award.

PORTER COUNTY (P. O. Valparaiso), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by J. G. Graissle, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. April 27 for the purchase at not less than par of the following 4 1/2% gravel bonds: \$30,000 Horace Payne et al., Westchester Township bonds. Denom. \$1,500. 19,000 Chas. O. Carlson et al., Westchester Township bonds. Denom. \$950. 3,500 Edward Esserman et al., Liberty and Westchester Townships road bonds. Denom. \$175. 23,000 Edward Esserman et al., Liberty and Westchester Townships, road bonds. Denom. \$1,150. 47,000 Theodore Glayeske et al., Liberty Township road bonds. Denom. \$2,350. Date April 16 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

PORTLAND, Ore.—BOND SALE.—Robertson & Ewing of Portland have purchased the \$150,000 5 1/2% reconstruction bonds offered on April 13—V. 116, p. 1574—at 106.71, a basis of about 4.94%. Date April 1 1923. Due on April 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1926 to 1940 inclusive, and \$10,000, 1941 to 1943 inclusive.

PORTSMOUTH, Norfolk County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—L. Gehman White, Chairman of the Finance Committee, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. April 23 for \$200,000 5% coupon market bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable in gold in N. Y. City. Due May 1 1953. Legality approved by Jno. C. Thomson, N. Y. City. A cert. check for 2% payable to H. L. Hudgins, City Treasurer, required.

PREBLE COUNTY (P. O. Eaton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. May 3 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$91,000 5 1/2% road bonds, by S. C. Hunt, County Auditor. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasury. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1924; \$11,000, 1925; \$12,000, 1926; \$11,000, 1927; \$12,000, 1928, and \$11,000, 1929 to 1931 incl. Certified check for \$1,000 on a local bank, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Auth., Sec. 1223 of the General Code. Bonds to be delivered at the County Treasury on or before May 1 1923. Bidders will be required to satisfy themselves of the legality of this issue of bonds.

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY (P. O. Upper Marlboro), Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 12 m. May 1 by the County Commissioners for \$36,000 20-year coupon 4 1/2% lateral road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Certified check for \$500, payable to the County Commissioners, required. These bonds, it is said, are exempt from State, county and municipal taxation.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Pueblo) Colo.—ELECTION DATE CHANGED.—The date on which the voters will decide whether or not \$100,000 funding, \$450,000 school building and \$50,000 site 5% 20 year bonds will be issued has been changed from April 17 (V. 116, p. 1455) to May 7.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,200 5% road bonds, which were offered for sale on April 10 (V. 116, p. 1332) were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis, for \$13,391.50, equal to 101.45, a basis of about 4.72%. Due \$600 each 6 months from May 1 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. The following bids were also received:

Name. Thomas D. Sheerin & Co., Ind. \$153.00	Name. Fletcher Amer. Co., Indpls. \$141.00
Premium. 135.10	Premium. 135.10

BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by A. B. Diggs, County Treasurer, until 3 p. m. April 24 for the purchase at not less than par of \$1,800 5% John M. Long et al., Van Buren Twp. Road bonds. Denom. \$180. Date May 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$180 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1928, inclusive.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Wedowee), Ala.—BOND SALE.—On March 15 Steiner Bros. of Birmingham purchased \$25,000 5% road improvement bonds at par plus a premium of \$260, equal to 101.04, a basis of about 5.42%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1942.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Asheboro), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo have purchased the \$122,000 5% coupon or registered funding bonds offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1689—at a premium of \$1,588, equal to 101.301, a basis of about 4.89%. Date April 15 1923. 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.

RARITAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bonhamtown), Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$95,000 5% coupon school bonds offered for sale on April 16—V. 116, p. 1574—was awarded to the Perth Amboy Trust Co. of Perth Amboy at 104.50. Date May 1 1923. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1948, incl.; \$3,000, 1949 to 1962 incl., and \$3,000, 1963.

RED HOOK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. April 30 by William J. Seism, District Clerk, at the First National Bank, Red Hook, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$40,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable in lawful money of the United States at the First National Bank of Red Hook. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1963, inclusive. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of

bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York.

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Mateo County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$56,000 5% school bonds offered on April 16 (V. 116, p. 1689), were awarded to the Anglo-London-Paris Co., of San Francisco, at a premium of \$1,428, equal to 102.55—a basis of about 4.76%. Date July 1 1923. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1951, inclusive.

RITENOUR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, St. Louis County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—Freedman, D'Oench & Duhume of St. Louis, purchased \$63,000 5 1/2% school bonds on Mar. 28. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 3 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the First National Bank, St. Louis. Due on Mar. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923; \$3,000, 1924 to 1927, incl.; \$4,000, 1928 to 1931, incl.; \$5,000, 1932 and 1933; \$6,000, 1934 and 1935, and \$7,000, 1936 and 1937.

ROBY, Fisher County, Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The \$40,000 5 1/2% water works bond issue submitted to a vote of the people at the election held on April 14—V. 116, p. 1455—failed to carry.

ROMEO, Macomb County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—On April 24 a special election will be held to vote on \$26,000 bonds for improvement of Main Street.

ROMULUS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Romulus), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5 1/2% school bonds, voted on April 2 (V. 116, p. 1574) have been sold to Bumpus-Hull & Co. of Detroit.

ROUND VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mendocino County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Italy of San Francisco, has purchased the \$37,500 5 1/2% school bonds offered on April 10 (V. 116, p. 1574) at a premium of \$1,491.60, equal to 103.97.

ROYAL OAK, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 sanitary trunk line sewer, \$100,000 storm trunk sewer, \$50,000 city's share paving and \$50,000 water supply bonds offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1689—were awarded to the Royal Oak Savings Bank of Royal Oak on a bid of \$364,210, equal to 104.08, for 5% bonds.

ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Royal Oak, R. No. 7, Box 168), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John Dower, Secretary of the School Board, until 8 p. m. April 24 for the purchase of \$170,000 4 1/2% 5%, 5 1/2% or 5 3/4% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 24 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest, payable at the Royal Oak Savings Bank of Royal Oak. Due 30 years from date. A certified check for 3% of bid payable to the District Treasurer, required. Bidder to furnish bank bonds with coupons ready for execution.

RUSH COUNTY (P. O. Rushville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,280 5% James Heifner et al., Repley Township road bonds, which were offered for sale on April 16—V. 116, p. 1216—were awarded to the Peoples National Bank of Rushville, for \$7,363, equal to 101.14, a basis of about 4.78%. Date April 15 1923. Due \$364 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

RUTLAND, Rutland County, Vt.—BOND OFFERING.—Will L. Davis, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 4 p. m. April 26 for \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon gold street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the First National Bank of Boston. Due \$10,000 yearly on May 1 from 1936 to 1940 incl. Certified check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for required. Bonds are engraved under the supervision of the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about May 1 at the First National Bank of Boston.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On April 14 the 2 issues of 5% coupon road impt. bonds offered on that date (V. 116, p. 1456) were awarded to the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis, as follows: \$140,000 Solomon H. Thornton County Unit Road bonds for \$141,633 (101.166) and int., a basis of about 4.70%. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$14,000 yearly on May 15 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive. 26,000 Andrew Beutter et al., in Penn Twp. Free Gravel Road bonds for \$26,291 (101.119), and int., a basis of about 4.75%. Denom. \$650. Due \$1,300 each 6 months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, inclusive. Date April 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY (P. O. Duluth), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1.30 p. m. May 8 by W. H. Borgen, County Auditor, for \$1,500,000 5% gold coupon road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. J.-J. Due Jan. 1 1931. A certified check or bank draft on any national or State bank, payable to G. H. Vivian, County Treasurer, for 2% of issue required.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—BONDS ABSORBED BY SINKING FUND.—In answer to our request regarding the \$500,000 coupon or registered tax free water works bonds offered on April 11—V. 116, p. 1456—Jesse Foote, City Comptroller, says: "500,000 water works bonds absorbed by the Sinking Fund of the city." Date April 1 1922. Due April 1 1923.

SALEM, McCook County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED—ISSUE MAY BE RESUBMITTED TO VOTERS.—According to newspaper reports, the purchasers of an issue of \$10,000 water filtration plant bonds have not completed the contract of sale because of alleged legal irregularities and bonds may be submitted again to the voters.

SALEM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salem), McCook County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$79,500 coupon school bonds offered on April 10—V. 116, p. 1574—were awarded to McNear, Heeter & Co., of Minneapolis, at a premium of \$1,680, equal to 102.11. (Interest rate not stated.) Date April 1 1923. Due April 1 1943.

SALEM, Salem County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 5% coupon fire apparatus bonds, which were offered for sale on Feb. 26—V. 116, p. 853—were awarded to the City National Bank of Salem, for \$9,045, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.89%. Date March 15 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on March 15 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive.

SANFORD SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE COLORED RACE (P. O. Sanford), Lee County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by A. L. Boykin, Chairman of the District Committee, until 12 m. April 30 for \$12,500 5 1/2% coupon (registerable as to prin. and int.) school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable in gold at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City. Due \$500 yearly on April 1 from 1930 to 1954, incl. A cert. check upon an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the school committee, required. Purchaser to pay accrued int. from date of bonds to date of delivery.

SANILAC COUNTY (P. O. Sandusky), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1.30 p. m. April 26 by the Board of County Road Commissioners for the purchase of approximately \$84,000 Assessment District Roads Nos. 28, 30 and 32 bonds, obligations of Washington, Sanilac, Custer and Speaker Twps., Sanilac County and Assessment Districts, Nos. 28, 30 and 32. Bidder to name int. rate, not to exceed 6%. Denom. to suit purchaser. Int. semi-ann. Due from 1 to 10 years. Cert. check for \$2,000 required.

SARATOGA COUNTY (P. O. Ballston Spa), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Will W. Blackmer, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 3.30 p. m. (standard time) May 1 for the following 5% coupon bonds: 90,000 highway improvement bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1925 to 1942, inclusive. 60,000 Saratoga Lake bridge bonds. Due \$3,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1925 to 1944, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the County Treasurer's office in New York exchange. Certified check for 2%, payable to the above official, required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, of New York.

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sargent County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of March the State of North Dakota purchased \$15,000 4% building bonds at par. Date Aug. 1 1920. Due Aug. 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Scottsburg), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,000 5% coupon road bonds offered or sale on April 7 (V. 116, p. 1216)

were awarded to the Scottsburg State Bank of Scottsburg, for \$17,276, equal to 101.62, a basis of about 4.69%. Date April 7 1923. Due \$850 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. The following bids were received:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Premium, Name, Premium. Rows include Scottsburg State Bank, Fletcher-American Co., and City Trust Co.

SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Davenport), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Jos. Wagner, County Auditor, will receive bids until 2 p. m. April 23 for \$550,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds. A cert. check for \$10,000, required. Int. M. & N. Due on May 1 as follows: \$40,000, 1926, and \$30,000, 1927 to 1943, incl., payable at the County Treasurer's office.

SCOTT AND LE SUEUR COUNTIES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (P. O. New Prague), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 4 1/2% school building bonds offered on April 10—V. 116, p. 1574—were awarded to the Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1933 to 1937, incl., and \$10,000 1938.

SEDEWICK COUNTY (P. O. Wichita), Kans.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$202,462 4 1/2% road bonds was awarded to D. E. Dunne & Co. of Wichita, at a discount of \$1,000, equal to 99.50.

SHEBOYGAN, Sheboygan County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 4 p. m. April 30 by Edwin Mohr, Deputy City Clerk, for \$22,400 paving impt. and \$1,750 sewerage impt. 6% bonds. Date May 15 1923. Due May 15 1930; optional May 15 1928. A cert. check (or cash) for 15% of bid required. Int. semi-annually.

SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, La. Moure County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of March the State of North Dakota purchased \$45,000 4% building bonds at par. Date Aug. 1 1920. Due Aug. 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

SHORT CREEK SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Burke County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$10,000 4% building bonds during the month of March at par. Date Oct. 1 1920. Due Oct. 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

SPARTANSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Spartansburg), Crawford County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 5% school bonds which were offered for sale on Sept. 2 1922—V. 116, p. 1014—were sold locally at par. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on July 1 from 1927 to 1934, inclusive.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Flourtown), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$200,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on April 17 (V. 116, p. 1574) was awarded to the Chestnut Hill Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, at 103 and int., a basis of about 3.99%. Date May 1 1923. Due on May 1 as follows: \$33,000, 1928 and 1933; \$34,000, 1938; \$38,000, 1943 and 1948, and \$34,000, 1953. Other bidders were:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Premium, Name, Premium. Rows include Penn Trust Co., Lewis & Snyder, Townsend, Whelen & Co., and Edw. B. Smith & Co.

SPRING HOPE, Nash County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. J. Proctor, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. April 23 for \$75,000 6% coupon, registerable as to prin. and int., street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable in gold in N. Y. City. Due on May 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1926 to 1942, incl., and \$7,000, 1943. A cert. check for \$1,500 required. Purchaser will be furnished with the approving opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, N. Y. City.

STEBEN COUNTY (P. O. Angola), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The City Trust Co. of Indianapolis was awarded the two issues of 5% road bonds which were offered for sale on Apr. 12 (V. 116, p. 1456) as follows: \$14,000 Frank Harmon et al., in Scott Township, highway improvement bonds for \$14,164.90 (101.177), and int., a basis of about 4.77%. Due \$700 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl. 30,000 Geo. Asfall et al., in York and Scott townships, highway improvement bonds for \$30,337.50 (101.125) and int., a basis of about 4.73%. Due \$1,500 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

Date Mar. 23 1923. The Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis also bid, offering a premium of \$153.30 for the smaller issue and a premium of \$328.80 for the larger issue.

STURGIS, St. Joseph County, Mich.—BONDS OFFERED PRIVATELY.—F. W. Wait, Mayor, will receive proposals for the purchase at private sale of the \$75,000 4 1/2% coupon hospital bonds voted on April 2—V. 116, p. 1575. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable in Sturgis. Due \$18,000 July 1 1943, and \$19,000 July 1 1944, 1945 and 1946. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the city required.

SUMTER COUNTY (P. O. Sumter), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 5% registerable as to principal road and bridge bonds offered on April 19 (V. 116, p. 1690) were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and Taylor, Ewart & Co., of Chicago, at a premium of \$5,085, equal to 101.01—a basis of about 4.91%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due \$20,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1928 to 1952, inclusive.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY (P. O. Montrose), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be furnished by John J. Birney, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, until 2 p. m. May 7 for \$170,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to prin.) road bonds, Series B, 1923. Date May 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due on May 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1928; \$30,000, 1933; \$35,000, 1938; \$40,000, 1943, and 1948. Cert. check 1928; 2% of the par amount of bonds bid for. Official announcement says: "Prin. and int. will be free of any tax or taxes, except succession or inheritance tax now or hereafter levied by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This issue will be subject to the favorable opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson, Philadelphia.

SWEDESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Swedesboro), Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Norris A. Denny, District Clerk, will receive bids until 7 p. m. May 1 for \$50,000 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Mar. 1 1923. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1943, incl., and \$1,500, 1944 to 1963, incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

TEXAS (State of).—BONDS PURCHASED BY STATE.—According to the Dallas "News" of April 10, the State Board of Education at its regular monthly meeting (April 9) purchased the following bonds aggregating \$84,400: Cass County Common School District No. 52, \$1,000; Denton County Common School District No. 38, \$5,000; Fayette County Common School District No. 46, \$1,000; Floyd County Common School District No. 21, \$8,000, and No. 4, 2 issues of \$4,500 each; Freestone County Common School District No. 24, \$2,000, and No. 36, \$1,500; Harris County Common School District No. 9, \$3,000, and No. 45, \$10,000; Henderson County Common School District No. 55, \$1,500; Johnson County Common School District No. 44, \$3,000; No. 4, \$3,000, No. 7, \$1,400, and No. 27 No. 2, \$1,000, No. 16, \$1,000; Common School District No. 4, \$2,000; Rosenberg Independent School District, \$4,500; Sherman Common School District No. 12, \$1,500; Scurry and Fisher Common County Line School District No. 36, \$5,000; Taylor County Common School District No. 23, \$1,000, and No. 53, \$1,000; Van Zandt County Common School District No. 5, \$1,500; Waller County Common School District No. 14, \$10,000 and Bosque County Common School District No. 64, \$2,000.

BONDS REGISTERED.—The following bonds have been registered by the State Comptroller of Texas:

Table with 6 columns: Amount, Place, Due, Int. Rate, Date Reg. Rows include Freestone Co. Com. S. D. No. 24, Johnson Co. Com. S. D. No. 44, Maud Ind. School District, Kaufman Co. Com. S. D. No. 38, Limestone Co. Com. S. D. No. 16, Wilbarger Co. Com. S. D. No. 5, Ellis Co. Com. S. D. No. 11, and Ellis Co. Com. S. D. No. 84.

THERMALITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Butte County, Mont.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$270,000 irrigation bonds awarded as stated in V. 116, p. 1690, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1, 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the District Treasurer in Oroville. Due serially on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1953, incl. Due to a typographical error the district name was spelled incorrectly as "Thermalite" instead of "Thermalito."

THOMASVILLE, Davidson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 5% school bonds dated April 1 1923 and maturing \$5,000 from 1929 to 1953 incl., offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1457—were sold at par to the First National Bank of Thomasville.

THREE FORKS, Gallatin County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 66 "for" to 46 "against" \$30,000 community building and school bonds were voted.

THURSLEY BUTTE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37, Mc Henry County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$30,000 4% building bonds at par during the month of March. Date Oct. 1 1920. Due Oct. 1 1940. Although bonds are not subject to call, they may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

TUJUNGA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk (P. O. Los Angeles) will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. April 23 for \$38,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1961 incl. A certified check for 3% payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, required.

TWIN BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Bowman County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The State of North Dakota purchased \$20,000 4% funding bonds at par during the month of February. Date Dec. 31 1920. Due Dec. 31 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

UMATILLA COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Helix), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. May 2 by A. C. McIntyre, Chairman of the School Board, for \$12,000 school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. Due \$1,000 on July 1 from 1926 to 1937 inclusive. A certified check for 5% required.

UNDERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, McLean County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of February the State of North Dakota purchased \$32,000 4% building bonds at par. Date Dec. 31 1920. Due Dec. 31 1940. Bonds are not subject to call but may be redeemed two years from date of issue.

UNION, Union County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—The \$100,000 tax anticipation note which was offered for sale on Apr. 16 (V. 116, p. 1575) was awarded to the Weehawken Trust Co. of Weehawken at par and int. The note bears 6% interest and will mature Dec. 31 1923. There were no other bidders.

VALE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Burke County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—During the month of February the State of North Dakota purchased \$8,000 4% funding bonds at par. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1940. Bonds are not subject to call, but may be redeemed 2 years from date of issue.

VALLEY COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Barnard), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until May 12 by T. V. McBee, District Clerk, for \$1,000 6% school equipment bonds. Bids for less than par will not be considered.

VAN BUREN COUNTY (P. O. Paw Paw), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. (Central Standard Time) April 25 by the County Road Commissioners for \$22,000 Assessment District No. 52 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. M. & N. Due \$2,200 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1933, incl. Certified check for \$1,000 payable to the County Road Commission required. The successful bidder shall pay for all the printing of the bonds, including coupons and all attorneys' fees. A certified copy of the manuscripts will be furnished to the successful bidder. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonds shall be made payable at the Paw Paw Savings Bank, Paw Paw.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Walter Smith, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. May 15 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$66,000 5% John Sauer et al., road impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$3,000 yearly on May 15 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive.

BOND SALE.—The \$16,400 4 1/2% road bonds, which were offered for sale on April 10 (V. 116, p. 1333) were awarded to a local investor at par and interest. Due \$410 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1943, inclusive.

BOND SALE.—The issue of \$212,000 5% Geo. Saunders et al Henderson road bonds offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1333—was awarded to the Fletcher American Trust Co. of Indianapolis for \$217,503 (102.124) and interest, a basis of about 4.74%. Due \$10,600 yearly on May 15 from 1924 to 1943 inclusive.

VENTURA, Ventura County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Blyth, Witter & Co. and R. H. Moulton & Co. have jointly purchased \$250,000 5% municipal water bonds at a premium of \$7,065, equal to 102.82. These bonds were recently voted—V. 116, p. 1575. According to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of April 14: "Other bidders and premiums offered were a syndicate composed of William R. Staats Co., Cyrus Peirce & Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons, bid. \$6,992; the bond department of the Bank of Italy bid, \$5,324; and the Citizens National of Los Angeles bid \$5,283."

WALNUT COVE, Stokes County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 11 a. m. April 30 sealed bids will be received by M. T. Chelton, Town Clerk, for \$100,000 6% water, electric light, and sewer system bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. City. Due on April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1955 incl., and \$5,000, 1956 to 1963 incl. A certified check for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to the Town Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Bids to be on forms furnished by Town Clerk.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by D. H. Moffitt, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. May 7 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$20,500 4 1/2% coupon John Hamilton and Jesse Weaver et al., Jordan Twp. highway impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,025. Date April 2 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,025 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

WARRENSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Warrensburg), Johnson County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—A special wire from our Western representative advises us that an election will be held on May 6 to vote on issuing \$200,000 school bonds.

WARRICK COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by Wm. W. Taylor, County Treasurer, until 1 p. m. May 7 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$37,000 4 1/2% coupon Louis Tying et al. county unit road in Hart Twp. bonds. Denom. \$370. Date Apr. 3 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N. 15) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,850 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

WASHINGTON, Beaufort County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Washington has purchased the \$35,000 coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only, or both principal and interest) street improvement bonds, offered on April 16—V. 116, p. 1691. Date May 1 1923. Due on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1935 inclusive, and \$3,000, 1936 to 1940 inclusive.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Piercetown), Kosciusko County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Curtis S. Lenwell, Township Trustee, will receive bids until 2 p. m. May 18 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$89,500 5 1/2% school bldg. bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date May 15 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due, each six months as follows: \$3,000, July 1 1924 to July 1 1935 incl.; \$4,000, Jan. 1 1936 to July 1 1937 incl., and \$4,500, Jan. 1 1938. Prin. and interest payable at the State Bank of Piercetown. Bonds will be ready for delivery July 1. Legality approved by Smith, Remster, Hornbrook & Smith of Indianapolis.

WASHTA, Cherokee County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 3 a special election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$2,000 bonds to pay for the installment of a distribution system.

WATERLOO, Seneca County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Adelbert R. Moore, Village Clerk, until 7:30 p. m. April 30 for the purchase at not less than par an interest of \$26,000 paving bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1948, inclusive.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary revenue loan of \$150,000 maturing Dec. 27 1923 was sold to the Union Market National Bank of Watertown at 4.23% discount, plus \$1 25 premium.

WATERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Waterville), Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Merle Van Fleet, Clerk Board of Education, until 6:30 p. m. April 25 for the purchase of \$8,000 5 1/2% school bonds, Auth. Sec. 7620-1 of the Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date April 2 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.), payable at the office of the Treasurer of the Board of Education. Due \$500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1939, inclusive. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the Canada bonds required.

WELLINGTON, Collingsworth County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on April 2 \$50,000 school building bonds were voted by a count of 235 to 90.

WHITESBORO, Grayson County, Tex.—BONDS PURCHASED. SUBJECT TO BEING VOTED.—Breg, Garrett & Co. of Dallas, have purchased \$50,000 6% serial sewer bonds at 194.60, subject to their being voted at an election to be held on April 30. Notice of the election was given in V. 116, p. 1691.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The temporary loan of \$150,000 maturing Dec. 27 1923, offered for sale on April 16 (V. 116, p. 1694) was awarded to the Union Market Bank National of Watertown, on a 4.23% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1 25.

WHEATLAND (P. O. Scottsville), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$26,000 6% coupon Mumford Water District bonds offered for sale on April 9—V. 116, p. 1457—were awarded to Sage, Wolcott & Steele of Rochester at 103.53, a basis of about 5.52%. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date May 1 1923. Due \$1,300 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1943 inclusive.

WILLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Willard), Huron County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on May 15 to vote on the proposition of issuing \$175,000 school bonds.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Martin County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. May 2 by G. H. Harrison, Town Clerk, for \$50,000 6% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1937 incl.; \$3,000, 1938 and 1939, and \$5,000, 1940 to 1943 incl. A certified check for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to the Town Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BONDS WITHDRAWN FROM MARKET.—The \$10,500 5 1/2% light bonds which were to be offered to-day—V. 116, p. 1691—were withdrawn from the market. Robert O. Burton, Village Engineer, says: "We will later advertise this issue in a different form."

WINSTED, McLeod County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. April 30 by the Village Clerk for \$30,000 5% 20-year water bonds. A certified check for 10% required.

WOODLAWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Woodlawn), Beaver County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$439,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered for sale on April 2—V. 116, p. 1334—were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Plattsburgh. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due \$55,000 April 1 1924 and \$16,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1953 inclusive.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The city, according to reports, has awarded \$500,000 revenue notes, dated April 18 and maturing Nov. 6 1923, to F. S. Moseley & Co. on a 4.13% discount basis plus a \$5 premium.

ZALMA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Zalma), Bollinger County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—Newspapers report that an issue of \$12,000 bonds to build a consolidated high school building were voted at an election held on April 3.

YERMO SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on April 9 (V. 116, p. 1457) were awarded to Freeman, Smith & Camp Co. of Los Angeles, at a premium of \$9 33, equal to 100.115, a basis of about 5.49%. Date April 1 1923. Due \$500 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1939, inclusive.

ZELIENOPLE, Butler County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by A. G. Eicholtz, Borough Treasurer, at the People's Nat. Bank, Zelenople, until Apr. 27 for the purchase of all or any part of \$25,000 4 1/2% tax-free construction bonds. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 yearly.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BRANSTON, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—According to the Toronto "Globe," A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto were awarded an issue of \$65,000 30 annual installment school debentures at 102.17 for 5 1/2%, a basis of about 5.29%. Bids received were as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Bidder Name, Bid Amount, Bid Rate, and Bid Basis. Includes A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., C. H. Burgess & Co., R.C. Matthews & Co., Dom. Sec. Corp., and A. Jarvis & Co.

BURNABY, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Waghorn, Gwynn & Co. of Vancouver have purchased an issue of \$25,000 5 1/2% 15-year installment water-works debentures at a price of 97.50, a basis of about 5.75%.

MIDDLETON, N. S.—DEBENTURE SALES.—This town during July last sold the following 5% debentures: \$15,000 electric light extension bonds on July 6 to Johnston & Ward at 93.26. Date May 15 1922. Int. M. & N. 15. Due May 15 1942. 5,500 sewer construction debentures on July 28 to the Nova Scotia Trust Co. at 92.85. Date June 15 1922. Int. J. & D. 15. Due June 15 1952. Denom. \$500.

MIDLAND, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$73,000 5 1/2% sewer debentures was sold last October to Bell, Gouinlock & Co. of Toronto at a price of 98.50. Denom. \$1,000 and odd amounts. Date Sept. 15 1922. Int. M. & S. 15. Maturing from Sept. 15 1923 to Sept. 15 1943, inclusive.

MONTREAL ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ayme La Fontaine, Secretary of the School Commissioners, until 12 m. April 30 for the purchase of \$1,500,000 5 and 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. to suit purchaser. Date May 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.), payable in Montreal. Due May 1 1943. A certified check for 1% of the amount of the bonds required.

NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On April 16 the three issues of coupon debentures described below were awarded to the Royal Financial Corp. of Toronto at 100.17: \$12,000 5 1/2% water works debentures. Int. F. & A. Due Feb. 1 1942. 9,000 5 1/2% sewer outfall debentures. Int. F. & A. Due Aug. 1 1932. 67,000 6% school debentures. Int. J. 30 & D. 31. Due June 30 1948.

NOVA SCOTIA (Province of).—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Tenders will be received until 2 p. m. April 25 by D. A. Cameron, Provincial Treasurer, for \$2,500,000 coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) debentures. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in Halifax, Montreal or Toronto, or in New York, Halifax, Montreal or Toronto, as successful bidder elects. Due May 1 1943. Interim debentures to be delivered to purchaser about May 1 at the Provincial Treasurer's office, where the definitive debentures will also be delivered.

OAKVILLE, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Tenders will be received by Percy A. Bath, Town Clerk, until 8 p. m. April 23 for the purchase of the following 5 1/2% debentures: \$30,000 20 installment public school debentures.

\$8,500 20 installment water works debentures.
29,100 20 installment concrete road debentures.
15,700 10 installment Farvis road debentures.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The following, according to the "Financial Post" of Toronto, is a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board, from March 17 to March 31:

Franklin, \$1,000; Evesham, \$1,000; Mount Everest, \$3,000; Heiberg, \$1,000; Orolow, \$1,300; Lilyvale, \$1,500; Osler, \$1,500; Pinto Valley, \$10,000; Lacadena, \$4,000; Harris Village, \$10,000; North Star, \$1,000.

DEBENTURE SALES.—The following, we learn from the same source, is a list of debentures reported sold during the same period:
Schools—Elk Range, \$1,500, 10 years, 7½%, Regina Brokerage & Investment Co.; Warrminster, \$1,000 10 years, 7%, Sutherland Sinking Fund; Wheaton, \$3,000, 10 years, 7%, Cross & Co.; Regina; Salamis, \$3,000 10 years, 8%, Regina Brokerage & Investment Co.

QUEBEC CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMISSION (P. O. Quebec), Que.—BOND SALE.—On April 16 the \$700,000 coupon bonds, notice of the offering of which was given in V. 116, p. 1692, were awarded to the National City Co., Ltd., at 96.897 for straight 37-year bonds bearing 5% interest. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Bank of Montreal, St. Rock Branch, Quebec, or the Bank of Montreal in Montreal, Toronto or Hamilton, at option of holder. The city of Quebec will guarantee payment of both principal and interest. Bids were submitted on the following propositions:

37-year, maturing May 1 1960, at 5%; or, 37-year, maturing May 1 1960, at 5½%; or, 1-37-year (serial), maturing in annual (not equal) installments, 1924-1960, int. rate 5%; or, 1-37-year (serial) bonds, maturing in annual (not equal) installments, 1924-1960, int. rate 5½%.

The Montreal "Gazette" on April 17, with regard to the successful bid, said:

"This was the highest price of the 12 tenders received, and the Board decided on taking straight bonds in preference to serial bonds, as it was argued that the Board will be able to invest its sinking fund in bonds of the city or the Province of Quebec, bearing interest at 5%, instead of leaving the fund in the bank at 3% interest."

The tenders received, according to the same newspaper, were as follows:

	37-Year Straight, 5%.	5½%	Serial 5%.	5½%
National City Co.	96.897	102.466	96.68	101.928
Rene T. Leclerc and R. C. Matthews & Co.	95.541	102.53	95.872	101.52
Wood, Gundy & Co. and Gourdeau & Garneau.	96.59	103.46	96.68	102.31
L. G. Beaubien & Co. and Dominion Securities Corp.	95.795	-----	96.095	-----
Corp. des Obligations Municipales, Miller & Co. and Heller & Smith.	94.38	100.13	95.83	-----
Aemilius Jarvis & Co.	96.387	103.70	-----	-----
Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Gairdner, Clark & Co. and Bell, Graham & Co.	96.177	-----	96.217	-----
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.	94.43	102.04	95.43	101.67
Geo. Beausoleil & Co.	96.06	-----	-----	-----
A. E. Ames & Co. and Credit Anglo-Francais.	95.899	-----	96.19	-----
United Financial Corp.	95.448	-----	-----	-----
Hanson Brothers and Harris, Forbes & Co.	94.52	101.52	94.17	-----

STURGEON FALLS, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Tenders are being received by L. R. Vannier, Treasurer, for the purchase of \$25,000 6% 10-year installment and \$20,000 6% 20-year installment debentures. No definite date has been set to receive tenders.

TIMMINS, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto have purchased an issue of \$75,000 5½% 20-year installment debentures at a price of 100.41, a basis of about 5.44%. The bonds are guaranteed by the Province of Ontario. Tenders were as follows: Wood, Gundy & Co., 100.41; Aemilius Jarvis & Co., 100.28; Canadian Bank of Commerce, 99.65; Dymont, Anderson & Co., 99.37; Mackay-Mackay, 99.07, and A. E. Ames & Co., 98.75.

WELLAND, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Tenders will be received by Robert Cooper, County Clerk, until April 23 for the purchase of \$100,000 5½% 10-year installment highway debentures.

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The undersigned will sell at 10 A. M., MAY 1, 1923, at the Court House, Houston, Texas, to the highest bidder, for cash, and not less than par and accrued interest, \$450,000.00 worth of bonds of Drainage District No. 12, Harris County, Texas, 6%, semi-annual, maturing \$15,000.00 per annum in May, 1925-1954, denomination \$1,000.00, acreage of District, 33,949, valuation, \$3,000,000.00. Bid to be accompanied by certified or cashier's check for 3% of bid. Bid to be signed, sealed, plainly marked on outside and delivered to undersigned not later than hour and date mentioned. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Financial statement of District can be obtained from H. L. Washburn, County Auditor, Houston, Texas.

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CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

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, 4½%, 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, 4½%, 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, 4½%, 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, 4½%, 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, 4½%, 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, \$8,500.00, payable at Hanover National Bank, New York.

JOHN M. BIGGERSTAFF,
City Secretary.

CITY OF CLEBURNE, TEXAS,

BONDS CALLED
FOR PAYMENT

The City of Cleburne, Texas, has called for payment all outstanding optional bonds which will be paid at par and accrued interest upon presentation to the Seaboard National Bank, New York City, provided said bonds are presented not later than July 1, 1923. Any or all other outstanding bonds of said City bearing 5% will also be paid at par and accrued interest if presented to said Seaboard National Bank for payment prior to July 1, 1923.

For any further information regarding said bonds, holders will kindly communicate with the Brown-Crummer Company, Wichita, Kansas, or with the City direct.

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County of Monmouth, New Jersey,

TEMPORARY NOTES

Sealed bids will be received by the County Treasurer of the County of Monmouth, at the Courthouse in Freehold, New Jersey, until eleven o'clock A. M. on Friday, the 27th day of April, 1923, for \$500,000.00 Temporary Notes of the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, to be dated May 1, 1923, and to mature \$200,000.00 on August 1, 1924, and \$300,000.00 on August 1, 1925, with interest payable August 1, 1923, and semi-annually thereafter. The requirements of the purchaser will be met as to place of delivery (Freehold, N. J., Philadelphia or New York City), place of payment of interest and principal (Freehold, Philadelphia or New York), denomination (\$1,000 or multiples thereof) and form (registered, bearer without coupons or coupon with privilege of registration). If coupon notes are desired only one denomination may be specified.

Purpose of issue is to provide funds for the construction of certain parts of the State Highway System, for which reimbursement is promised by the State Highway Commission, but the full faith, credit and taxing power of the County will be pledged for the payment of the notes and interest. Unqualified approving opinion of Caldwell and Raymond as to legality will be furnished to the purchaser without charge.

Delivery will be made on May 10, 1923. Bids must state rate of interest, denomination, place of delivery, place of payment and whether coupon or registered notes desired, must be for not less than par, must assent to delivery on the date above specified and must be accompanied by certified check for \$5,000 payable to County of Monmouth.
Freehold, N. J., April 18, 1923.

C. ASA FRANCIS,
County Treasurer.

ANNOUNCEMENT

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

April 14th, 1923.

For information of interested parties we desire to announce the following programme for bond elections and sales for the City of Memphis during the next sixty days:

- Election on May 10th, for:
- \$1,500,000.00 Water bonds
- 100,000.00 Cossitt Library Bonds
- 150,000.00 General Hospital Bonds
- 100,000.00 Tuberculosis Hospital Bonds
- 100,000.00 Fire Station and Equipment Bonds
- 250,000.00 Viaduct Bonds in Joint Cost with State of Arkansas and Federal Government for two and one-half miles of viaduct in Arkansas immediately opposite Memphis
- 1,250,000.00 Board of Education Bonds
- 750,000.00 Street Construction and Sewer Bonds

Ordinances for all or portions of above amounts will be passed. Detailed information will be given by advertisement and circulars sent to all interested in the sales.

The sale will be held by sealed bids June 12th, New York Delivery, and payment principal and interest. John C. Thompson's opinion.
C. C. PASHBY, City Clerk.

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