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THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Except that we must have faith to believe that time moves all human problems towards a just and lasting settlement, there is little encouraging as yet to add to the subject of the current troubles in building construction. Less is heard now of any general strike, and on Saturday of last week came the announcement that the \$10 a day plus \$2 bonus, already mentioned as the utmost which could be afforded, had been offered to the bricklayers by the Mason Builders' Association, this to stand through the present calendar year, with a tacit undertaking that the parties would meet in October next for discussing "a new permanent basic scale." The trouble with the layers of brick is heightened and added to by a shortage in the brick supply. Last year's product is said to be exhausted, the eight barges arriving early in the present week bringing only some 4,000,000 bricks, "the last," and a trifle compared with the reported ordinary weekly consumption of 60,000,000 in construction in this city. Some brick from Holland is said to be in use on certain work, but some builders think this cannot have much effect, because of transportation difficulties applying to all except the "common" kinds, and breakage is a serious factor as to even those. Some speak of the situation as a brick crisis, saying there ought to be about a billion of bricks coming here this season. Enough of this year's product to affect the case is not expected to come down the

Hudson in less than another fortnight, and bricks seem to present the sharpest place of trouble.

On Tuesday the Mayor had a public hearing to consider how men could be found to lay brick on delayed school building construction, appealing to men to remember the children. The head of a union committee replied that most bricklayers are getting \$14 and up a day and it is impossible to convince them that they should take less than the most they can get; however, he said, if the contractors will agree to pay \$12 a day for two years "we would use our influence" to get work done on school buildings; while another suggested that the contractor add a dollar to the \$12 and the city add another.

On Thursday came a letter addressed to employers and employees by the head of a committee of the Public Group of the Building Industry, suggesting an agreement by employers and bricklayers on a basis of \$11 a day (or \$1 37½ an hour) until January 1 1926. This offer was still in consideration yesterday afternoon.

One quite unusual step was a manifesto against the "snow-balling" of wages, this being said to be the very first thing of the kind ever put into a union contract, when the Allied Building Metal Industries and Local 52 of the Housesmiths' International Union signed an agreement until next January. This document declares that the parties thereto will use their utmost efforts to prevent the snowballing, either individually or collectively. This game is defined as being the bidding, by employers, for labor by offering more than the agreed scale, or the acceptance of such increased offer by the workers. This is denounced as demoralizing all around, encouraging shifting about and producing mutual distrust. It is clearly that, and the manifesto amounts, on its face, to a promise to stand by agreements. Thus far, that seems a step in progress, but the test questions are how generally will any stand-pat undertaking become and for how long and under what tension will it hold?

Time alone can answer. Yet the practice of making the most onerous contract which the emergency can force and then of repudiating it when its benefits have been attained or when the emergency has grown still sharper, has been quite too general. And while not all employers are honorable and not all workmen are tricky it is not unjust to say that the former have stood better by their agreements than the latter have—whether the more from principle or from policy is unnecessary to discuss. Experience keeps a costly school, and adversity is a stern teacher; yet all of us must perforce attend the former, and only the latter

seems to be able to beat a lasting lesson into us. We do not enjoy it, and we cannot be expected to; yet we can hold to faith that it will do us good and we shall come to recognize it as having been salutary.

Insolvencies in mercantile lines are quite as numerous as in the earlier months this year, and while there is some reduction both as to the number and as to the amount of the indebtedness involved in comparison with a year ago, at which time business defaults were the largest on record, they exceed those of any preceding year with the single exception of 1915, the year following the outbreak of war in Europe. The statement of mercantile defaults, compiled by R. G. Dun & Co., for the month of May, was issued this week. It shows 1,530 commercial failures with liabilities of \$41,022,277. For the preceding month there were 1,520 similar defaults with an indebtedness of \$52,491,941, and in May 1922 the corresponding figures were respectively 1,960 defaults with \$44,402,886 of liabilities. During the past three years failures have been particularly numerous each month, and with the exception of the early years of the late war in Europe, have been far above the usual monthly average. The disaster which threatened all trade and industry during the early years of the war will readily account for the losses through insolvency at that time, although even in those years the amount of defaulted indebtedness then reported each month, while considerably in excess of the monthly average previously reported, was far below the monthly statement of the past three years. Naturally, losses were heavy in 1915 and 1916, but the liabilities of commercial failures reported in 1915, which was the most disastrous of those two years, were less than one-half the amount reported in either 1921 or 1922, and the figures for the current year bid fair to approach those of the two years last mentioned. The stress which followed the sudden slump in commodity values from the peak reached in 1920, and the severe deflation which succeeded the reckless period of inflation that culminated in that year, obviously explain the mercantile losses through defaults which occurred in 1921 and 1922, but what is not so easy to understand is why these heavy losses should still be continuing, for certainly all departments of trade and industry have for the past six months or more been quite free from disturbance of any kind. It is not alone that the indebtedness is heavy, for in part that can be accounted for by the occurrence of some large failures, but that the number of defaults should also persist at large figures month after month while trade is so active and the money market is free from stringency.

The insolvencies last month were quite equally divided, considering the relative importance of each, among the three different classes into which the figures tabulated from R. G. Dun & Co.'s records are classified, and this applies both as to number of failures and estimated losses. There were 401 manufacturing defaults, with an indebtedness of \$16,686,434; 1,069 trading defaults involving \$18,959,619, and 60 failures of agents and brokers reporting liabilities of \$5,376,224. In the manufacturing division considerable losses are again reported in the lines of machinery and tools and in paints and oils the liabilities were quite heavy. Among bakers, failures were nearly as numerous as in May of last year, but the liabilities were very much less this year. In shoes and leather goods manufacturing, there was one

more default in May this year than last, but the defaulted indebtedness in May this year was much larger than a year ago. In most of the manufacturing divisions insolvencies were not so numerous last month as they were a year ago, neither were the losses so heavy. This is especially true of clothing manufacturing and millinery, manufacturers of lumber and allied lines. The same thing is true of the large trading classes; failures last month continued numerous among grocers, general stores, hotels and restaurants, and dealers in dry goods, and the liabilities reported amounted to large sums, as in May of last year, but the defaults were not so numerous, neither was the defaulted indebtedness as heavy last month. There were a few more failures in the drug trading line in May this year than last; also among dealers in books and papers, but the difference was not noteworthy. There were quite a number of defaults among dealers in jewelry last month, and the indebtedness reported was fairly large but less, both in number and amount, than in May of last year. The defaults among agents were for a larger sum last month than in May a year ago.

As to the larger failures (in size), some improvement appeared last month in contrast with some of the earlier months. There were 51 insolvencies where the liabilities in each instance exceeded \$100,000, with a total defaulted indebtedness of \$22,597,428. For April the number was 58 and the amount \$33,303,582. Considerably more than 50% of the liabilities for these two months comprise losses sustained by less than 4% of the total number of defaults—in fact, in April it was more than 63%. It is the large indebtedness reported by these comparatively few failures that has been responsible for the large aggregate of defaulted indebtedness from month to month during the past two or three years. We say “comparatively few failures”; the number in May last year was 77; in May 1921 it was 67; last month it was, as stated, 51. Prior to 1921 and omitting the disastrous years 1914 and 1915, the number of large defaults in May seldom exceeded 20 or 25 and the amount involved was perhaps six or eight million dollars. In May 1921 it was \$39,400,000; a year ago \$21,560,000, and last month, as noted above, \$22,600,000. The average amount of liabilities for each of the remaining 1,479 defaults reported last month, which may be classed as “small”—that is where the amount of indebtedness in each instance was less than \$100,000, was \$12,460; for May 1922 it was \$12,131; May 1920, \$13,702, but in most of the earlier years back to 1905 it seldom exceeded \$6,000 to \$7,500 for each of the “smaller” defaults. Of the 51 larger defaults reported last month 21 were manufacturing concerns, the total indebtedness being \$10,832,944; 23 trading concerns for \$7,295,474 and 7 classed as agents and brokers having aggregate liabilities of \$4,469,010. In April there were 30 manufacturing concerns that became insolvent, having an indebtedness of \$27,011,978.

The grain crops in a general way have fairly well held their own during the past month, according to the June crop report issued late yesterday afternoon by the Department of Agriculture at Washington. Winter wheat condition has declined 3.8 points during the month of May, but the estimated yield per acre is now a trifle larger than it was in the May report, so that the indicated crop of winter wheat is now placed at nearly 3,000,000 bushels higher than

it was then. The first spring wheat estimate is given, and while both the area and yield are placed below last year, a fair crop is promised. The other grain crops also promise fairly well.

The important crop is spring wheat. The June Government report indicates an area this year planted to spring wheat of 18,508,000 acres. This contrasts with 19,103,000 acres planted to spring wheat in 1922, as shown by the June report issued a year ago. The area planted to spring wheat this year is the smallest since 1917, when it was 17,832,000 acres. The yield of spring wheat in that year was 223,754,000 bushels. There was a considerable increase in the area the following year and for 1919 it was 25,200,000 acres, but the crop of spring wheat harvested in that year was only 207,602,000 bushels. Since 1919 a reduction in the area planted to spring wheat has been shown each year with a yield varying from 10.5 bushels per acre to 14.1 bushels per acre, the latter the final estimate of yield for last year, when the outturn was placed at 270,007,000 bushels. The yield of spring wheat this year is now placed at 12.8 bushels per acre, which would make a crop of 236,000,000 bushels. This is based on a condition for spring wheat on June 1 this year of 90.2%, which contrasts with 90.7%, the estimated condition for last year's spring wheat crop on June 1 1922, and a ten-year average of 92.8%. Of the four leading States in which spring wheat is grown, three show a reduction in area and in estimated yield this year as contrasted with a year ago. For North Dakota, where last year 45% of the total spring wheat crop was harvested, the condition on June 1 this year is only 89%, as contrasted with 91% a year ago. The area planted this year is 7,953,000 acres, against 8,749,000 last year, and the estimated yield 82,107,000 bushels, as contrasted with 123,234,000 bushels, the final outturn in 1922. For South Dakota the condition this year is 91%, a year ago it was 92%; the area this year is 2,748,000 acres, against 2,893,000 last year, and the present indication of yield, 30,008,000 bushels, in contrast with 38,183,000 bushels the production in 1922. Minnesota shows a loss in condition this year to 88%, as contrasted with 92% on June 1 1922; the area for the two years is respectively 1,628,000 acres this year and 1,850,000 acres in 1922, and the yield 20,057,000 bushels for this year, against 25,345,000 bushels in 1922. These are heavy losses for single States on such an important crop as spring wheat. Montana is an exception this year, and the indications are for an increase in production there, so that that State, according to the present outlook, will take second place this year in the yield of spring wheat. The condition for Montana, however, was only 89% on June 1, as contrasted with 94% a year ago. The area planted to spring wheat this year in that State is now placed at 2,713,000 acres, as contrasted with 2,313,000 acres last year and the yield 41,048,000 bushels, whereas in 1922 the yield of spring wheat in Montana was 34,001,000 bushels.

The condition of winter wheat on June 1, according to the Government report issued yesterday, as noted above, is slightly lower than it was a month ago, 76.3% for June 1 contrasting with 80.1% for May 1 last; on June 1 1922 the condition of that year's crop of winter wheat was 81.9%, and the ten-year average for June 1 is 81.5%. The estimated yield per acre of winter wheat this year is now placed at 14.6 bushels, in contrast with 14.5 bushels per acre,

estimated a month ago, and 15.9 bushels per acre, the estimate on June 1 1922 for the crop of winter wheat harvested that year—in fact, the final estimate for the winter wheat crop of 1922 was only 13.9 bushels. This year's crop of winter wheat, according to the June 1 report, is placed at 581,000,000 bushels—a month ago it was placed at 578,287,000 bushels, and the final yield of the crop harvested last year was 586,204,000 bushels.

With both crops, winter and spring wheat together, the June 1 condition this year is placed at 79.9%, which contrasts with 84.3%, the condition of the 1922 wheat crop on June 1, and the total yield this year of both winter and spring wheat is placed at 817,000,000 bushels—for 1922 the final yield of both crops harvested that year was 856,211,000 bushels.

Oats promise a larger yield this year than was harvested last year. The condition on June 1 was practically the same as it was a year ago, 85.6% on June 1 this year, contrasting with 85.5% for the corresponding date in 1922. The area planted to oats this year is, however, somewhat less than it was last year, 40,768,000 acres for the current year and 41,822,000 acres in 1922, although this was reduced at the harvest for the 1922 crop of oats to 40,693,000 acres. The yield for this year's crop is now estimated at 30.8 bushels per acre—for last year's crop the final yield was 29.9 bushels per acre, and the oats crop for the two years contrasts as follows: 1923, 1,256,000,000 bushels, against 1922—1,215,496,000 bushels, the final yield of oats in that year. Rye has deteriorated somewhat during the past month, the June 1 condition being 81.1%, whereas on May 1 this year it was 85.1%; likewise the hay crop, which in the June report is placed at 84.4%, as contrasted with 87% a month ago. A year ago the condition of the rye crop was 92.5% and of hay 91.1%. The area planted to rye is less this year than it was in 1922 and the June report indicates a crop of only 72,000,000 bushels—the yield of rye last year was 95,467,000 bushels. Of hay a crop of 99,000,000 tons is now indicated from this year's growth; in 1922 the yield was 112,791,000 tons. For barley the June report shows a condition of 89.0%, which contrasts with 90.1% the condition on June 1 1922 of the crop harvested then, but the area planted to barley is larger this year than in any year since 1918, and a yield of 196,000,000 bushels is indicated, the largest since 1918.

Germany has made another reparations offer. It provides that, beginning with 1927, she would pay 1,200,000,000 gold marks annually. It also "proposes that the railroads shall be run for Allied profit, that a guarantee fund shall be arranged by German industry and agriculture to pledge an annual revenue to the Allies, and that, finally, the alcohol and tobacco monopolies shall be devoted to reparations. The note would leave to an international conference the determination of Germany's capacity for payment, and asks for an international conference to arrange ways and means." No mention is made of Germany's intention to abandon passive resistance in the Ruhr. The early cable advices stated that in all probability France would reject the new terms, that in London and Washington they were regarded as a step nearer a solution of the reparations problem. The Belgian Government was reported to have taken much the same position, but to have regarded as an "insurmountable obstacle" the

failure to make a definite pledge to end passive resistance. The situation, so far as France and Belgium are concerned, was outlined as follows last evening by the Paris representative of the Associated Press: "Paris and Brussels are keeping in constant communication to-day discussing the advisability of making a reply to the new German reparations note or of ignoring it entirely as not susceptible of forming a basis for negotiation. In the event a decision is reached that a reply be made, the French Government is reported to favor a curt dismissal of Germany's latest proposition. Belgium, on the contrary, is said to be desirous of wording the acknowledgment in such a manner as might leave the way open for a further parley."

European cable advices have contained reports again, after a lapse of some weeks, that Great Britain is willing, under certain conditions, to consider relieving other European Powers with respect to their war debts to her. On this point the Paris correspondent of the New York "Herald" cabled that "as the basis for a new reparations agreement and another attempt to stabilize Europe the new British Government is willing to waive its claims on France and Italy and her 22% share of the present reparations payments if the new agreement will cover her on her interest and amortization charges on her American debt agreement." The correspondent also asserted that "this is the statement which has been brought to Paris within the last few days by Belgian business men headed by Georges Barnich, Director of the Solvay Institute, following conversations they had in London." He observed also that "the plan which would put an entirely new face on the reparations question is now being discussed by the Belgians with French financiers in the hope of getting them to exert pressure on the Poincare Government to accept it as the basis for consideration at the coming conference in Brussels." Under the terms of the plan, he said, Germany would be required to agree to the following stipulations: "First—To pay 30,000,000,000 marks, gold, to France, and 5,000,000,000 to Belgium, these countries to pay their own pensions and devote the money solely to reparations. Italy and the Balkan countries are to get nothing beyond the remission of their war debts. Second—Germany to pay England 600,000,000 to 700,000,000 marks, gold, annually to cover her debt to the United States. Third—Germany to agree to pay whatever sum is necessary later on to cover France's debt to the United States, the idea being that at some future date the American Government, in the interest of world peace and business relations, will see the wisdom of not compelling the payment of the French debt to America, in which case Germany would benefit directly."

Cabling from Paris under date of June 1, the New York "Tribune" representative at that centre declared he had learned that "a call from the Foreign Relations Committee of the French Senate looking toward a general Allied discussion on the reparations problem faces Premier Poincare in preparing for the Brussels conference next week. Decision to this effect was taken at a secret session of the committee yesterday." He also said that "the committee's resolution can be summed up in three points, as follows: That the French Government should not meet the coming German reparations offer with a simple negative, but draw up a definite plan of its own. That this plan should be worked out in agreement with

Belgium. That it should be communicated to the other Allies for a general discussion if England and Italy consider such discussion would be profitable."

That further efforts would be made to strengthen the seemingly tottering Entente between Great Britain and France was indicated in a cablegram under date of June 2 from the Paris representative of the New York "Times." He said in part: "It is understood that Premier Baldwin of Great Britain will come to Paris for an Allied conference, following the conversations next week in Brussels between Premier Poincare of France and Premier Theunis of Belgium. It is possible that Premier Mussolini may come from Rome and that then all the Allied Premiers may be here about the time the new German reparations offer is expected." According to the "Times" correspondent, also, "this is what Belgium wishes, and French opinion is becoming much better inclined toward Baldwin since he took power ten days ago. It is thought he has shown a general disposition to arrange international difficulties, especially with France."

Cabling from London on Monday, the representative at that centre of "The Sun and Globe" asserted he had been informed that "Premier Baldwin is waiting only for a favorable opportunity to make a determined effort to secure a permanent settlement of the problems of reparations and inter-Allied debts." Continuing he said: "For more than a week he has been making inquiries in financial and diplomatic circles on the soundness or otherwise of the Bonar Law scheme, which was rejected by France in January, and whether Great Britain, in view of the fact that she has now funded the American debt and that France is already in occupation of the Ruhr, can afford to continue in support of this plan. Baldwin has a mass of information on these points, but there is every indication that he will decide to support the Bonar Law scheme in a slightly modified form."

In a cablegram dated June 4 the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" was not very hopeful of definite results at the conference to be held in Brussels two days later between Premiers Poincare and Theunis on the question of reparations. He asserted that "little decisive action toward settlement of the reparations problem is to be expected from the meeting of Premiers Poincare and Theunis in Brussels on Wednesday. However, it may be that the result of the meeting will be to brighten the prospects which would attend the meeting later of all the Allied Premiers." The cable dispatches from the leading European capitals the following day were more reassuring on the whole question of reparations, as well as the Brussels Conference of Premiers. For instance, the London correspondent of "The Sun and Globe" said that "despite official denials that Premier Baldwin is desirous of paying a visit to Paris to consult with Premier Poincare, the reports are gathering substance here in diplomatic circles. It is believed that the new Premier of England desires to return to the former common policy and that he considers that the Franco-Belgian conference at Brussels provides the opening of such a return. Information from Brussels shows that the Belgians are sympathetic to this trend of events. They are doing everything possible to facilitate the development." The Paris representative of the New York "Tribune" added that "the declaration is expected to express also a willingness to discuss the whole reparations

problem with all the Allies in framing a joint reply to the next German offer." From the Associated Press representative at the French capital came further news that "the difference between the British and French Governments over the Saar Valley administration, which has been acute for the past few weeks and threatened to become a serious international question, has practically been settled, according to reliable information in League of Nations circles in Paris."

Wednesday morning the Berlin correspondents stated that a new reparations note had been dispatched the day before to the Allied capitals. The representative of the New York "Times" said that "Foreign Office couriers left to-day for London, Paris, Brussels and Rome with copies of a new note on reparations, to be delivered on Thursday afternoon. The full text is expected to be published in Germany on Friday morning." He also said that "it is not regarded as a new offer, but rather as supplementary to the Government's first offer. Accordingly, it contains no increased figure for the total of reparations to be paid, but stands on the first proposition." Commenting upon some of the principal features as he understood them, the correspondent said: "Reiterated and more strongly featured, however, is Germany's willingness to have the total reparations figure, as well as the annual payments, fixed by an international commission of experts, which constitutes an acceptance of the so-called Hughes plan, it being understood, however, that Germany is to have representation on such a commission on terms of complete equality with the Allies. Amplification of the guarantee proposals is the most interesting part of the note. In this section the Cuno Government goes on record as pledging legislation to 'draft' German resources and the German people for compulsory reparations service to the utmost possible extent. The character of such special legislation is hinted at. Referring to the delicate Rhineland and Ruhr problems, the note, however, points out that the possibility of the utmost reparations fulfillment depends on the maintenance of Germany's political integrity and upon Germany's having all possible freedom in the matter of export trade." The "Times" correspondent asserted, furthermore, that "this program has the approval of the Government Coalition parties, the German People's Party, the Centre Party and the Democrats. It is strongly opposed by the German National Party, which believes that any offer whatever is useless and that these supplementary proposals go much too far and pledge too much of Germany's wealth."

Thursday's afternoon papers contained the text of the note which had been delivered to the Entente and United States Governments. The Berlin representative of the Associated Press in his outline said that "Germany's amendatory note proposes a system of annuities estimated to total 1,200,000,000 marks annually if an international loan is not available for immediate capital payments." Continuing to outline the principal features of the note, he said: "The annuities would become effective in 1927, and their number and amount would depend on the degree of Germany's economic recovery. The memorandum declares an inevitable requisite to a practical solution of the reparations problem is the early convocation of a general conference to which Germany would

be admitted on an equal basis. The brief document makes no mention of the political situation, the Ruhr occupation, or the question of abandoning the passive resistance, and indulges in no recriminations. Neither does it refer to the conditions under which Germany is prepared to carry out the payment of the annuities. It reaffirms Germany's readiness to meet reparations and reasserts that the verdict of an impartial international body as to amount would be accepted by the German Government. As a guarantee for the annuities, the German Government pledges the Federal railway system, which would be capitalized at 10,000,000,000 marks, yielding an annual bonded interest of 500,000,000 marks. A further 10,000,000,000 marks would be guaranteed by a gold 5% mortgage, security for which would be furnished in physical holdings of industry, agriculture and shipping, and the gold obligations assumed by banking and commercial interest and private real estate. This levy, it is estimated, would also yield 500,000,000 gold marks. The additional 200,000,000 of the annuity total would be raised by increased customs duties on articles of luxury and the creation of a Government monopoly in tobacco and spirits."

Premier Poincare arrived in Paris from Brussels on Thursday, "having, it is declared, brought wavering Belgium to see the errors of her ways. It is said he has persuaded the Belgian Ministers that salvation lies in strict adherence to French policy." These statements were made by the Paris correspondent of "The Sun and Globe." He added, "apparently the question of a meeting with the other Allies is further off than ever, Jaspars' desire for immediate conversations with Rome and London being overborne by the views of Poincare and Theunis, who maintained that it would be better to have a complete Franco-Belgian program first for the consideration of the new German proposals before consulting with Italy and England."

Following what was designated as a "long conference" by the Brussels correspondent of the New York "Times," the day before, the following communique was issued: "The Belgian and French Governments continued to-day their study in common of the diverse questions which have arisen from the occupation of the Ruhr. They have maintained integrally all their former decisions, especially as regards the conditions under which the evacuation of the Ruhr will take place after the payment of reparations and as regards the necessity for Germany putting an end to passive resistance before any proposals will be examined. The two Governments have agreed on a program of new measures which can be taken to accentuate the pressure and to force Germany to the rapid execution of her obligations." The New York "Herald" correspondent at Brussels cabled that "the Belgian proposal was that England should be asked her minimum requirements in the matter of these debts as a basis for a new agreement on claims upon Germany; but in the French view that would be a sign of weakening. At least England must make the first move, and accept the principle of compensated debts and the principle of continued occupation of the Ruhr, before Premier Poincare will change his policy." He also said that "in face of this attitude of M. Poincare in to-day's conversations with the Belgian Premier, Theunis, who is also Minister of Finance, the Belgian Government was forced to yield to

its bigger ally; but there is every sign of a widening difference of opinion between the two nations engaged in the occupation of the Ruhr. So great appeared the Belgian disappointment over the refusal of the French to favor the plan for sounding Great Britain that it is likely the Belgians may begin informal conversations of this kind themselves with the new British Cabinet."

The New York "Tribune" representative in Berlin said that the hope was expressed by parliamentarians there that the note "will open the door to negotiations between the Allies and Germany on the problems of the Ruhr and reparations." These opinions were expressed before the receipt of the note by the Powers to which it was sent, and before its publication in Germany. The "Tribune" correspondent in a cablegram made public here yesterday morning, asserted that "fierce resentment against the Cuno Government, accompanied by threats of an uprising, swept the ranks of the Conservatives to-day [Thursday] when it became known the German memorandum delivered to the Allies to-day holds out the possibility of a surrender of passive resistance in the Ruhr." As a matter of fact, no mention is made of the subject of passive resistance. The attitude of Belgium, Great Britain and the United States toward the note was outlined as follows in dispatches respectively from Brussels, London and Washington: "Belgium holds the new offer is a decided step forward, but finds a seemingly insurmountable obstacle in Berlin's failure to pledge an end of Ruhr resistance. Guaranties are to be carefully examined. The offer is well received in Great Britain, and Premier Baldwin is believed prepared to take a firm stand and attempt to bring about French consideration. An Entente conference to consider terms is considered probable within a fortnight. While the United States will not reply to the German note, Washington officials see in it a basis for negotiation, and hold America is included in the invitation for an international commission to determine the Reich's ability to pay." The early advices from Paris indicated that the French Government would reject the note. The late cable dispatches from Paris and London last evening did not contain any definite information as to what action would be taken.

President Millerand and Premier Poincare were the principal figures at a "solemn ceremonial" last Sunday at Chaumont, France, to dedicate a monument "in honor of General Pershing and his men." In describing the event, the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" said in part: "Here, in this pretty old town where General Pershing had his headquarters, France gave thanks to-day to her sister Republic for the effective part America played in the winning of the victory over Germany five years ago. She also told her regret that America had not seen fit to contribute in like effective manner to the consolidation of peace, at the same time expressing satisfaction that America did not now criticise France for trying to reap the fruits of their victory so dearly bought by the common effort." American Ambassador Herrick said in part: "Here to-day, with the mirage of battlefields strewn with our own dead before our eyes, we reverently participate in dedicating this monument, not only to the tragic past, but to future unbroken friendship between the two nations in common service for human rights."

Still further progress has been made in the negotiations relative to the proposed international loan of \$126,000,000 to Austria, of which American bankers will underwrite \$25,000,000. Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, Commissioner-General of the League of Nations for Austria, in an interview at the Bank of England on June 4 with American newspaper correspondents, outlined conditions in Austria and also the proposed loan. He said that "the reconstruction of Austria is one of the remarkable features of recent European history. The situation of the country has in the last ten months undergone a complete change. New life and new hope have come to the Austrian people, and the foundation of new prosperity has been laid. The scheme which is at the basis of this resurrection is a very simple one, but represents a form of constructive international effort new in the history of the world." Announcement was made here Thursday morning that the American group, headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., would bring out its allotment of \$25,000,000 next Monday morning. It was stated that "the American bonds will bear 7% interest and be priced at 90 to yield 8%, according to present arrangements. Some of the bonds offered abroad will bear 6% and be priced at 80."

Notes between the British and Russian Soviet Governments are still being exchanged. In a dispatch Wednesday morning from the London correspondent of the Chicago "Tribune," it was stated that "Leonid Krassin, the Bolshevik representative in London, who is trying to patch up the differences between his country and Great Britain, has now received the Russian reply to the latest English note and has an appointment to meet Lord Curzon at the Foreign Office on Thursday." Commenting upon the communication, he said that "the note is said to meet the British demands on all points except the one insisting that Russia recognize the principle of compensation for all England's claims for injuries to her nationals. This is declared by the Russians to be a new demand, the original relating only to damages in the Davison and Mrs. Stan Harding cases, which they have agreed to pay." He observed that "Russia's attitude is that she is willing to recognize the general principle if England in turn recognizes her liability toward Russians who have suffered loss or injury at the hands of her nationals." According to an Associated Press dispatch from London yesterday, M. Krassin expected to present the note to Lord Curzon before night or to-day. It seems that since he first received the document it has undergone some revision.

Apparently the food situation in Russia has improved materially. In a dispatch from Moscow Wednesday morning Colonel Haskell, who has had charge of the distribution of American relief food supplies in that country, was quoted as saying that "the work of the American Relief Administration in Russia will be definitely wound up within the next six weeks and I expect the whole operation will be concluded and the last American will have left the country by the end of July." Commenting upon the food outlook in Russia, the "Times" representative said that "it appears that while some small areas may be short there will be more than enough in the areas of surplus to cover all prospective needs. The food problem for the coming year, therefore, resolves itself into the question of internal distribution of the available and more than adequate supplies. The surplus,

promising as it does a substantial export balance, places the Government in a strong position to secure foreign supplies of other materials."

The Imperial Bank of India, which two weeks ago reduced its rate of discount from 8% to 7% and a week ago reduced it to 6%, has now, according to London cable dispatches of yesterday, made a further reduction to 5%—a fortnight earlier than London expected. Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 18% in Berlin, 6% in Denmark and Norway, 5½% in Belgium, 5% in France, 4½% in Sweden, 4% in Holland and 3% in London and Switzerland. According to recent mail advices, though not noted by cable, the Bank of Madrid lowered its discount rate from 5½% to 5% on Mar. 23 1923. In London the open market discount rate showed very slight change; short bills are now quoted at 2%, against 1½% @ 15-16%, and three months, 2@ 1-16%, against 1 15-16% a week ago. Call money at the British centre closed unchanged at 1¼%. In Paris the open market discount rate remains at 4½% and at 7/8% in Switzerland.

The Bank of England this week reported an increase in gold of £2,847, while note circulation was reduced £159,000, so that total reserve gained £162,000. There was, however, a further lowering in the proportion of reserve to liabilities, which fell to 18.49%, as against 19.06% last week and 20.27% for the week of May 24. This was due largely to continued expansion in deposits and reflects the strain of June 1 disbursements. In public deposits there was a decline of £9,205,000, but "other" deposits rose £13,746,000. Loans on Government securities increased £7,666,000, although loans on other securities registered a contraction of £3,262,000. The bank's stock of gold stands at £127,527,177, as against £128,886,129 last year and £128,369,554 in 1921. The reserve aggregates £22,886,000, in comparison with £24,822,719 in 1922 and £18,539,419 a year earlier. Loans amount to £67,994,000. A year ago the total was £73,280,722 and £76,909,666 a year earlier. Note circulation now is £124,391,000, as contrasted with £122,513,410 and £128,280,135 one and two years ago, respectively. No change has been made in the official discount rate from 3%. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £797,211,000, which compares with £618,218,000 last week and £615,676,000 a year ago. We append herewith comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England returns for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1923. June 6.	1922. June 7.	1921. June 8.	1920. June 9.	1919. June 11.
Circulation.....	£124,391,000	£122,513,410	£128,280,135	£114,367,090	£78,008,175
Public deposits.....	11,549,000	15,541,214	17,658,862	19,440,900	20,314,830
Other deposits.....	112,174,000	125,938,176	133,286,961	136,874,117	130,791,974
Government securities	50,633,000	61,137,484	73,276,122	74,499,429	61,492,376
Other securities.....	67,994,000	73,280,722	76,909,666	78,789,755	79,809,069
Reserve notes & coin	22,883,000	24,822,719	18,539,419	20,789,599	27,471,053
Coin and bullion.....	127,527,177	128,886,129	128,369,554	116,706,689	87,029,228
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	18.49%	17.50%	12.28%	13.30%	17.17%
Bank rate.....	3%	4%	6½%	7%	5%

The Bank of France continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 93,075 francs. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,537,490,300 francs, comparing with 5,527,966,053 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 5,519,416,305 francs the year previous; of the foregoing amounts, 1,864,344,927 francs were held abroad in 1923 and 1,948,367,056 francs in both

1922 and 1921. During the week silver increased 200,000 francs, while advances rose 91,583,000 francs. Bills discounted, on the other hand, fell off 42,509,000 francs, Treasury deposits diminished 53,881,000 francs and general deposits were reduced 463,661,000 francs. Note circulation registered the further expansion of 204,142,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding up to 36,945,122,000 francs. This contrasts with 36,317,805,560 francs at this time last year and with 38,375,243,000 francs the year before. In 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1922 and 1921 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	June 7 1923.	June 8 1922.	June 9 1921.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	93,075	3,673,145,373	3,579,598,997	3,571,049,249
Abroad.....	No change	1,864,344,927	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056
Total.....Inc.	93,075	5,537,490,300	5,527,966,053	5,519,416,305
Silver.....Inc.	200,000	292,560,400	284,242,858	272,975,495
Bills discounted...Dec.	42,509,000	2,329,014,000	2,138,372,145	2,573,821,298
Advances.....Inc.	91,583,000	2,234,301,000	2,330,553,177	2,237,935,000
Note circulation...Inc.	204,142,000	36,945,122,000	36,317,805,560	38,375,243,000
Treasury deposits...Dec.	53,881,000	14,758,000	18,099,275	25,765,000
General deposits...Dec.	463,661,000	2,102,701,000	2,197,045,865	2,685,392,000

The outstanding feature of the Imperial Bank of Germany statement as of May 31 was a further increase in note circulation of nearly a trillion, or 977,103,600,000 marks, to be exact, in comparison with the week before. The previous high record was disclosed in the statement of April 1, when the addition was 683,123,500,000 marks. Another feature was an increase in Treasury bills discounted of 1,070,474,400,000 marks, making the total holdings 8,021,904,840,000 marks. Commercial bills increased 464,246,257 marks. Gold lodged with foreign issuing banks decreased 22,000,000 marks. The steady loss of gold by the Reichsbank for stabilizing the mark has reduced the gold holdings to 757,900,000 marks, in comparison with 832,900,000 the week before and with more than 1,000,000,000 marks about April 15.

The Federal Reserve Bank statement issued at the close of business on Thursday showed no very striking changes. The System reported another small addition to gold holdings (\$5,000,000), while New York again lost gold to interior banks, this time to the amount of \$10,000,000. Rediscounting operations at the local bank were larger and total bill holdings expanded \$21,800,000, to \$268,477,000, as against \$77,212,000 a year ago. The expansion was due entirely to rediscounts of Government secured paper. In "all other" a reduction of \$2,400,000 was shown, and in open market purchases \$1,400,000. Earning assets increased \$29,700,000 and deposits \$28,000,000. For the twelve banks as a whole there was an increase of \$12,500,000 in the discounting of Government paper, but a falling off in "all other" of \$8,600,000, while bills bought in the open market were reduced \$9,500,000, and the net result was a decrease in total bill holdings of \$5,600,000, to \$983,155,000, which compares with \$556,437,000 last year. Earning assets fell \$12,200,000, but deposits increased \$24,400,000. No change was noted in the volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation for the system as a whole, but the New York Reserve Bank by itself showed an expansion of approximately \$2,500,000. Member bank reserve accounts showed material increases, \$21,500,000 for the combined system and \$25,000,000

at New York. Change in the reserve ratio was light for the System as a whole, there being a lowering of 0.4%, to 75.7%, but at the local bank the loss was appreciably larger—2.6%, to 81.1%.

Last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies made a better showing than that of the previous week. The loan item expanded \$22,776,000, while net demand deposits increased \$42,775,000, to \$3,759,644,000. This total is exclusive of \$43,289,000 in Government deposits, a lowering in this account for the week of \$24,338,000. Time deposits, however, fell \$6,983,000, to \$495,038,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank was drawn down \$1,215,000, to \$48,814,000 (not counted as reserve), and there were declines of \$193,000 and \$167,000, respectively, in the reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults and the reserves kept in other depositories. Member banks added to their credits with the Reserve bank in amount of \$23,701,000, and the result was an addition to surplus of \$17,995,170, notwithstanding the expansion in deposits. Excess reserves now are \$28,061,740, which compares with \$10,065,770 reported a week ago. The above figures for surplus are based on 13% reserves above legal requirements for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not include cash amounting to \$48,814,000 held in vault by these banks on Saturday last.

For still another week the local money market has been devoid of special feature, except its continued ease. It moved along in such an even way as to evoke almost no discussion or comment even. No special change is expected, except possibly as preparation is made for the mid-month disbursements, and more particularly for those on July 1, which ordinarily are much larger. Perhaps $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ could be spoken of as the quotations at which most of the call loans were arranged. There was no change in time money from $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ bid and 5% asked. The offerings at the latter figure were said to have been good-sized in the aggregate, with the demand rather light. No withdrawals of Government funds from this Federal Reserve district were reported.

Word came from Washington yesterday morning that within a few days Secretary of the Treasury Mellon would announce an offering of between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000 short-term securities to provide for Treasury certificates maturing this month and also for heavy expenditures. While it was stated that the Treasury has not reached a decision as to the rate on the new offering, the opinion was said to prevail in Washington that it would be less than $4\frac{3}{4}\%$. The official announcement, containing the details, and the outcome of the offering, will be watched with special interest in investment and money market circles.

There is keen interest in the forthcoming Austrian loan, of which it is proposed to offer \$25,000,000 in the United States next Monday. Offerings of domestic bonds have been in fairly large volume in the aggregate. The local bond market as a whole has been firm but quiet, with Liberty issues displaying special strength. There appears to be no particular change from week to week in the commercial demand for money. Fewer pessimistic predictions regarding general business are heard in the financial district than a week ago.

Dealing with specific rates for money, the call loan market has remained almost stationary throughout the entire week, with the range $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 5% , as against $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ last week. On Monday a flat rate of $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ prevailed, this being the high, the low and the ruling figure for the day. Tuesday slight firmness set in and a maximum of 5% was touched for a while, although renewals were still made at $4\frac{3}{4}\%$, which was the low for the day. Call rates relaxed on Wednesday, so that there was a decline to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$; renewals, however, continued at $4\frac{3}{4}\%$, the maximum level. Thursday and Friday $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ was the only rate quoted and that at which renewals were negotiated on both days. The figures here given are for both mixed collateral and all-industrial loans alike. For fixed-date maturities the undertone was easy and funds were in ample supply; the demand was light, however, and trading limited to small routine transactions. As a result quotations remained at $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ to 5% for sixty and ninety days and four months, unchanged, and five and six months at $5\frac{1}{4}\%$, the same as last week. The above rates are for regular mixed collateral and all-industrial money.

Mercantile paper rates were slightly easier and the range for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character is now $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ to 5%, as against 5% to $5\frac{1}{4}\%$, the previous level. It should be noted, however, that the $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ rate is for New England mill paper only. Prime names in the main are being put out at 5%. Names not so well known range between 5% to $5\frac{1}{4}\%$, compared with $5\frac{1}{4}\%$ last week. Business was quiet and the turnover small.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances presented no new features. A fair degree of activity was noted. Both city and country institutions were in the market for round amounts. For call loans against bankers' acceptances, the posted rates of the American Acceptance Council has been reduced to $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ from $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ bid and 4% asked for bills running for 30 days; $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ bid and $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ asked for 60 and 90 days; $4\frac{3}{8}\%$ bid and $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ asked for bills running for 120 days, and $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ bid and $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ asked for 150 days. Open market quotations follow:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	$4\frac{1}{4}\%$ to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{4}\%$ to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{4}\%$ to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$ bid		

There have been no changes this week in Federal Reserve Bank rates. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve Banks:

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT
JUNE 8 1923.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—				
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.
	Commercial & Agricultural Paper, n.e.s.	Secur. by U. S. Govt. Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricult. and Lumber Paper.
Boston.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	---	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	5
New York.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	5
Philadelphia.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
Cleveland.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
Richmond.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
Atlanta.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
Chicago.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
St. Louis.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
Minneapolis.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
Kansas City.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
Dallas.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$
San Francisco.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$

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

Movements in the sterling exchange market this week were not regarded as of particular significance and the day-to-day fluctuations continue narrow in scope and without definite trend. The undertone was relatively firm with the quotation for demand bills maintained at not far from 4 62 $\frac{5}{8}$, until yesterday, when there was a decline to 4 61 1-16; but the volume of business passing was exceptionally light and trading dull and uninteresting. In the early dealings there was a fractional rise to 4 63 11-16, mainly on a small accumulation of bills over the week-end. When these were disposed of, however, the market settled down again into a state of inertia, and the price sagged off.

There is very little new of importance to report regarding the European political situation. Sterling is evidently in neglect, with the feeling general that while no appreciable forward movement need be looked for in the immediate future, sterling is likely to hold its ground well. It is recognized that any attempt to resume speculative operations on anything like an extensive scale would be inadvisable, not to say dangerous, at this time and dealers are biding their time pending the outcome of the Ruhr dispute. Nevertheless, a distinctly optimistic undertone persists and there is a well defined opinion that the Franco-German situation—which, undoubtedly constitutes the pivotal point in international trade—cannot continue much longer on its present basis. It is felt that both sides of the controversy are rapidly approaching a point where they will be compelled to agree to reasonable compromise terms. According to recent cable advices, affairs at Lausanne are progressing favorably, while great hope is expressed that under the skillful leadership of Premier Baldwin financial adjustments likely to prove satisfactory to all will soon be forthcoming. Prospects in this respect are apparently much brighter than a few months ago. In the meantime, the supply of commercial bills at this time of the year is necessarily small, and in the absence of a speculative inquiry, inactivity is unavoidable. In a word, bankers are consistently adhering to their policy of "watchful waiting" until some sort of agreement has been reached which will put an end to the existing deadlock. Publication on Thursday of the new German reparations offer was well received, as being another step in the direction of a peaceful solution of the difficulty, but had no effect on market price levels, since it is regarded as highly improbable that they will prove acceptable to France.

Dealing with quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday last was firmer with demand up a fraction, to 4 62 11-16@4 63 1-16, cable transfers 4 62 15-16@4 63 5-16, and sixty days 4 60 9-16@4 60 15-16; very little activity was noted. On Monday weakness set in and there was a decline to 4 62 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 62 11-16 for demand, 4 62 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4 62 15-16 for cable transfers and 4 60 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4 60 9-16 for sixty days; the recession was due more to lack of demand than to any unfavorable foreign news. The trend was still downward on Tuesday, so that demand sold off to 4 62 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4 62 $\frac{5}{8}$, cable transfers to 4 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4 62 $\frac{7}{8}$, and sixty days to 4 60 $\frac{1}{8}$ @4 60 $\frac{1}{2}$. Wednesday's market was quiet, but steady, with only slight changes; the day's range was 4 62 7-16@4 62 $\frac{5}{8}$ for demand, 4 62 11-16@4 62 $\frac{7}{8}$ for cable transfers and 4 60 5-16@4 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ for sixty days. Dulness characterized Thursday's dealings and there was a slight lowering; demand bills sagged off to

4 61 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 62 $\frac{3}{8}$, cable transfers to 4 62@4 62 $\frac{5}{8}$, and sixty days to 4 59 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4 60 $\frac{1}{4}$. On Friday the undertone was irregularly weak and quotations ranged around 4 61 1-16@4 61 $\frac{3}{4}$ for demand, 4 61 5-16@4 62 for cable transfers and 4 58 15-16@4 59 $\frac{5}{8}$ for sixty days. Closing quotations were 4 59 for sixty days, 4 61 $\frac{1}{8}$ for demand, and 4 61 $\frac{3}{8}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 60 $\frac{7}{8}$, sixty days at 4 58 $\frac{1}{8}$, ninety days at 4 57 $\frac{1}{4}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 58 $\frac{5}{8}$, and seven-day grain bills at 4 60 $\frac{1}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 60 $\frac{7}{8}$.

No gold was received from England this week, except 27,000,000 gold marks on the steamship *Resolute* from Hamburg, and no engagements for export reported. It was announced that gold marks to the amount of 46,000,000 are en route from Germany on the steamer *Mount Carroll*, consigned to the International Acceptance Bank, to be credited—it is believed—to Belgian reparations payments.

Irregular weakness featured dealings in Continental exchange and the chief event of the week again proved to be spectacular weakness in mark quotations. There has apparently been no letup in the pressure of selling from foreign sources, and rates slumped to 0.0012 $\frac{1}{2}$ in the early dealings, recovered 4 points to 0.0016 $\frac{1}{2}$, but subsequently dropped back and scored another new low record of 0.0012. Very little trading, speculative or otherwise, was reported in the local market; the professional element showed no disposition to purchase marks even at the sensationally low levels reported. Thursday's announcement of Germany's new reparation terms had apparently been previously discounted, since actual price levels were only slightly affected; partly because bankers generally are practically out of the market for the time being, and partly because little hope is entertained of their being acceptable to the French authorities. At the recent low record, marks have been selling at 80,000 marks to the dollar. The mark is now less than one-third of its value a couple of months ago, and the situation is causing much concern. Note circulation of the Reichsbank continues to increase apace, the addition for the last week of May having been very close to a *trillion* marks—at the same time that gold reserves are declining steadily.

While reichsmarks led in the weakness, sharp losses took place in Italian lire, which broke to 4.59 $\frac{1}{2}$ for awhile, a drop of more than 30 points from the levels ruling in recent weeks. Later on there was a recovery to 4.69. In addition to political troubles in Italy, it is claimed that the lowering has come about because of summer purchases of wheat and the sentimental influence of the collapse in marks. French exchange was easier and the quotation for checks did not get above 6.48, with the low 6.41 $\frac{3}{4}$, against a high point last week of 6.63. Trading was quiet and the weakness was explained by uneasiness concerning the German reparations offer and depression over the prospects of issuance in the near future of another Government loan for the purpose of continuing reconstruction work in the devastated regions. Belgian exchange pursued a similar course; but Austrian kronen, as usual, remained at around 0.0014 $\frac{1}{4}$. Exchange on the smaller Central European countries was without important change. Greek drachmas opened strong and bounded upward early in the week to 4.19 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks. The advance, however, was

not maintained, so that in the latter part of the week the quotation tumbled to 2.49½. Trading in this currency was quieter and bankers regarded the setback as a natural reaction from a too-rapid rise. For a time heavy buying was recorded, chiefly for speculative purposes. It is claimed that the sudden change in exchange levels has had serious results in Athens, although rumors of numerous bank failures at that centre are not generally credited here. There is said to have been a run on several banks which, however, were aided by an advance of 400,000 drachmas from the National Bank of Greece.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 71.70, against 71.25. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 6.42¼, against 6.49¼; cable transfers at 6.43¼, against 6.50¼; commercial sight at 6.40¼, against 6.47¼, and commercial sixty days at 6.37¼, against 6.44¼ last week. Antwerp francs closed at 5.54 for checks and 5.55 for cable transfers, compared with 5.57¼ and 5.58¼ a week earlier. Final quotations on Berlin marks were 0.0012½ for both checks and cable transfers. Last week the close was 0.0013 13-16. Austrian kronen closed at 0.0014½, against 0.0014¼. Lire finished the week at 4.65½ for bankers' sight bills and 4.66½ for cable remittances. This compares with 4.69½ and 4.70½ the preceding week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 2.99½, against 3.00¼; on Bucharest at 0.52¼, against 0.51; on Poland at 0.0015 (a new low), against 0.0018, and on Finland at 2.77½, against 2.77½ on Friday of last week. Greek exchange finished at 2.84½ for checks and 2.85 for cable transfers, against 3.94½ and 3.95 a week ago.

Trading in the neutral exchanges, formerly so called, was dull and listless and though price changes were not especially large, the general tendency was toward lower levels. Guilders were the exception and ruled steady, closing at a slight advance. Swiss francs were weak, also Scandinavian exchange, especially Norwegian and Danish currency, which each lost from 30 to 40 points during the week.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 39.12, against 39.11; cable transfers at 39.21, against 39.20; commercial sight bills at 39.07, against 39.06, and commercial sixty days at 38.82, against 38.81 at the close on Friday of last week. Closing rates for Swiss francs were 18.01½ for bankers' sight bills and 18.02½ for cable transfers. Last week the close was 18.04½ and 18.05½. Copenhagen checks finished at 18.05 and cable transfers at 18.09, against 18.47 and 18.52. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.59 and cable transfers at 26.63, against 26.61 and 26.65, while checks on Norway finished at 16.69 and cable transfers at 16.73, against 16.88 and 16.92 the previous week. Spanish pesetas closed at 15.06½ for checks and 15.07½ for cable transfers, in comparison with 15.22 and 15.23 the week before.

In South American exchange very little change has taken place and rates on Argentina closed at 35.30 for checks and 35.40 for cable transfers, as against 35.10 and 35.15, while for Brazil the quotation has not been changed from 10.30 for checks and 10.35 for cable transfers. Chilean exchange ruled strong and finished at 13.70, against 13.35, while Peru was quoted at 4 30 against 4 29.

In the Far Eastern exchanges completion of silver purchases under the Pittman Act brought about declines, particularly in rates on China. Hong Kong finished at 53¼@53¾, against 53¾@54¼; Shang-

hai, 73¼@73½, against 73½@73¾; Yokohama, 49¼@49½, against 49½@49¾; Manila, 49½@49¾, against 49¾@49¾; Singapore, 54@54¼, against 54¼@54½; Bombay, 31¼@31½, against 31½@31¾, and Calcutta, 31¼@31½, against 31¼@31½.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 522 of the Tariff Act of 1922, the Federal Reserve Bank is now certifying daily to the Secretary of the Treasury the buying rate for cable transfers in the different countries of the world. We give below a record for the week just past:

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, JUNE 2 1923 TO JUNE 8 1923, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	June 2.	June 4.	June 5.	June 6.	June 7.	June 8.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone.....	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014
Belgium, franc.....	0.057	0.055	0.058	0.056	0.056	0.055
Bulgaria, lev.....	0.1055	0.10414	0.107	0.1085	0.10786	0.10907
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	0.02949	0.02998	0.02955	0.0293	0.02929	0.029873
Denmark, krone.....	1.851	1.840	1.833	1.828	1.81	1.809
England, pound sterling.....	4.6295	4.6278	4.6260	4.6281	4.6251	4.6166
Finland, markka.....	0.027761	0.027775	0.027767	0.0277	0.02753	0.027767
France, franc.....	0.0648	0.0643	0.0645	0.0650	0.0644	0.0643
Germany, reichsmark.....	0.00013	0.00014	0.00015	0.00013	0.00013	0.00013
Greece, drachma.....	0.040943	0.033875	0.0293	0.02675	0.02618	0.027167
Holland, guilder.....	3.919	3.921	3.920	3.921	3.921	3.920
Hungary, krone.....	0.00187	0.00189	0.00189	0.00189	0.00184	0.00177
Italy, lire.....	0.0468	0.0462	0.0465	0.0470	0.0468	0.0466
Poland, mark.....	1.691	1.692	1.673	1.662	1.670	1.681
Portugal, escudo.....	0.00019	0.00018	0.00018	0.00018	0.00018	0.00017
Rumania, leu.....	0.0463	0.0463	0.0467	0.0457	0.0459	0.0458
Spain, peseta.....	0.00515	0.005256	0.005339	0.00535	0.005314	0.005226
Sweden, krona.....	1.520	1.519	1.516	1.516	1.513	1.513
Switzerland, franc.....	2.665	2.665	2.662	2.663	2.664	2.662
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	1.806	1.806	1.805	1.804	1.802	1.800
ASIA—	0.01304	0.012755	0.012508	0.01219	0.011365	0.011165
China, Chefoo tael.....	7.513	7.463	7.454	7.379	7.463	7.454
" Hankow tael.....	7.467	7.413	7.404	7.396	7.413	7.421
" Shanghai tael.....	7.288	7.248	7.220	7.246	7.239	7.221
" Tientsin tael.....	7.571	7.521	7.513	7.504	7.521	7.521
Hongkong dollar.....	5.388	5.341	5.311	5.345	5.338	5.316
Mexican dollar.....	5.269	5.203	5.215	5.243	5.233	5.229
Tientsin or Peking dollar.....	5.308	5.240	5.271	5.323	5.292	5.258
Yuan dollar.....	5.333	5.307	5.304	5.390	5.350	5.333
India, rupee.....	3.102	3.099	3.101	3.102	3.100	3.099
Japan, yen.....	4.916	4.917	4.917	4.914	4.913	4.911
Singapore (S. S.) dollar.....	5.400	5.388	5.396	5.396	5.392	5.392
NORTH AMERICA—						
Canada, dollar.....	0.976719	0.977422	0.977422	0.9790	0.977832	0.977992
Cuba, peso.....	0.999625	0.999688	0.999688	0.999688	0.999813	0.99975
Mexico, peso.....	4.850	4.85417	4.92969	4.83958	4.82969	4.83958
Newfoundland, dollar.....	0.974531	0.974922	0.975078	0.976328	0.975313	0.976016
SOUTH AMERICA—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	8.005	8.030	8.022	7.977	8.016	8.021
Brazil, milreis.....	1.021	1.021	1.019	1.016	1.019	1.019
Chile, peso (paper).....	1.313	1.315	1.328	1.337	1.356	1.360
Uruguay, peso.....	7.898	7.900	7.962	7.942	7.942	7.953

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions have gained \$3,741,225 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending June 7. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,529,225, while the shipments have reached \$788,000, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending June 7.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,529,225	\$788,000	Gain \$3,741,225

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, June 2.	Monday, June 4.	Tuesday, June 5.	Wednesday, June 6.	Thursday, June 7.	Friday, June 8.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 78,000,000	\$ 79,000,000	\$ 56,000,000	\$ 57,000,000	\$ 55,000,000	\$ 61,000,000	Cr. 386,000,000

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—	June 7 1923.			June 8 1922.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£127,527,177	£11,680,000	£127,527,177	£128,886,029	£11,360,000	£128,886,029
France a	146,925,815	11,680,000	158,605,815	143,183,960	11,360,000	154,543,960
Germany	41,645,800	3,475,400	45,121,200	50,011,580	866,300	50,877,880
Aus.-Hun.	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain	101,029,000	26,577,000	127,606,000	100,891,000	25,669,000	126,560,000
Italy	35,495,000	3,024,000	38,519,000	34,407,000	3,036,000	37,443,000
Netherl'd.	48,483,000	809,000	49,292,000	50,491,000	529,000	51,020,000
Nat. Belg.	10,757,000	2,482,000	13,239,000	10,664,000	1,645,000	12,309,000
Switzerl'd.	21,413,000	4,125,000	25,538,000	21,780,000	4,300,000	26,080,000
Sweden	15,181,000	—	15,181,000	15,230,000	—	15,230,000
Denmark	12,679,000	210,000	12,889,000	12,684,000	228,000	12,912,000
Norway	8,115,000	—	8,115,000	8,183,000	—	8,183,000
Total week	580,194,792	54,751,400	634,946,192	587,355,569	50,002,300	637,357,869
Prev. week	580,166,222	54,549,400	634,715,622	587,237,349	50,019,800	637,257,149

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,573,797 held abroad. b It is no longer possible to tell the amount of silver held by the Bank of Germany. On March 15 1923 the Reichsbank began including in its "Metal Reserve" not only gold and silver but aluminum, nickel and iron coin, as well. The Bank still gives the gold holdings as a separate item, but as under the new practice the remainder of the metal reserve can no longer be considered as being silver, there is now no way of arriving at the Bank's stock of silver, and we therefore carry it along at the figure computed March 7 1923.

DECADENCE—LOOKING FOR THE SUPER-MAN AND FOR SUPER-GOVERNMENT.

Is the world suffering from the shell-shock of war? What is the matter with everything? What an absurd question, you say! "Everything!" There are many things that are "right as rain." Our schools, churches, charities, laws, Governments are yet functioning for good; our commerce and business still ply the old works in the old ways; we have men among us of large mould; we have institutions that embody the best in progress; we have a measure of peace and prosperity sufficient for ordinary mortals. Yet there is unrest and dissatisfaction. There is even apprehension. *All* is not well with the world. Does anyone doubt that some kind of a canker gnaws at the heart of things?

If, then, even remotely, we are entering a period some future historian shall name The Decline and Fall of the United States it is well to attempt even a feeble analysis. And as all things are related to human conduct, any brief review of conditions must begin with the man himself. Are we wrong in believing that the chief fault in collective human character to-day is a want of self-reliance? The State, as a reflection of the people, would seem to indicate this. Throughout Europe there is a waiting for the tangled conditions of war to be straightened out. There seems to be a cry for the United States to come over and help. On this side there is an unmistakable urge, in the presence of hesitancy, to take up the world's leadership. New States and old are unwilling to pursue the path of intensive development. Internationalism has become a fad. Problems that belong to two States, that should be settled amicably and quickly by two States concerned, seem to wait on foreign intervention. Some tell us even the United States, imperial in its resources, cannot live alone. In Europe and America there is a yearning for, a leaning upon, Leagues and Associations of Nations.

Though what is "everybody's business is nobody's business," the goal is a super Government. And ignoring the truth that commerce, the great civilizer, asks for freedom alone, there is desire for civic control of natural life in human affairs both as to Governments in their inter-relations and as to individuals in personal conduct. How far and away all this is from the self-reliance that once dominating the individual dominated the State. We seem to have become beggars at the open gates of Paradise. Men and resources give us no courage to be and do for ourselves. Cringing before the supposed power of the State, the State cringes before the people. Law has

become the weapon of individual weakness. No State, it seems, can stand alone, no individual prefers to do so. Classes seek to conquer. Governments men would transform into autocracies to control themselves. The result is a weakened State and a supine individualism.

But when we consider the individual a latent decadence seems to appear. For men *are* saying "things will never be the same again!" and if we try to specifically define this saying we find that it has the tone of a moan and the meaning of a lost hope. No one wants all things to be the same again, or remain the same. But most thoughtful men want a return of the zest and confidence in personal enterprise, the thrill of achievement and the satisfaction of desired accomplishment. This the masses do not possess as formerly. Persistent classes are hammering at the doors of legislation for the bestowal of favors, for the prevention of asserted wrongful conditions, for the establishment of fanciful helps and aids. Those who would be deterred by those who think they cannot. Those who want cry out against those who have won. Courage in life's chief undertakings diminishes. The fine co-operation of combination in a free-for-all race for success is lost. Universal competition in which every man, pursuing the same goal of personal competence and independence, sets himself fearlessly and unreservedly to his own task, is interfered with by the activities of labor and farmer blocs, and similar selfish organizations. Despair dulls ambition. Life becomes a burden seemingly too great to be borne. Like drowning men catching at straws those hard pressed by circumstance catch at vain theories, futile experiments and impotent remedies. The gross result is a weakening of the mental fibre—a plodding endeavor devoid of pleasure and promise.

The reaction between man and his Government is complete. Governments that do not protect the individual cannot be protected by the individual. When Government is supreme the man is serf. When the man is supreme Government is servant. Physical well-being is every man's necessary original goal. The material of toil and trade cannot be sacrificed to a theoretical state. It precedes and upholds the spiritual. Just as surely as industry and enterprise are chained to the State will art and letters languish. We have by personal freedom of endeavor formulated, erected and sustained the institutions that unleash and prosper the finer elements of culture. The mad rush to control personal effort, the false promises of aid to clan and class, the towering growth of Governmental prerogative, dwarf the spirit of individual achievement. We lament the lack of leaders. Why, save that men grow small as the State grows large. Dependence supplants independence. We pile the burdens of inequality on our own shoulders by denying to toil and trade the opportunity to lift every man to an equality with his fellows; and all because certain inequalities due to individual capacity and enviroal resource surround us.

At least, it is time to stop, look and listen. The danger stalks stealthily. Primarily nothing is but the individual man. A Government by ballot is a farce without sincere, courageous, free men. Schools and institutions for human betterment are fine, are imperative, but *men* are indispensable to these, to Government, and to a succession of *men*. Confidence we must have, do have, but there is, faint though it be, decadence. To resolve anew, to think and work anew, this is renaissance.

SPIRITUAL FORCES AS PEACE FACTORS.

Governor Coolidge, in an address, is quoted as saying "we want no more war"; and followed this with the statement that it would be a crime to the world to leave the country unprepared. Can we continue to condemn the use of force and continue to prepare to use it? Can we ever come to depend on spiritual forces while we still cling to the ultimate use of material force? What, pray, are we doing to eliminate war by inculcation of high spiritual fervor, by resolve to work unceasingly for peace. Lloyd George only recently declared that Europe had not learned a lesson from the World War; that it was filled with new hates and enmities, while the old rivalries, racial animosities, and Governmental schemings, were more intense; that, in small States and large, wars are even now brewing. Have we learned the lesson better than they? What are we doing to make antimilitarism the dominating, fixed idea for America and for Europe. Talking preparedness is admitting that the need for arms will or may come.

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." The old aphorism teaches us that we build character by the thought that obsesses us. If the economics of "preparedness" were not desolating, the constant apprehension of that which is to come would prevent the calm of peace from growing in the heart. We do little enough to energize the spiritual forces at best. We are too much engrossed in the materialism of endeavor. We are a nervous people. We want to enjoy life to the full by buying satisfaction with hard work. We are pressed for time. Hanging from day to day upon the stock market index of prosperity, we forget that the soul conquers all things by surveying the "passing show" with equanimity. And for this reason we do not reason wisely on the enervation of an expectancy of war. When do we meet to consider the true preparedness for peace? Memorial Day comes and we mourn the dead—often without a solemn dedication to the arts and thoughts of peace. No high resolve to supplicate the soul for concentration and contemplation on a world at peace engages us. Necessary and beneficial as our business life may be, we hurry back to the scramble and search for wealth, conscious mainly of the need to hurry before we shall hear the "creaking hinges of death." Our children and "our children's children" are swept along to the tide—until there comes the time of war that lurks in our unregarded anticipation.

We bespeak no utter disregard of the possibilities—rather a more sacred devotion to the thought that war will never come to a world that preaches forgiveness and practices forbearance. Yet even this is inefficient. The sublime desire for peace must be ever with us. When we are conscious that peace is the goal of our personal and Governmental endeavor we will make preparedness in a military sense the incidental to our teaching of the crime of war. It was a futile and many thought a foolish crusade that went forth "to bring the boys out of the trenches by Christmas," but unity of popular endeavor to make men think long on peace, now that we are at peace, would not be foolish or futile. You ask for a practical method. We answer that we have none. Encouragement to peace societies in their work is well. The pulpit and the press are divine agencies. But above all, each has a part to play in educating his own soul by controlling his own thought that he may mould and shape a human and worldly character to the

aims and ends of peace. It kills the force of concentration on the blessings of peace to say in the same breath that we must be prepared for war. When citizens and subjects have so builded in themselves the resolve to think and love and will peace, Governments will not reach the precipice of declaring war. And if we cannot control other peoples by our own character building we will at least have served notice on them that we do not stand ready to enter another contest upon the same terms as before—for if we fought to end war and establish democracy in the earth, it is little short of ingratitude that new and old republics, saved and made by that heroic sacrifice, *do not learn the lesson* taught by that war and its aftermath. Our duty subsequent thereto is plain and clear—that we live in the spirit of self-abnegation that fosters peace; and that we firmly resolve that our dead "have not died in vain," for by our national and popular character-building we now desire to be known as the foremost peace-loving nation upon earth.

In his Memorial Day address President Harding said: "It is not enough to seek assurance for ourselves. I believe it a God-given duty to give of our influence to establish the ways of peace throughout the world. We cannot guarantee, but we can promote the peaceful adjustment of disputes, we can aid in the establishment of the agencies of peace, we can be influential in committing the world to the triumphs of peace and make hateful to human-kind the spoils of war." So say we all. And yet, when these solemn occasions pass we sink back upon the idea that we cannot trust other nations to respect and reverence our stand for peace; that, though void of offense, some day we will be attacked, will be "drawn in" by another engulfing conflict. Why be filled with a nameless dread? Why fear the unknown? Why express abhorrence for a pacifist people? Our argument is that the mere coupling of "preparedness" with peace tends to nullify the effect of our teaching and prevent the fibers of pacific thought from taking root that they may blossom into the fruit of unchanging character.

Perhaps there is thought-transference. There may be a crowd-psychology. There seems to be growing in democracies a class-consciousness. But a people earnestly contemplating peace can by the sheer force of example arrest the attention of nations still holding to the chance security of standing armies. Put the whole matter this way: Another World War will send the peoples into such retrogression that the downfall of civilization may ensue; therefore the conscious cultivation of pacifism as a means to an end cannot be a crime. The word is unworthy the scorn of considerate men. We should not blow hot and blow cold in the same breath. We should make it unmistakable that our country and people are for peace, not as incidental to forecasted war, but for peace that contemplates only the expulsion of war—the war that is a crime against civilization.

BUSINESS INQUISITIONS—HARASSING COTTON MERCHANTS.

Cotton, once declared to be King, is now one of the objectives of the investigating mania. After the Senate had originally assigned this inquiry to its own Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, Senator Norris, head of that committee, caused a resolution to be passed on January 31 substituting the Federal Trade Commission and directing it to look into al-

leged violations of the anti-trust laws in operations in cotton, including the conduct of cotton exchanges "and operations upon such exchanges by corporations, partnerships and individuals, the effect, if any, of such operations in future contracts on the price of spot cotton . . . the relation to such anti-trust law violations of the demand for cotton and the supply and methods of marketing it in inter-State and foreign commerce."

The resolution directs this to be done in pursuance of the powers granted by the Commission Act of 1914. The grant is substantially confined to Sections 5 and 6. The former directs the Commission, "when it shall have reason to believe" that "any unfair method of competition in commerce" is being used by any person or corporation, to serve a complaint stating the charges and order a hearing, if the Commission thinks such a proceeding "would be to the interest of the public." Section 6 empowers the Commission "to gather and compile information concerning, and to investigate from time to time the organization, business, conduct, practices and management of, any corporation engaged in commerce, excepting banks and common carriers, subject to the Act to regulate commerce, and its relation to other corporations and to individuals, associations and partnerships." The Norris resolution especially cites, as justification for the cotton inquiry, subdivision (d) of this section, which empowers the Commission, "upon the direction of the President or either House of Congress, to investigate and report the facts relating to any alleged violations of the anti-trust Acts by any corporation." Subdivision (b) also grants power to require of corporations engaged in commerce (banks and common carriers excepted), either annual or special reports or answers to specific questions "furnishing to the Commission such information as it may require as to the organization, business, conduct, practices, management and relation to other corporations, partnerships and individuals of the respective corporations."

The Commission is a fact-finding body solely, for it can report to the courts and must then stop; as most readers will remember, it has repeatedly complained of its lack of power to "do" anything or to enforce its own convictions.

On May 23 the Commission sent to many cotton merchants a letter-missive inclosing a string of 77 questions, which are multiplied by being made applicable to several past years. The probe as to assets calls for cash on hand and in bank; bills and accounts receivable; inventory of cotton and other materials on hand; insurance premiums paid in advance; life insurance policies; Federal securities; other investments; good-will, etc., etc. As to liabilities, 14 similarly minute items are demanded, and profit-and-loss is to be analyzed in 23, some of them these: "profit and loss before charging or crediting interest; interest received, interest paid; profit and loss after charging and crediting interest; other gains and losses; total net profit and loss; surplus at beginning of year; dividends paid and withdrawn; Federal income taxes; other surplus items; surplus at end of year."

Literally speaking, all this and indefinitely more might be demanded under Section 6, since personal and household expenses of corporate officers might be said to bear upon "conduct, practices and management," but there must be some limit to the relativity of "facts relating to any alleged violations of the

anti-trust Acts." No mercantile agency and no bank would put such questions, impertinent in both the common and the etymological meaning of that word, some of those noted above being personal and private in the fullest degree. Suppose every question answered to the minutest detail, the result could not aid any legitimate purpose of any honest business; further, the labor involved would be a burdensome addition to what men, organized and unorganized, now have to do.

The physical and bodily part of human life is mainly on three lines: production, trade and exchange, consumption. Persons engaged in either of the three have troubles enough already, in a time when foreseeing the morrow is harder than ever before, without harassing them needlessly. We have all been looking longingly for the promised "more business in Government," and it is only just to say that some of that has been attained, which is a great step won; but the fellow-promise of "less Government in business" is not less awaited. How soon shall we see its beginning? Must the demand for it be formulated first?

CAN A STATE PREVENT TEACHING OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?

In cases brought from Nebraska, Ohio and Iowa, the United States Supreme Court has just decided that a State has no power to bar the teaching of German (or, inferentially, of any other foreign language) in the schools. The principal case came from Nebraska, where the State's highest court had upheld the conviction of a parochial school teacher for instructing a ten-year old child in German, contrary to a statute forbidding teaching any but the English. The majority opinion was by Justice McReynolds, with Justices Holmes and Sutherland in dissent.

The question for determination, said the opinion, is whether the guarantee of the 14th amendment that no person shall be deprived "of life, liberty or property without due process of law" is infringed by this restrictive statute. Complete lines of this "liberty" have not yet been drawn, but it is established that it may not be interfered with, "under guise of protecting the public interest, by legislative action which is arbitrary or without reasonable relation to some purpose within the competency of the State to effect." To this was added the remark that "determination by the Legislature of what constitutes proper exercise of police power is not final or conclusive, but is subject to supervision by the courts."

In defense of the statute it was urged that the intent was "to promote civic development by inhibiting training in foreign tongues and ideals before children could learn English and acquire American ideals and that English should become the mother tongue of all children"; it was also urged that the foreign-born element is large, "that certain communities commonly use foreign words, follow foreign leaders, move in a foreign atmosphere, and the children are thereby hindered from becoming citizens of the most useful type and the public safety is imperiled." But Justice McReynolds objects that liberty in teachers and parents and also in children is restricted. The plaintiff teacher taught German in school as a part of his regular avocation, and "his right thus to teach and the right of parents to engage him so to instruct their children, we think, are

within the liberty of the amendment; evidently, the Legislature has attempted materially to interfere with the calling of modern-language teachers, with the opportunities of pupils to acquire knowledge, and with the power of parents to control the education of their own." The power of the State, he said further, "to compel attendance at some school and to make reasonable regulations for all schools, including a requirement that they shall give instruction in English, is not questioned, nor has challenge been made of the State's power to prescribe a curriculum for institutions which it supports." The last remark is pertinent because the statute banned the teaching of any language except English in all schools, whether public, parochial or private. Probably a law requiring some teaching of English in all schools, or even prescribing its methods or its minimum, would not be held beyond the powers of a State or be objected to by anybody; but this statute forbade instructing in any other tongue.

In dissent, Justice Holmes assumed it as admittedly desirable that there should be a common tongue in this country; he seemed to consider the intent of the statute that all should understand English, and so could not bring himself to believe that in some circumstances the statute before the Court might not be reasonable or even necessary; familiarity with a language is most easily established in childhood, and if there are sections where a child would hear at home only Polish or French or German he deemed it not unreasonable "to provide that in the early years he shall hear and speak only English at school, and if this is reasonable it is not an undue restriction of liberty, either of teachers or of pupils." He concluded, however, by saying that he is unable to say whether the Constitution forbids trying this experiment of exclusive teaching.

In comment upon the foregoing, it may be said that probably most thoughtful persons regret the gathering of foreigners into "colonies" or "quarters" in our cities, and also the disposition, much increased by the war, to flock into cities and shun the wider country; but there is no apparent power (even if a right be assumed) in legislation directly to halt the movement cityward; similarly, there is no apparent power in statute to directly check the gathering of persons of one nationality and tongue into spots and "clots." After swallowing foreign material rapidly, we are suffering from political indigestion, but trying to force assimilation by restrictive statutes may perhaps aggravate rather than cure our pains.

To "educate," as the etymology of the word shows, is not to put into a child's head a bunch of ascertained facts and observed phenomena, but to "lead out," that is, to develop mental power and character control. The State rightfully founds and maintains common schools, and attempts to compel attendance therein, because society must safeguard itself and it is at once cheaper and more humane to provide a start in education than to multiply policemen and criminal courts; the alternative to the school is the street. Yet when the State assumes to specify, in respect to all schools alike, what shall be the curriculum, the question arises how far a majority, through an enacted statute, can dictate to the individual citizen. Had Justice McReynolds uttered any such obiter dictum as that German is an eminently useful tongue or that no education is complete which does not include a working knowledge of at least one of what we call "modern" tongues, he might have been

accused of seeking to legislate; but the contention of the majority is merely that the attempted restriction tends to impair the constitutional right of individual selection.

THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE AND DEVELOPMENTS ON THE CONSOLIDATED.

A member of a firm here which deals in foreign exchange expresses the belief that several billions have been sunk in this country in speculative buying of the German mark. While that loss must remain conjectural its total is doubtless large, though probably less than the losses of persons victimized by dealers in wild cat "securities." The credulity of these persons (not all but probably the great majority of them living at a distance from New York) is marvelous, for while they might turn away from a mere gnat of gilded untruth they swallow a camel of it, and the bigger the promise the more eagerly they put faith in it.

It must once more be said that no blue sky or other directly-aimed statute can keep a firm barrier between these "fish" and the fisherman. Yet, for many reasons, every possible safeguard is due at once to them, to the country which suffers by their folly, and to the good name and substantial financial business of this city which unjustly suffer by it. Two weeks ago President Cromwell of the Stock Exchange appealed to all branch managers and customers' men in Exchange firms to heartily join the Better Business Bureau wherever there is one and where there is none to join all good citizens who wish to suppress bucket shops and all other crooked dealers. What is needed is more public knowledge, and a clear duty to aid this rests on bankers and sound merchants everywhere. In this they will have the aid of the newspapers, for public duty and intelligent self-interest set every decent journal against a form of trading which robs legitimate business, undermines confidence, and retards the thrift that the country needs to have develop.

While the Consolidated Stock Exchange is going through an investigation of itself by a committee, the head of the larger Exchange writes to the "Herald" in reply to that journal's criticism of it for not keeping its ticker quotations away from use by the Consolidated. In May of 1909, says Mr. Cromwell, the Exchange passed a resolution declaring that any member having direct or indirect dealings with or for a member of the other body shall be deemed to have acted against the welfare of the Exchange. But in 1913 the State enacted a law forbidding making or enforcing any rule or by-law by any exchange against dealing at regular rates with or for members of any other, and forbidding enforcing any such rule by penalty or discipline. Accordingly, the Stock Exchange, after vainly trying to prevent this enactment, obeyed it by rescinding its resolution, says Mr. Cromwell. Over 30 years ago, he adds, the Exchange sought to keep its quotations from the Consolidated, but a series of injunctions, which have never been vacated, positively forbade this. The Exchange maintains that these are not applicable to quotations gathered by itself instead of by the telegraph companies, the latter method being in use when the injunctions were granted; but the Consolidated denies this contention, and therefore the larger body could not cut off the quotations without being obliged to make good its contention in court. Further, says Mr. Cromwell, if the quotations were wholly cut off and

the right to do so were successfully established, the Exchange would undoubtedly be accused of trying to put a rival out of existence and the members of that rival body would apply anew to the Legislature.

There seems to be force in this latter contention. The Stock Exchange has been accused of being dictatorial even in its watch over and discipline of its own members, and would not attempt to make its quotations exclusive set the "monopoly" cry going again, with perhaps a renewal of the demand for incorporation and some outside regulation? As an unincorporated and voluntary association, the Exchange ought to be permitted, without attack upon it, to make rules for its own government and to provide business facilities of its own without obligation to share them with any other body; some persons doubt whether the Consolidated has any public service which justifies its existence and whether its "small lots" trading could not be otherwise provided for. This is open to differences of opinion, but while the main Exchange must avoid as far as possible all provocation even to unjust and prejudiced hostility, its duty and its self-interest alike urge it to do all possible towards confirming honest business lines without as well as within its membership.

STABILITY IN BONDS REFLEX OF CAREFUL BUYING.

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Had Cadmus lived in the present era, he would not have said, "of the making of books there is no end"; he would have exclaimed, without doubt, of the issuance of bonds there can be no end.

If adequate funds for replacement and expansion are to be provided for corporation and Government needs, bonds will be ever in the making. From the construction of the district school house to the re-payment of Government indebtedness there is but one vehicle, the bond; either in its most primary form or its more attractive cousin, the Treasury note. While the cunning sagacity and mental acumen of the financiers of each generation have endeavored to devise methods of borrowing less irksome than those of their predecessors, the bond remains as the appointed "obligation to pay," secured or otherwise, without regard to measures for payment.

It is not the purpose of this article to review the various types of bonds. The scale is limited and the subject hackneyed. Even the most unsophisticated bond buyer should be able to discern between a well-protected security and one that is merely related to protection.

The distribution of securities within the last decade has evolved selling systems which would baffle solution by the statistical economist; while the propaganda for financial enlightenment of the "public" has not been overlooked by the charlatan, quasi-banker, or legitimate bond dealer. The methods employed represent varying degrees of honesty; the pseudo and the real.

The rapid conversion of our non-buying masses to investors in Government bonds through the Liberty drives was nothing short of phenomenal. The pathetic side was the reaction. Where the buyer, wholly uneducated in bonds had bought through pride and patriotism, sold his bond often with the coupon attached; knowing not in the least the nature of the security purchased. The result was the belittling of Government bonds. Blazoned advertisements of shop traders seeking sales and soliciting payment for goods in Liberty bonds; promoters exchanging bonds for worthless fortune-making shares; no scheme overlooked to inveigle the small bond owner to part with his unprized security.

From what heights had the mighty fallen! Bonds of distinctiveness had declined to the level of merchandise. The public mind became skeptical of Government credit as each new loan had met with increasing resistance. Relief was obtained through the sale of Victory notes to institutions and buyers versed in bond values. The instability of the Liberty bond market was the net result of the untutored

selling force; patriotic in motive but unskilled in distributing securities.

Originally the disposal of bonds by banking houses of issue was through invitation, personal correspondence, or by sale over the counter. Rarely would a banking house of the old type sully its dignity to solicit. Many houses objected to typewritten letters lest the client would infer that the need of selling was one of pressure. Letters were written in long-hand drawing attention to the bond offered and were often signed by the senior partner. The entire operation was in itself a most dignified approach to the investor; soliciting his consideration of the security and seeking an interview at the banking rooms, where the nature of the obligation could be more intimately discussed prior to purchase.

The morale of the strictest integrity was adhered to, lest the confidence of the investor should be disturbed; the dominant thought being straightforwardness in bond dealings. The bond passed from the dealer to the strong box of the buyer, to be resold only in need of funds. Banking was a well rated profession and was conducted upon the line of unimpeachable respectability.

The financial requirements of growing corporations in the development of the country at large made heavy inroads upon the capital of the private banker. Fresh money could only come from new customers, and gradually the mails and public press were accepted as needful and necessary aids. Then came personal solicitation.

The transitional period to the present rapid-fire, speed-up sales program has occupied less than a decade. Where a banking house had one representative the force was increased to five and the same proportion was followed by some of the larger houses of distribution. Dignity was thrown aside in the effort to close out an issue within the hour.

The "Million a Minute" distribution plan has evolved the so-called financial salesman, a distinct product, "Le Dernier Cri" of finance, who recites, reiterates and imitates, but is guilty of no such crime as thinking per se. This atypic creation bases his claim to salesmanship on results. Such is pathetically true; for whether he represents a responsible bond house or not, his net results can be defined as an agent of destruction in the bond market. He produces through selling to the unwary and leaves discord in his path. He possesses uncanny selectiveness in clients who, once free from the glamor of possession by purchase, immediately seek a market for resale; the inevitable sequence, a falling market from selling pressure.

We live in an age of specialism. Even the abortive attempts to teach the principles of finance—minus experience—in various academic channels has been narrowed by a process of essential elimination until the student is brought to a realization of the practical study of financing by a ground work in the preparation of the bond itself. Possibly this process of education may so shape itself that it will arrive at that fundamental basis from which the bond man of 20 or 30 years ago started; namely intimate study of the mortgage behind the bond.

The older type of men were compelled to know the deed of trust, indenture or mortgage agreement before offering the bond to a customer; and by virtue of this training a special type of bond man was developed who maintained the absolute confidence of the buyer.

The impossibility to create a bond salesman through any system of correspondence or institutional training is evidenced by the numerous failures. The novice flounders through a series of mishaps and losses to himself and customers until arriving at a point of discernment. Those who arrive are few.

Psychologically a sixth sense of values has subconsciously been developed, and yet the development may not occur until many years have been wasted; if, however, a financial nidus exists in the brain the transition in development is more speedy and thorough.

Unfortunately, the young aspirant becomes an imitation of the more skilled and seasoned material; never possessing that sense of values which is just as real and tangible in its existence as the appreciation of tone and color. So keen is the realization that this sense of value exists, that many banking houses try out an infinite number of candidates; well satisfied with the cost of so doing if one or two men are proven material.

One skilled in handling securities, whether buying or selling, on coming in contact with a new bond visualizes the

offering. The complete concept is formed. Equity, safety, yield, earnings and marketability pass quickly on the mental screen—the sum total of constructive values. Whether accepted or rejected, the opinion will be valid, giving a brief but analytic summary of the integral make-up of the security. Snap judgment is conspicuously absent in such a type of man. It is a value sense that cannot be easily defined.

There is no truer saying than "a bond well sold is well put." Every relational fact should be brought out prior to the sale. Comparison of safety, yield and security of issue should be thoroughly discussed from every angle. Many bonds are strong in their own entity but weak from association. The man who speculates in bonds is usually a heavier loser than he who gambles in stocks; bond markets recover more slowly.

It is not in the province of the human mind to recite the names or titles of bonds on the listed or unlisted market. Their name is legion. Many issues have become obsolete, either through default, conversion or reorganization; so that lack of knowledge to answer every question does not imply ignorance of the subject on the part of the seller. The essential requirement is actual appreciation of the security itself.

The average public buyer of to-day becomes skeptical of his securities on noting the rise and fall of the general market; a natural action of market reflecting the cost or hire of money. Once let the Great God Fear seize the buyer and his securities are sacrificed at a loss to the house of issue, the seller or representative, and the holder.

The seller should be thoroughly familiar with the basic structure of the obligation itself and the buyer should demand such information. It is just as essential that he know the basic points of security provided for protection of the bond as it is the price at which the bond can be sold without undue burden upon the corporate maker of the obligation. This information cannot be obtained through a hurried interview. Hasty judgment in purchase is just as harmful as discourteous reception; in both instances the buyer deprives himself of financial benefit.

Losses in institutional buying might be lessened through the return of a custom once in vogue; namely the seller was invited to appear before the executive committee and discuss the virtue of the bonds offered. One question suggests another. It is the give and take of conversation that discloses the weak spot and it is the weak spot which the broker looks for in making the general market. This custom of open discussion before the boards in banks ceased in many instances because of the time consumed. And time written into the overhead in dollars and cents bulked large. But let any banker take the bonds purchased by an institution since the departure from this custom and compare the loss with that which was written off when each member of the Board considered the seller and his security in the open. The comparison is startling.

No buyer, large or small, can be too careful and no banking house of repute is disregarding of this buyer. Statistical and analytical departments are maintained expressly for this purpose. There is no lost energy in a house of this kind. Each representative is expected to keep in constant touch with the statistical end, just as a research worker consults a library. It is in the buyer's province to educate himself by most intimate discussion of securities either with the house or representative. Ignorance is no excuse for mistakes in bond buying any more than in law breaking. The penalty is insolvency of the estate or conformance to the Bank Commissioner's blue penciled notation to write off and salvage the security.

Return the old custom of purchasing securities. Let the buyer and seller grant concessions in time to each other. Purchases and sales thus made will automatically create a stable market. Confidence in the value of the bond prevents sudden outpouring on unreceptive markets. The "obligation to pay" is retained for income, and money so derived is reinvested for the succeeding generations.

The investor schooled in values is a very small fraction of the percentage of the whole. It is a matter of great misfortune that the average purchaser buys bonds in a haphazard manner. If questioned why the investment was made, the reply is "Mr. So-and-So sold them to me, and I guess he ought to know." It is possible that the seller did know, but the buyer is to learn the real truth on liquidation. Then the weak spot in the market and the blind spot in the buyer stand out as a loss.

Many of the large investors who specialize in bank stocks will not buy the stock of a bank until they know the character of the bonds and methods of purchase pursued by the bank. Commercial paper rarely defaults, but that may not be the privilege of a bond.

A bank is in reality the highest type of public utility, likewise the investment department of an insurance company. They re-invest public money regardless of the nature or the purpose of the organization. Safety of invested funds is of primary importance. The more interest exhibited in the seller and his wares, the more satisfactory the purchase. This is especially needful in country banks. Their isolation often makes for loss because of the inability or lack of desire on the part of their executive to study the value of bond offered or attempt to study the personal equation of the seller. One man can always enlighten the other if temperaments are adjusted. It is the public that suffers when loss occurs.

Dignity of approach, better and more intensive knowledge of securities by the seller and exhibition of greater consideration on the part of the buyer will save in the end a loss of money which, if put into figures, would not be credited. Banking is a profession of the highest type and should bring out the very best of man's ability, judgment and skill in values. He is handling the resultant product of human labor, and the selling of securities is a profession of no mean merit.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, June 8 1923.

Owing to more seasonable weather, general trade in the United States during the past week has increased somewhat, especially in clothing. Jobbers and retailers have been busier. It is true that some of the big industries are still quiet, notably iron, steel and the textiles. There is considerable curtailment among the cotton mills of New England and also, it appears, of the South, notably in North Carolina. That is to say, cotton mills in some instances have cut off half a week in their operations, and even in some cases recently from one to two weeks in New England. Night work, to all appearances, has ceased as a rule in Southern cotton mills. The cotton manufacturers North and South thus cut down the very heavy overhead somewhat in the matter of labor costs and high raw material and also prevent an undue accumulation of supplies on a dull market. The consumer seems to be grumbling somewhat over the high cost of goods. But summer goods are now selling somewhat more freely, partly owing to the hot wave which has latterly swept over the United States, although for a couple of days past it has again become cooler. New York has had the warmest weather seen here at this time of the year for about 25 years. It has helped retail trade. Pig iron

output was on an unprecedented scale in May, but with the coming of warm weather it will naturally decrease, especially as new buying is relatively small. Taking wholesale trade the country over, it has been no more than moderate and in many cases light. And prices in many instances have declined. Flour prices have been down to the lowest seen since just before the war. This big industry suffers so far as export trade is concerned from foreign competition. Wheat prices have declined partly because of vexatious Government interference with the trading on the grain exchanges of the country and also largely because of competition from Canada, Argentina and India, not to mention a rather better crop outlook. Cotton has advanced sharply owing to bad weather over much of the belt, shrinking supplies and an acute situation in the July delivery, in which there seems to be a large short interest both for trade and speculative account, so much so that it sells at \$18 a bale above the price of October cotton, something which of itself looks at least very suggestive. Business men hope that the Ruhr situation will improve in the near future, and at times they have been hopeful that it would. Those engaged in the cotton and grain business have been watching the situation in the Ruhr Valley quite as sharply as any one else. A settlement of this vexed question, it is felt, would increase the sale of

American cotton and grain across the water. Meanwhile declines

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

Aggregate increases of \$3,900,000 in discounted bills, as against reductions of \$9,600,000 in acceptances purchased in open market and of \$6,500,000 in Government security holdings, accompanied by an increase of \$24,400,000 in deposit liabilities, are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on June 6 1923, and which deals with the results of the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined. Federal Reserve note circulation remained practically unchanged, cash reserves advanced \$2,700,000, while the reserve ratio shows a decline from 76.1 to 75.7%. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Aggregate increases of \$35,600,000 in the holdings of discounted paper are shown for seven Reserve banks, the New York Reserve Bank reporting an increase in these holdings of \$23,300,000. Decreases in the holdings of discounted paper, aggregating \$31,700,000, are shown for five Reserve banks, chiefly Boston and Cleveland, which report decreases of \$14,700,000 and \$8,600,000, respectively.

Gold reserves showed a further gain for the week of \$4,900,000 and stood at \$3,113,700, an increase for the present year of \$66,300,000, compared with an increase of \$135,100,000 for the corresponding period of last year. The inter-district movement of gold, largely through the settlement fund, has been away from New York City, also from St. Louis, the local Reserve banks reporting decreases in their gold reserves of \$10,400,000 and \$7,000,000, respectively. Smaller reductions in gold reserves, totaling slightly over \$8,000,000, are shown for the Philadelphia, Cleveland and Chicago banks. Boston reports an increase in its gold reserves of \$13,900,000, San Francisco an increase of \$4,100,000, Kansas City an increase of about \$4,000,000, and the four remaining banks a combined increase of \$8,300,000.

Holdings of paper secured by Government obligations increased during the week from \$371,500,000 to \$384,100,000. Of the total held on June 6, \$190,200,000, or 49.5%, were secured by United States bonds, \$178,800,000, or 46.6%, by Treasury notes, and \$15,100,000, or 3.9%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$214,000,000, \$143,300,000 and \$14,200,000 reported the week before.

The statement in full in comparison with preceding weeks and with the corresponding date last year will be found on subsequent pages, namely pages 2611 and 2612. A summary of changes in the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks, as compared with a week and a year ago, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) Since	
	May 29 1923.	June 7 1922.
Total reserves.....	+\$2,700,000	+\$64,200,000
Gold reserves.....	+4,900,000	+103,600,000
Total earning assets.....	-12,200,000	-8,400,000
Discounted bills, total.....	+3,900,000	+314,700,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations.....	+12,600,000	+235,200,000
Other bills discounted.....	-8,700,000	+79,500,000
Purchased bills.....	-9,600,000	+112,100,000
United States securities, total.....	-6,500,000	-435,100,000
Bonds and notes.....	-10,100,000	-101,900,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	+3,600,000	-333,200,000
Total deposits.....	+24,400,000	+79,000,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+21,500,000	+71,600,000
Government deposits.....	+9,400,000	+11,300,000
Other deposits.....	-6,500,000	-3,900,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	+108,700,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liability.....	-100,000	-70,200,000

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

Further reductions of \$52,000,000 in loans and discounts and of \$32,000,000 in Government security holdings, as against an increase of \$31,000,000 in other investments, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of condition on May 29-30 of 774 member banks in leading cities. May 30 was observed as a legal holiday in most of the States and, accordingly, figures for banks in such States are shown as at close of business on Tuesday May 29. It should be noted that the figures for these member banks are always a week behind those for the Federal Reserve banks themselves.

Reduction in "all other," largely commercial, loans and discounts accounts for practically the entire reduction in loans and discounts above shown, an increase of \$5,000,000 in loans secured by Government obligations being offset by an equal decrease in loans secured by corporate and other obligations. Member banks in New York City show an increase of \$4,000,000 in loans on Government securities, as against reductions of \$7,000,000 in loans on corporate securities and of \$24,000,000 in other loans and discounts. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Net withdrawals of Government deposits from the reporting institutions totaled \$90,000,000, other demand deposits (net) show a decline of \$434,000,000, while time deposits went up \$17,000,000, and for the first time are shown in excess of \$4,000,000,000. Corresponding changes for the week

at the New York City banks comprise net withdrawals of \$38,000,000 of Government deposits and of \$31,000,000 of net demand deposits, as against an increase of \$6,000,000 in time deposits.

Borrowings of the reporting institutions from the Reserve banks show an increase for the week from \$436,000,000 to \$459,000,000, or from 2.6 to 2.8% of their total loans and investments. For member banks in New York City an increase from \$101,000,000 to \$106,000,000 and from 1.9 to 2.1% in the ratio of these borrowings to total loans and investments is noted.

Reserve balances of the reporting banks declined about \$46,000,000, the New York City banks reporting a reduction of \$29,000,000 in this item. Only nominal changes are shown for cash in vault.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 2612—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items as compared with a week and a year ago:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) Since	
	May 23 1923.	May 31 1922.
Loans and discounts—total.....	-\$52,000,000	+\$934,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+5,000,000	-50,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	-5,000,000	+311,000,000
All other.....	-52,000,000	+673,000,000
Investments, total.....	-1,000,000	+543,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	-6,000,000	+199,000,000
U. S. Victory notes and Treasury notes.....	-27,000,000	+462,000,000
Treasury certificates.....	+1,000,000	+6,000,000
Other stocks and bonds.....	+31,000,000	-124,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	-46,000,000	+21,000,000
Cash in vault.....	-1,000,000	+2,000,000
Government deposits.....	-90,000,000	+59,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	-43,000,000	+123,000,000
Time deposits.....	+17,000,000	+772,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. banks.....	+23,000,000	+302,000,000

Floating of \$25,000,000 Austrian Loan in United States.

It is understood that the \$25,000,000 Austrian loan, to be brought out in this country and to which reference was made by us May 26, page 2335, and a week ago, page 2459, will be floated the coming week by the syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co. In stating on June 4 that final arrangements for bringing out the American portion of the loan were being made in London, advices from that city, published in the "Journal of Commerce," added:

Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., and Montagu O. Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, to-day reviewed the latest first-hand reports brought from Vienna by Dr. Zimmerman, League of Nations High Commissioner for Austria.

Mr. Norman expressed the highest satisfaction with conditions in the country and added: "The reconstruction of Austria becomes more and more necessary as the Ruhr situation becomes more acute. The fact that the Austrian currency has been the stablest in Europe since its stabilization last September, is encouraging at the moment of launching this reconstruction loan, which is a form of international collaboration new in the world's history."

Sees Austrian Recovery.

It was an extremely encouraging report Dr. Zimmerman had to make of Austria's rapid rehabilitation. He said that during the past ten months the country had undergone a complete change; new life and new hope had come to the Austrian people and the foundations of a new prosperity had been laid through a plan of constructive international effort new in the world's history.

From information respecting the new loan which was made available this week, we quote the following:

The Loan and Its Guarantees.

The Austrian Government guaranteed loan 1923-1943 is to be an international loan to be issued in Great Britain, France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Austria and the United States of America, in bonds of various denominations and in various currencies for amounts sufficient to yield in the aggregate an effective sum equivalent to not exceeding 630,000,000 Austrian gold crowns, or about \$126,000,000.

Of the total authorized loan, bonds to the amount required to yield an effective sum of not exceeding 585,000,000 Austrian gold crowns (of which the present issue of guaranteed dollar bonds forms part) are guaranteed as to principal, interest and redemption payments by the under-mentioned States, to the extent, in each case, of the proportion stated:

Great Britain, to the extent of.....	24 1/4 %
France, to the extent of.....	24 1/4 %
Czechoslovakia, to the extent of.....	24 1/4 %
Italy, to the extent of.....	20 1/4 %
Belgium, to the extent of.....	2 %
Sweden, to the extent of.....	2 %
Denmark, to the extent of.....	1 %
Holland, to the extent of.....	1 %

Total.....100%

As part of the authorized amount of this loan, the Austrian Loan Commission states that, through advances to be made by the Swiss and Spanish Governments, an additional amount of upwards of 45,000,000 Austrian gold crowns will be made available. This amount, together with the proceeds of the bonds to produce 585,000,000 Austrian gold crowns as above stated, will, it is now estimated, be sufficient for the Government's requirements. Such advances as above described will rank equally on the pledged revenues, but will not have the Government guarantee.

Before each issue forming part of the loan is made, every guarantor State will deposit with the National Bank of Switzerland, in the name of the trustees for the loan, its own bonds of like tenor and currency to cover the amount of its guaranty in respect of such issue. Dollar bonds, securing the service of the issue to be made in the United States of America, have

been duly deposited with the National Bank of Switzerland in the name of the trustees by the several guarantor States. Should funds for the payment of any coupons or of any sinking fund installments of the loan not be in the hands of the trustees thirty days before the date due, these bonds and coupons, to the extent necessary, are to be immediately collectible by the Bank of Switzerland, without any further consent or authorization by the guarantor States, and without any action by the bondholders.

The Austrian Government covenants to pay during the life of the loan a fixed annual sum which, after deducting the annual interest on the bonds at the time outstanding, is to be sufficient to redeem the entire loan in annual installments by maturity. The quota available for amortization of the American issue, increasing from about \$600,000 in the first year to about \$2,200,000 in the last year, will be used in the redemption of bonds of the American issue by lot at 100% and accrued interest, or, if the Austrian Government shall so elect, in the purchase of bonds in the market, if obtainable at less than 100% and accrued interest.

Security for the Loan.

In addition to being direct obligations, in respect of the payment of principal, interest and sinking fund, of the Federal Republic of Austria, the bonds of this loan are secured by a first charge on the gross receipts of the customs and the tobacco monopoly of the Austrian Government. This charge extends also to an existing advance from the Czecho-Slovakian Government of not exceeding 13,500,000 Austrian gold crowns and to any loan which the Austrian Government may raise to provide for the redemption, after June 1, 1934, of the outstanding balance of any particular issue forming part of the loan now to be contracted. No further charge on these revenues may be created ranking in priority to, or pari passu with, the above charges.

Offering of Austrian Loan in Great Britain.

On the 8th inst. the New York "Times" announced the following from London:

The Bank of England is inviting subscriptions to approximately £11,000,000 of the £14,000,000 slice of the Austrian loan to be floated here. The remaining £3,000,000 are being issued to the British Government in satisfaction of amounts due from Austria. The loan is at 6%, issued at 80 and redeemable in 1943 by a cumulative sinking fund.

On the same date the New York "Commercial" stated that it had been announced in a London cablegram that the British portion of the Austrian loan had been quickly underwritten.

Austrian National Bank Appoints Foreign Adviser.

The following Associated Press correspondence from Vienna May 18 appeared in the "Journal of Commerce" of June 7:

The National Assembly has approved the appointment of a foreign adviser to the Austrian National Bank. There was considerable opposition to the measure by the Social Democrats.

It is predicted that the coming of this foreigner will be followed by other foreigners to take charge of the Federal railroads, the tobacco monopoly and the departments of posts and telegraphs.

Great Britain to Pay Semi-Annual Interest on Debt to United States.

Associated Press cablegrams from London June 7 state:

Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Financial Secretary of the Treasury, informed a questioner in the House of Commons to-day that it had been agreed to pay the interest on the British war debt to America semi-annually on June 15 and Sept. 15. The installments on the principal of the debt will be payable each December 15.

Huge Over-Subscription to Belgian Loan.

The following press advices came from Brussels June 7:

Subscriptions to the last Belgian "billion franc" loan for the reconstruction of the regions devastated in the war have reached a total of twenty billions. Most of the large subscriptions have come from a consortium of banks.

Stock Exchange in Manila

The New York "Times" printed the following June 2:

A Stock Exchange, the first in the Philippines, will soon be in operation as a result of a meeting in Manila yesterday, attended by Governor General Leonard Wood, and representatives of all the Chambers of Commerce of the archipelago, according to word received here yesterday.

Prussian Potash and Rye Loans Over-Subscribed.

From Berlin, June 1, the "Journal of Commerce" announced the following advices:

The Prussian Government closed subscription lists to-day on two 5% State loans in real values after both issues had been several times over-subscribed. One of the loans floated amounted to 100,000,000 kilograms of potash and the other to 400,000 centners of rye. The subscriptions to the former totaled 490,260,700 kilograms and to the latter 1,460,063 centners.

Swedish State Bank Sells Dollars to Maintain Exchange.

We take from the "Journal of Commerce" of yesterday (June 8) the following Associated Press advices (dated May 17) from Stockholm:

When the dollar began to rise in London recently, the Swedish State Bank continued to sell dollars in order to keep the Swedish crown on par with the American currency, but the dollar went up to 3.755 from 3.74. The State Bank at the beginning of this year had a portfolio of foreign currency amounting to 160,000,000 crowns, but this has now been reduced to 63,000,000.

According to the experts, the bank would be in a position, if Parliament rejects the proposal for a further postponement of a return to a gold footing, of seeing its paper notes higher in value than the corresponding number of crowns in gold.

Germany's Latest Proposals to United States and Allies Respecting Reparations.

Germany's latest proposals looking toward the adjustment of the reparations issue were conveyed in a note presented to the United States, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy and Japan on June 7. The note supplements Germany's reparations offer of May 2, Herr Rosenberg, in indicating this on the 7th inst., stating, with respect to the present communication, "we limited ourselves to those points which the answers of the Allies had in common, and we answered in a form which is prima facie supplement unto and explanatory of our note of May 2." He went on to say: "The answers of the Allies made three principal complaints: first, the amount of the offer; second, the construction of our note; third, the insufficient detail of economic guarantees offered by us." The reparations offer of May 2, given in our issue of May 5, page 1951, proposed that "the sum total of Germany's obligations as to payments in cash and in kind by virtue of the Treaty of Versailles is to be fixed at 30,000,000,000 gold marks, of which, by a bond issue at normal rates on the international money market 20,000,000,000 are to be raised before July 1 1927, 5,000,000,000 before July 1 1929 and 5,000,000,000 before July 1 1931." As was noted in these columns May 5 (page 1952), the May 2 terms were found unacceptable by France; Great Britain's reply which found the proposals "inadequate," and that of Italy expressing disappointment over the proposals, were referred to in our issue of May 19, page 2198. To quote from a copyright Paris cablegram to the New York "Times," June 7, the supplementary note "proposes that the railroads shall be run for Allied profit, that a guarantee fund shall be arranged by German industry and agriculture to pledge an annual revenue to the Allies, and that, finally, the alcohol and tobacco monopolies shall be devoted to reparations, the whole to yield between 1,200,000,000 and 1,500,000,000 gold marks, as from July 1 1927." We also quote as follows from the Associated Press accounts from Berlin, June 7:

The document is brief and wholly devoted to elucidation of the moot points on which the creditor nations had requested amplifying statements. It makes no mention of the political situation, the Ruhr occupation or the question of abandoning the passive resistance, and indulges in no recriminations. Neither does it refer to the conditions under which Germany is prepared to carry out the payment of the annuities.

The annuities would become effective in 1927, and their number and amount would depend wholly on the degree of Germany's economic recovery. The memorandum declares an inevitable requisite to a practical solution of the reparations problem is the early convocation of a general conference to which Germany would be admitted on an equal basis. On this point the note says:

"Germany's capacity to pay depends on the character of the settlement as a whole. A method of payment can only be arranged in direct consultation with those who are to receive payment. The guarantees can only be worked out in detail with the collaboration of those whom they are intended to serve."

The memorandum reaffirms Germany's good will and readiness to meet her reparations obligations, and asserts the conviction that the entire problem should be submitted to an impartial inquiry, the verdict of which, it declares, would be accepted by the German Government.

As a guarantee for the annuities, the German Government pledges the Federal railway system, which would be capitalized at 10,000,000,000 marks yielding an annual bonded interest of 500,000,000 marks.

A further 10,000,000,000 marks would be guaranteed by a gold 5% mortgage, security for which would be furnished in physical holdings of industry, agriculture and shipping, and the gold obligations assumed by banking and commercial interests and private real estate. This levy, it is estimated, would also yield 500,000,000 gold marks. The additional 200,000,000 of the annuity total would be raised by increased customs duties on articles of luxury and the creation of a Government monopoly in tobacco and spirits.

The text of this week's note is given as follows in the Associated Press advices from Berlin, June 7:

After full and careful consideration Germany has stated her sincere belief as to her capacity to make payment for reparations. The German Government would not be acting fairly and it would not bring the real solution any nearer if, for the sake of temporary alleviation of its political difficulties, it were to promise more than in its judgment the German people can, with the utmost effort, perform.

Nevertheless, the question of Germany's capacity is one of fact on which different opinions can be held, and the German Government admits the difficulty of arriving at any secure estimate in the present conditions. For this reason it has already offered to accept the decision of an impartial international body as to the amount and method of payment. Germany can give no stronger proof than this of her determination to discharge reparation.

The German Government also is ready to supply all available information necessary in forming a reliable judgment on Germany's capacity to pay. It will, if it is wished, throw open to inspection all its financial records and furnish any details that may be desired concerning the resources of German industry and business.

The German Government has made reference to the flotation of big loans in order that large capital sums might accrue at the earliest possible moment to those powers to which reparation is due. Should loans on a great scale prove impracticable for a time, it is ready to substitute a scheme of annuities.

Since the Allied Governments have attached importance to Germany's furnishing forthwith precise indications as to the kind and mode of guaranties

which she is in position to offer the German Government proposes the following as part of a definite reparations settlement:

(a) The railway system of the Reich, with all its appurtenances, will be detached from the other State property and held as a separate fund, the accounts of which would be independent of the general financial administration and under its own control, and obligations will be issued up to the amount of 10,000,000,000 gold marks with a direct first charge on the assets of this administration and carrying interest at 5%, as from July 1, 1927, thus securing an annual payment of 500,000,000 gold marks.

(b) To secure a further annual payment of 500,000,000 gold marks, as from July 1, 1927, the German Government will at once subject the entire business, industry, banking, trade, traffic and agriculture of the country to a guaranty in the form of a first mortgage of 10,000,000,000 gold marks on the real estate, whether buildings, dwellings, land or forests. The annual dues of 500,000,000 gold marks will be levied either indirectly in the form of a general tax on all classes of property or on the specific objects of the mortgage.

(c) In addition the German Government will pledge as security the customs on imports of consumable articles other than necessities, the excise on tobacco, beer, wine and sugar, and the receipts of the spirits monopoly. On the average of the years preceding the war these customs and excise receipts reached about 800,000,000 marks. Their yield in gold marks has now fallen to one-quarter on account of the loss in territory and population and reduced consumption. With the recovery of the economic activity of Germany it will automatically increase.

In conclusion the German Government feels that it must lay emphasis on the following: In a matter so vast and complicated, real progress cannot be made by the exchange of written documents, but can only be achieved by word of mouth at the conference table. Germany's capacity to pay depends on the character of the settlement as a whole. A method of payment can only be arranged in direct consultation with those who are to receive payment. The guaranties can only be worked out in detail with the collaboration of those whom they are intended to serve.

For the solution of all these questions, oral discussion is essential. Germany acknowledges her liability to make reparations. The German Government repeats its request that a conference be summoned to decide how it may best discharge it.

The Berlin (copyright) advises to the New York "Times," June 7, report Herr Rosenberg's explanatory statement of the 7th as follows:

Rosenberg's Statement

Chancellor Cuno was first slated to meet the foreign correspondents, but at the last minute he sent Herr Rosenberg as the Chancellor was planning a trip close to the Ruhr border at Muenster, Westphalia, to-morrow and Saturday, presumably to stiffen the Ruhr resistance.

Rosenberg, in greeting the correspondents, said:

The Government of the Reich has come to a decision on an undertaking which, if successful, will prove fortunate for all Europe, but which, if unsuccessful, will have far-going and fatal consequences utterly unforeseeable.

You know, we received five answers to our note of May 2. Two of these answers almost slammed the door which had opened, except for a small crack. Three answers did not do so, though, to be sure, they did not invite us to come into the parlor and sit down at the table of nations. But these answers at least left possibility of spinning the discussion further.

Of these three notes the answer from the Far East (Japan) was for German eyes relatively the most sympathetic to read.

After this statement Herr Rosenberg went to the point of the reparations problems thus:

"For us what matters it to exploit the modest opportunity for making connections offered by these three answering notes?" (English, Italian and Japanese). It might have laid near to us to limit our reply to these three Powers, who in their answers requested us to make further proposals and who in their answers placed themselves on the standpoint of a matter-of-fact, businesslike discussion.

After long consideration, however, we decided to answer not only these three but all six Powers who received our note of May 2. We made up our minds to do this in order to do everything in our power, unperturbed by formalities or by justified national feelings to contribute to the disentangling of the Gordian knot.

"In our answer, however, we limited ourselves to those points which the answers of the Allies had in common and we answered in a form which is prima facie supplement unto and explanatory of our note of May 2:

"The answers of the Allies made three principal complaints: First, the amount of the offer; second, the construction of our note; third, the insufficient detail of economic guarantees offered by us.

"Our offer of May 2 was based on conscious and thorough study and examination of the subject. It does not depend on what we might want to do, it does not depend upon the degree of our willingness to pay, whether we name a higher or lower figure. The German Government can and must offer only that which after thoughtful deliberation it believes the German people can pay.

Could Not Change May 2 Offer.

"You will understand, therefore, why on June 7 we could come to no other estimate of figures than on May 2. All answers demanded of us an honest, fair offer, and to comply with this demand is in line with our own best interest. For this reason, too, we waived aside the possibility of making a bridge between our offer of May 2 and the well-known proposals of Bonar Law (the English January proposals).

"In any event the results would have been a higher, artificial, arithmetical sample or example. One thing is true. There is one point where the two projects intersect. According to official utterances of the English Government, the present value of the Bonar Law proposal, with the most favorable development of Germany, might amount to less than thirty billion gold marks, while our proposal in case an international commission estimates our ability to pay that high would at most amount to thirty billion gold marks.

"And yet, the difference between the two proposals is tremendous. To emphasize one, and that the principal point—our annual payments after four years would begin with 1,200,000,000 gold marks and gradually increase to 1,500,000,000 or 1,800,000,000, whereas the Bonar Law proposal, after four years, begins with all of 2,000,000,000 gold marks, gradually rising to 2,500,000,000, and only after this figure had been attained was an international commission to decide whether Germany was able to negotiate another jump to 3,500,000,000 gold marks.

"But the kernel and heart of our offer of May 2 was not a specific figure, but Germany's willingness to accept a correction of its views at the hands of a non-partisan and independent body. We at that time proposed to submit the whole reparations problem to such a body.

"Everybody knows that this proposal is based on the idea, born of the genius of Secretary Hughes, enunciated last December before the Historical Society at New Haven, and the German Government has again and again recurred on most diverse occasions to the great chances offered by and the great wisdom of this suggestion.

"In the memorandum submitted in various capitals of the world, we recur to re-emphasize this Hughes thought in a few words, but clearly and unequivocally. It did not need many words, for, as we notice, the idea is gaining ground.

Details of the Guarantees.

"In the matter of making more precise the details of the economic guarantees we could make a long step forward. The most valuable property which the Reich possesses, the State railroads, we offer as a guarantee. They are not running at a profit to-day, but everybody knows what great values are invested in German State railroads and how profitable they were in normal times.

"It is obvious that if ever again Germany reaches a condition where she is able to pay such huge reparations sums, the economic convalescence and rehabilitation will be such that assuredly the State railroads will profit thereby. That will be the moment when the State railroads will begin to show profit instead of loss.

"Our promise to draft all economic Germany into the service of reparations we make good in our memorandum of to-day. On all real estate, all business and dwelling premises, in town and country and all agricultural and other land, a mortgage of 10,000,000,000 gold marks will be imposed as a guarantee in order to raise additional annual payment of 500,000,000 gold marks.

"Finally we offer and pledge the customs duty on articles other than necessities of life, and the duties on the whole series of necessities of life. These customs and excise taxes in normal times before the war amounted on the average to 800,000,000 gold marks yearly. Because of Germany's losses of territory and the decrease of consumption, these customs and excise duties have dropped to one-fourth of this figure. But with the progressive convalescence and rehabilitation of Germany's economic life these items also will automatically rise.

"To avoid misunderstandings let me emphasize that these are the guarantees and securities which we offer. We do not offer fixed annual payments herewith. We offer securities and guarantees to cover the annual payments, the amount on which we do not know.

"These are no mere vague promises, certainly so far as drawing upon economic Germany is concerned. The drafting of German 'wirtschaft' will assume the form of legislation. The preliminary work on drafts of such laws is already under way and the Reichstag through the mouths of its party leaders has informed us that we can count on the co-operation of the political parties.

"In concluding our memorandum we express our conviction that in such a complicated and involved question an exchange of notes will not get anywhere. Think what an absurdity it would be if a simple matter of a loan of money were attempted by an exchange of letters. Such complicated matters can only be adjusted and settled with satisfaction to all when persons can look each other in the eye and talk together.

"Therefore we repeat at the end of our memorandum the request for a speedy calling of a conference to agree on the details of a final definite solution of the reparations problem."

In its cablegram from Berlin, June 7 (copyright), the "Times" said:

The Foreign Minister also revealed that the new note was transmitted to Tokio at the expense of the Japanese Ambassador because Germany could not afford the cable tolls to send it herself. The cable rate to Japan to-day is about 75 cents per word. Estimating the German note, without punctuation marks, at about 700 words, the German Government's offering 1,200,000,000 gold marks yearly in reparations, with guarantees, and not being able to afford \$525 for cable tolls to send her note to Japan, seemed a bit incongruous. Herr Rosenberg was fully sensible that the Japanese sent it at their expense. The wireless had been broken down for the last forty-eight hours, otherwise the Japanese might have picked up the note at no expense.

France and Belgium Discussing German Reparations Proposals—Brussels Conference Relative to Belgium's Proposals.

According to Associated Press cablegrams from Paris last night (June 8), Paris and Brussels were in constant communication yesterday discussing the advisability of making a reply to the new German reparations note or of ignoring it entirely as not susceptible of forming a basis for negotiation. It was further stated in the cablegrams:

In the event a decision is reached that a reply be made, the French Government is reported to favor a curt dismissal of Germany's latest proposition. Belgium, on the contrary, is said to be desirous of wording the acknowledgment in such a manner as might leave the way open for a further parley.

The French Foreign Office maintains an absolute official silence on the subject, but the indications appear to be that a reply will be made and that Germany will be requested to announce, once for all, whether she intends to continue or abandon her passive resistance in the Ruhr.

The Belgian Cabinet strongly favors a common inter-Allied reply, but it seems certain that a joint answer will be possible only if London agrees to leave no doubt in the mind of the Berlin Government as to the absolute necessity of discontinuing the Ruhr resistance. Upon this point Belgium and France are solidly agreed.

There has been no direct communication between London and Paris on the subject, the British viewpoint being transmitted to the Quai d'Orsay through Brussels.

The expectation here is that Great Britain will agree that Germany must admit defeat in the Ruhr and that a joint note will be elaborated and dispatched to Berlin to-morrow.

Premier Poincaré, upon reading the German reparations note is reported to have declared it "ridiculous," and the newspapers, with the exception of the extremist organs, take the same attitude. The six leading papers of Paris apply to the memorandum such epithets as "inadmissible," "unacceptable," and "not needing a reply."

On the 7th inst. the Associated Press, in Paris cablegrams, stated that it was declared in Government circles that night that the reparations offer elaborated in this week's notes remains entirely unacceptable to France. To quote further from these dispatches:

It makes no appreciable advance over the previous offers, and France cannot even discuss it with Germany, for, as was decided at Brussels yesterday, the passive resistance in the Ruhr must be abandoned before any negotiations can begin.

The note was characterized as unsatisfactory for four main reasons:

First—Because it makes no mention of abandoning the passive resistance, which is the first of the Franco-Belgian conditions.

Second—Germany offers no definite sum as the total reparations.

Third—In suggesting an impartial international commission to fix the reparations total, Germany ignores and seeks to violate the Versailles Treaty, which created the Reparations Commission for exactly that purpose. The French see no reason why the Reparations Commission should be supplanted.

Fourth—The suggestions for guarantees might be open to discussion if Germany proposed their administration by the Allies, but if the Germans administer the guarantees the French would expect no satisfactory result.

The French are still unconvinced, they say, when Germany pleads inability to pay. They declare they have seen her living sumptuously and that they know she can meet her obligations.

Premier Poincaré had a long conversation with President Millerand this afternoon and gave him a report of his meeting with the Belgian statesmen at Brussels. The question of how the German note is to be answered, it is said in official circles, depends upon the other allies. France would be glad to join in a collective answer, but the terms must agree with the French views.

The Germans were careful not to ignore the Reparations Commission, and delivered a copy of the note to the Commission to-day as they did when the main proposals were made early last month.

The Franco-Belgian Conference referred to above was held at Brussels on the 6th inst., in part for the purpose of examining and discussing the memoranda on reparations communicated to the French Government last week by the Belgian Government. As to the conference the Associated Press had the following to say in its cablegram from Brussels, June 7:

Belgian official circles are gratified that the French so readily accepted the Belgian views expressed at the conference of Premiers here yesterday, and it was announced officially at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to-day that the result had given entire satisfaction.

Premier Theunis's plan fixing the German debt at 40,000,000,000 gold marks, 30,000,000,000 for France, 5,000,000,000 for Belgium and the balance for Japan, Portugal, Rumania and Serbia, was received by Premier Poincaré in a spirit of conciliation, and the hope was freely expressed to-day that a great step had been taken toward the solution of the reparations problem.

The Belgian plan, it is pointed out here, is desirable for France and Belgium only in so far as Great Britain and Italy renounce their part in the reparations. There is strong belief here that the Belgians made such a proposal only after having made certain that Great Britain was willing to abandon her share.

Premier Theunis and Foreign Minister Jaspar spoke freely to-day in regard to the situation, without any attempt at evasion or the use of diplomatic language. While desirous of remaining beside France in the Ruhr to obtain payment by all means possible, the Belgians made it clear during yesterday's conversations that under no consideration were they willing to risk becoming estranged from Britain.

It was apparently a great surprise to the Belgians to find M. Poincaré so amenable. M. Jaspar, in commenting on the result of the conference, said: "Our accord is perfect. We are headed toward prompt resumption of the meetings of the Supreme Council, with all the Allies represented. To be sure, we will not be assembled to-morrow or the next day with the British and Italians around the conference table, but it cannot be delayed much longer."

General Degoutte, Allied military commander in the Ruhr, had a long talk with Premier Poincaré last night and returned to Duesseldorf this morning.

"My task is becoming much easier," he told the correspondent. "There are signs that the passive resistance of the Germans is disintegrating. We have the Ruhr well under control, and are prepared to enforce any decision taken by the statesmen."

On the previous day (the 6th inst.) Brussels advices (Associated Press), according to the "Journal of Commerce," said:

As to the Belgian reparations plan the "Wall Street Journal" of May 29, printed the following:

A solid and united Allied front by France, Belgium, Great Britain and Italy on the question of German reparations, with France and Belgium agreed on a policy with regard to the Ruhr, appears to be forecast in consequence of a meeting here to-day between Premier Poincaré of France, and Premier Theunis and Foreign Minister Jaspar of Belgium.

A striking feature of the session, according to both the French and Belgians, was that a way was left open for Stanley Baldwin, the British Prime Minister, to propose a solution should it prove impossible to arrange a joint Allied reply to new proposals Germany is expected to make almost immediately on the question of reparations.

The French, with the Belgians supporting their view, still held out for a cessation of German passive resistance as an inflexible requirement before Germany's new offer is examined, but M. Poincaré's attitude on the whole, nevertheless, is construed here as decidedly less uncompromising than heretofore.

France and Belgium again at to-day's meeting reaffirmed their decision to evacuate the Ruhr only when Germany paid.

The French expressed willingness to meet any reasonable German plan in a spirit of conciliation, and, aside from insisting that payment from Germany must be forthcoming before the French soldiers march out of the Ruhr, M. Poincaré declared he was ready and willing to entertain settlement suggestions from friendly quarters. It is asserted that when the French Premier made this statement Mr. Baldwin was particularly in his mind.

Premier Poincaré of France is understood to have accepted in principle the new Belgian reparations plan, but asked that time be given for French experts to examine and report upon it.

An official communique, issued after the conference session, reads:

Official Statement.

"The French and Belgian governments continued to-day their joint study of various questions raised by the occupation of the Ruhr. They maintained integrally their former decisions, notably in what concerns the conditions under which the evacuation of the Ruhr would take place after the payment of reparations and also concerning the obligations for Germany to cease her passive resistance before there can be any examination of her proposals.

"The two governments have laid down a program on new measures to be taken in order to accentuate their pressure to coerce Germany into complete fulfillment of her obligations.

When Premier Theunis and Foreign Minister Jaspar of Belgium went into the conference to-day with Premier Poincaré and French Finance Minister de Lasteyrie, they took with them an elaborate reparations plan ready for submission to the French statesmen.

The plan gives 7,000,000,000 gold marks as the figure Belgium is prepared to accept for her reparations share, this to be composed of 4,500,000,000 marks for the reparations account and about 2,500,000,000 for redemption of the German paper marks gathered by the Belgian Government after the German evacuation and now in the vaults of the Belgian National Bank.

According to the best information in semi-official circles the Belgian Government has decided that the reparations question cannot be settled without the participation of Great Britain and Italy. The Belgian plan is the result of many weeks of work by experts and is drafted in such a manner that it can be presented to Great Britain for approval, along with an invitation to attend the next Allied conference.

Grave fears had been voiced that the French and Belgian viewpoints would prove irreconcilable, but after a private talk of more than an hour between M. Poincaré and M. Theunis and M. Jaspar, which was considered the most important feature of the day, the official announcement was made that "an understanding has been reached."

The meeting of "The Board of Directors of the Ruhr Occupation Company, Limited," as the French Premier described to-day's session, proved to be a general discussion of the reparations question.

When the delegates met to-night at the French Embassy for dinner M. Poincaré and M. Jaspar decided that another meeting set for to-night was unnecessary. M. Poincaré, therefore, will return to Paris about eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

As to the Belgium reparations plan, the "Wall Street Journal" of May 29 printed the following:

Belgium has proposed a reparations plan to France by which 2,400,000,000 gold marks (approximately \$588,000,000) would be collected annually from Germany, the "Matin" revealed. France has the scheme under consideration.

The sum of 2,400,000,000 gold marks represents the minimum that would be obtained yearly from Germany under the Belgian plan. This does not include the sums expected from proposed monopolies upon tobacco, alcohol, sugar and from other sources.

It was suggested by Belgium that:

1. Germany balance her budget by selling her foreign exchanges.
2. German railroads be exploited internationally for the benefit of the Inter-Allied Reparations Commission, it being estimated that 1,900,000,000 gold marks could be realized annually in this way.
3. All profits from German coal mines to be turned over to the reparations fund, experts claiming this would bring in 500,000,000 gold marks yearly.
4. Reparations Commission would take a quarter of the stock in all German corporations, obtaining one-quarter of the dividends.
5. Reparations Commission would take over German Government monopolies upon tobacco, alcohol and sugar.
6. Abolish the blockade to permit Germans themselves to exploit the Rhineland and Ruhr for the benefit of the reparations account.

French and Belgian troops would remain in the Ruhr, under the Belgian plan, but only as a guaranty, not interfering with the German administration.

Premier Poincaré will go to Brussels next week for a conference. The Belgian offer will then be discussed at first hand. It is understood that a number of French economic experts will accompany the Premier.

New German Reparations Note Received at Washington.

The New York "Times" reported the following special advices from Washington June 7:

A copy of the new German note on reparations, addressed to the Allies, was presented to-day to Secretary Hughes by the German Ambassador, Dr. Otto Wiedefeldt.

No reply on the part of the United States Government is called for, the presentation of the memorandum here being simply as a matter of information and courtesy. Consequently officials of the State Department declined to make any comment.

It is understood, however, the new communication is looked upon in Administration circles as constituting a distinct advance beyond anything Germany has yet offered in previous communications. Both the more detailed offer of guarantees and the German suggestion for a direct conference for solution of the question of amount and mode of payment are looked upon here as making it possible for the Allies to find in them a basis for negotiations.

The German invitation for a conference in some respects is in line with the suggestion made some time ago by the United States for an international conference in an effort to fix the guarantees and reach a final and conclusive settlement of the whole problem of reparations.

At the time the United States suggested the consideration of the question of Germany's capacity and method of payment by an international conference, it was this Government's idea that the conferees should be outstanding experts of the various Governments interested, who would report recommendations to the Governments entitled to reparations. Those Governments, under the American plan, would not have been bound in advance to accept the recommendations of such an international commission.

The United States Government indicated at the time that it would be willing to be represented in such a conference if the other interested Powers so desired. The German note makes reference not only to reparations but to "those who are to receive payment." This might be taken to include the United States, to which \$250,000,000 is due as payment for the cost of the American Army of Occupation.

There was an indication of hopefulness here to-day that things are moving toward a point where differences are being narrowed, and there appears to be a drawing together—even if only gradual—of the extreme views which prevailed for some time before the occupation of the Ruhr.

Offering of Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.

Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. of New York and Chicago offered on June 7 at 101½ and interest, to yield about 4.60% to 1933 and 4¾% thereafter \$3,000,000 4¾% farm loan bonds of the Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank. The bonds are dated May 1 1923, are due Nov. 1 1963 and are redeemable at the option of the bank at par and accrued interest on May 1 1933 or on any interest date thereafter. The bonds are in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000, and are fully registerable and interchangeable. Principal and semi-annual interest are payable May 1 and Nov. 1 at the bank of issue or

at the Continental & Commercial National Bank in Chicago, or at the Chase National Bank in New York City, at the holder's option. The bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, are exempt from all Federal, State, municipal and local taxation. By Act of Congress these bonds, prepared and engraved by the Treasury Department, are declared instrumentalities of the United States Government, legal investments for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government, acceptable at par as security for Postal Savings and may be accepted as security for other deposits of Government funds. The Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank operates in the States of Illinois and Iowa. It has paid regular dividends, it is announced, since 1919, and is now paying 10%. Guy Huston, the President, furnishes the following consolidated balance sheet of the bank as at April 30 1923 as certified by Arthur Young & Co.:

Assets—	
Gross loans secured by first mortgages on farms lands.....	\$49,901,275 00
Less—Amortization payments received on principal.....	840,471 96
Net mortgage loans.....	\$49,060,803 04
Investments:	
United States Liberty bonds at par.....	\$234,750 00
Joint Stock Land Bank bonds at par.....	482,700 00
	717,450 00
Accounts receivable.....	21,208 94
Accrued Interest:	
On first mortgage loans.....	\$1,202,150 23
On investments.....	12,887 44
	1,215,037 67
Cash in banks.....	2,084,396 85
Furniture and fixtures.....	15,050 93
Premium on bonds purchased.....	1,650 08
	\$53,115,597 51
Liabilities—	
Capital stock, issued and outstanding.....	\$3,050,000 00
Reserves and undivided profits.....	686,761 40
Reserve for unearned interest.....	48,041 07
Farm loan bonds, issued and outstanding.....	45,500,000 00
Bills payable.....	2,400,000 00
Due borrowers.....	79,952 07
Accrued interest on bonds outstanding.....	1,131,875 00
Coupons due, not presented for payment.....	9,870 00
Advance interest, May 1 installments.....	209,097 97
	\$53,115,597 51

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

GUY HUSTON, President.

Two separate bond offerings of \$2,500,000 each of the Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank the present year were referred to in these columns April 3, page 880 and April 14, page 1599.

Offering of Bonds of Ohio-Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank.

An issue of \$1,000,000 Ohio-Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank 5% farm loan bonds was offered in Cleveland on June 4 at 103 and interest, to yield 4.625% to 1933 and 5% thereafter, by the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, the United Security Co., the Herrick Co. and the Cleveland Trust Co. The organization of the Ohio-Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank was referred to in these columns Jan. 20 1923, page 248. The bonds are dated June 1 1923, are due June 1 1953 and are redeemable at the option of the bank at par and accrued interest on June 1 1933 or any interest date thereafter. Coupon bonds are in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 and registered bonds are in \$1,000 and \$10,000 denominations. Interest, June 1 and Dec. 1 is payable at the bank of issue. The bonds are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation, excepting only inheritance taxes. The Ohio-Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank, in accordance with its charter granted under the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act, operates exclusively in the two States from which it takes its name.

Offering of Bonds of Virginian Joint Stock Land Bank and Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank.

A simultaneous offering of \$200,000 5% farm loan bonds of the Virginian Joint Stock Land Bank and \$500,000 5% bonds of the Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank was announced on June 6 by Brooke, Stokes & Co. of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. The \$700,000 of bonds were offered at 102½ and accrued interest, to yield 4.68% to 1933 and 5% thereafter to the redeemable date. The bonds are dated May 1 1923, are due May 1 1953 and are non-callable before May 1 1933. The bonds, coupon or fully registerable and interchangeable, are in denomination of \$1,000. All coupons are payable May 1 and Nov. 1 at Brooke, Stokes & Co., Philadelphia, and at the offices of the banks, Charleston, W. Va. The coupons of the Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank are payable also at the Bankers Trust Co., New

York. These affiliated banks are located in Charleston, W. Va., and loan in Ohio and West Virginia. Their bonds by an Act of Congress were created instrumentalities of the United States Government, exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation. In announcing the offering, Brooke, Stokes & Co. state:

The Virginian was the first Joint Stock Land Bank to actually make a loan. In October 1922 the amount of its loans reached the limit permitted by its capital stock and surplus, and it was receiving applications for innumerable additional loans which it was not in a position to make without increasing its capital stock. This was not acceptable to two directors, so it was harmoniously agreed that the other directors should organize the Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank under the same management and operating in the same States. It will therefore be seen that in the course of time the Agricultural Bank will probably become the larger of the two banks. The Virginian Joint Stock Land Bank has an enviable record as to earnings and has paid dividends regularly at an increasing rate since the year 1918, the present rate being 12%.

An offering of \$1,000,000 bonds of the Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank was noted in our issue of Jan. 6 1923, page 26.

Offering of Illinois-Midwest Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.

The offering by Hoagland, Allum & Co. of New York and Chicago of 5% farm loan bonds of the Illinois-Midwest Joint Stock Land Bank of Edwardsville, Ill. (details of which were given by us last Saturday, page 2463), was made on Tuesday of this week, June 5. As stated in our item of a week ago, the bonds, to the amount of \$1,000,000, were offered at 103 and interest to yield over 4.62% to the optional date (April 1 1933), and 5% thereafter.

Offering of Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.

At 103 and accrued interest to net about 4½% to the optional date and 5% thereafter to redemption, Dillon, Read & Co. of this city and the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago offered on June 4 \$1,000,000 Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank 5% farm loan bonds. The bonds bear date May 1 1923, become due May 1 1953 and are redeemable as a whole or in part by lot on May 1 1933 or any interest date thereafter at par and interest. Principal and interest payable at the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank, Redwood Falls, Minn.; and at the offices of Dillon, Read & Co., and at the Chase National Bank in New York City and the Northern Trust Co., Chicago, Ill. Interest payable May 1 and Nov. 1. The bonds are coupon and fully registered and interchangeable. They are in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000, and are part of the issue offered in April, reference to which appeared in these columns April 21, page 1712.

Offering of Bonds of North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank.

On June 4 Dillon, Read & Co. of this city and the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago offered \$1,000,000 5% farm loan bonds of the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank of Durham. The bonds were offered at 103 and accrued interest to net about 4½% to the optional date and 5% thereafter to redemption. The bonds, which we understand are part of the issue offered in March (and referred to in these columns Mar. 24, page 1237) are dated Mar. 1 1923, are due Mar. 1 1953 and are redeemable as a whole, or in part by lot, on Mar. 1 1933 or any interest date thereafter at par and interest. Principal and interest are payable at Central Union Trust Co. of New York and at the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank at Durham, Durham, N. C. Interest is payable Mar. 1 and Sept. 1. The bonds, coupon and fully registered and interchangeable, are in denominations of \$1,000 and \$10,000.

Repayments Received by Wsr Finance Corporation.

The War Finance Corporation announced on June 2 that from May 16 to May 31, inclusive, the repayments received by it on account of its advances for agricultural and live stock purposes totaled \$3,679,957, as follows:

From banking and financing institutions.....	\$1,636,119
From live stock loan companies.....	1,012,696
From co-operative marketing associations.....	1,031,142
Total.....	\$3,679,957

The repayments received by the Corporation from Jan. 1 1922 to May 31 1923, inclusive, on account of all loans totaled \$235,321,347.

Advances by War Finance Corporation Account of Agricultural and Live Stock Purposes.

According to an announcement made by the War Finance Corporation on June 2, from May 16 to May 31, inclusive, the Corporation approved 37 advances, aggregating \$695,000, to financial institutions for agricultural and live stock purposes.

Pierre Jay on Relation of Gold Imports and Exports to Volume of Credit.

"The Relation of Gold Imports and Exports to the Volume of Credit" formed the topic of an address delivered by Pierre Jay, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, before the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association at Atlantic City, May 25. Besides discussing at length the effect upon the volume of credit of gold imports and gold exports at times of both active and inactive business, and furnishing examples of the effect of gold imports and exports under the Federal Reserve System during the past nine years, Mr. Jay devoted a portion of his survey to present and future gold movements. With the dollar still at a premium in practically all of the foreign exchanges, says Mr. Jay, "conditions are still favorable for a further inflow of gold, and while business continues active, for a further primary expansion of credit, i. e., without further borrowing from the Reserve banks." "On the other hand," continued Mr. Jay, "should business slacken and the gold inflow continue, the new gold will presumably be used, as in 1921, to reduce borrowings at the Reserve banks. Should the gold inflow be reduced, or cease altogether, and should business and the demand for credit still continue active, it is quite within the power of the business men and bankers of the country, by borrowing at the Reserve banks, to continue, or even greatly to accelerate, the expansion of credit, since the \$3,000,000,000 of gold now held by the Reserve banks is capable of supporting a volume of credit much larger than that of 1920. In other words, we might superimpose upon the already primary expansion of credit, effected automatically by our gold imports, a great secondary expansion of credit effected by borrowing at the Reserve banks. But the understanding is growing quite general that the higher the structure of credit, whether primary or secondary, we let ourselves build upon this gold, the sooner the gold will begin to flow out, the more it will flow out and the greater restraint its flowing out will place upon our prosperity."

We give herewith Mr. Jay's address in full:

In 1921, when the great tide of gold was flowing in to us, people used frequently to comment on the efficacy of the Federal Reserve System in absorbing it, and preventing it from creating excessive bank reserves, such as it would have created before the System was formed. To-day one hears the comment that there is no undue expansion because the member banks are not calling on the Reserve banks for more credit. It seems clear from these comments that the advent of the Federal Reserve System has somewhat obscured our understanding of the relation of gold imports or exports to the volume of credit. The purpose of this discussion is to try to analyze and clarify this important and fundamental relationship.

Some general reservations I should like to make at the outset. The relationship will be seen most clearly if reduced to its most naked terms. Therefore, no reference is made to minor tendencies or conditions which often accelerate, retard or obscure the effect of gold on the credit volume. Nor is the relation of the credit volume to business discussed. The views expressed are personal, not official, and any references to the present or future are made to illustrate principles, not to give counsel on business or credit conditions.

GOLD IMPORTS BEFORE THE RESERVE SYSTEM.

Before 1914, when the Reserve System was organized, if international balances were favorable and gold flowed in to the United States from foreign countries, the gold went directly into the vaults of the banks, where it constituted additional reserves. Upon these reserves the banks were permitted by law to create additional deposits. The same was true if gold from domestic mines found its way into bank vaults. An increase in bank deposits as a rule involves an increase in the volume of hand-to-hand currency, and statistics show that we need a dollar of currency to every five or six dollars of deposits. The additional gold provided the basis for both additional deposits and additional currency.

GOLD EXPORTS BEFORE THE RESERVE SYSTEM.

On the other hand, if international balances turned, and gold began to flow out to foreign countries in any considerable volume, the basis of our credit structure was narrowed, and this sooner or later operated to reduce the credit volume. (The same was true if undue amounts of gold were absorbed into the arts.) For there were only two ways to get gold to export. One was to take gold or gold certificates out of circulation, which might cause a shortage of hand-to-hand currency; the other was to release reserves through reduction of the volume of bank deposits and loans they supported, and export the gold thus released.

This process worked automatically and promptly both ways, with these exceptions, however: If the gold came in at a time of depressed business and declining demand for credit, it did not expand credit immediately, but simply created large excess reserves which, however, in time, under the stress of competition, usually led to expansion of credit. If the gold went out at a time of depressed business and declining demand for credit, it did not immediately affect the volume of credit in use, unless the amount to be exported exceeded the existing surplus reserves.

This, then, was the simple, naked operation of imports or exports of gold on our credit volume, before the Reserve System was established, though, of course, the operation was often obscured, retarded or accelerated by other

factors in the current situation which it is not necessary to discuss here. We used to understand the subject clearly, but since the advent of the Reserve System one often hears the view expressed that the System has changed the operation of gold movements. The fact is, however, that these phenomena are unescapable, and the System does not change their operation. What it does is to put an elastic link in the chain of circumstances, and so relieve to some extent the excessive strains and impulses that movements of gold sometimes used to create, to the disadvantage of the steady course of business.

GOLD IMPORTS UNDER THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

Let us now trace the course of gold newly imported into this country under the Federal Reserve System. As formerly, the gold goes into the banks, but it no longer remains there. Instead, it passes promptly into the Reserve banks because it is only there that under the law the member bank can count it as reserve. When it reaches the Reserve bank it gives the member bank an equivalent reserve balance.

Under the law every dollar of reserve balance in the Reserve bank will serve the member bank as the basis for the creation of about ten dollars of additional deposits. This expansion of ten to one does not occur entirely through the individual bank which deposited the gold. It occurs, however, and fairly promptly, if conditions are favorable, through the banks as a whole, as a result of the rapid transfers of reserves which are constantly taking place between banks—but with this modification, that if at the same time there is the demand for additional currency which ordinarily accompanies the expansion of deposits, this ratio of ten dollars of deposits to one of reserves will be reduced to a ratio of more nearly four to one.

Primary Expansion.

Credit expansion on the basis of additional gold, then, is almost exactly the same under present conditions as the expansion which additional gold used formerly to create. The fact that the Reserve bank now holds the gold whereas formerly the member bank held it does not alter the situation. On a given amount of additional gold, whether held in a bank vault as formerly or held as a balance in a Reserve bank as at present, a relative credit expansion occurs automatically, provided conditions are favorable to expansion. This we may call "primary expansion."

Secondary Expansion.

The great change in our credit structure which the Reserve System has created is the possibility that after primary expansion has taken place upon a given amount of gold, a still further, or secondary, expansion may take place upon the same gold. You have noted that primary expansion does not affect the position of the Reserve bank. Gold is merely deposited with it and an equivalent credit given. It is simply custodian of the gold. But when secondary expansion begins the position of the Reserve bank is at once affected. The member bank wishes to obtain additional reserves without depositing an equivalent amount of gold. This it can do by borrowing at the Reserve bank on commercial paper or Government securities. Such borrowing increases the liabilities of the Reserve bank, in the shape of deposits or notes, without increasing its gold. This at once reduces the ratio of its gold to its liabilities. This secondary expansion, then, affects the position of the Reserve banks. It also affects the position of the member banks, for it turns them into borrowers. But the new reserves created without new gold under secondary expansion have just the same potency to increase the loans and deposits of member banks as had the new gold itself under primary expansion.

GOLD EXPORTS UNDER THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

Just as gold imports tend to enlarge the base upon which the credit structure is built, so gold exports tend to narrow it. Under the Reserve System, as formerly, the effect of gold exports is not felt if at the time there are surplus gold reserves from which the gold may be drawn for export. Usually, however, there are not surplus reserves except in the later stages of business depression, when the demand for credit is diminishing. At other times the gold is likely to be pretty fully employed, either during the process of building up business activity, or in maintaining it at a high pitch of prosperity, or in supplying emergency credit in the early stages of a decline. At such times a considerable outward flow of gold, by narrowing the base of credit, will probably, under the Reserve System as before, tend eventually to restrain the growth or maintenance of business activity or hurry the process of decline. But the elastic link in the chain which the System constitutes may defer the incidence of the restraint and prevent tension. For, a member bank may provide itself with gold to meet a demand for export by borrowing at the Reserve bank. The reduction of loans which formerly had to be resorted to when gold for export was not otherwise available, can, under the Reserve System, be postponed and spread over a long period, in accordance with the willingness of banks to continue as borrowers at the Reserve bank. The volume of credit will, in the long run, probably adjust itself to the volume of gold under the Reserve System just as before. But the process of adjustment may, if the banks see fit, be very gradual, and the psychological effects of gold exports, through the removal of the fear of sudden contraction, should be radically different.

Diffusion of Effects Throughout the Country.

But the interior bank may well say, "I can understand how this affects the banks through which the gold is imported or exported, but how does it affect my deposits and my business?" The answer is that through the medium of bank deposits and bank checks and telegraphic transfers of funds, credit flows so quickly and so easily from place to place that the effect of imports or exports of gold, occurring at the seaboard, becomes rapidly diffused throughout the entire country. Perhaps this might be easiest comprehended if we were to consider the twelve Federal Reserve districts as twelve separate countries. Let us suppose that \$5,000,000 of gold is imported at New York and is deposited in some New York bank for account of one of its customers, whose deposit account is increased thereby. Let us suppose that this customer for some reason has to send \$1,000,000 to Kansas City, which he does by check. This means that in settlement of this check the Reserve bank of the New York district has to turn over \$1,000,000 of gold to the Reserve bank of the Kansas City district, where it will be placed to the credit of the Kansas City member bank in which the \$1,000,000 check was deposited. Thus there has been an export of gold from the New York district and an import of gold into the Kansas City district. The ability of the New York bank on which the check was drawn to expand its deposits on the \$1,000,000 of gold in the New York Reserve Bank has been taken away and transferred to the Kansas City bank which has the \$1,000,000 of gold in the Kansas City Reserve Bank.

In turn the Kansas City concern which received the \$1,000,000 check has to send \$500,000 to some concern in El Paso, in the Dallas Reserve district. This check is settled for in the same manner and is equivalent to an export of \$500,000 of gold from the Kansas City district and an import of the same amount into the Dallas district. It reduces the Kansas City bank's power to expand deposits on the \$500,000 of gold and transfers this power to a bank in El Paso.

Thus the gold received at the seaboard is rapidly diffused throughout the entire country, but wherever it goes it carries with it the same power of expanding deposits. It is very difficult, of course, to observe the operation of individual imports of gold, as their identity so soon disappears. What we must look at is not individual imports of gold and their effect on the deposits

of individual banks, but total imports of gold in their relation to the total deposits of all banks, which constitute the aggregate volume of bank credit. In this way only can we get a true picture of what is happening.

Exactly the reverse is true in the case of gold exports. If a bank at the seaboard has a demand for gold for export it draws on its balance at the Reserve bank, borrowing therefor if necessary. Gradually, under the desire to retire this loan, the bank on the seaboard will draw in its credits in various parts of the country; those credits will in a measure be replaced by local banks, and the local banks in turn will borrow more from their Reserve banks. In this way the bank on the seaboard will be able to reduce its own borrowings at its Reserve bank and the burden of borrowing to provide for gold exports will be diffused over the entire country.

ACTUAL CASES OF IMMENSE GOLD IMPORTS OR EXPORTS.

Thus far we have been discussing the effect of gold imports and exports academically. But since 1914, when the Federal Reserve System was established, we have experienced several of the greatest gold movements on record, both into and out of the country. Let us examine these for a moment and see what their effect was on the volume of credit.

Primary Expansion 1915-1916.

In the year 1915-1916 our immense exports of munitions created a great trade balance in our favor. To pay for these munitions, between January 1915 and April 1917, about \$1,000,000,000 of gold flowed in to us, scraped together from the four corners of the earth. During these years the Reserve System was in existence, but the general reduction of required reserves under the Federal Reserve Act, together with the gold which flowed in, made it unnecessary for the banks to borrow from the Reserve banks to create the additional reserves required to support some \$5,400,000,000 of additional deposits. The gold, coming in at a period of intense business activity, expanded deposits automatically. This was a clear case of automatic primary expansion of credit. The ratio of reserve to liabilities at the Reserve banks was not lowered by the operation.

Secondary Expansion 1917-1920.

Immediately after our entrance into the war in April 1917 began inevitable war-time pressure for further expansion of credit. As primary expansion of credit on the gold previously imported had gone as far as was possible and as gold ceased to flow in as soon as we entered the war, we had to resort to secondary expansion of credit. This, as we have seen, means building a further structure of credit upon the gold held in the Reserve banks by means of borrowing at the Reserve banks. In fact, from April 1917 to the maximum of credit expansion in 1920, the deposits of all banks increased by an amount estimated at \$8,300,000,000, the reserves against which were largely borrowed.

The member bank in order to get \$1 additional reserve, deposited in the Reserve bank not \$1 of gold, but \$1 of commercial paper or Government securities. This gave the member bank exactly the same ability to expand its deposits as if it had deposited gold, but it had, as we have already said, a very different effect on the Reserve bank. There it created additional liabilities without the deposit of additional gold and so lowered the ratio of gold to liabilities. In April 1917 the ratio of the Reserve System's gold to liabilities was 85%. Toward the close of 1920 it was only 42%. This gives a most graphic illustration of what the System in fact is organized to permit when necessity demands it, namely the reduction of the gold cover behind the Federal Reserve deposit dollar and the Federal Reserve note dollar. It is what we mean by elasticity. Sometimes the Federal Reserve dollar has been 85% gold, sometimes 65% gold, sometimes 45% gold—all in accordance with the varying intensity of the pressure for credit.

The Gold Outflow of 1919-1920.

On top of this great secondary expansion of credit there began in June 1919 the only substantial gold outflow which has occurred since the Reserve System was established. In ten months \$400,000,000 of gold was exported to countries whose exchanges with us were at a premium. This occurred at a time when due to the necessities of war finance, the borrowings of member banks at the Reserve banks were already so immense that the effect of the additional borrowings necessary to acquire the \$400,000,000 of gold to export was not clearly realized or distinguished at the time. The gold had to be obtained by such borrowings, for there was no other way, in that period of expanding credit, to get it. But the withdrawal of this amount of gold from the reserves of the System accelerated very considerably the rapid decline in the reserve ratio from around 50% when it began, to the low point of 42% in 1920, and the accompanying high rates for credit which prevailed in 1920.

The Gold Inflow of 1921.

In late 1920 the exchanges of the countries above referred to declined and the dollar went to a premium in every country in the world. Gold then began to flow in again. In 1921, \$667,000,000 of gold flowed in, mainly to purchase goods or to pay debts here. This was the time when people began to remark on the efficacy of the Federal Reserve System in absorbing this vast flood of gold in such a way that no inflationary effects were felt from it. But as we now know, the simple fact was not that the Reserve System had any magic power to deflect or prevent the operation of natural laws; but merely that the country was in the midst of a great commercial liquidation and needed, not more credit but less, day by day and month by month. Consequently, as the banks were heavily indebted to the system, they used the additional reserves, which the incoming gold created for them at the Reserve banks, to extinguish or reduce their debts to these banks. By this process, and by the reduction in the volume of Federal Reserve notes, the gold cover of the Federal Reserve dollar, which had declined from 85% to 42%, was increased to around 75%, where it has now stood for over a year.

The Gold Inflow of 1922-1923.

In the 16 months since January 1922, \$284,000,000 more of gold flowed in, but under an entirely different set of conditions in business and banking. By February 1922 member banks owed relatively little to the Reserve banks, and wholesale prices and the volume of production in basic industries were rising. So much of the imported gold as was not used still further to reduce debt or to increase the volume of currency, served as the basis for a further primary expansion of bank deposits. The net imports of gold in 1922 and the first four months of 1923 were \$284,000,000; the increase in the deposits of all banks is estimated at \$4,000,000,000, while the use of Federal Reserve credit has not increased at all.

PRESENT AND FUTURE GOLD MOVEMENTS.

Now having discussed the effect upon the volume of credit of gold imports and gold exports at times of both active and inactive business, and having given examples of the effect of gold imports and exports under the Federal Reserve System during the past nine years, may we not in closing take a little look both at the present, which is still a period of gold imports, and at the future in which everyone expects that, sooner or later, substantial gold exports will occur.

With the dollar still at a premium in practically all of the foreign exchanges, conditions are still favorable for a further inflow of gold; and while business continues active, for a further primary expansion of credit, i. e.

without further borrowing from the Reserve banks. On the other hand, should business slacken and the gold inflow continue, the new gold will presumably be used, as in 1921, to reduce borrowings at the Reserve banks. Should the gold inflow be reduced or cease altogether, and should business and the demand for credit still continue active, it is quite within the power of the business men and bankers of the country, by borrowing at the Reserve banks, to continue or even greatly to accelerate the expansion of credit, since the \$3,000,000,000 of gold now held by the Reserve banks is capable of supporting a volume of credit much larger than that of 1920.

In other words, we might superimpose upon the already considerable primary expansion of credit, effected automatically by our gold imports, a great secondary expansion of credit effected by borrowing at the Reserve banks. But the understanding is growing quite general that the higher the structure of credit, whether primary or secondary, we let ourselves build upon this gold, the sooner the gold will begin to flow out, the more it will flow out and the greater restraint its flowing out will place upon our prosperity.

The Federal Reserve Board in its April 1923 "Bulletin," said: "Large gold reserves . . . have increased the lending power of the Federal Reserve banks far beyond present domestic credit needs." In view of the well-known tendency of gold which is in excess of a country's needs to find its way to other countries, various suggestions have been made to assist in solving the problem which the possession of this excess gold creates for the country. Some suggest that we should actually, and others that we should mentally, set aside a round amount of our gold as a reserve against future exports. Others suggest that we should put the excess gold into general circulation. Either of these courses, if followed, would lessen the likelihood of a secondary expansion occurring through borrowing at the Reserve banks, but neither would reduce or affect the primary expansion which has already occurred on the gold which it is now suggested we should pay out or set aside.

Others have suggested that we should make large loans of gold to foreign countries and so assist in stabilizing their currencies. But it should be remembered that, except under special arrangements, gold will not flow from the United States to any country whose exchange is at a discount with the dollar. As long as its exchange remains at a discount, a foreign country having credits in the United States will presumably withdraw them in goods rather than in gold; while our importers will not pay gold for goods as long as depreciated exchange is a cheaper medium of payment. But just as soon as a country, by the shipment to us of goods or gold, or by establishing credits here, brings its exchange back to a premium against the dollar, gold will naturally flow out to it.

Again, others express the view that what, under pre-war conditions, would have been a very large gold export movement, could now take place without much, if any, disturbance to business conditions. With that idea I can agree, but with this reservation: that the larger the movement the more prompt and the more well defined would be its effects. As we have already seen, gold for export can be obtained in only two ways: first, through the release of reserves and currency which would accompany reduced credit volume or reduced business activity; and, second, through borrowing at the Reserve bank. These two alternatives illustrate exactly the difference which the establishment of the Federal Reserve System has made in the ability of American business men and bankers to face an outward flow of gold. Under former conditions, unless reserves were already excessive, the volume of credit was reduced without over-much regard to the needs of borrowers, and sometimes to the serious disturbance of business. Under present conditions, a small outward flow might well pass unnoticed, and a large flow could be regarded with far less concern than formerly. The ability of member banks to borrow gold places an elastic link in the chain, and while in course of time the banks are likely so to readjust themselves as to reduce their loans at the Reserve banks, the process would be so gradual as to permit business to adapt itself to the changed conditions.

These principles which I have discussed with you are old, but they wear a new aspect because of the existence of the Federal Reserve System. The system, however, has no power to change the ultimate course of economic forces, such as those we have discussed; yet it can do something, perhaps in time much, to mitigate their adverse effects and to conserve their benefits.

I have ventured to take so much of your time to-day in the hope that I might bring to you a clearer understanding of the relation of gold movements to credit volume, and of the relation of the Reserve System to gold movements; so that as these economic phenomena occur one may more easily appraise their immediate or future effects on credit and business.

Francis H. Sisson on Vital Effect of Advertising on Production.

In discussing on June 5 "Public Relations and the Advertising Man," Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, declared that "advertising through its primary function of facilitating distribution has a vital effect on many phases of production." The statement was also made by Mr. Sisson that "advertising has long been hampered in its use by precedent, tradition, conventions and prejudices, which, under analysis and experience, find little to warrant their existence." He continued:

Gradually the falsity of their claims is being proved. We were told for many years that it was undignified for a bank or fiduciary institution to advertise, and this edict, born of some superstition of the past, was accepted without question until finally it was intelligently challenged and it was discovered under analysis that there was no sufficient reason for its support. The inevitable conclusion of logic is that, whatever is of genuine use to human beings, whether it be goods or services, can, with truth and dignity, be advertised and sold, and that it is just as proper to merchandise forms of service as various kinds of commodities. The next logical step will be that the use of advertising in merchandising ideas is quite as proper as its use in the sale of goods and services.

In the logical development of this new understanding of the power of advertising during the last decade, we have seen many of our banking, fiduciary and investment institutions actively employing the sales value of advertising in the marketing of their services. In this intelligent use of publicity they are not only increasing their own immediate business return, but they are helping to spread a better understanding of financial service and economic fact and theory upon which sound business relations can be built.

Mr. Sisson also said in part:

There are thousands of products of unquestioned merit of which the general public knows little or nothing because the manufacturers of such products are content to practice principles of more or less primitive barter, apparently unconscious of the fact that by educating the general public to an appreciation of the worth of their particular products they would not only profit themselves but would preform a distinctly valuable economic service

to the country. In other words, they lack the vision which is the especial genius of this nation.

But there are other and bigger problems for advertising to help solve through dispelling ignorance. Consider for a moment what we may expect in default of proper public understanding of the vital economic questions pending before this nation to-day. Recall how near we came to authorizing by popular vote a debased currency during the free silver campaign; how long we temporized with our critical banking problem; how foolishly we have hampered and shaken our large industrial institutions in their legitimate expansion and beneficial economic functions; how we have over-regulated and strangled our railroads; how we have blundered in our taxation.

All these and many more similar situations demand the light of fact and reason to dispel the shadows they cast upon us. The inevitable harvest of ignorance is industrial and social disaster. Public sentiment must be informed and guided if it is to find expression in proper action.

It is certain that never in the history of this country was a knowledge of economic facts more imperatively needed. New and large business problems confront us. The civilized world is undergoing an economic readjustment. The nation which best understands the facts and the principles underlying them will profit most largely, and the nation which takes the most intelligent advantage of advertising, in its manifold forms, both as a medium of education and as a potent factor in building the business of the future, will prosper most.

The war has opened up many new fields for advertising service. Financial and advertising geniuses are invited to devise plans through which to meet the investing needs of the nation, to distribute sound securities, to inculcate thrift. Within a few years our investing class has sprung from three hundred thousand to twenty millions. Economic and social fallacies crowd upon us; industrial problems rise on every side. Only through understanding can they be solved, and understanding can be created only through publicity. Legislative action rises out of public opinion; public opinion is based upon current information and popular prejudice. These can be met most effectively through such public mediums as advertising commands. In meeting them you are serving not only the ends of good citizenship and social progress, but business advantage, which can be secured only in an established social order based upon sound economic thinking.

A well-equipped advertising man in institutions whose public relation problems are important should be able not only to interpret the public's mind on matters pertaining to the business of his institution, but to its officers. In this two-fold capacity he should first of all be a sound, practical psychologist, and the importance of this capacity for accurate psychological analysis as a chief factor in advertising service is becoming increasingly understood. The complexity of human thought and feeling presents a real problem to such an analysis, but the measure of his success will be very largely the measure of his ability to interpret and direct these motive forces of human action. He must understand the value and place of emotional appeal, as well as the logical argument. Neither by itself carries a complete message. He must understand the varying appeals to the senses, and to the classes with whom he must deal, in terms of display, color, argument and feeling. He must always stand aloof from his problem and have a detached point of view, which will give him perspective and an angle of accurate appraisal which he could not otherwise have. He should understand economics and politics, production and finance, as well as distribution, for in all of these fields there are factors operating which affect his message. To mix a metaphor, he should be both the mouthpiece of business to the public, and the mirror of the public mind to business. He should have the contacts in the business world which enable him to understand its problems and the public contacts which provide a hearing for his suggested solutions.

The competent advertising man of to-day must know not only how to sell his product on a basis immediately productive, but also how to establish good-will values for trademarks and ideas which will be reflected in future profits. For in the final analysis, in any modern business that is organized for profit, only those efforts which are reflected sooner or later upon the right side of the balance sheet can be justified, and that end must never be lost sight of. But underneath all our efforts, either direct or general, there should be the appreciation that business must rest upon a basis of public understanding for its final stimuli and ultimate profits, and that business can prosper permanently only upon a basis of sound economics, some of the obvious elements of which may briefly be mentioned as a sound monetary and banking system, adequate transportation, a respect for the constitutional rights of private property and the freedom of initiative.

W. S. Silkworth to Resign Presidency of Consolidated Stock Exchange.

According to statements appearing in the New York daily papers of June 7, William S. Silkworth will resign as President of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange within the near future. The New York "Times," in its issue of the above date, said with regard to the matter:

As a result of the many recent investigations into brokerage failures and because of the assertions that officials of the Exchange and their associates were involved in these smashes, many rumors have been circulated to the effect that the Board of Governors of the Exchange would demand the resignation of Silkworth. It was also reported that sentiment on the floor of the Consolidated Exchange was anti-Silkworth. The announcement made by the Board of Governors of the Exchange of the appointment of a committee of five members, giving them broad powers of investigating not only the members of the Exchange but the act of any "official or committee of the Exchange which has been subject to just public criticism," gave rise to further reports that this committee was gunning for President Silkworth and that his resignation would be demanded immediately.

While close friends of Silkworth yesterday admitted that he would resign within the near future, they were emphatic in their opinions that the resignation would not be demanded, and that doubt was expressed if the committee would find anything in the acts of the President to warrant such a demand. One official of the Exchange said yesterday that the questions involved in the recent exposures have been responsible for much criticism on the part of members of the Exchange, and many of these problems have been discussed upon the floor between groups of brokers, some of the criticism coming from the closest friends of Silkworth. It was said that the resignation might be requested "for the good of the Exchange," on the ground that the public appears to be impressed with the fact that certain unethical acts had been committed. Whether Silkworth is innocent or guilty, some members are of the opinion that his resignation should be submitted immediately.

A friend of Silkworth said yesterday that his resignation could be expected shortly after the completion of the hearings into the E. M. Fuller & Co. and other bankruptcies. Silkworth, it is stated, wants to see these investigations through to the end before resigning, as he has no desire to "quit

under fire." If the committee of five which is investigating the various failures should demand his immediate resignation, the situation would be entirely changed.

The New York "Evening Post" in its issue of June 7 stated that on that day (Thursday) Mr. Silkworth had said "that he thought the best interest of the Exchange would be served if he resigned, to take effect on Monday next at the close of the market, when his present term of office expires." In this, however, he is reported as saying he would be influenced by the opinion of his attorneys, Sullivan & Cromwell, with whom he would confer during the day. The "Post," moreover, reported Mr. Silkworth as saying that he felt that he had not been given the proper backing by the members of the Board of Governors during his Presidency. "I have done the best in my power to conserve the interests and reputation of the Exchange, but I cannot fight alone. If I do resign be sure that I shall use every effort to clear my name. My resignation is for no other purpose than to protect the Exchange as far as I can against further attack."

According to the New York "Times" of yesterday (June 8) Mr. Silkworth was questioned for four hours on the preceding day in the District Attorney's office about a fund of \$102,000 subscribed by 18 members of the Exchange in February 1922, in an attempt to prevent the failure of the brokerage firm of R. H. MacMasters & Co. The questioning, it is said, was done by District Attorney Banton, Chief Assistant District Attorney Pecora, and Assistant District Attorney McKenna. The latter, it is said, investigated the failure of the above-mentioned firm in the spring of last year, resulting in indictments being returned by the Grand Jury for alleged grand larceny and "bucketing" against the heads of the failed firm, Roy H. MacMasters and his step-father, J. F. MacMasters. At the close of the examination of Mr. Silkworth, it is said, at 7:30 Thursday evening, Assistant District Attorneys Pecora and McKenna issued a statement in which they intimated that the formation of the fund would be the subject of a Grand Jury investigation and that Mr. Silkworth would be called as a witness before that body. Shortly after Mr. Silkworth entered the Criminal Courts Building on Thursday, it is said, the names of the firms which contributed to the \$102,000 fund became known. Eleven of the firms on the list, it is said, have been forced into bankruptcy since the MacMasters failure. The names of these firms and the amounts they subscribed, as printed in the "Times" of June 8, are as follows:

Raynor, Nicholas & Truesdell, \$10,000; E. M. Fuller & Co., \$10,000; Kohler, Bremer & Co., \$5,000; Scott & Stumpf, \$5,000; M. E. & J. W. de Aguera & Co., \$5,000; J. C. Rabiner & Co., \$5,000; W. H. McKenna & Co., \$5,000; S. S. Ruskay & Co., \$5,000; Howell & Wales, \$5,000; Walter J. Schmidt & Co., \$5,000, and Mosher & Wallace, \$2,500.

The list also showed, according to the "Times" that \$10,000 was subscribed by Stanis J. Deery, who was declared in default in the Federal Court on Wednesday for failing to appear as a witness at the bankruptcy investigation of Raynor, Nicholas & Truesdell before Referee Harold P. Coffin. Mr. Silkworth, it is said, at the Fuller & Co. bankruptcy hearing before the same referee, described Deery as "the father of the fund." Just before Mr. Silkworth arrived at the District Attorney's office, it is said, Mr. Banton gave out the following statement:

In every case where there has been a failure on the Consolidated Stock Exchange Mr. Silkworth has come forward to give us all the information in his possession. Whenever he learned that members of the Exchange were crossing orders he made an investigation and sent us a report. In fairness to Mr. Silkworth, I am making this statement. He has given us valuable information, and without his aid we could not have proceeded in a number of cases.

According to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of yesterday (June 8), a new Board of Governors for the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange has been chosen and their names announced for the first time on Thursday, June 7. They are: Henry B. Bultman, Roger Duncombe, Benjamin C. Shapiro, John C. Henderson and Chester I. Crowell. Laurence Tweedy, it is said, will become First Vice-President, replacing Mortimer H. Wagar. A complete reorganization of the executive forces of the Exchange is scheduled, it is said, to take place on Monday next, when Mr. Silkworth is expected to resign.

Board of Governors of Consolidated Stock Exchange Announce Appointment of Committee to Inquire Into Administration of the Exchange.

That an investigation into the administration of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange during the last few years is in progress was publicly announced by the Board of Governors of that body on Wednesday of this week (June 6), in the following statement to the press. The announcement read:

The Board of Governors of the Consolidated Stock Exchange deems it appropriate at this time to make public announcement of the appointment by the Board on May 16 last of five members of the Exchange to inquire into the administration of the Exchange during the past few years, particularly with reference to disclosures which have been made in recent bankruptcy hearings of former Consolidated members.

Mindful of the fact that its first duty is to the public, the Board, through the committee of five, is making an exhaustive inquiry into all phases affecting the Exchange or the conduct of its members, officials or committees in connection with such failures as that of E. M. Fuller & Co., Kardos & Burke and Ruskay & Co., that occurred a year ago or more, and in which former members of the Exchange were involved.

The committee of five has been holding meetings almost daily and will continue to do so until its investigation is completed and it is in a position to report back to the board. The acts of any member, official or committee of the Exchange which have been subject to just public criticism will be thoroughly reviewed. The Committee in its investigation has the authority to employ counsel and to incur any expense which may be necessary.

The Board desires to emphasize the fact that all of the acts for which the Exchange or its officials have been criticized were committed before July of last year, since which time the Exchange has inaugurated numerous reforms which would make impossible a repetition of such acts to-day. During this interval the Exchange has taken drastic steps, such as controlling the participation of members in promotions, exacting from its commission house members quarterly questionnaires, establishing its own Bureau of Auditing and Accounting, as well as the removal of upward of 300 tickers from outside houses which were not members of the Exchange and cutting off wire connections with many other similar houses, for the further protection of the public.

In the criticism that has been directed against the Exchange, the board hopes that the public will not lose sight of the fact that more than 93% of our membership, the bulwark of the Exchange, was not touched by the plague of bucketing that some thirty members—men who joined the Exchange under abnormal conditions in two brief years—apparently carried on. It is permissible, therefore, to point out that there has not been a failure on the Consolidated Exchange since September, save Canteley & Cannon, who failed following their expulsion by the Exchange.

The committee of five consists of Ogden D. Budd, former President of the Exchange; Clarence R. West, William E. Power, Leopold Spingarn and Harry I. Luber. Whatever remedies or changes this committee recommends, based on its findings, for further safeguarding the interest of the public, the public may feel assured the board will carry out and the disciplinary powers of the board will be invoked to punish any member, official or committee found to be guilty of any act or acts detrimental to the interests of the public or the Exchange.

Increase in Deposits of National Banks and State Bank Members of Federal Reserve System During Year.

The Comptroller of the Currency in a statement issued June 6 indicates that since March of last year an increase of \$3,000,000,000 in deposits has occurred in the deposits of national banks and State banks and trust companies members of the Federal Reserve System. We quote herewith the statement:

Reports of condition received by the Comptroller of the Currency from national banks and by the Federal Reserve Board from State bank and trust company members of the Federal Reserve System as of April 3 1923 show that there has been an increase in loans and discounts of all member banks since Dec. 29 1922, the date of the last previous call, of \$492,000,000 and of \$1,407,000,000 since March 10 1922. Holdings of U. S. securities increased only \$95,000,000 during the period between the last two calls as compared with an increase of \$1,128,000,000 since March 10 1922. Demand deposits went down in both New York and Chicago, and increased somewhat in Reserve city and country banks, the substantial decline for New York being due largely to the fact that deposits of such banks on Dec. 29 were very materially inflated because of the large amount of exchanges for the clearing house held on that date. The amount of such exchanges held by New York banks on Dec. 29 was \$1,019,819,000, as compared with \$614,326,000 on April 3 1923.

It is noteworthy that during the year or since March 10 1922, demand and time deposits have increased about \$1,500,000,000 each, the increase in demand deposits in the aggregate being slightly in excess of the increase in time deposits, although in New York City the increase in time deposits amounted to \$259,000,000 and the increase in demand deposits to only \$136,000,000. This increase of about \$3,000,000,000 in demand and time deposits compares with an increase of about \$2,900,000,000 in loans, discounts and investments.

While reports indicate that there was an increase of \$68,000,000 in the loans and discounts of national banks and of \$424,000,000 in the loans and discounts of State bank and trust company members since Dec. 29, the figures are somewhat misleading, since one of the larger national banks of New York City, with loans, discounts and investments and deposits of approximately \$200,000,000, surrendered its national charter and joined the System as a State bank between the dates of the last two calls. Had it not been for this fact the increase in loans and discounts for national banks and for State banks and trust company members of the System during the period between the last two calls would have been approximately the same, or about \$250,000,000.

Leaving New York City out of account, an increase in loans and investments is shown for banks in each Federal Reserve district, the smallest increases occurring in the Boston, Minneapolis, Kansas City and Richmond districts and the largest increases in the San Francisco, Philadelphia and New York (exclusive of New York City) districts.

Borrowings on bills payable and rediscounts by all member banks increased \$89,000,000 between Dec. 29 1922 and April 3 1923 and stood at \$967,000,000 as compared with their peak of \$3,194,000,000 reported for Nov. 15 1920. New York City banks increased their borrowings by \$82,000,000 (between Dec. 29 1922 and April 3 1923), Chicago banks by \$31,000,000, and Reserve city banks by \$23,000,000; while country bank borrowings fell off \$47,000,000. This same trend is manifest in the figures for the past year, the banks in New York City increasing their borrowings by \$202,000,000, those in Chicago by \$49,000,000 and those in Reserve cities by \$92,000,000; while the country banks reduced their borrowings by \$216,000,000. Reductions in borrowings since March 10 1922 have occurred in the Atlanta, Richmond, Dallas, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Kansas City, San Francisco and St. Louis districts; while four districts, i. e., New York, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia, show increased borrowings. The increase in the New York district was \$216,000,000 compared with an aggregate increase of \$68,000,000 for the Boston, Chicago and

Philadelphia districts and a decrease of \$156,000,000 for the eight other districts. The aggregate amounts of the principal asset and liability items of all member banks as of April 3 1923, together with the changes since December 29 1922 and March 10 1922, are shown in the following table:

Amount.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) (Since)	
	Dec. 29 1922.	March 10 1922.
Loans and discounts.....	\$18,553,000,000	+\$492,000,000
U. S. Govt. securities.....	3,883,000,000	+95,000,000
Other bonds, stocks, securities, &c.....	3,877,000,000	-22,000,000
Total loans and investm'ts	26,313,000,000	+565,000,000
Demand deposits.....	14,526,000,000	-290,000,000
Time deposits.....	8,143,000,000	+498,000,000
Total deposits.....	27,182,000,000	-90,000,000
Bills payable & rediscounts	967,000,000	+89,000,000
Total resources.....	33,852,000,000	-30,000,000

Curb Brokerage Firm of L. L. Winkelman & Co. Fails.

Yesterday (June 8) L. L. Winkelman & Co., Curb brokers of 62 Broad Street, this city, were petitioned into involuntary bankruptcy in the United States District Court and automatically were suspended from trading on the New York Curb Market Exchange. The firm's liabilities were estimated at \$1,750,000 and assets at \$1,500,000. Later, Judge William Bondy, of the Federal Court, appointed Charles L. Livingston receiver under a bond of \$50,000. The failed firm, which, it is said, specialized in oil stocks, was composed of Angus X. Nicholson and Louis L. Winkelman. It maintained branch offices in Akron; Baltimore; Chicago; Findlay, O.; Marietta, O.; Parkersburg, W. Va.; Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Uniontown, Pa.; Zanesville, O., and Wheeling W. Va. President J. W. Curtis of the New York Curb Market Association issued the following statement in regard to the failed firm:

On Wednesday, June 5, the Law Committee of the New York Curb Market directed the examination of the books of L. L. Winkelman & Co. by the accountants of the Committee whereupon the Exchange was informed that the books of the L. L. Winkelman & Co. had been subpoenaed by the office of the Attorney-General of New York. The examination had, therefore, to be postponed.

According to the New York "Evening Post" of June 8, within a few minutes of the announcement of the failure, Richard H. Gibbs, Assistant District Attorney, under orders of Mr. Banton, appeared, it is said, at the Winkelman offices and tried to procure the books of the firm. He was informed, it is said, that several large packages had been taken out of the office shortly before his arrival and placed in a taxicab. Mr. Gibbs then hurried to a telephone and telephoned Mr. Banton, it is said, the license number of the taxi, asking him to direct the police to try to find it and learn where the driver had taken the packages presumably containing records of the firm, so that he could make an effort to get them and take them to the District Attorney's office.

George Gordon Battle, the attorney retained by L. L. Winkelman & Co., denied, it is said, that the books had disappeared, and said that his information was to the effect that the books were being very carefully conserved in the building at 62 Broad St.

Mr. Battle issued the following statement regarding the bankruptcy petition:

I have just been retained to represent L. L. Winkelman & Co. My clients assure me they are solvent and have instructed me to deny and contest the claim of insolvency. In the meantime, Messrs. L. L. Winkelman & Co. intend to co-operate to the fullest extent with their customers and the receiver for their customers' protection.

Pennsylvania Bankers' Association Records Its Opposition to Branch Banking.

Opposition to branch banking was voiced by the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association at its recent annual convention in Atlantic City, when on May 25 it expressed itself "as viewing with alarm" the proposal to legalize branch banking in Pennsylvania, and stated it was opposed to House Bill No. 1330 and Senate Bill No. 631, introduced at the current session of the Legislature, which would authorize such institutions. This is learned from the Philadelphia "Ledger", which reports the resolution as saying: "We regard branch banking as antagonistic to basic American principles and potent with harm, not only to banking interests but to the welfare of business generally." The "Ledger" of May 26 said further:

Little opposition was expressed to the resolution, but Charles S. Caldwell, President of the Corn Exchange National Bank of Philadelphia, who was elected to head the Association for the next year, after the resolution was adopted, admonished the opponents of branch banking carefully to consider the question from all points of view. He pointed out that branch banking exists in Philadelphia, fifteen trust companies having additional offices, and he asked the bankers if it would be fair to stop them from conducting such offices.

The resolution was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association Opposed to Branch Banking, of which William G. McNary of Bellevue is Chairman, and was drawn up by a committee of twenty-eight bankers, the majority of whom were from the western part of the State, where opposition to the

establishment of branches is the most extensive. Philadelphia bankers generally are in favor of the establishment of branches and will probably continue to establish additional offices where they consider it good business.

Missouri Bankers' Association Declares Itself Against Branch Banking.

The establishment of branch banking institutions was condemned in a resolution adopted by the Missouri Bankers' Association at its annual convention which was brought to a close on May 23 after a two days' session at St. Joseph, Mo. According to the "Globe-Democrat" the resolution contends that to permit branch banks would create too much of a monopoly. The same paper states that other resolutions adopted at the meeting condemned Government control signing by members of the Association of recommendations of paroles for bank robbers, and voiced protest against further disproportionate taxation on the banking business.

Kansas Bankers Association Opposes Branch Banking System as Monopolistic—Crop Diversification Urged.

A resolution opposing the branch banking system as monopolistic was adopted by the Kansas Bankers' Association at the closing session on May 25 of its annual convention at Hutchinson. Other resolutions passed, according to the Topeka "Capital," deplore the disregard of some bankers in making excess loans; pledge all possible encouragement of diversified farming in Kansas; recommend the formation of calf clubs, pig clubs, corn clubs and the like by boys and girls; pledge best endeavors to protect people against worthless and questionable securities; demand that bank officials guilty of wrecking banks be compelled to serve full time when convicted, and not paroled or pardoned; urge the storage of winter coal during the summer; the loading of cars to full capacity, and prompt loading to relieve the car shortage situation. President T. C. Carver, in his annual address as President of the Association, on May 25 urged the bankers to bend every effort to get the State away from the "one crop" idea. The "Capital" quotes him as saying:

Ninety per cent. of us depend upon agricultural production and conditions for our success. The county in which I live depends on agriculture entirely.

For the past, we have been a great "one crop" producing community. If we have good crops, things are flourishing; if we have poor crops, they are depressed. We ought to manage our affairs so that we are not dependent entirely on any one crop—that means diversified farming. The State as a whole depends too much on the wheat crop. I realize that in the central third of the State it is a more substantial crop, but I feel that as a State we would be far better off if we raised less wheat and more varied crops and livestock.

We should use all of our energies to get results from the cow, sow and hen, wheat, kaffir, corn, alfalfa, sudan grass, feterita and other crops. Instead of having one pay check a year, we should have a pay check every day in the year.

Recently I saw a statement from a country where diversified farming is practiced that there had been but two bank failures there in 19 years.

Remarks of Edward Elliott Before California Bankers' Association on Rural Credits Act.

In an address on the newly created Rural Credits Act before the California Bankers' Association, whose convention at Los Angeles closed on May 26, Edward Elliott, Vice-President of the Security Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, stated that "one of the most serious considerations in connection with this legislation has to do not with the merit of the legislation itself or the highly desirable purpose which it seeks to accomplish, but rather with the general consideration that another elaborate governmental machine has been set up, comparable in scope and purpose with the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Land Banks, having an intimate contact with the agricultural population of the country." Mr. Elliott, according to the Los Angeles "Times," added:

While many of our farmers and livestock growers are men of high intelligence and standing, a large percentage of them are not well grounded in the fundamentals of business and finance. What the farmer really wants to accomplish through the credit facilities established is to secure a higher return for his products. Laudable as is his desire, it cannot be accomplished by legislation alone, and the danger lies in the fact that if his ultimate purpose is not accomplished political pressure will doubtless result in additional legislation to secure that purpose.

Bankers, perhaps above all others, should devote no inconsiderable portion of their time to a development in their communities of sound thinking with respect to fundamental economic and financial problems. When there is overproduction of any commodity it is not possible, except for a brief space of time, to sustain by law the price of the product. The adjustment most desired in our economic life to-day is one which will bring the price of raw materials, of labor and of the finished product into a more normal relationship.

Repeal of Bank Guaranty Law in Oklahoma Com-mended by Thomas B. Paton—Uniform Bank Laws Urged.

Banking legislation enacted by the States and Congress was dealt with in an address before the Oklahoma Bankers' Association at Oklahoma City on May 30 by Thomas B. Paton, of the American Bankers' Association, who, it is learned from the Dallas "News," made a plea for uniform banking laws so that Courts could follow them clearly. A condition now obtains, he said, that leaves the banker in considerable confusion, not knowing exactly where he stands in the legal phases of banking legislation. The "News" also states:

Mr. Paton believed the repeal of the Guaranty law in Oklahoma was a good thing, explaining that the National Association has opposed anything looking toward compulsory protection in this way. It was observed that only the States of North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Texas now have such laws, with Kansas a non-compulsory statute. The matter of responsibility of banks in the leasing of safety deposit boxes is becoming important, it was explained, because some cases had been decided against the banks. Mr. Paton believed banks should urge their customers not to deposit valuable papers in these boxes.

Walker Bill Taxing Bank Shares and Moneyed Capital in New York Signed by Governor Smith—Sheridan Bill Validating Bank Tax Vetoed.

Attention has been drawn by Henry M. Goldfogle, President of the Board of Taxes and Assessments of this city, to the newly enacted Walker bill, passed by the New York Legislature and signed by Governor Smith on June 1, levying a tax of 1% on bank stock and moneyed capital of individuals and corporations coming into competition with banks. From the "Journal of Commerce" of June 7 we quote the following regarding his notice in the matter:

In a statement issued yesterday Henry M. Goldfogle, President of the Commission on Taxes and Assessments, called the attention of bankers and investment houses to the important changes that have been made in the law as affecting taxation on moneyed capital owned by private and individual bankers and investors operating with moneyed capital coming into competition with the business of national banks, and on shares of national and State bank stock. It is contained in what is now Chapter 897 of the Laws of 1923.

The Commissioner said that the new law meets the difficulties which arose out of the decision of the Court of Appeals, which held that taxation on bank shares was invalid under the General Tax Law because of what that Court had determined was a discriminatory tax rate on national bank shares, prohibited by Federal statutes, and due to a defect in the State Income Tax law, which the Court declared operated as between tax imposed on bank shares and tax imposed on other moneyed capital coming into competition with bank business.

Faced Twofold Loss.

"As a consequence," said President Goldfogle, "the city was threatened with a twofold loss, namely: That of approximately twenty million dollars to be refunded of past taxes and also all future tax, which would approximate five and one-half million dollars annually, so far as this city is concerned, or a total or over double that amount spread throughout the different localities of the State.

"To meet this serious situation it became necessary for the various taxing localities, especially New York City, to seek legislative relief. In so far as past taxes were concerned an agreement has been reached to settle with the banks on a 50% basis; but in so far as future taxation is concerned it was necessary, so as to overcome the objections which the Court of Appeals sustained, to secure legislation placing all corporations, associations and persons, bankers and investors dealing with such moneyed capital as competes with the banks, on a common and equal basis. This, after numerous hearings before Congressional and State legislative committees, was accomplished.

"The result is the passage of the Walker bill which provides:

"Returns to be made under oath of the actual value of such moneyed capital on the first day of preceding May. These returns confidential.

"Penalty for non-return.

"Rate of 1% same as bank shares.

"No deductions for debts. This will prevent devices so often resorted to under the personal tax law to escape taxation.

"Department stores having banking branches are subject to law.

"Hundreds of small bankers all over the State and investment concerns are subject to law.

Penalties Incurred.

"With the numerous exceptions and various exemptions which from year to year have been made through legislative Acts in favor of special interest, taking from the city sources of revenue that once were available, the heavy burden of taxation has fallen mainly on real estate. In the last analysis this burden falls upon rent payers and serves unfortunately in many cases to enhance rents.

"The law just passed will at least compel banks and bankers and those others whose business competes with banks to pay into the treasury their fair share of taxation. To some extent it will aid in lessening the burden now cast on other taxpayers.

"It cannot be estimated at this time what sums will flow into the Treasury as a result of this recent legislation. Applying past experience, we may safely count on five and one-half millions annually from National and State banks. How much will come from private and individual bankers and other investors who are subject to the law is of course difficult at this time to state. But it ought to run high into the millions.

"Those who come under the provisions of this new law are safe from dislocation of their business and financial affairs because returns under the law are declared to be confidential—their contents not to be revealed except by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. Employees of the Department violating the confidence are guilty of a misdemeanor."

Dates of Assessment.

President Goldfogle added that on May 1 the date is set on which the fixed amount of assessable money capital is determinable. June 1 in each year is the date on which returns must be made. Aug. 1 the tentative assessment will be made up. Dec. 15 the assessment roll will be com-

pleted and notices given to those assessed and a certified copy of the assessment roll sent to the Receiver of Taxes. Dec. 31 is the last day on which to pay the tax. This applies to the bank tax and to other institutions doing a banking business.

The Sheridan bill, which was introduced at the request of New York City officials for the purpose of validating taxes levied upon State and national banks in 1920, 1921 and 1922, and which have been held invalid by the Court of Appeals, was vetoed by Gov. Smith on June 3. In his veto message the Governor said he had been informed that the various parties interested had reached an understanding whereby the State and national banks in the City of New York would adjust the taxes for the years 1920, 1921 and 1922 on the basis of a payment of 50% of the principal by the national banks for those three years and by the State banks of 50% payment for 1920 and 1921 and 100% for 1922. The terms of settlement, Gov. Smith said, had been communicated to all its members for the purpose of informing all municipalities and banks affected. The settlement, it was pointed out, was contingent on the veto of the bill.

Under-Secretary Gilbert's Letter to Senator Pittman Regarding Suspension of Silver Purchases.

Under-Secretary of the Treasury S. P. Gilbert, Jr., in a letter to Senator Kay Pittman, made public this week, defends the course of the Treasury Department in deciding to suspend silver purchases under the Pittman Act. The termination of purchases under the Act, says Mr. Gilbert, "will doubtless cause some disturbance to the silver industry, but that is always the result of maintaining an artificial condition, and the hardships incident to returning to normal are inherent in the situation and cannot be overcome by any action of the Government." "The Treasury, of course," continues Mr. Gilbert, "has to consider the interests of the people as a whole, and not merely the special interests of the silver producers, and it would be manifestly improper for it to throw an additional burden of \$5,000,000 or more on the taxpayers of the country in order to help producers of silver by making purchases of silver at the artificial price of \$1 per ounce, 1,000 fine, beyond what is needed under the Act." The letter, although bearing date May 31, was not made public until June 6. We give it herewith:

May 31 1923.

My dear Senator:—I received your letter of May 14 1923 with further reference to the allocation of silver for subsidiary coinage under the Act approved April 23 1918. I have already stated the Treasury's position with respect to the cancellation of these allocations in my letter of May 9 1923 and have called your particular attention to the decision of the Comptroller-General of the United States in the matter, given under date of Nov. 29 1922.

The Comptroller-General's decision is conclusive and binding upon the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Treasury Department accordingly proceeded forthwith to revoke the allocations covered by the decision, amounting in the aggregate to 10,247,976.52 fine ounces. Your letter, I notice, seems to involve some misunderstanding of the decision, for it states toward the end that "the opinion of the Comptroller-General upon which the Treasury Department depends expressly states that the matter of revocation or non-revocation is entirely within the discretion of the Treasury Department." What the Comptroller-General said was that:

"the matter of coinage into standard silver dollars of bullion . . . which was allocated and charged to the subsidiary silver account and which allocations are authorized to be revoked and recharged to the standard silver dollar bullion account, is for administrative consideration."

This clearly means that the revocation of the allocations is authorized, and that the question of recoinage into dollars would be one for administrative determination by the Secretary. That determination has been reached, and the recoinage of the silver into standard silver dollars is proceeding in accordance with the decision.

What you say about profit to the Government through revoking the allocations of silver for subsidiary coin shows a further misunderstanding of the situation. Take, for example, the 10,247,976.52 ounces of bullion once allocated and since revoked. This bullion, or its equivalent, has been in the vaults all along and is not needed for subsidiary coinage. Restoring it to the standard silver dollar bullion account does not make a cent of profit to the Government. It simply puts the silver back where it was before, and when it has been recoinage into standard silver dollars the Government will be restored to its former position, the recoinage standard silver dollars filling the place of the standard silver dollars originally broken up and melted. To do as you recommend, on the other hand, would involve a serious loss. In the first place, it would mean buying silver at the artificial price of \$1 per ounce, 1,000 fine, to take the place of silver which never left the Government's own vaults and does not in any proper sense need to be replaced. This of itself would be a futile thing, and it would be a most unusual construction of the law to require it. If it were done, moreover, the result would be that the Government would have 10,247,976.52 ounces of silver bullion on hand that it would not be able to use, and this bullion would have been purchased at a price exceeding by more than 30 cents an ounce the regular market price for silver. It would not be needed for any purpose for a long time to come, and it would, therefore, have to lie idle in the vaults of the Treasury at a constant expense to the Government.

A similar misunderstanding apparently underlies your comments about the purchase of silver for subsidiary coinage. There is nothing in the Pittman Act that requires the Treasury at any time to buy silver for subsidiary coinage at the artificial price of \$1 per ounce. The Act simply requires the purchase of silver at the fixed price to replace the standard silver dollars broken up and actually used, and this will be done in accordance with the terms of the law and the regulations of the Director of the Mint prescribed thereunder. The purchase of silver for subsidiary coinage, on the other hand, depends entirely upon the demands of business, and it is per-

fectly well settled that in making purchases of silver for subsidiary coinage the Government pays only the market price. The difference between the price paid and the face value of the subsidiary silver coined therefrom constitutes seigniorage, and this, as you know, accrues to the Government by virtue of its sovereign power to coin money and maintain its circulation. It does not result from any intrinsic merit of silver, and there is no reason why the Government, in buying silver for purposes of coinage, should pay any more for the silver than anyone else would have to pay in the markets of the world. Silver, as you know, is not the standard of value. It is a commodity, and like other commodities must respond to market conditions. Silver producers stand in this respect on the same basis as producers of other commodities and have no just cause for complaint against the Government if their product falls in the market to a price lower than the cost of production.

The fact is, of course, that the Pittman Act has had the effect for about three years of giving American producers of silver a bonus equivalent to the difference between the world market price and the fixed price of \$1 per ounce, 1,000 fine. This has amounted, on an average, to over 30 cents an ounce, and the effect has been to give an artificial stimulus to the production of silver. The termination of purchases under the Act will doubtless cause some disturbance to the silver industry, but that is always the result of maintaining an artificial condition and the hardships incident to returning to normal are inherent in the situation and cannot be overcome by any action of the Government. The Treasury, on its part, has been doing everything possible to assure equitable treatment to American producers in making final purchases under the Act, and has promulgated appropriate regulations to that end, but beyond that it cannot go. The Treasury, of course, has to consider the interests of the people as a whole, and not merely the special interests of the silver producers, and it would be manifestly improper for it to throw an additional burden of \$5,000,000 or more on the taxpayers of the country in order to help producers of silver by making purchases of silver at the artificial price of \$1 per ounce, 1,000 fine, beyond what is needed under the Act.

Very truly yours,

S. P. GILBERT, JR., Under Secretary.

Hon. Key Pittman, Vice-Chairman, Senate Commission of Gold and Silver Inquiry, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C.

In our issue of a week ago (page 2463) we referred to the announcement of Director of the Mint Scobey that he would continue to receive tenders under the Pittman Act until the close of business June 15, filing such tenders in the order of their receipt. We give herewith this announcement in full:

The Directors of the Mint announces that tenders of silver under the Act approved April 23 1918, sometimes known as the Pittman Act, have to-day amounted to over 1,000,000 ounces, thus reducing the total amount remaining to be purchased under the Act to about 1,350,000 ounces. In order to avoid any possibility of accepting excessive tenders and at the same time assure the most equitable treatment to American producers of silver, the Director of the Mint will not accept any further tenders until a sufficient examination has been made of the tenders already received to indicate the precise amount of silver remaining to be purchased. The Director of the Mint will, however, continue to receive tenders under the Act until the close of business June 15 1923, filing such tenders in the order of their receipt, and as soon as the amount remaining to be purchased has been definitely determined, will accept tenders up to such amount in the order of their receipt, in accordance with the regulations heretofore prescribed. All tenders in excess of the amount remaining to be purchased will be rejected.

Yesterday (June 8) the "Journal of Commerce" had the following to say regarding the Government's silver purchases:

The Government will receive up to June 15 tenders for the remaining one million ounces of silver it must buy under the requirements of the Pittman Act. The Treasury Department is taking the silver now at the foreign or non-Pittman Act price of about 66c. As soon as the exact amount of silver accepted from each producer and offerer is determined the difference between the present figure and the dollar price specified in the Act will be paid to the seller by the Mint Bureau.

The New York "Times" of June 6 observed that the "principle losses resulting from the suspension of silver purchases by the Government will be sustained by the copper companies." We quote herewith what it had to say in the matter:

Silver was quoted yesterday at 65¼ cents an ounce in the New York market, a decline of ½ cent as compared with the closing quotation on Monday. Interest in the market is high at present because the United States Government has withdrawn its artificial peg which kept the price of domestic silver at 99% to 99½, depending upon the location of the mint to which the shipment was being sent, the additional ½ cent representing the cost of expressing silver the greatest distance.

The current price, while 34¾ cents an ounce below the most recent Government quotation, is somewhat higher than the current prices in London, yesterday's quotation there having been 31 11-16 pence, or 63¾ cents in terms of American money, a difference of 1½ cents an ounce. The American price on silver in the open market (including only silver of foreign origin because of the provision in the Pittman Act for the purchase of American-mined silver at mint price) has been higher in London all along. A comparison of figures shows the high point of silver in London at 33 1-16 pence, or 66¾ cents, reached on April 30, as against the high in the open market here of 68¾ cents, reached on March 27. The low for the year in London was 30½ pence, or 61 cents, reached on Feb. 3, as against 63¾ cents here on the same date.

The Director of the Mint suspended purchases of silver under the Pittman Act on June 1. [Director Scobey's announcement indicated that the Treasury requirements of silver purchases under the Pittman Act would be completed by July 1.—Ed.] Whether more purchases will need to be made before the full allowance is met is a question which Government officials cannot answer until their purchases have been added and checked. If further purchases are made they will be in a relatively small amount. With the filling of the complement, it is believed the Government will withdraw from the silver market for a long time. Sufficient silver is now on hand to take care of the requirements for a considerable period, it is stated, and it is assumed that further purchases will not be made until the silver market is in a position which will not result in confusion in case the Government should become a buyer.

Principal losses resulting from the suspension of silver purchases by the Government will be sustained by the copper companies, whose ores carry a substantial quantity of silver along with copper and other metals. There are also a number of individual miners, and prospectors who will be affected by the lower price. Silver producers are contemplating action to improve the silver market. One suggestion which is receiving consideration is that

of forming an organization similar to the Copper Export Association, whose purpose would be to study market conditions, to regulate production and to stimulate consumption. Pending such a measure it is expected that considerable irregularity will be shown in silver quotations in the open market, the market facing a period of readjustment to new conditions before it will become settled like the copper, brass and other metal markets.

Our various previous references to this subject have appeared as follows, April 7, page 1484; April 28, page 1857; May 12, page 2073, and June 2, page 2463.

Charles E. Lobdell Praises Agricultural Credits Act, Although Regrets Government is Becoming Owner of a Chain of Banks.

Charles E. Lobdell, Federal Farm Loan Commissioner, addressing the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association at its annual convention at Atlantic City on May 24, referred to the problems of the farmer as of vital interest to the nation and of greater importance than the railroad situation. The Philadelphia "Ledger" reports him as stating that the recently enacted Agricultural Credits Act will materially aid in stabilizing the industry, and his further remarks are taken as follows from the "Ledger":

Pointing out the serious effect that would result to the economic structure of the country through a decrease in the purchasing power of the farmer if the farming industry should fail, the speaker said the investment in agriculture is \$78,000,000 in excess of the total investment of three other great industries in the United States, including railroads and steel manufacture.

Mr. Lobdell said the banking and credit facilities afforded the farmer by the 1923 Agricultural Act should have been assigned to the Federal Reserve Board for operation. He called upon the bankers to accept it as a permanent fixture of the financial structure of the country.

New Credit Bank Praised.

"The establishment of the intermediate credit bank," he said, "means another line of country bank—a small bank of rediscount. The farmer who grasps it will benefit, as will the country banker who awakens to its importance. This new rediscount bank is the problem of the country banker. It will come either with his co-operation or opposition."

Mr. Lobdell said three principal objections had been raised to the passage of laws to improve the credit facilities of farmers. These were paternalism, class legislation and that the measures were unnecessary. He answered these objections, although in discussing the first named he said he regretted seeing the Government becoming the owner of a chain of banks, but added: "In discussing paternalism it is all a question of who is benefited by it. There was no opposition a short time ago when the doors of the Treasury Department were opened to deposit funds to save the financial structure of the United States."

"Sound judgment and patriotism have made the American farmer the anchor of our ship of state," Mr. Lobdell, who is a former president of the Kansas Bankers' Association, continued. "He will not desert us now. But nevertheless, it is discouraging to him to find, after his hard work of harvesting his crop, that his dollar is worth only sixty cents when measured by the things he must buy."

"The farmer asks for no favors; he seeks only a square deal. He is not opposed to big business; but, on the contrary, realizes that, properly regulated, it is a vital factor in our industrial and financial systems. Given a square deal, agriculture will continue our chief industry, with the farmer the cornerstone of our economic structure."

Charles E. Lobdell Resigns as Federal Head of Farm Loan Board—L. J. Pettyjohn Named as Successor.

The "Journal of Commerce" announced the following from Washington, June 4:

The resignation of Charles E. Lobdell as head of the Farm Loan Board was accepted to-day by President Harding, who simultaneously announced the appointment of L. J. Pettyjohn, of Dodge City, Kan., as Mr. Lobdell's successor. The change will take place June 30, when the retiring commissioner will enter private business in New York.

Mr. Lobdell's decision to retire was not unexpected since it had been known that he desired to return to private business after eight years of public service. He was appointed to the Loan Board from Great Bend, Kan., as one of the original members, and, several years later, upon the resignation of Commissioner Morris, he was designated as the executive of the Board.

The retention of the post by Mr. Lobdell during the last several months was due in a large measure to his desire to see the intermediate farm credit machinery placed in operation before leaving the Government service. During his term as a member and later as the Commissioner of the Board, the farm credit system has been developed to the point where more than \$750,000,000 of Federal funds is out on land loans through the Farm Loan banks and an additional \$350,000,000 has been handled through Joint Stock Land banks.

Willis J. Fowler Succeeds the Late Thomas P. Kane as Deputy Comptroller of the Currency.

Willis J. Fowler was appointed Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, succeeding the late Thomas P. Kane, on May 15. Mr. Fowler has been in the service of the Currency Bureau since 1886. With his appointment last month it was stated that Col. Joseph W. McIntosh had been recommended as Deputy Comptroller of the Currency in charge of the National Agricultural Credit Corporation, by Comptroller of the Currency Dawes.

Charles W. Collins Recommended for Post of Deputy Comptroller of Currency.

Comptroller of the Currency Henry M. Dawes has recommended to the Secretary of the Treasury the appointment of Charles Wallace Collins of Chicago as Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, to fill a vacancy caused by the promotion of

Willis J. Fowler to the deputyship formerly held by Thomas P. Kane. In reporting this the "Washington Post" of June 7 said:

With the recent appointment of Col. Joseph W. McIntosh as Deputy Comptroller in charge of National Agricultural associations, the offices of the three Deputy Comptrollers provided for by law are now filled. It is expected Mr. Mellon will approve the recommendation in favor of Mr. Collins.

Mr. Collins is a lawyer and well-known student and writer on financial questions. He took a leading part in the movement to establish a national budget system and is the author of a book and a number of articles and documents on that subject. He acted as legal adviser to both Chairman Good and Chairman McCormick of the House and Senate select committees on budget, which drafted the budget bill. Upon the inauguration of the budget system, Mr. Collins was appointed counsel for the Bureau of the Budget, which position he now holds.

Mr. Collins is expected to take office July 1.

Chief Justice Taft in Dedicating Monument to Salmon P. Chase, Defends United States Supreme Court.

Defending the United States Supreme Court against attacks by "radical Republicans" during the incumbency of former Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, the present Chief Justice, William H. Taft, speaking in Cincinnati on May 30 at the unveiling of a monument to Mr. Chase, stated that "it is convincing evidence of the sound sense of the American people in the long run and their love of civil liberty and its constitutional guarantees that in spite of hostility thus frequently engendered, the court has lived with its powers unimpaired until the present day." "While mistakes," said Mr. Taft, "were made by the court in those days, as at other times, for it was and is a human institution, one cannot see, in looking back to that decade, that there is anything in the constitutional law as it was handed on to the next generation which is to be condemned." The verdict of the country in retrospect as between the fever heat of the radical Republicans in those tempestuous times against constitutional hindrance on the one hand, and the restraining decisions of the court, on the other, is with the court. Justice Taft further said, "the people now are glad that the guarantees of personal liberty were maintained by the court against the partisan zeal of the then majority." Justice Taft's remarks, as given in the Cincinnati "Enquirer," are quoted in part as follows:

When Mr. Chase was called to the bench, he had been out of the practice of the law for more than 20 years, but he had been in executive or legislative office almost constantly. He had been a student of the constitution and its application to practical government. He had come to be intimately acquainted with departmental organization and methods, and he entered the Court better advised than any other member of that body as to Government law, that law which grows and shapes itself by the practice of those who administer it. This made him most valuable in conference on such questions which were to crowd upon the Court while he was at its head.

Mr. Chase wished to be Chief Justice—had told Mr. Lincoln so early in his Cabinet experience. He had confidence that he could accomplish much public good by an interpretation of the Constitution making for a safe balance between the national and the State powers. He had a laudable ambition to become a second Marshall in the constitutional reconstruction of the Government at its second birth. It is to be doubted, however, whether when he had tested the opportunities the great place afforded him, he was satisfied. He found that he had to carry a load of work which for him was the heavier because his familiarity with the principles of general law had faded some in his political life. He grew impatient with cases between individuals in which the governing principles were not constitutional and were not of public concern. Nor could he in such work separate himself from intense interest in the political questions which were occupying the statesmen of the day, and he longed to be at the helm. This did not interfere with the excellence of his judicial work, but it added to the strain on him.

Chief Justice Chase wrote many able opinions, opinions that have come down and established the law. His decision in the case of Texas vs. White, where he defined with wonderful clearness the status of the seceded States, is a landmark in constitutional law in this country. Another is his concurring opinion in *ex parte Milligan*, in which he has added to the substance of the law by his definition of, and distinction between, military law, military government and martial law. The subject has always been a difficult one, and it remained for him to clarify it so far as it has been clarified.

The course of the legal tender decisions gave rise to the great bitterness of feeling. The Chief Justice was charged with inconsistency due to political bias, in that he supported the legal tender acts as Secretary of the Treasury and then as Chief Justice held them to be invalid. He did not favor giving a legal tender character to the greenbacks, but he was forced into acquiescence in that feature of the law in order to secure what he regarded as indispensable to the safety of the country. It is only fair to take his own statement of the fact as the true one, namely, that as Judge he conscientiously believed, after the fullest consideration, that Congress had not the power to impart to notes issued by it as currency the character of the legal tender attaching to gold and silver coin.

The Chief Justice was a most dignified presiding officer. He had a strong sense of responsibility for the Court. His capacity to meet the requirements of a great occasion was shown when under the Constitution he had to preside at the trial of the impeachment of President Johnson. The fear that he might exercise influence to save Mr. Johnson led to efforts by the majority to restrain him as presiding officer, but he ignored them, asserted the full power of his position and ruled with conspicuous impartiality, clearness and force on all the questions arising. It was a painful and difficult duty, which fortunately no other Chief Justice has ever had to discharge.

Popular Feeling Aroused.

During the incumbency of Chief Justice Chase, popular feeling was strongly aroused against the Court. From time to time, by reason of its jurisdiction and its proper exercise, the Court cannot help becoming the stormy petrel of politics. It is the head of the system of Federal Courts

established avowedly to avoid the local prejudices which non-residents may encounter in State courts, a function often likely to ruffle the sensibilities of the communities, the possibility of whose prejudice is thus recognized and avoided. More than this, the Court's duty to ignore the Acts of Congress or of the State Legislatures, if out of line with the fundamental law of the nation, inevitably throws it as an obstruction across the path of the then majority, which has enacted the invalid legislation. The stronger the majority, and the more intense its partisan feeling, the less likely is it to regard constitutional limitations upon its power, and the more likely is it to enact laws of questionable validity. It is convincing evidence of the sound sense of the American people in the long run and their love of civil liberty and its constitutional guaranties, that, in spite of hostility thus frequently engendered, the Court has lived with its powers unimpaired until the present day.

The assassination of Mr. Lincoln stirred the passion of the Northern people and threw power into the hands of the radical element of the Republican Party in Congress. Conflict with Mr. Lincoln's successor quickly ensued and a policy of radical reconstruction followed, which we can be reasonably sure would have been spared the South had Mr. Lincoln lived.

With a two-thirds majority in each House, the Republican Party leaders brooked no opposition, and when that which had been done in due course came before the Court for consideration of its validity, the attitude of those leaders toward the Court became one of suspicion and resentment. Until one refreshes his recollection of that period, he can hardly realize how far the radical Republicans in Congress went in their effort to oust the Court of its jurisdiction. They were afraid that the Court would pronounce their reconstruction measures invalid. They were stirred to this fear by the decision in *ex parte Milligan*, in which the Court refused to recognize the power of the President in time of war to direct a Military Commission to try for treason and sentence to death a civilian in a State not invaded by the enemy and where the civil Courts were functioning. For fear that the Court might hold invalid the work of such Commissions when organized under the reconstruction acts by Military Governors in the Southern States, Congress took the case of *McArdle*, presenting the question, from the Court's consideration, abruptly, after it had been argued and submitted, by repeal of its jurisdiction. In the heat of the feeling against the Court, bills were proposed limiting its power to declare laws invalid by a majority and there were serious proposals made to abolish this power of the Court altogether. The personal attacks made upon the Court by the party press were severe and unmeasured. This was the atmosphere in which Chief Justice Chase lived during his judicial service.

"Mistakes Were Made."

While mistakes were made by the Court in those days, as at other times, for it was and is a human institution, one can not see, in looking back to that decade, that there is anything in the constitutional law as it was handed on to the next generation which is to be condemned. The result in the Legal Tender cases is still a matter of discussion by historians, students of constitutional law and political economics. The decision in the slaughter-house cases, which awakened great protest, certainly served to maintain a wise balance between the national and the State powers. The *Milligan* case, which called out the bitterest criticism, nevertheless laid down the principles of the maintenance of constitutional right during war, for which we are now grateful.

The verdict of the country in retrospect as between the fever heat of the Radical Republicans in those tempestuous times against constitutional hindrance, on the one hand, and the restraining decisions of the Court, on the other, is with the Court. The people now are glad that the guaranties of personal liberty were maintained by the Court against the partisan zeal of the then majority. The Court survived the inevitable attacks upon its jurisdiction then, as it had survived them so many times before. The storm during Chief Justice Chase's term was succeeded by a judicial calm of 25 years till we neared another war. This result speaks on the whole for the wisdom of the conclusions of the Court over which the Chief Justice presided.

Mr. Chase was a great man. He has had the disadvantage in history of comparison with Mr. Lincoln. Next to Mr. Lincoln, he stands out as a great civil figure of the decade of the Civil War. He was actuated by moral force. He had the defects of his attributes, but among those attributes were devotion to principle, courage of conviction, indefatigable industry, and a profound patriotic desire to achieve, in the public interest.

President Harding in Address to Mystic Shriners Expresses Wish for Fraternity Among Nations.

Addressing the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in convention at Washington on June 5, President Harding expressed the wish that "somehow we could have fraternity among nations, as it is taught in America among men." "I do not mean," he said, "to employ sign, grip and password, which afford an appealing mystery to our relationship, but the insistent demand for just dealing, the respect of rights of others, and the ideals of brotherhood recited in the Golden Rule, and the righteous fellow-relationship which every man knows his God approves. Under such a reign of fraternity cruel human warfare will never come again." At another point in his address President Harding said: "Fraternalities must be just if they are to survive. And they must be just to appeal to men in their fellow-relationships. Secret fraternity is one thing, secret conspiracy is quite another. This meeting to-day is in ennobled fraternity." The following is the President's address in full:

I like the atmosphere of fraternity. I rejoice in the knowledge that I am addressing a body where every heart-beat is loyally American, where every impulse is American, where every commitment and consecration is to the Republic and its free institutions.

Sometimes there are false impressions about fraternal organizations. No man ever took oaths and subscribed to the obligations with greater watchfulness and care than I exercised in receiving the various rites of Masonry; and I say it with due deliberation and without fear of breaking faith, I have never encountered a lesson, never witnessed an example, never heard an obligation uttered which could not be openly proclaimed to the world.

More, if the lessons taught were heeded, the obligations read were assumed, if the relationships urged were adopted, men would be infinitely better in their human relationships.

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One must recognize that fraternity has its abuses. Abused fraternity is no more avoidable than the hypocrisy which teaches how beautifully worth while is honest religion. But fraternity deals with realities and cures its own abuses.

A President would not be ethical if he related fraternal appeals to which he must turn a deaf ear. I will have said enough if I suggest that men lose their right of fraternal hearing when they transgress the law of the land.

The abuse I had in mind is the imposition upon fraternal relationship to promote selfish ends. Perhaps a recital of a home-town experience will illustrate my point. There came to our town two brothers to engage in a mercantile enterprise. One joined the Methodist Church and the other the Presbyterian. Still business failed to move with a whirl. Then one joined the Masons and the other the Knights of Pythias. They picked out the churches with the larger congregations, and the fraternities with the larger membership.

Some local observer wondered at these divergent inclinations in two brothers and there was comment about it. Here was fraternity being played for selfish ends. We had another fraternity, rare in kind and transitory in existence, which dealt with men's idiosyncracies and foibles and imperfections. It was a fraternal playground, which sometimes witnessed rough play, performed many a surgery in character. So the lure of membership in the Ancient and Honorable Order of Haymakers was held out to the joining merchants, and they fell for it. The fee was very modest and the treasurer spent all the funds at each meeting of the order, but the initiation was imposing, revealing and never forgotten.

When the two merchants came to receive their degree, their first revelation came to them while locked in a little six-by-eight antechamber, between which and the lodge room there was a partition only eight feet high, with a great open space above through which could be heard all that was said among the Haymakers in solemn session. The eligibility and desirability of the candidates were discussed for an hour, and I fear, alas, the candidates heard every word. Their joining proclivity was emphasized, and I suspect objections were urged that were not wholly justified.

In a bit of cheating, which must have been forgiven ere this, the ministers of the two churches were impersonated, though the impersonators sometimes fell short of clerical terms of speech. The Haymakers, with rare facility, turned tanners, and did a wonderful job of it. Manifestations of restlessness in the ante-room were ignored and after the alleged pastors had retired to their homes the degree was given, and given without stint.

All went well until the next day when the two brothers started out to interview the ministers who had spoken. It was difficult for the innocent ministers to understand, but the two joiners soon came to understand and the Haymakers lost two members, the town lost its new mercantile establishment within a week and two strangers who donned the cloak of fraternity for commercial gain saw themselves as others appraised them.

There is an honest and righteous and just fraternal life in America. It embraces millions of our men and women, and a hundred fraternal organizations extend their influence into more than a third of American homes and make ours a better Republic for their influence.

Fraternity is inherent in man, it is manifest in the beasts of the field and the birds in the air. It is our obligation to make the most of it for human betterment. It more than enters our daily life and ministers ten thousand daily charities and fraternal reliefs. In the lodge room there is molded what becomes public opinion and contributes to the moving forces of developing civilization.

It matters not what is said of human selfishness, it matters not what seeming lack of sympathy and fellowship is sometimes encountered, every man worth while has in him the yearning to be worth while, to do that which gives him title to the activities of human brotherhood. It is the business of organized fraternalism to turn these natural traits to highest helpfulness. In every worthy order the principles of civil and religious liberty, justice and equality are taught in lecture and obligation. A respect for the rights of others, the very essence of fraternity, is stressed everywhere until the rule of justice is the guarantee of righteous fraternal relationship.

I wish somehow we could have fraternity among nations, as it is taught in America among men. I do not mean to employ sign, grip and password, which afford an appealing mystery to our relationship, but the insistent demand for just dealing, the respect of rights of others, and the ideals of brotherhood recited in the Golden Rule, and the righteous fellow-relationship which every man knows his God approves. Under such a reign of fraternity cruel human warfare will never come again.

I like the highly purposed fraternity because it is our assurance against menacing organization. In the very naturalness of association men band together for mischief, to exert misguided zeal, to vent unreasoning malice, to undermine our institutions. This isn't fraternity, this is conspiracy. This isn't associated uplift, it is organized destruction. This is not brotherhood, it is the discord of disloyalty and a danger to the Republic. But so long as 20,000,000 of Americans are teaching loyalty to the flag, the cherishment of our inherited institutions and due regard for constitutional authority, and the love of liberty under the law, we may be assured the future is secure.

There is no misconstruing the aims and purposes of our loftier American fraternalism. For the great brotherhood there is the patriotic appraisal of the heritage of the Republic. Here is representative democracy, wrought in sacrifice and toil, amid liberty's highest aspirations, and no force or violence, no alien purpose, no social madness shall be permitted to destroy it.

I think I know the very soul of Masonry, out of which the Shrine has come to lighten our burdens and add cheer to our daily lives. There is both quantity and quality in the nobility of the Shrine. It is more than a mere Masonic playground. Conceived in cheer the order hungered for more than play, though we need more of play in our daily lives.

It craved to be helpful, and it is aglow in noble achievement. Its initiates have been schooled in patriotism and welcomed new commitment to home and country. I like to think there is special significance that this year the Imperial Council has come to Washington, bringing the Shrine to the monumental shrine of the great father of the nation, to pledge afresh love for the Republic, loyalty to its institutions and an exalted brotherhood for those who consecrate life and sacred honor to its preservation.

President Harding's Trip to Alaska and the Pacific Coast.

It was made known at Washington on June 5 that President Harding is scheduled to make nineteen addresses on his forthcoming trip to the Pacific Coast and Alaska, reference to which appeared in our issue of Saturday last, page 2482. The first address will be delivered in St. Louis on June 21. In giving the list of cities which he will visit, press dispatches from Washington state:

The addresses en route to the Coast will be made in cities on dates as follows: St. Louis, June 21, evening; Kansas City, June 22, evening; Hutchinson, Kan., June 23, afternoon; Denver, June 25, morning; Cheyenne, Wyo., June 25, afternoon; Salt Lake City, June 26, evening; Pocatello, Ida., June 28, morning; Idaho Falls, Ida., June 28, afternoon; Butte, Mont., June 29, morning; Helena, Mont., June 29, evening; Spokane, Wash., July 2, evening; Meacham, Ore., July 3; Portland, Ore., July 4, afternoon; and Tacoma, July 5, morning.

Returning from Alaska the President will speak at Vancouver, British Columbia, July 26, evening; Seattle, July 27, evening; San Francisco, July 31, evening; Los Angeles, Aug. 1, evening; and San Diego, Aug. 4, afternoon.

Announcement also was made that on the trip to the Coast the President would make brief visits to Zion and Yellowstone National parks, and on the trip down the Pacific Coast would stop at Yosemite National Park. The address at Meacham, Ore., will be in connection with the Oregon train anniversary celebration.

Final details of the itinerary with respect to addresses were worked out to-day by the President in conference with Walter F. Brown, Chairman of the Commission on Reorganization of Government Departments, and an adviser of the Executive. Mr. Brown left Washington to-night to confer with local committees on details of the President's visit to each of the nineteen cities.

The itinerary for the visit of the Presidential party to Alaska has been only tentatively worked out, as the trip will largely be dependent upon the President's desires on reaching the territory and also upon transportation facilities. The itinerary announced at the White House, however, shows that the Executive will spend about two weeks in Alaska with about five days to be consumed in the voyage from Tacoma to the territory and the same or somewhat less time for the return trip to Vancouver.

Details of the return trip by way of the Panama Canal and Porto Rico likewise remain in a tentative state, although it has been announced that the President would sail from San Diego on the Shipping Board steamer President Harrison. Only a day or two will be spent in the Canal Zone and the Presidential party will continue on the President Harrison to San Juan where, after a short stay, its members will embark upon another Shipping Board vessel, the American Legion, for New York.

President Harding in Proposing Adherence to World Court Is Desirous of Avoiding Surrender of Advantages and Independence of Nation.

In a communication addressed to Bishop Thomas F. Gailor, head of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, with reference to adherence by the United States to the Permanent Court of International Justice, President Harding expresses himself as "keenly desirous that the right course shall be found whereby our favored country may make its largest feasible contribution to the stabilization of civilization, while at the same time surrendering nothing of the advantages and independence which we enjoy." The letter, made public at Washington June 1 follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, June 1 1923.

My Dear Bishop Gailor:—It is a great satisfaction to have received your note of May 25th. You know we are all human enough to have the feeling that the man who agrees with us is the broad minded and really intelligent person.

Not many days ago I made the observation to my newspaper callers that I did not believe any man could confront the responsibility of a President of the United States and yet adhere to the idea that it was possible for our country to maintain an attitude of isolation and aloofness in the world. It is my concern first that there shall be an effective recognition of this fact, and that those who, because of their positions, are earliest compelled to realize this situation, may be assured the understanding and sympathetic support of the great intelligent public opinion of our country.

Beyond that I am keenly desirous that the right course shall be found, whereby our favored country may make its largest feasible contribution to the stabilization of civilization, while at the same time surrendering nothing of the advantages and independence which we enjoy.

After much of thought, study and conference, I reached the conclusion that our adherence to the program of the International Court represented a compliance with these conditions. It is a longer step than some would wish us to take in this direction. On the other hand, it is a less advance than some others would wish us to take, but to me it seems to meet the requirements of our peculiar situation, and permits us to say to the world that we are ready for our part in furthering peace and stability, without entanglement or surrender of cherished policy to which we are long and strongly committed.

I am much gratified to know that in taking this attitude I have seemed to you to deserve the commendation you have so cordially extended.

Most sincerely yours,

WARREN G. HARDING.

Right Rev. Thomas F. Gailor, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

President Harding in Dedication Better Homes Model Cites the Home as Aim, Object and Purpose of Human Organization.

At the dedication in Washington on June 4 of the "Home, Sweet Home House," erected by the General Federation of Women's Clubs in furtherance of the campaign for better homes in America, President Harding congratulated "all of the devoted men and women who have contributed to this movement." He pointed out that the home is "not merely the centre but truly the aim, the object and purpose of all human organization" and that "we seek to make better homes in order that we may avoid the necessity for conflict and turmoil in our world." In part, the President's remarks were as follows:

The movement for better homes in America, as we all know, is a movement for a better America. This house which we are dedicating is modeled after the much-beloved cottage on Long Island which was the home of John Howard Payne and inspired his immortal song, "Home, Sweet Home." Erected by the sponsors of the Better Homes Movement of

America, it is dedicated to the enlightenment and advancement of our efforts for home-making; and beyond that—I am sure I hardly need to tell you this—the movement represents the organized women of America, those who are always at last responsible for making the home. It is not so much the problem of housing as it is the problem of increasing the home comforts, of devising new conveniences, of expanding that understanding of domestic science which must make for the improvement of American homes. We have devoted much thought to the improvement in production, transportation and to a thousand things that make for the advancement of civilization.

We have too often overlooked the fact that, after all, the greatest single industry in America is the management of the American home, where 20,000,000 women toil every day of the year, 18,000,000 of these women doing their own work without help. There is no other activity or industry comparable to this, in the numbers employed, the effort devoted to it, or the importance of its products, nor in the significance of the spiritual forces that envelop it.

The home is at last not merely the centre, but truly the aim, the object and the purpose of all human organization. We do not seek to improve society in order that, from better homes, we may bring forth better servants of the State, more efficient cannon fodder for its armed forces; rather we seek to make better homes in order that we may avoid the necessity for conflict and turmoil in our world. The home is the apex and the aim, the end rather than the means, of our whole social system. So far as this world knows or can vision there is no attainment more desirable than the happy and contented home.

It is the purpose of the Better Home Movement to make possible a like advance in the status of womankind. We are going to have such advancement in the mechanical appurtenances of the home as will represent a real emancipation for women. With that emancipation we shall see women taking a new, larger and vastly more significant part in those great determining activities of life which henceforward must mark our way toward releasing the best ambitions of social organization. This movement is concerned with all the problems which confront the spirit of family life.

The men and women responsible for this movement have sensed a need; and the reality of that need may be measured by the response of the American people to their call. That response is interpreted not only by this occasion, but by the fact that in several thousand communities of America the organized women are to-day conducting demonstrations presenting living examples of better homes.

The movement is not confined to our own country. Since it came into being two years ago it has spread far beyond our borders. Canada, Australia, the Philippines and several other nations to-day have delegates in America studying this national movement, this great demonstration. Because they have been leaders of such a wide and significant interest, we wish to congratulate all of the devoted men and women who have contributed to this movement.

Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America Urges Support of President Harding's Proposal That United States Join World Court.

An appeal to the congregations affiliated with it to support President Harding's proposal that the United States identify itself with the Permanent Court of International Justice was issued at Washington on May 31 by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. In its plea the Council calls attention to the fact that in May 1922 it presented to the President a memorial urging our entrance into the Court as "not only the fruition and consummation of many decades of American discussions, plans and desires for international peace through justice based on law, but also the promise of a larger and truer righteousness and justice among the nations, a step forward in the establishment of the Kingdom of God among men." Details of the call issued last week (May 31) are given as follows in a Washington dispatch appearing in the New York "Times":

"During the next nine months the American people must decide whether or not the United States shall follow the proposal of the President and the Secretary of State and associate itself definitely with the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague.

"The issue which the World Court presents is not a new one. It embodies the age-long conflict between law and force.

"In the earliest times each man, an absolute sovereign, remained a law unto himself. Disputes were settled by an immediate appeal to force. But gradually this changed for the people could not stand the havoc of hate and conflict and destruction which such a system involved. Within the family, then the tribe, then the State, arbiters arose. No longer were individuals allowed to settle at will with their opponents in the ancient primitive way.

"Slowly a system of laws took shape governing the decisions of these judges. The very progress of mankind can be marked by law's slow conquest over force. But nations, the last of the absolute sovereigns, resisted this change, and even up to yesterday asserted the right to be a law unto themselves. As a result came the World War.

ailed as a Great Advance

"To-day around the earth the people know that if nations are to survive they too must subject their individual wills to established processes of law, their individual interest to the welfare of all mankind. All that the Christian Church itself has built up in the hearts and minds of the people through centuries of effort hangs in the balance.

"For war in the future, aided by the powers of science, simply means self-destruction. This appeal to the sword can be abolished by only one means—the means already found effective within the State—by building up an appeal to law instead. That is exactly the purpose of the Permanent Court of International Justice. In it we see a great advance in the long struggle of man to civilize himself.

"The Christian forces of this land for many years have advocated the settlement of international disputes by courts of arbitration rather than by resort to force. Indeed to them belongs no small responsibility for the leadership taken by the United States in behalf of such a program before the World War, and since 1918 denomination after denomination has officially requested the leaders of our Government to take such steps as will lead us to active participation in the new Permanent Court of International Justice.

"In May 1922 the Federal Council of Churches, representing united Protestant feeling as it came from its constituent bodies, presented to the President a memorial urging our entrance into the Court as 'not only the fruition and consummation of many decades of American discussions, plans and

desires for international peace through justice based on law, but also the promise of a larger and truer righteousness and justice among the nations, a step forward in the establishment of the Kingdom of God among men."

"A day of great decision for our country and the world has now arrived, a day long sought by the Christian people of our land. There will be strong forces at work opposing the action recommended by the President. Some will conjure up dangers to frighten doubtful minds. Others may oppose it because it does not go all the way in outlawing war. Although this is true, the establishment of the Court is a most important practical step in this direction.

Surely we should not hesitate to take the first step because it is not a complete solution all at once. Concerted, vigorous and continuous effort in support of the Court is imperative on the part of all who see in the principle of the supremacy of law the only hope for the nations."

Opened to All World.

Continuing, the call gives the following "salient facts":

"The new Permanent Court of International Justice should not be confused with the old Hague Permanent Court of Arbitration. The latter, established in 1899, is in reality not a court but a panel of 135 names from which nations may choose judges to arbitrate questions. It is not a permanently sitting court of permanent judges. Because of this it cannot as effectively build up a body of international law.

"In 1907 Secretary of State Elihu Root instructed the American delegates to bring about a development of the Hague Tribunal into a permanent tribunal composed of judges who are judicial officers and nothing else, who are paid adequate salaries, who have no other occupation, and who will devote their entire time to the trial and decision of international cases by judicial methods and under a sense of judicial responsibility." Later Senator Knox took up a similar plan and sought to have it adopted, but the outbreak of the war in 1914 caused its postponement.

"At the end of the war the Covenant of the League of Nations embodied in Article XIV this statement: 'The Council shall formulate and submit to the members of the League for adoption plans for the establishment of a Permanent Court for International Justice.'

"The Council at once asked a number of eminent jurists, Elihu Root being one, to draft a plan. On Dec. 13 1920 its proposal was unanimously approved, with modifications, by representatives of the 48 States sitting in the Assembly. A special independent treaty was drawn up, wholly distinct from the Covenant of the League, and as such it now has been signed by 46 States, of which 35 have completed their formal ratifications.

"The Court is composed of 11 regular and four deputy judges. The judges of the Permanent Court are elected for a term of nine years by a majority vote of the League's Assembly and Council acting independently. They are to give their full and continuous time to this work. Sessions are held at least once a year, beginning June 15.

"Already the Court has rendered three opinions deciding controversies concerning the activities of the labor organization of the League, in which questions organized labor in Western Europe was vitally interested. On Feb. 7 1923, it rendered a decision on a controversy between France and Great Britain over the application of nationality laws in Tunis and Morocco. At the present time three important cases are already upon its docket for the coming session.

"The Court is not a 'private' Court of the League of Nations. By a decision of the Council of the League on May 12 1922, it has been opened to all the world. In most cases each party to a dispute must consent before the Court can deal with the dispute. An optional clause in the treaty establishing the Court has now been ratified, in most cases upon condition of reciprocity, by 18 States, giving the Court jurisdiction of every dispute between these States in which is involved any question of international law, of interpretation of a treaty or of a breach of an international obligation.

Force in Moral Power.

"By Articles XIII and XVI, members of the League agree to accept and support decisions of the Court. States not members of the League are not bound in this way. For them and, in the last analysis, for all nations, the ultimate force behind the decisions of the Court must be the moral power of the united public opinion of the world.

"President Harding now proposes that the United States join the Court, with reservations providing that:

- "1. No legal relation to the League is involved.
- "2. The United States may participate in the election of the judges on an equality with the other States.
- "3. The United States will pay its proper share of the expenses of the Court, the expenditure in every case to be approved by Congress.
- "4. The statute of the Court shall not be amended without the consent of the United States."

Under the head of "What to Do," these requests are made in the call:

- "1. In the regular services of public worship, pray and speak for the extension of the sway of law over force and for a whole-hearted readiness on the part of our nation to play its part in bringing this about.
- "2. Write to President Harding assuring him of your full support.
- "3. Write to your United States Senators, expressing your strong desire that the Senate should approve promptly the recommendation of the President.
- "4. Arrange for a forum or other meeting for a discussion of the principles at stake in the Court and of America's responsibility in its development."

W. G. McAdoo Would Have Peace Divorced from Politics —Says Europe Would Be Restored to Solvency in Generation if There Were No Great Armies.

Declaring that he wanted to see "peace divorced from politics, and to see some honest expression of American opinion on it, free of bias, former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, in addressing Chattanooga business men on May 25, added that "I know that when such an expression is taken it will overwhelmingly favor reduction of armament, peace, and that America take her proper part in the solution of world problems." Mr. McAdoo noted that "the world is bankrupt," and observing that we are the only solvent nation in it, "if we do nothing toward helping others to get solvent, we too will be insolvent some day." Referring to the fact that Europe owes \$200,000,000,000, Mr. McAdoo stated that "if the seas were made really free, and the man-power now being put unproductively in the armed forces . . . were conserved and put to productive employment, Europe would be restored to solvency in a generation. Then the United

States would get back the interest on the billions loaned Europe, and by long-term funding could recover the principal." From the Chattanooga "News" we take in part as follows Mr. McAdoo's remarks:

There are more complex and difficult problems in the world to-day than ever before in its history. These aren't all the result of the World War; many of them arose just from the growth of the world, and its increasing complexity. Then, too, many of them come from the selfish actions of nations, which are seeking their own ends in opposition to the good of the world as a whole.

Such conditions as these can't be met with partisan politics. Why should peace for the world and prevention of wars in the world be a matter of party politics? Why should the Democrats be for peace and the Republicans against it? I am just as much interested in saving the lives of Republicans as Democrats; not because they are Republicans or Democrats, but because they are human beings. It is a question of humanity.

I want to see peace divorced from politics and to see some honest expression of American opinion on it, free of bias, and I know that when such an expression is taken, it will overwhelmingly favor reduction of armament, peace, and that America take her proper part in the solution of world problems.

Nothing Impossible.

Impossible? So they say, and whoever says that to me I mark his name off my list. They have said that nearly everything that has ever accomplished has been "impossible." They said that of electric lights, of the wireless, the automobile. In my own experience, when I started to build the Hudson River tunnel they said that was "impossible." It had been tried twenty years before, and had failed, and they had written opinions from engineers which said it couldn't. Some New Yorkers thought I was a fit candidate for the guardhouse or the insane asylum. But I built it, and it has performed indispensable service to the millions who live in New Jersey and New York.

World peace is not impossible. War prevention, an indispensable corollary, is not impossible. Because the world has not yet been so organized that it has attained these things is no reason why it cannot be done. If we could denude the question of peace and disarmament from party politics so that the United States, without entangling alliances, could participate in the organization of the world for these ends, it would accomplish splendid things.

All Business Affected.

Some day we shall do it, and will do it. Connected with this question of the peace of the world and consequences which affect all business men everywhere in this country. We must all try to find an intelligent solution, based on facts and reason, and not on passion and prejudice.

The world is bankrupt, staggering under the load of debt from this war and those of the past. We are the only solvent nation in it, and if we do nothing toward helping the others get solvent, we too will be insolvent some day. We ourselves are staggering under the load.

Europe owes \$200,000,000,000. Yet if there were no great armies in Europe—and the question of land armament is much harder to commit to relatively, so to speak, than naval—and if the seas were made really free, and the man-power now being put unproductively in the armed forces, drawing on the civil populations for sustenance, were conserved and put to productive employment, Europe would be restored to solvency in a generation. Then the United States could get back the interest on the billions loaned Europe, and by long term funding, could recover the principal.

Even as important, if not more, Europe, with peace and prosperity, and productivity, and lower taxes could buy our products, and we would then get, not the ephemeral prosperity which I fear we are now enjoying—you can't have any real prosperity so long as the agricultural element is in such bad shape—but a real prosperity.

All the talk of the last three years about aiding the farmer thus far has produced nothing. In the West, and large parts of the East, his condition is tragic, and worse, with no prospect of any immediate improvement until the nation pursues rational policies which will gain for us our share of the markets of the world.

Opposes Floundering.

I am opposed to this floundering; there is no leadership and no progress. I am not saying this in a partisan spirit, for I don't like Democratic floundering any better than Republican. The world is still on fire, and it will never be put out until an intelligent study of problems is made, and that party supported which seeks to apply the best remedy to them. I don't care which party. What do we care whether it is Democratic or Republican Party? Parties after all are only instrumentalities of service in carrying out the popular will. We must put the same sense and acumen into choosing these instrumentalities that we do in choosing tools for our business.

The bankruptcy of Europe burdens America; it touches the pockets of everyone of us. If the tax burden could be reduced, it would be a very welcome achievement, I am sure, to us all. The great curse of business is high taxes, and inadequate transportation. Transportation costs too much, and hasn't the service ready when it is most needed.

With the endless propaganda which has been put out regarding the twelve months that I ran the railroads and the fourteen months Mr. Hines ran them, I am sure that if you read it all, you are convinced that the control under us was frightful. But if you read the real facts about it, it won't take you long to be convinced to the contrary. This again is an economic problem, and must be removed from the political arena. The solution of the railroad problem must be based on facts, not prejudices. We must use our parties as instrumentalities to this end, and be sure we pick the right instrumentality.

Federal Reserve System.

As an instance, I have the Federal Reserve System. Before it was inaugurated, our currency was based on only \$750,000,000 of Government bonds, and it was inadequate, inelastic and unscientific. The Federal Reserve Act was our idea to remedy that. It was an economic, not a political, problem. Yet it had the misfortune to be treated as a political one, and all the Republican Senators voted against it except John W. Weeks. It happened that the Democrats controlled that Congress and had a Democratic President who signed it. But suppose it had been otherwise? We would likely still have the same inelastic currency system of 1910.

Agricultural Department's Complete Official Report on Cereals, &c.

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture last night (June 8) made public its forecasts and estimates of grain crops of the United States as of June 1, based on reports of its correspondents and field statisticians, as follows:

For United States.		Acreage 1923.		Condition.			
		Per Cent. of 1922.	Acres.	June 1, 10-Year Average.	June 1, 1922.	May 1, 1923.	June 1, 1923.
Winter wheat.....	94.4	39,750,000	82.3	81.9	80.1	76.3	
Spring wheat.....	94.7	18,503,000	92.3	90.7	---	90.2	
All wheat.....	94.5	58,253,000	85.5	84.3	---	79.9	
Oats.....	101.1	40,768,000	89.0	85.5	---	85.6	
Barley.....	108.0	7,980,000	10.0	90.1	---	89.0	
Rye.....	84.3	5,234,000	89.2	92.5	85.1	81.1	
Hay, all.....	93.7	76,031,000	89.0	91.1	87.0	84.4	
Pastures.....	---	---	91.0	93.8	77.0	84.8	
Apples.....	---	---	69.3	72.8	---	75.5	
Peaches.....	---	---	62.2	77.1	---	66.7	

Production indicated by the condition of crops on June 1 1923, and comparisons with final figures in preceding years, follow:

Whole United States.	Total Production in Millions of Bushels.			Yield Per Acre.		Price per Bushel June 1.	
	1917-1921 Average	1922 Est.	1923 Forecast (a)	1917-1921 Average	1922 Est.	1922	1923
Winter wheat.....	590	586	581	14.9	13.9	14.6	---
Spring wheat.....	245	270	236	11.6	14.1	12.8	---
All wheat.....	835	856	817	13.8	14.0	14.0	106.6
Oats.....	1,378	1,215	1,256	31.9	29.9	30.8	44.9
Barley.....	192	186	196	23.6	25.2	21.6	60.9
Rye.....	70	95	72	13.6	15.4	15.8	66.3
Hay, all.....	699	6113	699	61.36	61.46	61.36	612.95
Apples, total crop	160	201	---	---	---	213.4	173.9
Peaches.....	43	57	---	---	---	---	---

a Interpreted from condition reports. Forecasts increase or decrease with changing conditions during the season. b Tons. c Per ton.

Details for important crops in principal States follow:

WINTER WHEAT.

State.	Condition.		Production Comparisons.		Forecast 1923 Production.		Farm prices Bushels, June 1.	
	June 1, 10-yr J'nel Ave. 1923.	%	1917-1921 Average.	1922 (December Estimated).	From May 1 Condition.	From June 1 Condition.	1922.	1923.
New York.....	88	83	8,381,000	8,678,000	8,157,000	8,129,000	125	133
Pennsylvania.....	89	83	24,080,000	25,234,000	21,109,000	21,630,000	125	133
Maryland.....	87	84	10,042,000	9,537,000	8,156,000	8,300,000	131	124
Virginia.....	88	83	11,869,000	10,375,000	9,945,000	9,946,000	136	131
Ohio.....	86	71	40,238,000	35,224,000	31,300,000	32,207,000	123	122
Indiana.....	82	80	34,608,000	29,754,000	30,293,000	32,406,000	121	120
Illinois.....	80	80	46,692,000	53,025,000	52,751,000	56,485,000	116	112
Michigan.....	76	76	14,739,000	14,136,000	15,488,000	15,302,000	122	120
Iowa.....	85	85	9,112,000	15,847,000	15,179,000	14,974,000	109	102
Missouri.....	78	83	43,140,000	38,750,000	43,086,000	44,423,000	115	111
Nebraska.....	84	68	42,245,000	57,159,000	33,671,000	35,972,000	105	97
Kansas.....	77	65	115,697,000	122,737,000	115,057,000	104,625,000	118	100
Kentucky.....	84	85	8,625,000	7,475,000	7,092,000	7,378,000	136	130
Texas.....	76	70	21,353,000	9,992,000	21,733,000	18,224,000	119	110
Oklahoma.....	76	73	47,200,000	31,350,000	42,293,000	41,610,000	103	100
Montana.....	80	76	6,039,000	6,369,000	5,153,000	5,439,000	119	100
Colorado.....	87	68	13,097,000	16,406,000	13,741,000	15,094,000	99	100
Idaho.....	92	96	8,051,000	8,658,000	8,677,000	9,243,000	98	110
Washington.....	83	92	23,368,000	23,244,000	33,468,000	35,753,000	115	105
Oregon.....	93	97	15,024,000	16,880,000	18,800,000	19,527,000	105	115
California.....	78	91	10,043,000	15,308,000	13,691,000	14,635,000	124	124
U. S.....	82.3	76.3	589,859,000	586,204,000	578,287,000	580,541,000	---	---

WINTER WHEAT.—Previous June 1 forecasts were 6 times above final yields, range 4% to 21%, average 9.5%; 5 times below, range 3% to 11%, average 6.0%. Average of last 11 years, 2.5% above.

STATES.	Acreage, 1923.		Condition, June 1.		Production Comparisons.		Forecast 1923	Farm Prices per Bush. June 1.	
	Per Cent of 1922.	Acres (*)	10- Year Aver.	1923.	5-Year Average, 1917-21. Final.	1922 (December Esti- mated).	from June 1 Condi- tion.	1922.	1923.
<i>Spring Wheat.</i>			%	%	<i>Bush.*</i>	<i>Bush.*</i>	<i>Bush.*</i>	<i>Cts.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>
Minnesota	88	1,628	94	88	41,511	25,345	20,057	130	104
North Dakota	91	7,953	90	89	77,088	123,234	82,107	125	95
South Dakota	95	2,748	96	91	36,954	38,188	30,018	109	94
Montana	100	2,713	90	89	17,948	34,001	41,048	119	100
Washington	106	1,060	91	92	16,673	9,200	17,066	115	105
Total U. S.	94.9	18,503	92.3	90.2	244,943	270,007	236,039	---	---
<i>Oats</i>									
New York	98	1,038	90	85	37,010	31,770	31,763	53	56
Pennsylvania	98	1,189	91	86	41,274	41,247	38,346	51	55
Ohio	108	1,590	86	76	60,907	39,744	50,753	38	33
Indiana	120	1,644	86	83	69,747	28,770	53,489	35	45
Illinois	102	3,937	87	87	171,843	110,010	142,146	32	44
Michigan	102	1,528	88	80	49,380	49,434	46,451	40	46
Wisconsin	103	2,539	94	84	92,015	101,558	89,149	43	46
Minnesota	101	4,016	94	88	118,369	142,746	128,652	30	35
Iowa	96	5,417	94	90	217,244	222,851	192,575	31	38
Missouri	115	1,285	83	78	50,189	17,872	31,673	31	53
North Dakota	102	2,507	90	88	49,103	78,804	59,566	31	31
South Dakota	105	2,448	95	91	68,663	74,400	73,513	27	33
Nebraska	108	2,601	93	92	78,938	56,106	78,966	29	41
Kansas	90	1,345	82	70	53,967	25,386	29,658	41	52
Texas	107	1,557	76	84	40,769	33,465	49,046	44	57
Oklahoma	78	1,125	76	63	39,547	30,000	22,538	41	61
Montana	102	612	90	91	12,806	19,200	18,657	52	51
Total U. S.	101.1	40,768	89.0	85.6	1,377,963	1,215,496	1,256,456	38.4	44.9
<i>Barley</i>									
Wisconsin	105	465	93	85	16,969	14,220	13,043	58	62
Minnesota	102	926	94	90	26,416	24,062	22,085	47	49
North Dakota	135	1,361	90	90	21,818	25,704	25,723	43	43
South Dakota	105	1,000	95	92	26,454	21,896	23,460	43	45
Kansas	101	1,085	84	84	11,965	19,332	20,962	47	56
Colorado	98	182	93	93	4,379	3,534	5,078	45	75
California	95	1,094	81	91	31,714	36,864	35,342	81	80
Total U. S.	108.0	7,980	90.0	89.0	191,974	186,118	196,110	57.7	60.9
<i>Rye</i>									
Michigan	80	518	88	82	8,460	8,294	6,966	90	70
Wisconsin	80	391	90	84	6,705	7,139	6,142	89	68
Minnesota	89	1,027	89	78	8,757	21,926	16,261	86	61
North Dakota	77	1,217	86	78	13,219	24,506	13,764	87	55
South Dakota	70	307	92	75	5,368	7,902	4,168	81	55
Total U. S.	84.3	5,234	89.2	81.1	70,324	95,497	72,473	88.0	66.3

* In thousands of bushels; i. e., 000 omitted.

SPRING WHEAT.—Previous June 1 forecasts were 7 times above final yields, range 4% to 85%, average 36.6%; 4 times below, range 6% to 23%, average of last 11 years, 18.3% above. (Crops in several years proved near failures.)

OATS.—Previous June 1 forecasts were 5 times above final yields, range 4% to 32%, average 12.4%; 6 times below, range 3% to 22%, average 10.3%. Average of last 11 years same as final.
 BARLEY.—Previous June 1 forecasts were 6 times above final yields, range 3% to 18%, average 9.5%; 3 times below, range 2% to 17%, average 11.3%. Two years the same as final. Average of last 11 years, 2.1% above.
 RYE.—Previous June 1 forecasts were all above final yields, range 2% to 36%, average 10.6%; much higher average yields in earlier years made yields indicated by conditions too high in recent years.
 Note.—Durum wheat acreage this year in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana is estimated at 4,632,000 or 30.8% of the total of 15,042,000 acres of spring wheat in the four States. This compares with 5,622,000 acres of durum, or 35.6% of the total spring wheat in these States in 1922 and an average of 4,367,000 acres of durum, or 25.6% of the total spring wheat in these States for the five years 1918-1922.

Cotton Men to Confer with English and French Interests at Washington June 11 on World Standards.

More than twenty leading American cotton men have been invited by Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace to meet with representatives of the Liverpool Cotton Exchange and members of the English and French cotton trade to consider the use of American cotton standards in international trade. The conference is called for June 11 at Washington, D. C. Representatives of the Liverpool Exchange are already in New York and members of the Manchester and Havre Exchanges are en route to the United States. The American cotton men invited to Washington include prominent members of both the domestic and export trade, together with officials of the leading spot and future cotton exchanges.

Governor Smith Makes Plea for State Sovereignty in Signing Bill Repealing Mullan-Gage Law—Would Amend Volstead Law.

As was announced in our issue of last week, page 2547, Governor Smith, after a month's deliberation and public hearings at Albany, on June 1 signed the Cuvillier bill repealing the so-called Mullan-Gage law, which latter had for its purpose the reinforcement of the Federal Government in its efforts to carry out the provisions of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Prohibition Enforcement Law. In signing the repeal measure the Governor filed a memorandum in which he reviewed at length the position of the State with respect to enforcement of Federal legislation and giving expression to various views on the subject of the Prohibition Law and means for its effective application.

The Governor made it clear that his act was not intended to be one of nullification, and he served notice on State officials that there could be no let-up in the full enforcement of all law.

The two outstanding features of his memorandum were a suggestion that the Volstead law be modified, giving each State greater latitude in determination of an intoxicating beverage, and the reassertion of State sovereignty. In respect to enforcement of the Federal prohibition measure the Governor expressed a view somewhat at variance with recent utterances on the subject by President Harding. Declaring that he was not discussing the wisdom or unwisdom of prohibition, the Governor said: "The question is, rather, whether all vestige of the rights of the States guaranteed by the Federal Constitution is to be driven from our political theory of government. With all respect for the President of the United States, I must here reassert this principle against his challenge and as the chief executive of the greatest sovereignty in the Union, it is my duty to declare and maintain that sovereignty in exact accordance with the guaranties of the Constitution." "This does not mean that a State has any right or power to enact any law that in any way infringes upon a Constitutional Act of Congress, but it does mean that the Federal Government has no right to impose upon the State any obligation to pass any statute affirmatively embodying any Federal statute. The whole treatment of this question, and I speak only from history, has been marked by hypocrisy. There should be no such thing as carrying water on both shoulders. What the country is looking for to-day, if I read the signs of the times aright, is a constructive, forward-looking suggestion that disregards entirely the fanatical wets and the fanatical dries."

The full text of Governor Smith's memorandum on the repeal of the Mullan-Gage law follows:

The bill under consideration proposes to repeal Article 113 of the penal law, which enacted into the statute laws of the State substantially the provisions of the Volstead Act.

Because of the far-reaching interest in this bill displayed by all classes of our people, I have given nearly one month of solid and careful thought to its final disposition. I deem it wise to go into some detail in order to clear up misunderstanding on the part of a great many of the people who have written or spoken to me about it and to make clear the reasons for the action I am taking.

It is furtherest from my thoughts to question the motives of the men and women of integrity throughout the State who, with an eye single to the right and the just, have arrayed themselves on different sides of the question presented. Some seem to think that my approval will mean the preservation of American institutions. Many others, impelled by equally patriotic motives, seem to feel that my approval will be destructive of American government. Obviously, both cannot be right, and I have, therefore, given careful study to the question involved and the arguments submitted in order that my final disposition of it may be in full and complete accord with what my conscience dictates.

Question Under Review.

A brief review at this time of the entire question at issue so far as the State of New York is concerned would be helpful. The Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution was ratified by the Legislature of this State at the session of 1919. In 1920 the same Senate and Assembly, presided over and directed by the same leaders, enacted the co-called 2.75% beer and wine bill. This bill I approved. It was afterward held unconstitutional and the United States Supreme Court declared in rendering its decision that the word "concurrent" in the Eighteenth Amendment referred only to concurrence in legislation which Congress passed to execute the provisions of the Eighteenth Amendment and did not permit the States to adopt a definition of an intoxicating beverage inconsistent with the definition contained in the Federal law. In short, the State is, therefore, limited in defining an intoxicating beverage to one containing not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of alcohol.

In 1922 the Democratic Convention inserted in its platform a plank favoring an amendment to the Volstead Act which would permit the States under certain restrictions and after popular referendum to permit traffic in light wines and beer not regarded as intoxicating beverages. That platform and the candidates who ran upon it received the overwhelming support of the people of this State at the last election. I cite all this merely as indicating by history the attitude of a majority of the people of this State toward this whole question. Nevertheless, it is a fact that the Eighteenth Amendment is the law of the land and no one suggests, least of all the Legislature of this State or myself, that it should be violated.

In 1921 there was enacted in this State what has come to be known as the Mullan-Gage law. It put into the penal statutes substantially all of the provisions of the Volstead Act, but accompanied them by even more rigorous provisions as to search and seizure.

I make no criticism of this action on the part of the Legislature, but I am entirely unwilling to admit the contention that there was put upon the State, either by the Eighteenth Amendment, the Volstead Act or the United States Supreme Court decision, any obligation to pass any law adopting into the State law the provisions of the Volstead Act. Learned jurists who have given the best years of their lives to judicial service in this State have so advised me. Leading members of the bar of other States concur fully in this belief. Advising the electorate of the State of Massachusetts, every living former Attorney-General of that commonwealth, as well as many of her distinguished lawyers, said:

"The Eighteenth Amendment gives to Congress and to each of the forty-eight States the concurrent right to enforce the Amendment. This is not a command, but an option. It does not create a duty."

I have read thousands of letters and I have listened to the fullest discussion, and no one has pointed out to me any provision of the Constitution or of the statutes or any decision of the United States Supreme Court which imposes upon our State any constitutional duty to maintain a State enforcement Act, and I am satisfied that as a matter of law this contention does not admit of doubt.

Deals With Three Classes.

I am dealing with three classes of people, the radical dries, the radical wets and those who hold moderate views on this subject. The dries seem to see a moral duty on the part of the State to maintain an enforcement Act. They are undoubtedly led to this conclusion by their own frame of mind, because they do not suggest that the State maintain an Act merely enforcing the Eighteenth Amendment in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the people of the State, but they insist that there be a State enforcement Act exactly paralleling the Volstead Act.

Congress made its determination as to what constituted an intoxicant. This State decidedly disagreed with that determination. After all is said and done, whatever may be the interpretation of the Eighteenth Amendment by any class or group of our citizens, under our form of government we look to the courts for the interpretation which we must all follow. While legislative bodies make the laws, the courts must construe them and we are bound by the construction put upon them by our judicial tribunals. The United States Supreme Court said: "The power conferred to Congress by the Eighteenth Amendment is in no wise dependent upon or affected by action or inaction on the part of the several States or any of them."

Holds Congress Responsible.

If the right of Congress is paramount, its responsibility must be paramount.

Expanding this idea, the statement signed by the Attorneys-General of Massachusetts adds:

"Nullification, as defined by the highest authority, is the action of a State intended to abrogate within its limits the operation of a Federal law."

This no one proposes to do. The mere omission to maintain a State statute in no way abrogates a Federal statute. It seems to me that effectually disposes of the loose talk about the nullification of the Constitution by refusal of any of the States to enact separate statutes.

Inasmuch as it would be physically impossible for me to make answer to all of the communications received by me from citizens of our own State as well as from other States who have sought to guide and advise me in this matter, I would like, as a mark of my appreciation of their efforts, to deal here with the considerations urged by them, as well as with considerations urged in one or all arguments made at the hearing.

Let me first say that the repeal of the Mullan-Gage law will not do. Its repeal will not make legal a single act which was illegal during the period of the existence of the statute.

Many communications I have received and arguments that have been made to me indicate a belief that its repeal will make possible the manufacture, sale and distribution of light wines and beer. So far as that is concerned it will still be under the control it is to-day, subject to the provisions of the Volstead Act. Repeal of the Mullan-Gage Law will not bring back light wines and beer.

The Supreme Court of the United States said:

"The Constitution, laws and treaties of the United States are as much the part of the law of every State as its own local laws and constitution."

That means that after repeal there will still rest upon the peace officers of this State the sacred responsibility of sustaining the Volstead Act with as much force and as much vigor as they would enforce any State law or local ordinance, and I shall expect the discharge of that duty in the fullest measure by every peace officer in the State. The only difference after repeal is that to-day the police officer may take the offender for prosecution to the State court, to the Federal court or to both. After

the repeal of the Mullan-Gage law the prosecution must be where it belongs—in the Federal court. In law and in fact there is no more lawlessness in repealing the Mullan-Gage law than there is in the failure of the State to pass statutes making it a State crime to violate any other Federal penal statute.

Must Enforce Volstead Act.

Let it be understood at once and for all that this repeal does not in the slightest degree lessen the obligation of peace officers of the State to enforce in its strictest letter the Volstead Act, and warning to that effect is herein contained as coming from the Chief Executive of the State of New York.

At this point, with all the earnestness that I am able to bring to my command, let me assure the thousands of people who wrote to me on this subject and the citizens of the State, generally, that the repeal of the Mullan-Gage law will not and can not by any possible stretch of the imagination bring into existence the saloon, which is and ought to be a defunct institution in this country, and any attempt at its re-establishment by a misconstruction of the executive attitude on this bill will be forcefully and vigorously suppressed.

What Repeal Will Do.

Let me now say what the repeal of the Mullan-Gage law will do.

Its repeal will do away entirely with the possibility of double jeopardy for violation of the law enforcing the Eighteenth Amendment. By that we mean that no citizen shall be twice punished for the one offense. Under the United States Supreme Court decision in the *Lansea* case, a citizen is to-day subjected to double trial and even to double punishment for a single offense, because such alleged offense is a violation of both the State and the Federal law. This is an unwarranted and indefensible exception to the fundamental constitutional guaranty contained in both the Federal and State constitutions, that no person shall be twice tried or punished for the same offense.

The repeal of the Mullan-Gage law will put the State in harmony with the recent decision by United States District Judge Knox, declaring a portion of the Volstead Act to be in contravention of the Eighteenth Amendment. By that decision the United States District Court in New York has laid down the principle that the prohibition contained in the Eighteenth Amendment does not apply to the necessary and proper prescription of alcoholic liquors for medicinal purposes and that the Federal Government gains no power under the Volstead Act except to prohibit traffic in alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes as distinct from medicinal purposes. Provisions of the Mullan-Gage law, if left in force, would still maintain in the law of this State the limitations contained in the Volstead Act, which the great body of the medical profession in our State seems practically unanimous in denouncing as an interference with the necessary requirements of their profession.

The repeal of the Mullan-Gage law will mean that violations of the Volstead Act will hereafter be prosecuted in the Federal Courts. This, to my mind, seems to be desirable, as it will fix in the minds of offenders the thought that they have violated a Federal statute intended to effectuate an amendment to the Constitution of the United States rather than have them harbor the thought that they are simply standing against what a great many of them may be led to believe is merely local legislation.

The burden imposed on the State to prosecute traffickers in liquor as violators of a State statute is a wasteful and futile one because of the refusal of grand juries to indict and of petit juries to convict.

Let us apply to this question the principles of good business, good judgment and common sense. I promised myself that I would not consider this subject solely from the standpoint of constitutional law or political expediency and I have labored to make my study of it practical. While there will be no let-up on the part of the police officials of this State in the enforcement of the Volstead Act, I cannot help thinking and saying, as I owe it to the people of this State to say, that the real solution of proper enforcement rests primarily with the Federal Government.

The practical side of this question, to my way of thinking, indicates that little if any of the liquor consumed in this State is manufactured here. It is imported from foreign countries. The Federal Government is the one agency that can attack the base of supply. It is infinitely easier to stop the smuggling in of five hundred cases of liquor before bulk is broken than to trace the same five hundred after they find their way into different parts of the State in small quantities.

Blames Divided Responsibility.

The division of responsibility for primary execution of the enforcement law may in part explain the failure of Federal enforcement officials to stop the smuggling of liquor in bulk into this State, which has certainly raised a serious question as to the efficiency and in some cases the earnestness of Federal enforcement agencies. Whenever the ultimate responsibility is divided there is a tendency for each authority or agency upon whom it rests to rely upon the other. The State in the nature of things cannot guard her frontiers of land and water against this smuggling as well as the Federal authorities should be able to do it. If we place squarely upon the Federal authorities the primary duty and obligation to put an end to the enormous smuggling of liquor from foreign countries into this State it will be where it rightfully belongs, and we will have taken a long step forward to the re-establishment of respect for and enforcement of law.

Over and beyond all this, I believe the approval of this repeal will re-awaken in the public mind the fundamental conception of the law of the land and re-establish beyond doubt what constitutes the essentials of the relation between the Federal Government and the sovereign States of the Union.

Replies to Harding Letter.

Recently the President of the United States, in reply to a letter from a citizen of this State who had suggested to the President that the repeal of this act bore the color of treason, said, without disclaiming this particular suggestion, "with much that you say I am fully in accord."

I yield to no man in this country when it comes to respect for the utterances of the Chief Executive of the United States, but it is impossible for me to be unmindful of the fact that I am the Chief Executive of a sovereign State and I am entirely in accord with a statement put forth in the course of this discussion and signed by former Judge Willard Bartlett, Almet F. Jenks, E. Henry Lacombe and Austen G. Fox, which dealt with the letter of the President and which in part said:

"It would be a calamity to permit such fundamental misconceptions of the relations between the States and the Federal Government as may seem to be suggested by portions of the President's letter to pass unchallenged."

The children in our public schools have been taught to believe that our Government rests upon the foundation that the States are sovereign with respect to all powers not expressly delegated by them to the Federal Government, and that while the laws of Congress are paramount within the delegated power, the States are sovereign within the reserved power. History gives us the reason for this. In the formation of the Union our forefathers in their wisdom understood that with our vast area and its heterogeneous populations, with their varying local interests, what may be sound local policy in one community may be entirely inappropriate to the

needs of another. To any student of our Government I think it must be apparent that one of the great elements in the strength of our democracy is the supremacy of the Federal Government in its own sphere and the sovereignty of the several States in theirs.

Vigilance Liberty's Price.

We have been taught that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and how far we may wander from the thoughts and ideals of the founders of our Government is well illustrated by the suggestions in the President's letter that because the States have a larger police force than the Federal Government has, and because the Federal Government has at this time what the President describes as an inadequate machinery for the enforcement of the Volstead Act, therefore, the States are obliged severally to enact statutes duplicating the Volstead Act. I am unable to understand from what source he believes this obligation to be derived and he does not disclose it. The President might with equal force suggest that at any time Congress in its wisdom saw fit to withhold adequate appropriation for the enforcement of any Federal law, there immediately devolved a duty upon each State to enact that Federal law into a State statute and make every offense against Federal law not enforced a duty upon the States to punish it as a State offense and at State expense.

I am not here discussing the wisdom or unwisdom of prohibition. The question is rather whether all vestige of the rights of the States guaranteed by the Federal Constitution is to be driven from our political theory of government. With all respect for the President of the United States, I must here re-assert this principle against his challenge and as the Chief Executive of the greatest sovereignty in the Union it is my duty to declare and maintain that sovereignty in exact accordance with the guarantees of the Constitution. This does not mean that a State has any right or power to enact any law that in any way infringes upon a Constitutional Act of Congress, but it does mean that the Federal Government has no right to impose upon the State any obligation to pass any statute affirmatively embodying any Federal statute.

The whole treatment of this question, and I speak only from history, has been marked by hypocrisy. There should be no such thing as carrying water on both shoulders. What the country is looking for to-day, if I read the signs of the times aright, is a constructive, forward-looking suggestion that disregards entirely the fanatical wets and the fanatical dries.

Urges Volstead Amendment.

I yield to no man in my reverence and respect for the Constitution of the United States, and I advocate nothing which will infringe upon the provisions of the Eighteenth Amendment. It is nevertheless a fact that the definition of an intoxicating beverage contained in the Volstead Act is not an honest or a common-sense one. It is impossible to divorce from the public mind the impression that the definition of an intoxicating beverage as containing not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of alcohol was written by the fanatical dries in defiance of the general experience of mankind and of actual fact. It seems to me that common sense, backed up by good medical opinion, can find a more scientific definition of what constitutes an intoxicating beverage. Such a definition should be adopted by Congress as a proper and reasonable amendment of the Volstead Act, and a maximum alcoholic content should be prescribed by Congress, which would limit all States to the traffic in liquors which are in fact non-intoxicating within the meaning of the Eighteenth Amendment. Subject to that limitation, each State should thereafter be left free to determine for itself what would constitute an intoxicating beverage.

States which then wished to limit traffic to beverages containing not more than one-half of 1% of alcohol would be free to do so and those which desired to extend the traffic to the maximum limitation allowed by Federal statute would be equally free to do so. There could be, within the limitations of the maximum, many differences of degree, extending even to the complete prohibition by some States of traffic in liquor containing any alcohol whatever.

Offers Idea to Nation.

This would be in keeping with the freedom and liberty of different States with differing local conditions to legislate for themselves, subject always to the maximum limitation enacted by Congress, which would be paramount.

I offer this as a constructive suggestion which will relieve the country from the stress of this perplexing question which affords such a widespread difference of opinion, and thus give our people a chance to turn their minds to other and greater questions that are pressing for solution.

Much has been said in the public prints with respect to the effect of my action on this bill may have upon my own political future. I have no political future that I am willing to attain by the sacrifice of any principle or any conviction of what in my mind is for the welfare and the benefit of this State and nation.

To Uphold Democracy.

Because I believe there is nothing to be gained either for the nation or for the State by the retention of this statute, while on the other hand, I believe that its repeal is of distinct benefit in the preservation of the rights of our people; because I believe that the repeal of this statute in no way nullifies the enforcement of the Volstead Act; because I believe that the fastening of the primary responsibility for prosecution for violations of the laws enforcing the Eighteenth Amendment should be upon the Federal authorities, and because I believe finally and most of all that the preservation of American democracy requires the maintenance of that balance between State and nation which is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and that the reassertion of that principle is to-day of vital consequence to the preservation of the democratic form of government guaranteed to us by the Constitution, and being mindful of the responsibility placed on me by the electorate of this State, grateful for their overwhelming vote of confidence, devoted as I am to the welfare of the country and to the happiness and the prosperity of the State, I have after careful thought arrived at the conclusion that the bill before me should receive executive approval, and I therefore approve the bill.

Public Utility Industry, According to E. S. Webster, Stronger and More Substantial Than Ever Before— Activities of Stone & Webster, Inc.

In treating of business conditions with particular reference to his own public utility industry, Edwin S. Webster, President of Stone & Webster, Inc., in an address at the City Club, Boston, on May 15, stated that the position of the whole public utility industry is very much stronger and more substantial than it has ever been, and that "we can look forward with optimism to the future and expect a satisfactory and solid development of the industry." Mr. Web-

ster, whose remarks were made at a convention of Assistant Treasurers of companies managed by Stone & Webster, stated that "there has been one fundamental change in the general public utility situation which in my opinion gives a new and much more substantial stability to the industry as a whole." Mr. Webster went on to say in part:

Up to the time of the Great War, the development of the art had been such that rates in electric light and power companies, gas companies and street railway companies had had a continuing downward tendency. New methods and increased efficiency in operation had enabled the companies, in spite of increasing basic costs, to give their service at decreasing rates.

A short time before the war, operating costs were gradually rising with the result that many of the companies were in the embarrassing situation of selling their service for a fixed sum with no provision for taking care of the increased cost of production. At that time it was almost impossible to make the moderate increase in rates necessary, partly on account of the fact that a large proportion of the utilities were owned by a comparatively small number of people and it was impossible to get the sympathy of the public in general to any such increase. Then came the Great War with the tremendous increase of cost which made a revision of the public utility rates absolutely necessary. The economic changes at that time were so great that the companies had no difficulty in proving before any fair tribunal the absolute necessity of a revision of rates; they also made a clearer appreciation that the development of any locality and the public utility are so closely associated that neither can succeed without the other.

With this improved understanding of the utility situation by the public in general, came an almost unlooked for advantage. Investors in the localities where the utilities were located began to see that their securities were desirable investments. Companies all over the country have successfully offered stocks, notes, and bonds to their customers and to local investors which has had the most desirable result of getting customers interested in the companies selling them service and it also opened up a new source of capital for extensions.

The publicity campaigns carried on by the public utilities have shown the bankers and business men, as well as the small investors and salaried men in the communities served by the utilities, that our business is a perfectly open business; that it is a stable one and that it ought to be backed up by the community. The result has been a very general demand for investment in small lots of public utility securities. This has been stimulated in many localities, by local securities campaigns and, in my opinion, these, together with the policy of keeping the public advised of the affairs of the local companies, have produced results which have been very gratifying in practically every locality served.

I think that the type of security which the public utilities can sell to best advantage, both to themselves and to their customers, is a Preferred stock, because this represents a permanent investment. Before the war it was almost impossible for the small investor to buy such Preferred stocks because when these were issued by the companies they were taken up through the bankers and brokerage houses and sold mostly in large lots in the Eastern financial markets. The demand from these large investors was so great that the stock sold at a rate to yield an interest return much lower than the ordinary interest rate of the locality in which the utility itself was located.

Even in cases where the stock was sold locally at the start of an enterprise, most of it found its way back to the Eastern markets as it increased in value because the local investors took the opportunity of selling at a profit. The Federal Reserve System of banks tended to bring interest rates to the practically same level in all parts of the country and this increased the demand for securities in sections other than the East.

The Liberty Loan campaigns did much to educate people who had never invested in stocks or bonds, and a large part of the millions of people who bought Liberty bonds during the war will continue to be investors in securities. This, together with the local campaigns by the utility companies for the purpose of selling securities will strengthen the market considerably and may be expected to cause an upward tendency of these stocks.

Many of the large investors are now willing to sell their Preferred stocks on account of the surtax which they have to pay under the Federal tax law, and men with large incomes are in many cases investing in Liberty bonds or some such tax exempt bonds which yield a net income larger than that produced by stocks which are subject to State and Federal taxes. The man of moderate means, on the other hand, can get a good return on these stocks because he does not have to pay a heavy surtax. He has an exceptional opportunity now for buying safe preferred stocks at prices yielding unusually good returns.

The improved condition of the public utility industry together with the increasing publicity which is being given to the affairs of the companies, will produce a constantly growing demand for public utility stocks and I believe that this will gradually increase the value of the present stocks and prove them to be profitable, as well as safe investments.

The companies should continue to use every effort to have a financial interest taken in their affairs by first, their employees because they are part of the public and are essentially interested in the company; second, their customers because they know about the company and have business with it, and third, by the public in general. This will help in the matter of public relations and fair rates and will assist in the broad development of the utilities and add to the stability of the business.

Incidentally, from a summary of the Stone & Webster activities, prepared for "The Financial Times" of Montreal, we quote the following:

Edwin S. Webster is President of Stone & Webster, Inc., of Boston, Mass., an organization which manages about 60 public utility companies in the United States, Nova Scotia and Porto Rico. These companies operate in 18 different States from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Michigan to Florida. They furnish electric light and power, gas and street railway service to about 4,000,000 people. Their gross revenue in 1922 was about \$46,500,000 and in that year alone the street cars which they operated carried 241,000,000 passengers, a number equal to twice the population of the United States.

Stone & Webster also design and construct physical properties, both for the companies managed and for outside clients. The company has designed and built properties valued at over \$600,000,000. The engineering department has appraised property to the amount of over \$3,500,000,000.

In 1889, the year following their graduation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Charles A. Stone and Edwin S. Webster formed a partnership to do a general engineering business and to investigate and report on the operations of public utility companies. The new firm, however, soon began to assume the management of such companies for private owners. The electrical industry was in its infancy, many companies had expanded too rapidly, and this, together with the financial panic of 1893, produced an unstable condition in many of the companies. In a number of cases Stone & Webster were retained to suggest methods of improving

conditions and as a consequence the owners placed many of the companies under Stone & Webster management. Subsequently, various gas plants and hydroelectric developments, notably that of the Mississippi River Power Company with its great dam across the Mississippi at Keokuk, Iowa, were placed in their hands, as well as a number of industrial enterprises, including coal mines, chemical works and lumbering operations.

The companies managed by Stone & Webster retain their corporate independence but possess all the advantages of centralized management, insuring proper and uniform accounting, good engineering, economical financing, the benefit of purchasing supplies in large quantities, and the availability of trained men for special problems and operating work.

Stone & Webster in addition to its construction and engineering work and its management of public utilities, engages in the underwriting, wholesaling and retailing of investment securities, the services of the Securities Division being available to the companies under the general management of the organization.

There are about 950 employees in the home office in Boston. The companies managed by Stone & Webster employ about 10,000 men and the number of men on construction work for the organization varies from 10,000 to 15,000.

Consumers Urged to Store Winter Coal Stocks by September.

F. R. Wadleigh, Federal Fuel Distributor, in a statement issued June 4, says:

The Secretary of Commerce, in two letters recently sent out to all national and State trade associations, requested their co-operation in the direction of advance storage of coal for winter consumption; that is, from now until Sept. 1.

A letter addressed to the National Association of Purchasing Agents, by the Federal Fuel Distributor, read at their annual convention at Cleveland, May 18, urges upon the Association as a body and on its individual members the storage of coal to capacity during the next three months, so that the country may have on Sept. 1 stocks of coal sufficiently large to assist the transportation interests in handling the greatest volume of traffic in their history, which they will in all probability be called upon to do this fall.

In agreement with the recommendations, the Association passed, among others, a resolution to the effect that:

Whereas, The maximum demand upon the railroads comes during the months of September, October and November, each year; be it *Resolved*, That the National Association of Purchasing Agents recommends to its members that they endeavor to purchase their annual coal requirements on contract calling for maximum deliveries during the summer months, and minimum deliveries during the months of September, October and November or storing coal during the summer months.

The three great public utility associations, acting on the recommendation of the Federal Fuel Distributor, have also sent out letters to their individual members, recommending the purchase and storage of coal during the summer months, while the railways of the country, through their associations, have committed themselves to a program calling for their storage requirements to be completed by Sept. 1, so that after that date the equipment and other facilities may be used to the greatest extent for commercial necessities.

The American Railway Association and the Association of Railway Executives, as a part of their program for meeting the unprecedented demand for transportation facilities which now exists and promises to continue throughout the year, have recommended that the railroads complete their storage of coal by Sept. 1 in order to make available the greatest possible supply of equipment at the time of greatest peak transportation demand in the fall months.

The United States Chamber of Commerce, at the suggestion of the Secretary of Commerce, has recently issued a statement on the coal situation as of May 1 1923, which, after reviewing the general coal and transportation situation, suggests the immediate purchase and storage of coal and that purchases, as far as possible, should be made through regular channels, in order to avoid duplication of orders and prevent a runaway market. The suggestions are made to the business man and the householder that they secure their winter coal during a period when it can be easily handled, and as an added precaution against transportation difficulties at a later date.

Reports have been received which indicate that many consumers are delaying their purchases of coal in the belief that the work of the United States Coal Commission will result in reductions in prices.

While constructive recommendations based on an immense collection of data will undoubtedly be made in the report of the United States Coal Commission, it is pointed out that no legislative action can be taken until Congress meets in December.

Considering the general situation to-day, and in view of the positive recommendations made by the Secretary of Commerce and the great national trade, transportation and public utility bodies, it is difficult to see how the consumer with ordinary prudence and foresight can avoid following the advice given, that his winter supply of coal, whether for domestic or industrial use, be purchased and stored during the summer months.

Report Filed by American Railway Association with United States Coal Commission Urges Policy Which Will Insure Fair Treatment to Roads.

The adoption of a policy by the American people which will insure the railroads of this country fair treatment and enable them to work out their problems without fear of action "of a confiscatory nature," for a time at least, was urged in a report filed on June 2 with the U. S. Coal Commission by a special committee appointed by the American Railway Association to render such assistance as possible to the fact-finding commission. The report supplements a preliminary one filed five months ago by the special committee of which J. E. Roberts of Albany, N. Y., Superintendent of Transportation of the Delaware & Hudson Co., is chairman. In concluding its report as to the causes of the fuel situation and possible remedies, the report said:

There can be no doubt that the railroads of the United States are vitally interested in the work of your Commission. It has been said that the principal problem of the coal industry is the problem of distribution. Without committing ourselves to the absolute correctness of this statement, we are sensible of the fact that the coal industry cannot be put upon a sound basis

acceptable to the American people unless coal is transported with reasonable promptness and in the most efficient manner. It is the task of the railroads to furnish this transportation. This task has been rendered difficult by certain feature characterizing the production of coal which your Commission thoroughly understands and which all students of the problem are endeavoring to eliminate.

It is clear that if some method could be devised whereby the amount of coal which the country demands could be removed throughout the year in fairly constant quantities, so that heavy seasonal movements would be avoided, the railroads of the country are sufficiently equipped to take care of the demands upon them in a satisfactory manner. Even if allowance is made for an increased demand for coal during the period of heaviest domestic consumption, the railroads could meet the situation without serious cause for complaint. But the railroads do not feel that they are properly censurable for not being able to meet all the demands for transportation in years when strikes in the coal industry have stopped production for a considerable period, making it necessary to crowd a year's business into a few months, and that, too, at a time when there is the heaviest movement of other seasonal commodities.

Of course, the undertaking of the railroads to meet demands upon them must depend upon the ability of the railroads to increase their facilities as the business of the country increases. These facilities cannot be procured without the expenditure of new capital, which must come from the investing public. It is clear that capital will not be attracted to railroad securities unless there is a reasonable assurance that the investment is safe. This assurance can come only through the adoption of a policy by the American people which will make it certain that the railroads, for a time at least, will be free from the menace of hostile legislation and will be permitted to work out their problems without fear of action which would be of a confiscatory nature.

These considerations lead us to suggest that there are two fundamental conditions which the public must establish before the problem of distributing coal will be solved. These are, first, fair treatment to the railroads, under which they will be permitted to earn a fair return upon the value of their property fairly ascertained; and second, freedom from strikes, both in the coal and railroad industry, so that these two essential businesses may function without disturbing interruptions.

The report calls attention to over-development in the bituminous coal industry. In 1921 there were 8,038 mines, exclusive of wagon mines, in operation, an increase of 38% over the number in 1910, while there was no increase in production. "This means," said the report, "that the railroads were called upon to divide equipment and other transportation facilities among 2,221 more mines than would have been necessary had the average production per mine been maintained on the 1910 basis." In 1920, according to the report, bituminous coal mines ordered 16,357,514 cars, which on the basis of an average loading of 50 tons per car would have transported 817,876,000 tons. Actual production of the mines was 568,667,000 tons. The tonnage for which cars were ordered, the report points out, was therefore in excess of the tonnage actually produced by 249,209,000 tons or by 44%. To provide facilities to move the peak demands as indicated by car orders of producers generally following strikes in the mining industry, according to the report, the railroads in 1920, for instance, would have been forced to invest not less than \$2,000,000,000 in equipment and other necessary facilities. "The economic effect of providing railroad equipment to meet the peak demand of production in the bituminous coal industry would be over-development in the railway industry," says the report. "In other words, the irregular conditions in the bituminous coal industry, which have been largely responsible for the increased price of coal, would spread to the railway industry and would impose an unnecessary burden on the public in the form of increased freight rates to carry the excess surplus investment and labor costs."

The report says that there has been a general increase in efficiency on the part of the railroads in freight transportation in recent years. In 1922, the report said, Class 1 railroads handled 19.2% more revenue freight, measured in net ton miles, with 9½% less freight train miles than in 1914. In 1921 the performance was 7.7% more freight traffic than in 1914 with 13½% less train miles.

Government's Plan for Certifying Quality and Type of Coal Exported.

American coal producers are co-operating with Government departments in an endeavor to set up a voluntary plan of certifying quality and type of coal shipped in export. F. R. Wadleigh, Federal Distributor, on June 2 issued a general letter to producers and distributors of coal outlining the basis upon which the new plan will operate. As a preliminary, coal exporters have been asked to raise \$25,000 to meet the expenses of operating the plan. Inspectors will be stationed at Norfolk, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Charleston, who will view coal as it is loaded into ships for export. The shipper will then receive a certificate as to the origin of the coal and its character. After the system is put in operation a small fee, based on the tonnage of coal certified, will be charged for the certificate and will pay the cost of making the examination.

Shopmen on Three Railroads Ask Restoration of Pre-Strike Wage Levels.

Negotiations have been opened by the Federated Shop Crafts representing an estimated 54,000 employees of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Chicago & North Western and the Southern Railway systems for an increase in wages and return of time and one-half pay for overtime and Sunday work, John Scott, Secretary of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, announced on June 5. The union is seeking a restoration of the wages in effect before the Labor Board's cut over which the Federated Shop Crafts struck, last year, Mr. Scott said. Agreements reached so far have been at a 3-cent-an-hour rate, bringing the wages to 73 cents an hour, 3 cents above the Labor Board rate.

Within a short time, Mr. Scott stated, union representatives were expected to open negotiations with the Northern Pacific and the Southern Pacific.

Chesapeake & Ohio Shopmen Get Wage Increase.

Shopmen of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad received a wage increase of 2 cents an hour by negotiations completed at Chicago on June 5.

Shopmen on Southern Pacific Get Wage Increase.

An increase in pay of 5 cents an hour to 13,000 shopcraft employees of the Southern Pacific Co., equivalent to \$750,000 additional a year, was announced on June 2 by J. H. Dyer, general manager of the railroad. An increase of 2 cents an hour was granted to all helpers.

More Railroads Increase Wages.

Further announcements of voluntary wage increases were made on June 8 by the Rock Island, Wabash and Philadelphia & Reading railroads, according to Chicago news dispatches as follows:

The Rock Island is increasing the rate of mechanics, helpers and apprentices 2 cents an hour, effective June 16. This increase is estimated at \$400,000 annually.

An increase of 4 cents an hour at an annual cost of \$17,940 has been granted 940 signal men by the Philadelphia & Reading.

An agreement was reported between maintenance of way employees and the Wabash system, whereby approximately 3,500 workers receive increases of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent to 9 cents an hour.

W. G. McAdoo Says He Is Not Committed to Government Ownership of Railroads.

Answering reports that he favored Government ownership of railroads, William G. McAdoo, former Director-General of Railroads and also formerly Secretary of the Treasury, in an address before the Civilian Club at Chattanooga on May 27 made a statement to the effect that "I have never been, and am not now, committed to the theory of public ownership of railroads." The New York "Times" of May 28 reports him as saying further in his Chattanooga address:

Nobody is satisfied with the Esch-Cummins Law now governing the railroads. It has some good features, but it is a bad law. The problem of efficient transportation is one of the greatest that now faces us, and it has yet to be solved. I have never been committed to the theory of the public ownership of the railroads. I believe we should exhaust all the possibilities of private ownership and if that fails to bring about a solution of the transportation problem then we can consider the other solution. In other words, I feel that private capital is entitled to still another chance and we should not turn to Government ownership until, with careful and competent Federal regulation and supervision, it is certain that private ownership cannot accomplish the desired results.

At the same time when the railroads were most essential to the prosecution of the war they broke down utterly and failed to discharge the duties required of them by law. The Government took them over and saved them from bankruptcy. We paid them \$960,000,000 of the people's money and later met an additional deficit of something over \$200,000,000, but that was a low cost for the transportation we absolutely had to have. Our boys were in the trenches over there and it was necessary to back them up to the uttermost. Do you think the Government could stand back on a matter of expense when our soldiers needed food and supplies?

It has been charged that I debauched labor when in control of the railroads. Let's see about that. The railroads were in extremities. Their labor was underpaid. Their mechanics and other employees, absolutely necessary to run the trains, were being drawn away from them by the thousands to the munitions factories, the shipyards and the industries paying bonuses for war work. It was just as patriotic to work in a shipyard or a munition factory as on a railroad, and so we had to compete with the other industries to hold our men. We had to raise their wages to hold them.

A special wage commission made a careful survey of the situation and recommended an increase in wages, to be met by an increase in rates. My administration increased the wages of railway employees \$700,000. Later Mr. Hines, who was Director for 14 months following my 12 months, and who did many of the things for which I have been criticized, raised the men an additional \$100,000,000. Afterward the Railway Labor Board had a hearing on the subject and in 1920 this Board increased the wages of railway employees \$700,000,000 on top of the increase Mr. Hines and myself had granted. This was after a close study of the economic situation, and if the Labor Board felt justified in doing that why should we be criticized for what we did?

Deplorable Prejudice in Politics.

There has been a vast propaganda against my railroad administration. I have no doubt but that most of you think that it was terrible. But if you get the facts, you will quickly be convinced otherwise.

Income Tax Returns for 1921 Showing Reduction of Four Billion Dollars in Net Income Reported—Incomes of Over a Million Drop to Twenty-one.

In giving on June 6 preliminary figures of returns of income for the calendar year 1921, the Bureau of Internal Revenue announces that the total amount of net income reported, at \$19,577,212,528, represents a reduction of \$4,158,416,655 as compared with 1920. According to the Bureau, only 21 returns of incomes of \$1,000,000 and over were received for the calendar year 1921 as compared with 33 in 1920, 65 in 1919, and 206 in 1916. We give herewith the Bureau's announcement of this week:

A preliminary report of statistics of income issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue shows that the number of personal returns filed for the calendar year 1921 was 6,662,176. The total amount of net income reported by these returns was \$19,577,212,528, and the tax (normal and surtax) amounted to \$719,387,106. As compared with 1920, the above figures show a falling off of 597,768 in the number of returns filed, a reduction in the total net income reported amounting to \$4,158,416,655, and a decrease in the total tax of \$355,666,580.

The average net income per return for 1921 was \$2,938.56, the average amount of tax \$107.98, and the average tax 3.67%.

The proportion of the population filing, according to the population reported by the fourteenth census (1920), upon which all the tables are based, was 6.28%. The per capita net income reported was \$184.65 and the per capita tax was \$6.79. For the preceding year the proportion of the population filing returns was 6.85%, the per capita income reported was \$223.87 and the per capita tax was \$10.14.

There were received 21 returns of incomes of \$1,000,000 and over for the calendar year 1921, 63 of income from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, 162 of income from \$300,000 to \$500,000, 739 of income from \$150,000 to \$300,000, 1,367 of income from \$100,000 to \$150,000 and 8,717 of income from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Fluctuations in incomes of a million and over are shown in a table (page 16) which gives for the year 1920 the number of such incomes as 33; 65 in 1919, 67 in 1918, 141 in 1917, 206 in 1916, 120 in 1915 and 60 in 1914.

The largest number of returns was from New York, 1,066,637, or 16.01% of the total, the tax amounting to \$210,768,379, or 29.30% of the total. Pennsylvania was next, the number of returns received being 621,103, or 9.32% of the total, and the tax \$84,660,220, or 11.76% of the total. Illinois was third, the number of returns being 611,558, or 9.18% of the total, and the tax \$68,574,351, or 9.53% of the total. The number of husbands and wives, with or without dependent children, and of husbands whose wives, though living with them, filed separate returns, was 3,477,592. The number of wives making separate returns from husbands was 89,634. The number of men filing returns as heads of families was 401,662, and the number of women filing returns as heads of families, 115,356. The number of returns from all other men was 1,945,009 and from all other women 608,829.

The amount of net income reported from dividends, and therefore not subject to the normal tax, was \$2,476,952,399. Net income exempt from normal tax because of personal exemption and credit for dependents amounted to \$14,191,855,700 and from interest on Government obligations not wholly exempt from tax to \$46,994,406.

Income from personal service—salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, directors' fees, &c.—amounted to \$13,813,169,165; from business, trade, commerce, partnerships, farming and profits from incidental sales of real estate, stocks, bonds and other property, and income from fiduciaries to \$4,170,363,591. Income from property—rents, royalties, interest on bonds, notes, &c., and dividends—amounted to \$5,345,249,176.

Tariff Commission's Statements as to Reported Differences of Opinion.—President Harding Reconciles Divergent Views on Flexible Tariff Provisions.

Reports of differences between members of the U. S. Tariff Commission respecting work under the flexible tariff provisions of the Fordney-McCumber Tariff Act, prompted the issuance by the Commission on April 23 of the following statement:

For a period of two months past the press has given unwarranted emphasis to reported differences of opinion in the Tariff Commission with respect to the Commission's powers and method of procedure. The statement issued April 21 1923 from the White House was complete and final and received the unanimous approval of the Commission. The Commission considers that statement a definite expression of the conclusions reached at the conference of the Commission with the President, and as not constituting either a victory or a defeat for divergent views previously held. The Commission is not, as has been frequently suggested, and has not been divided into groups, but each Commissioner has acted throughout the Commission's deliberations independently and on his own responsibility.

The White House statement of April 21, referred to above, followed a conference between President Harding and members of the Commission to reconcile the divergent views, and in referring to the White House statement, it was pointed out in Washington advices to the New York "Times" that the President has directed the Commission to make a full, rather than a limited, application of the flexible features of the Fordney-McCumber Tariff Act, which entrusts to the Executive the responsibility of revising rates on commodities up to 50% change in duties. The following is the White House statement:

At a conference Friday afternoon at the White House President Harding considered with the Tariff Commission a program to put into effective operation the flexible provisions of the Tariff Act of Sept. 21 1922. The President laid stress upon the usefulness of this statute to the public, the producer and the consumer, and indicated a strong desire to see it fully applied.

Petitions and applications for increase or reduction in rates are to be considered by the Commission in accordance with the Executive Order of Oct. 7 to determine whether formal investigations are warranted. If the nature of the subject so requires, the Commission will exercise the power to limit the inquiry or broaden it to include related subjects.

In cases where no petitions have been filed, whenever a preliminary inquiry or survey discloses sufficient grounds, under the law, the Commission, after conference with the President, will order such formal investigations under Section 315 as the facts may warrant and the public interest require.

Each formal investigation, however instituted, will begin with an order giving public notice to all interested parties.

In making known under date of March 19 that an investigation would be undertaken by it regarding the rates of duty on 17 commodities, in pursuance of request for relief under the flexible provisions of the Tariff Act of last year, the Tariff Commission said:

Since the enactment of the tariff law on the 21st of September last the United States Tariff Commission has received upwards of 140 applications for relief under the so-called "flexible" provisions of that Act. All applications have been carefully considered by the Commission. Some of the applications reveal the fact that there was some misapprehension as to the purpose of the Act and as to the powers conferred upon the President and the Tariff Commission.

In other cases the relief sought came clearly under the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department in the administration of the customs laws and not under that of the Tariff Commission. Other applications asked for things which the Commission was powerless to consider, for example, the changing of an article from the dutiable list to the free list or from the free list to the dutiable list. And in still other cases, upon preliminary inquiry, it was found to be impracticable at the present time to secure data upon which a recommendation could be made to the President. In a number of other cases preliminary inquiries are still being conducted for the purpose of ascertaining whether investigations are warranted by the law and the public interest.

The Commission has, however, proceeded so far as to announce, from its offices in Washington, that it has ordered investigations on a number of articles affected by the Tariff Act of 1922, concerning which applications have been made. These investigations will be conducted under the provisions of Section 315 of Title III of the Act and are designed to aid the President in exercising the power given him to modify any particular existing rate of duty where the findings with respect to the differences between foreign and domestic costs of production warrant it. In each case the authority of the President is predicated upon the finding, after an investigation by the United States Tariff Commission, that the rate of duty upon a particular article as fixed by the law does not equalize the cost of production of competing articles as produced in the United States and in foreign countries. The purpose of the Tariff Commission in the investigations now ordered will be to determine whether any such difference exists in the case of the articles in question and, if so, precisely what it is.

Some of the investigations ordered are based upon applications for increases and others upon applications for decreases in the present rates of duty. But a finding either way can be made upon any application, as the facts developed may warrant.

Under the Commission's rules of procedure formal notice of investigation into each article will be published and opportunity afforded to all persons interested to appear, present evidence, and be heard in person or by a representative. Applications relative to other articles are still pending before the Commission and will be acted upon in due order.

The articles upon which investigations have been ordered are as follows: Oxalic acid (Par. 1); diethyl barbituric acid and derivatives thereof (Par. 5); barium dioxide (Par. 12); casein (Par. 19); logwood extract (Par. 39); potassium chlorate (Par. 80); sodium nitrite (Par. 83); mirror plates (Par. 223); pig iron (Par. 301); Swiss pattern files (Par. 362); paint brush handles (Par. 410); sugar (Par. 501); cotton warp-knit fabric (Par. 914); cotton gloves made of warp-knit fabric (Par. 915 and 1430); cotton hosiery for infants (Par. 916); wall pockets (Par. 1313); artificial or ornamental fruits, vegetables, grains, leaves, flowers and stems or parts thereof (Par. 1419).

Activities of Air Mail Service in United States.

The Post Office Department at Washington issued the following statement April 18:

* Five million miles through the air; this is the sum total of the activities of the Air Mail Service of the Post Office Department since its inauguration May 15 1918 to Dec. 31 1922. At the present time the Air Mail Service is flying on a schedule estimated to require nearly 2,000,000 miles a year, as it is estimated that the postal planes are rapidly winging their way to the 6,000,000-mile mark.

The consolidated statement for five years of operation of the Air Mail Service just issued by Postmaster-General New also reveals that the percentage performance during the whole period is 90.39, a relatively high figure. Of the 5,281,823 miles flown up to Dec. 31, a total of 4,623,115 miles was traveled with mail.

The Air Mail Service since its installation has cost, the report shows, \$4,295,967 69. Much of this expense has been for permanent improvements, such as repair shops, development of landing fields, and the creation of a reserve ship supply. In their flights running into millions of miles, the mail pilots have carried 160,473,600 letters. That this number will increase rapidly is indicated by the fact that for last year alone planes carried more than 60,000,000 of that total.

In addition to the trans-continental route, air mail service is now maintained between Havana, Cuba, and Key West, New Orleans and Pilotown, and Seattle and Vancouver. The New York-Washington route was maintained until May 1921. St. Lou's to Chicago and Chicago to Minneapolis runs were started in 1920, but they also were discontinued in 1921, leaving only the transcontinental service, New York, Chicago, San Francisco, which was established Sept. 8 1920, in operation over land. The trans-continental route is maintained directly by the Post Office Department, while the Seattle, New Orleans and Key West services are operated under contract.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The proposed bank which is to be established in New York by W. C. Durant, President of the Durant Motors, Inc., is to be formed under the name of the Liberty National Bank in New York. It will be located on West 57th St., near Broadway, and, it is announced, will be open for business on Sept. 1. An invitation to become shareholders is being extended to 300,000 individuals, none of whom will be

permitted to subscribe for more than one share of stock. The price per share is \$150, payable either in cash with application, or on the partial payment plan. The subscription price will be divided as follows:

Capital	\$100
Surplus	40
Organization	10
	\$150

Previous reference to the proposed bank was made in our issue of April 21, page 714.

It was officially announced this week that the United Finance Corporation of Montreal, one of the largest of the Canadian investment banking houses, has been combined with the Canadian corporation of the National City Co., the merged institution to be known as the National City Co., Ltd. The New York "Times" account (June 7) of the merger, which we quote herewith, is, we are informed, a correct one. The merger greatly enlarges the scope of the National City Co.'s operations in Canada and places at the head of the institution 13 Canadian financiers rated among the foremost in the Dominion.

Lord Shaughnessy will remain as Chairman of the Advisory Board of the National City Co., Ltd. He is Chairman of the Canadian Pacific RR. Co. and director of the Bank of Montreal. Five additions to the board, consisting of officials of the old United Finance Corp., are:

A. J. Brown, Vice-President of the Royal Bank, director of the Steel Co. of Canada and an official of other Canadian industries and trust companies; Sir Charles B. Gordon, Vice-President of the Bank of Montreal, President of the Dominion Textile Co., Penmans, Ltd., and Dominion Glass Co.; Charles R. Hosmer, director of the Bank of Montreal and of the Canadian Pacific Ry. and five other important corporations; J. M. Wilson, director of La Banque Hochelaga and of the Montreal Tram Co. who replaces as a representative French-Canadian Marshal Chevalier, now residing in France, and F. W. Molson, President of the Molson Bank and director of the Canadian Pacific Ry. and Canadian Steamship Lines.

In addition to Lord Shaughnessy members of the Advisory Board, representing the old Canadian corporation of the National City Co. who will continue in the same capacity in the merged institution, include Sir John Aird, Vice-President and General Manager of the Bank of Commerce; Sir Lomer Gouin, director of the Bank of Montreal, the City & District Savings Bank and the Laurentide Power Co.; Wilnot L. Matthews of Toronto, director of the Dominion Bank, President of the Canada Malting Co., and, among other concerns, a director of the Canadian General Electric Co.; Lieut.-Col. Herbert Molson, director of the Bank of Montreal, and of the Royal Trust Co.; Sir August Nanton of Winnipeg, director of the Canadian Pacific Ry. and President of the Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.; Edson L. Pease, director of the Royal Bank and of the Montreal Trust Co., and W. N. Tilley, director of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.

The board of directors of both the Bank of America and the Battery Park National Bank of this city have approved plans whereby the former institution will absorb the latter and operate it as an additional branch. Before the merger of the institutions can be consummated it will be necessary for the Battery Park Nat. Bank to become a State bank and already arrangements have been completed it is said to this end. The Battery Park National Bank at 8 Broadway was organized about twenty years ago and to-day has a capital of \$1 500,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$1,167,400. It makes a specialty of the business of grain dealers. Its officers are E. A. De Lima, President; F. E. Hasler, R. C. Corner, E. R. Carhart and J. C. De Sola, Vice-Presidents; and A. H. Merry, Cashier. The Bank of America, whose main office is at 44 Wall Street, when the proposed merger is consummated will have eight offices in New York and Brooklyn. According to its last report, it has a capital of \$5,500,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$4,676,800, deposits of more than \$130,000,000 and total resources in excess of \$150,000,000. Its officers are Edward D. Delafield, President; Walter M. Bennet, First Vice-President; Clarence M. Fineke, Edward K. Cherrill, Thornton Gerrish, William J. Montgomery and Charles F. Junod, Vice-Presidents, and Charles E. Curtis, Vice-President and Cashier. In July of last year the institution took over the Atlantic National Bank of this city as reported in our issue of July 15, pages 272 and 273.

The Chemical National Bank of New York announces the appointment of Jens K. Nickelsen as Manager of the Foreign Department, succeeding Robert B. Raymond, who resigned to become associated with the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York City as Manager of the Foreign Department.

William R. Edrington has been elected a Vice-President and director of the Hamilton National Bank of New York. Mr. Edrington is a Vice-President of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank and President of the Edrington Investment Co., both of Fort Worth, Tex. He is also Vice-President of the Columbia Mortgage Co. of New York and President and Treasurer of the Earl Carroll Realty Corporation.

Rudolph Keppler, formerly for five years President of the New York Stock Exchange and for thirty-two years a

member of its Board of Governors, died at his home in this city on June 4. He was in his eighty-first year. Mr. Keppler was born in Constanze, Germany, but came to New York at an early age. He joined the Exchange in 1873 and was a member for forty-four years. He served as President from 1898 to 1902. For several years Mr. Keppler was a member of the Arbitration and Law Committees of the Exchange. His firm, originally Keppler Bros., later became Keppler & Sancton, and finally Rudolph Keppler Co. At the time of his retirement, in 1917, he transferred his membership to his son, Emil A. C. Keppler, who is now a member of the firm of Keppler & Co., with offices at 25 Broad Street, New York City.

Frank J. Parsons, Vice-President of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York, has returned from a five weeks' business trip to the Pacific Coast.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Charleston N. B. A., Charleston, S. C., on May 15, it was unanimously decided, in view of the increasing scope of the bank's business, to advance E. H. Pringle, the President of the bank, to a position to be newly created, namely, that of Chairman of the Board of Directors, and promote Robert S. Small, the Senior Vice-President, to the Presidency in lieu of Mr. Pringle. Later, in his new capacity as Chairman of the Board, Mr. Pringle gave out the following announcement to the press. It read:

The growth of the bank and the increased volume of business handled, has made it apparent for some time that it would be necessary to remodel the banking offices in order to properly handle the business of the bank, and at the same time to furnish adequate and suitable quarters for the convenience of the bank's customers.

The work of doing this has been going on for some months, and it has been practically completed, and these new offices have to-day (May 15) been opened for occupancy, and the Board of Directors has held its first meeting in their new quarters.

It seemed fitting and appropriate at this meeting, and on this occasion, to evidence the appreciation by the Board of the services of the President and Senior Vice-President of the bank by the promotion of Mr. E. H. Pringle to the position of Chairman of the Board and Mr. R. S. Small to the position of President, made vacant by Mr. Pringle's elevation to the Chairmanship of the Board.

For my own account and as his immediate chief, I want to review briefly the career of Robert Scott Small. We came to the Bank of Charleston officially on the same day, although unofficially he was on trial for a few days before I entered the bank's service on Dec. 1 1906.

From out-door clerk or runner through the various positions in the bank, he has endeared himself to us all, and won not only our affection and regard, but our respect and admiration for his developing ability as a banker and financier. I think that every member of the organization of the Bank of Charleston will rejoice at Mr. Small's advancement, even as do I, to whom it represents the successful fruition of a plan made several years ago. Not quite 32 years of age, he has employed his time well and industriously in faithful service, and it is a delight to his friends to feel that he has a conspicuous reward.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The feature of the stock market the present week has been the strength of the railroad shares. Prominent among these has been New York Central, which yesterday moved up to 101½, the highest point in some years on the company's very favorable statement of earnings for April and a repetition of the rumor of a probable increase in the dividend rate. Another stock that reached its highest point of the year was Pere Marquette common, which yesterday touched 46½ on the announcement of the beginning of dividends on these shares. After some weakness on Saturday, the price movement was more or less irregular on Monday, few of the standard securities showing more than fractional advances or declines. Tuesday's session was dull and inactive; in fact, the sales were the smallest since last July. Prices were irregular, although a somewhat stronger tone developed. On the whole, the net advances and declines about evenly balanced. Increased activity was apparent as the Exchange opened on Wednesday, and a much stronger tone was noticeable throughout the day. Advances of 1 to 3 points were recorded as the day's trading proceeded, including American Locomotive, which went up to 145½, Baldwin Locomotive 131¾ to 133⅞, Du Pont 126½ to 128, &c.

The upward swing continued in the opening hour of Thursday's session, but as the day advanced fractional declines were noticeable in many of the securities that were prominent in the previous upward movement. American Locomotive declined to 144¼, California Petroleum receded to 112½, Baldwin Locomotive dropped to 132. Recessions in several of the standard securities were apparent as the market opened on Friday. American Locomotive receded to 141, California Petroleum to 107¼ and United States Steel to 96½. On the whole, the market was fairly steady, the advances and declines being largely fractional, with the exception of California Petroleum, which dropped four points.

THE CURB MARKET.

Trading in the Curb Market this week was on an extremely small scale, the trend of prices, if anything, being to a lower level. The failure of L. L. Winkelman & Co. this week adversely affected the market and like last week resulted in numerous "under the rule" sales. Standard Oil (Indiana) was one of the most active of the oil group, and after a gain of about two points to 60, reacted to 58½, the close being at 58½. Eureka Pipe Line declined from 104½ to 102 and Illinois Pipe Line from 162 to 159, the close to-day for the latter being at 159½. New York Transit sold down from 119 to 108 and recovered finally to 111. Prairie Oil & Gas, after fluctuating between 198 and 201 during the week, sold down to 194 to-day and closed at 195½. Standard Oil of New York advanced from 38½ to 40¼, but reacted finally to 39. Vacuum Oil rose from 44½ to 47⅞ and to-day fell back to 45¾. Gilliland Oil common improved from 4⅜ to 6 and ends the week at 5¾. Mammoth Oil, Class A stock, on few transactions sold up from 50½ to 56. Maracaibo Oil Exploration improved at first from 23 to 44½, but subsequently fell to 21⅞, the close to-day being at 22¾. There was little of interest to the industrial list. Chicago Nipple Mfg. Class A stock was active and advanced from 4¾ to 5¾, the close to-day being at 5¾. Amer. Locomotive, new stock, rose from 68 to 72¼, with the final transaction to-day at 71. Checker Cab Mfg., Class A, after early loss from 52¼ to 51½, moved up to 54 and sold back finally to 52½. Durant Motors gained over five points to 54¼ but reacted to 50. Nat. Supply Co. common advanced from 57 to 61 and ends the week at 60½.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2625.

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.	June 2.	June 4.	June 5.	June 6.	June 7.	June 8.
Week ending June 8—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Silver, per oz. d. 31¼	31 11-16	31 11-16	31 11-16	31 11-16	31 9-16	32 ½
Gold, per fine ounce.	89.1	89	89.1	90	89.2	89.2
Consols, 2½ per cents.	59½	59½	59½	59½	59½	59
British, 5 per cents.	101	101½	101½	101½	101½	101½
British, 4½ per cents.	98½	98½	98½	98½	98½	98½
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.	57.75	57.60	57.45	57.70	57.70	57.65
French War Loan (in Paris), fr.	74.75	74.70	74.80	75.10	75.10	75.15

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

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	June 2.	June 4.	June 5.	June 6.	June 7.	June 8.
Domestic.	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½	99½
Foreign.	65½	65½	65½	65½	65	64¾

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings for the country as a whole again show only a trifling percentage of increase, due, however, as in previous weeks, entirely to the 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, June 9) 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 1.8% as compared with the corresponding week last year, and as the margin is so small it is quite possible that when the final figures are at hand this may be changed one way or the other. The total stands at \$7,070,003,442, against \$6,945,694,187 for the same week in 1922. At this centre there is a falling off of 5.5%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending June 9.	1923.	1922.	Per Cent.
New York.	\$3,150,000,000	3,333,200,000	-5.5
Chicago.	497,621,799	462,508,908	+7.6
Philadelphia.	393,000,000	350,000,000	+12.3
Boston.	313,000,000	263,000,000	+19.0
Kansas City.	123,287,121	104,545,904	+17.9
St. Louis.	a	a	a
San Francisco.	127,100,000	117,600,000	+8.1
Pittsburgh.	133,647,431	*100,200,000	+33.4
Detroit.	101,073,968	79,220,080	+27.6
Baltimore.	80,884,528	61,144,990	+32.3
New Orleans.	45,368,093	39,273,487	+15.5
Ten cities, five days.	\$4,964,982,940	\$4,910,693,369	+1.1
Other cities, five days.	926,686,595	877,385,120	+5.6
Total all cities, five days.	\$5,891,669,535	\$5,788,078,489	+1.8
All cities, one day.	1,178,333,907	1,157,615,698	+1.8
Total all cities for week.	\$7,070,003,442	\$6,945,694,187	+1.8

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 June 2. For that week the increase is only 1.4%, the 1923 aggregate of the clearings being \$7,135,900,557 and the 1922 aggregate \$7,039,937,657. Outside of this city, however, the increase is 14.7%, the bank exchanges at this centre having fallen off 7.0%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District the increase is 21.7%, in the Philadelphia Reserve District only 3.8%, while the New York Reserve District (because of the falling off at this centre) shows a loss of 6.8%. The Cleveland Reserve District records an improvement of 24.3%, the Richmond Reserve District of 13.1%, and the Atlanta Reserve District of 30.3%. In the Chicago Reserve District the gain is 10.2%, in the St. Louis Reserve District 17.5% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District 13.2%. The Kansas City Reserve District has added 10.2% to its totals of last year, the Dallas Reserve District 9.2%, and the San Francisco Reserve District 24.4%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week ending June 2 1923.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.
Federal Reserve Districts.					
(1st) Boston.....11 cities	398,681,061	327,697,533	+21.7	285,517,750	388,297,775
(2nd) New York.....9 "	4,077,921,527	4,375,610,089	-6.8	3,651,763,701	4,430,573,434
(3rd) Philadelphia.....10 "	443,062,407	426,877,868	+3.8	361,726,638	483,555,343
(4th) Cleveland.....9 "	317,631,349	255,486,817	+24.3	255,152,606	337,369,633
(5th) Richmond.....6 "	162,673,896	143,798,894	+13.1	124,829,491	168,625,146
(6th) Atlanta.....12 "	149,652,490	114,821,215	+30.3	105,062,190	166,473,903
(7th) Chicago.....18 "	801,729,662	727,765,516	+10.2	597,132,292	732,061,606
(8th) St. Louis.....7 "	56,267,609	47,896,724	+17.5	37,876,155	62,005,249
(9th) Minneapolis.....7 "	104,413,404	92,255,333	+13.2	99,800,899	118,874,070
(10th) Kansas City.....11 "	209,220,677	189,805,949	+10.2	190,506,925	294,002,613
(11th) Dallas.....5 "	41,076,226	37,609,830	+9.2	37,068,586	51,421,707
(12th) San Francisco.....16 "	373,670,249	300,303,889	+24.4	279,911,554	336,576,816
Grand total.....121 cities	7,135,900,557	7,039,937,657	+1.4	6,026,348,797	7,569,937,295
Outside New York City.....	3,121,449,304	2,721,098,032	+14.7	2,430,542,438	3,200,063,927
Canada.....29 cities	328,400,274	326,773,320	+0.5	354,364,811	329,644,610

We also add comparative figures for May and the five months:

	May.			Five Months.		
	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.
Fed'l Reserve Dists.						
1st Boston.....13 cities	1,948,635,269	1,580,794,655	+23.3	9,373,557,023	7,275,397,315	+28.9
2nd New York.....12 "	19,552,426,979	19,498,579,352	+0.3	95,130,710,151	90,637,833,463	+5.0
3rd Philadel. 14 "	2,396,160,509	2,000,569,814	+19.8	11,315,327,405	9,410,797,907	+20.2
4th Cleve'd 16 "	1,715,073,854	1,240,624,377	+38.2	8,168,839,974	6,273,879,099	+30.2
5th Richm'd 10 "	1,010,465,221	683,230,970	+47.6	3,908,223,659	3,064,078,576	+27.6
6th Atlanta 16 "	799,639,962	656,796,046	+21.7	4,088,257,233	3,121,726,339	+31.0
7th Chicago 27 "	3,982,338,653	3,417,085,704	+16.5	18,808,502,390	15,254,730,778	+23.3
8th St. Louis 9 "	296,988,171	258,454,460	+14.9	1,600,364,973	1,236,957,955	+29.4
9th Minneap 13 "	644,538,429	465,103,647	+38.2	2,605,584,437	2,181,148,570	+19.5
10th Kan. City 15 "	1,155,002,470	1,049,050,877	+10.2	5,757,242,533	5,137,802,053	+12.1
11th Dallas 12 "	361,032,221	329,602,414	+9.5	1,982,707,851	1,685,241,483	+17.7
12th San Fran 26 "	1,979,368,078	1,613,732,584	+22.7	9,394,744,386	7,599,050,733	+23.6
Total.....183 cities	35,542,669,726	32,793,624,900	+8.4	172,134,062,015	152,878,644,273	+12.6
Outside N. Y. City.....	16,330,914,584	13,578,812,046	+20.3	78,581,815,883	63,548,697,296	+23.7
Canada.....	1,525,793,277	1,495,964,764	+2.0	6,399,432,601	6,558,010,653	-2.4

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for the five months of 1923 and 1922 are given below:

CLEARINGS FOR MAY SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 2.

Clearings at—	Month of May.			Five Months.			Week ending June 2 1923.				
	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston											
Me.—Bangor.....	3,471,705	3,474,869	-0.1	15,786,138	16,031,454	-1.5	804,007	745,387	+7.9	849,949	825,000
Portland.....	14,940,683	14,800,417	+0.9	66,928,259	62,963,707	+6.3	3,010,439	2,902,239	+3.8	2,500,000	2,700,000
Mass.—Boston.....	1,718,000,000	1,385,000,000	+24.0	8,288,000,000	6,353,000,000	+30.5	356,000,000	288,000,000	+23.6	249,000,000	341,946,054
Fall River.....	12,183,985	8,588,554	+41.9	51,884,431	36,144,525	+43.5	1,761,318	1,661,819	+6.0	1,287,793	2,407,572
Holyoke.....	4,348,973	3,538,914	+22.9	20,779,601	17,263,179	+20.4	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell.....	5,982,549	5,052,263	+18.4	28,555,130	23,187,798	+23.2	1,160,953	1,011,960	+14.7	926,539	1,115,778
Lynn.....	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford.....	6,530,313	6,209,319	+5.2	32,197,501	30,015,397	+7.3	1,390,296	1,318,147	+5.5	1,262,678	1,828,943
Springfield.....	23,516,051	20,315,611	+15.8	111,145,537	89,042,347	+24.8	4,775,668	4,222,079	+13.1	4,377,611	5,507,734
Worcester.....	17,627,000	15,840,000	+11.3	79,310,619	73,894,275	+7.3	3,446,000	3,426,629	+0.6	3,182,290	4,101,905
Conn.—Hartford.....	46,495,800	41,255,037	+12.7	237,402,789	197,921,154	+20.0	9,123,179	9,555,962	-4.5	7,831,223	9,522,148
New Haven.....	31,681,810	24,283,171	+30.5	137,384,218	116,116,779	+18.3	6,057,801	5,095,311	+18.9	5,333,267	6,252,041
Waterbury.....	8,411,900	8,298,600	+1.4	39,389,900	35,538,400	+10.8	a	a	a	a	a
R. I.—Providence.....	55,444,500	44,137,900	+25.6	264,792,900	224,278,300	+18.1	11,151,400	9,758,000	+14.3	8,966,400	12,090,600
Total (13 cities).....	1,948,635,269	1,580,794,655	+23.3	9,373,557,023	7,275,397,315	+28.9	398,681,061	327,697,533	+21.7	285,517,750	388,297,775
Second Federal Reserve District—New York											
N. Y.—Albany.....	24,030,506	21,269,391	+13.0	110,820,517	98,180,119	+12.9	4,659,332	4,680,335	-0.4	4,583,029	4,336,705
Binghamton.....	4,868,700	4,602,800	+5.8	23,608,761	21,138,984	+11.7	812,900	985,500	-17.5	777,000	1,050,000
Buffalo.....	204,958,700	166,869,096	+22.8	957,556,429	773,743,992	+23.8	438,102,048	30,878,018	+23.4	30,133,508	36,887,755
Elmira.....	3,577,841	2,554,112	+40.1	15,366,875	11,380,692	+35.0	686,991	Not included	in total	707,853	a
Jamestown.....	5,268,306	4,623,677	+13.9	24,235,350	21,205,863	+14.3	c873,891	777,808	+12.4	a	a
New York.....	19,211,755,142	19,214,812,854	-0.02	93,552,446,132	89,329,946,978	+4.7	4,014,451,253	4,318,839,625	-7.0	3,595,806,359	4,369,873,368
Niagara Falls.....	3,931,983	4,269,863	-7.9	21,262,503	19,989,479	+6.3	a	a	a	a	a
Rochester.....	49,704,918	41,793,799	+18.9	230,070,834	192,381,553	+19.6	11,770,594	12,368,359	-4.8	12,163,185	13,061,418
Syracuse.....	21,523,209	18,588,355	+15.8	99,468,302	88,981,195	+11.8	4,051,623	4,235,383	-4.3	5,045,926	4,500,000
Conn.—Stamford.....	15,643,167	12,455,288	+25.6	63,822,063	51,009,984	+25.1	c2,564,778	2,168,471	+18.3	1,835,201	a
N. J.—Montclair.....	2,506,558	2,306,482	+8.7	9,927,840	8,654,244	+14.7	635,108	676,590	-6.1	711,640	864,188
Newark.....	80,012,260	Not incl. in total	a	347,102,178	Not incl. in total	a	a	a	a	a	a
Oranges.....	4,657,949	4,433,635	+5.1	22,124,545	21,210,380	+4.3	a	a	a	a	a
Total (12 cities).....	19,552,426,979	19,498,579,352	+0.3	95,130,710,151	90,637,833,463	+5.0	4,077,921,527	4,375,610,089	-6.8	3,651,763,701	4,430,573,434

Description.	Month of May.		Five Months.	
	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.
Stock/No. of shares	23,155,730	28,921,124	112,106,698	112,023,173
Par value.....	\$2,205,641,500	\$2,532,995,600	\$10,353,641,500	\$10,213,588,998
Railroad bonds.....	139,298,000	188,185,000	755,159,400	855,155,100
U. S. Govt. bonds.....	96,054,330	139,494,424	361,604,175	855,916,875
State, for n. & c. bds.	34,577,500	49,744,000	213,050,900	271,405,000
Total par value.....	\$2,475,571,330	\$2,910,419,024	\$11,683,455,975	\$12,199,068,971

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange each month since Jan. 1 in 1923 and 1922 is indicated in the following:

Month of January.....	1923.		1922.	
	No. Shares.	Par Values.	No. Shares.	Par Values.
February.....	19,914,827	\$1,771,578,000	16,472,377	\$1,494,639,000
March.....	22,979,489	2,082,280,000	16,175,095	1,413,196,925
April.....	25,964,666	2,360,008,000	22,820,173	2,013,907,820
Total first quarter.....	68,858,982	\$6,213,866,000	55,467,645	\$4,921,743,745
Month of April.....	20,091,986	\$1,934,142,000	30,634,353	\$2,733,531,850
May.....	23,155,730	2,205,641,500	28,921,124	2,532,995,600

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1923 and 1922:

MONTHLY CLEARINGS.

Month.	Clearings, Total All.			Clearings Outside New York.		
	1923.	1922.	%	1923.	1922.	%
Jan.....	\$36,285,247,515	\$29,931,564,280	+21.2	\$18,506,887,916	\$12,635,500,446	+30.6
Feb.....	\$30,408,860,129	\$26,521,051,368	+14.7	\$13,624,881,685	\$11,180,598,385	+21.9
March.....	\$36,159,954,710	\$32,111,576,705	+12.6	\$16,391,674,714	\$13,392,003,753	+22.4
1st qu.	\$102,854,062,354	\$88,564,192,353	+16.1	\$46,523,444,315	\$37,208,102,584	+25.0
April.....	\$33,737,329,935	\$31,520,867,019	+7.0	\$15,727,256,984	\$12,761,822,664	+23.2
May.....	\$35,542,669,726	\$32,793,624,900	+8.4	\$16,330,914,584	\$13,578,812,046	+20.3

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of May and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

	May				Jan. 1 to May 31			
	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
(000,000 omitted)								
New York.....	19,212	19,215	15,847	19,741	93,552	89,330	\$1,167	105,229
Chicago.....	2,811	2,498	2,130	2,619	13,415	11,097	10,980	13,768
Boston.....	1,718	1,385	1,155	1,646	8,288	6,353	5,860	8,112
Philadelphia.....	2,176	1,828	1,610	2,089	10,334	8,641	8,475	10,295
St. Louis.....	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Pittsburgh.....	723	466	548	665	3,419	2,547	3,109	3,456
San Francisco.....	678	601	510	653	3,308	2,847	2,737	3,330

CLEARINGS—(Continued).

Clearings at—	Month of May.			Five Months.			Week ending June 2 1923.				
	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia—											
Pa.—Allentown	7,104,300	4,567,627	+55.5	29,707,657	20,523,924	+44.7	1,364,884	1,066,971	+27.9	782,921	1,141,689
Bethlehem	25,578,544	13,019,508	+96.5	99,598,866	59,598,183	+51.5	4,446,130	3,472,779	+28.0	3,032,729	3,032,729
Chester	5,835,807	4,459,765	+30.9	26,753,669	19,696,034	+35.8	1,153,657	847,088	+36.2	728,424	1,512,773
Harrisburg	19,358,385	15,795,489	+22.6	87,692,085	83,230,001	+5.4	2,589,036	2,520,637	+2.7	2,034,436	2,813,409
Lancaster	12,688,200	11,167,117	+13.6	76,452,395	61,631,334	+24.0					
Lebanon	2,602,686	2,269,390	+14.7	11,926,506	11,188,356	+6.6					
Norristown	4,743,525	3,259,499	+45.5	19,516,601	14,507,206	+34.5					
Philadelphia	2,175,836,000	1,828,183,000	+19.0	10,334,316,000	8,641,345,000	+19.6	417,000,000	401,000,000	+2.7	342,075,559	460,226,298
Reading	16,385,625	12,270,525	+33.5	72,919,205	55,689,418	+30.9	3,306,102	2,825,827	+17.0	2,325,604	5,900,671
Seranton	24,750,369	19,233,492	+28.7	126,374,431	96,554,543	+32.9	4,915,124	3,281,865	+49.8	4,078,736	4,406,766
Wilkes-Barre	15,458,171	12,024,879	+28.6	70,666,439	59,287,156	+19.2	d2,506,701	2,100,000	+19.4	2,281,802	2,606,460
York	7,565,649	5,589,868	+35.3	33,322,136	27,487,047	+21.2	1,531,128	1,307,754	+17.1	1,200,089	1,455,917
New Jersey—Camden	55,487,947	*50,000,000	+11.0	236,831,423	180,531,956	+31.2					
Trenton	22,765,301	18,729,560	+21.5	98,543,022	79,527,749	+23.9	4,249,645	3,454,947	+23.0	3,186,838	3,511,360
Del.—Wilmington	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Total (14 cities)	2,396,160,509	2,000,569,814	+19.8	11,315,327,405	9,410,797,907	+20.2	443,062,407	426,877,868	+3.8	361,726,638	483,555,343
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland—											
Ohio—Akron	33,874,000	26,941,000	+25.7	138,996,000	121,078,000	+14.8	d5,529,000	5,229,000	+5.7	6,000,000	11,531,000
Canton	22,691,298	13,042,493	+74.0	108,795,525	68,033,312	+59.9	4,350,192	4,165,245	+4.4	3,221,176	4,619,387
Cincinnati	297,427,619	242,560,447	+22.6	1,481,980,823	1,183,582,296	+25.2	5,507,611	48,541,211	+12.3	42,303,030	59,115,224
Cleveland	496,850,620	363,286,414	+36.8	2,297,469,293	1,733,152,357	+32.6	e94,004,155	72,919,793	+28.9	75,118,410	108,963,957
Columbus	68,242,900	62,103,600	+9.9	343,706,800	296,575,200	+15.9	12,966,200	11,720,200	+10.6	11,120,700	12,493,800
Dayton	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Hamilton	2,798,487	1,961,959	+42.6	18,373,796	14,260,719	+28.8					
Lima	2,910,933	3,605,415	-19.3	13,250,028	16,322,150	-18.8	1,246,921	674,774	+84.8	835,426	909,162
Lorain	1,667,495	1,232,554	+35.3	7,619,710	5,809,624	+31.2					
Mansfield	8,595,324	5,837,701	+47.2	39,458,069	26,815,101	+47.1	d1,542,724	978,936	+57.6	1,078,086	1,569,624
Springfield	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Toledo	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Youngstown	17,078,264	14,368,217	+18.9	89,533,531	74,314,745	+20.5	d3,293,439	2,403,660	+37.0	2,892,609	3,282,748
Pa.—Beaver County	3,663,278	2,688,708	+36.2	16,187,928	12,684,27	+27.6	a	a	a	a	a
Erle	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Franklin	1,546,719	1,540,014	+0.4	7,314,043	6,724,271	+8.8					
Greensburg	6,935,317	5,324,746	+30.2	32,833,930	27,613,734	+18.9					
Pittsburgh	723,210,909	466,000,000	+55.2	3,418,783,257	2,646,738,237	+34.2	140,191,077	108,854,000	+23.8	114,583,169	134,884,731
Kentucky—Lexington	7,460,351	6,297,872	+18.5	55,749,622	41,270,896	+35.1	b	b	b	b	b
W. Va.—Wheeling	20,120,340	23,833,637	-15.6	98,787,569	98,904,178	-0.1					
Total (16 cities)	1,715,073,854	1,240,624,377	+38.2	8,168,839,974	6,273,879,099	+30.2	317,631,349	255,486,817	+24.3	255,152,606	337,369,633
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond—											
W. Va.—Huntington	9,198,749	6,822,073	+34.8	44,502,584	30,919,046	+43.9	2,030,714	1,750,946	+16.0	1,650,898	1,747,409
Va.—Newport News	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Norfolk	30,912,980	31,677,962	-2.4	161,289,634	143,922,185	+12.1	d9,081,006	6,310,292	-3.6	6,085,578	9,323,811
Richmond	207,290,249	179,836,284	+15.3	1,065,664,567	852,068,276	+25.1	42,434,000	38,595,694	+9.9	31,889,960	49,162,529
N. C.—Asheville	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Raleigh	8,976,016	7,019,231	+27.9	47,233,251	32,601,245	+44.9					
Wilmington	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
S. C.—Charleston	10,358,096	11,396,766	-9.1	54,185,507	52,372,411	+3.5	d1,977,358	2,573,000	-23.2	1,700,000	3,586,137
Columbia	13,386,711	8,669,279	+54.4	65,923,433	42,461,284	+55.3					
Md.—Baltimore	423,465,049	345,922,336	+22.4	1,985,072,213	1,495,163,395	+32.8	89,148,844	74,663,439	+19.4	65,595,509	86,212,094
Frederick	1,785,640	1,734,442	+3.0	8,994,639	8,469,068	+6.2					
Hagerstown	3,683,643	2,865,434	+28.6	16,818,397	13,229,710	+27.1					
D. C.—Washington	101,408,088	87,287,163	+16.2	455,630,434	392,871,956	+16.7	21,001,974	19,903,523	+5.5	17,907,546	18,593,166
Total (10 cities)	810,465,221	683,230,970	+18.6	3,908,223,659	3,064,078,576	+27.6	162,673,896	143,796,894	+13.1	124,829,491	168,625,146
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta—											
Tenn.—Chattanooga	30,701,311	20,917,198	+46.8	141,477,258	109,116,605	+33.3	4,911,309	3,569,099	+37.6	4,013,554	7,110,838
Knoxville	13,452,436	11,635,295	+15.6	63,826,482	59,007,863	+8.2	2,837,653	2,232,298	+27.6	2,800,000	3,240,313
Nashville	90,800,350	71,167,097	+27.6	422,826,106	358,344,738	+18.0	17,346,803	10,929,100	+58.7	10,871,735	17,556,809
Ga.—Atlanta	223,694,204	176,276,175	+26.9	1,141,549,270	831,866,642	+37.2	42,728,712	28,934,914	+47.7	29,549,404	48,969,062
Augusta	7,792,458	8,300,218	-6.1	45,899,508	35,668,393	+28.7	1,435,000	1,707,287	-15.9	1,516,483	2,906,729
Columbus	3,801,005	3,259,536	+16.6	19,360,686	14,974,134	+29.3					
Macon	6,698,241	5,141,157	+30.3	31,599,898	23,038,338	+37.2	1,191,306	1,247,020	-4.5	*1,000,000	6,000,000
Savannah	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Fla.—Jacksonville	61,532,513	48,494,990	+26.9	292,298,479	218,306,610	+33.9	11,390,817	7,718,475	+47.6	7,976,941	8,491,615
Tampa	16,653,804	11,633,891	+43.2	71,376,867	53,008,760	+34.7					
Ala.—Birmingham	103,755,546	88,817,435	+16.8	596,119,221	396,411,591	+50.4	d21,870,000	17,154,000	+27.5	14,500,000	16,555,207
Mobile	9,199,540	7,584,422	+21.3	43,481,730	36,458,190	+19.3	1,831,400	1,462,132	+25.3	1,350,000	2,175,247
Montgomery	6,849,165	5,505,426	+24.4	37,899,190	27,493,191	+37.8					
Miss.—Jackson	4,152,250	3,788,489	+9.7	21,511,889	17,434,233	+25.7	944,000	604,216	+56.2	391,227	687,490
Meridian	4,648,460	1,618,566	+18.4	21,907,787	17,248,824	+27.5					
Vicksburg	1,269,050	a	a	7,771,555	7,143,749	+8.8	278,378	226,322	+23.0	234,822	387,354
Hattiesburg	6,826,723	Not incl. in total	a	35,761,178	Not incl. in total	a					
La.—New Orleans	214,639,599	189,762,857	+13.1	1,128,861,307	919,204,478	+22.8	42,887,112	39,045,352	+9.8	30,858,024	52,393,239
Total (16 cities)	799,639,962	656,796,046	+21.7	4,088,257,233	3,121,726,339	+31.0	149,652,490	114,821,215	+30.3	105,062,190	166,473,903
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago—											
Mich.—Adrian	998,671	952,626	+4.8	4,789,168	4,652,372	+2.9	175,947	192,224	-8.5	180,000	241,840
Ann Arbor	3,750,788	2,780,317	+35.9	16,698,174	14,542,565	+14.8	834,921	437,874	+90.7	205,094	580,489
Detroit	593,431,732	437,631,851	+35.6	2,701,206,704	1,953,192,318	+38.3	115,306,626	85,884,767	+34.3	76,653,200	96,231,357
Flint	8,111,299	7,813,317	+3.8	42,682,337	33,167,499	+28.7					
Grand Rapids	30,102,055	28,025,970	+7.4	140,399,251	127,249,805	+10.3	5,641,587	6,060,654	-6.9	4,745,113	6,936,856
Jackson	7,806,829	5,828,302	+33.9	37,081,667	25,481,864	+45.5	1,811,568	1,572,000	+14.7	1,548,000	1,584,423
Lansing	10,455,000	7,271,000	+44.2	46,967,961	38,529,022	+21.8	2,316,188	1,703,159	+36.1	1,714,037	1,773,251
Ind.—Fort Wayne	11,814,071	8,670,878	+36.3	49,222,956	40,876,595	+22.2					
Gary	21,724,951	10,820,000	+100.8	77,840,071	38,734,257	+32.3	d15,965,000	15,350,000	+4.0	12,023,000	16,553,000
Indianapolis	93,245,000	78,575,000	+18.7	427,458,000	342,780,000	+24.7					
South Bend	11,918,000	9,391,000	+26.9	51,231,612	38,734,257	+32.3					
Terre Haute	27,576,500	Not included in total	a	128,823,944	Not included in total	a	4,659,425	Not incl. in total	a		
Wis.—Milwaukee	163,114,107	132,496,608	+23.1	771,208,948	623,496,365	+23.7	32,279,600	27,406,751	+17.8	23,559,782	30,135,432
Oshkosh	3,553,854	2,587,068	+37.4	15,892,782	12,780,970	+24.4					
Madison	13,226,031	Not included in total	a	a	a	a					
Iowa—Cedar Rapids	11,036										

CLEARINGS—(Concluded).

Clearings at—	Month of May.			Five Months.			Week ending June 2 1923.				
	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis											
Minnesota—Duluth	28,105,874	22,907,965	+22.7	123,915,019	92,918,021	+33.4	d5,243,653	4,198,783	+24.9	3,221,176	6,398,443
Minneapolis	312,064,501	261,679,553	+19.3	1,481,177,099	1,241,832,465	+19.3	64,431,795	54,313,404	+18.6	63,464,694	70,441,400
Rochester	2,333,791	1,821,081	+28.2	9,152,145	8,160,290	+12.2	—	—	—	—	—
St. Paul	148,108,407	127,781,937	+15.9	726,855,995	601,798,509	+20.8	29,017,343	27,835,132	+4.2	26,820,325	35,589,060
North Dakota—Fargo	8,806,993	7,766,125	+13.4	41,556,076	36,459,955	+14.0	d1,717,911	1,504,241	+14.2	1,528,300	2,000,000
Grand Forks	4,831,000	4,185,000	+15.4	21,795,300	21,146,000	+3.1	—	—	—	—	—
Minot	1,104,654	1,162,716	-5.0	5,587,619	5,428,436	+2.9	—	—	—	—	—
So. Dak.—Aberdeen	5,540,952	5,208,505	+6.4	25,672,693	22,916,882	+12.0	1,045,819	1,021,401	+2.4	1,079,656	1,668,270
Sioux Falls	13,825,705	12,581,400	+9.9	69,097,372	55,362,037	+24.8	—	—	—	—	—
Montana—Billings	2,154,403	2,483,127	-13.2	12,804,667	13,091,397	-2.2	416,862	519,088	-19.7	687,620	1,236,850
Great Falls	3,855,491	3,195,493	+20.7	17,751,653	15,132,284	+17.3	—	—	—	—	—
Helena	13,084,872	13,170,629	-0.7	66,118,502	60,781,333	+8.8	2,540,021	2,873,284	-11.6	2,999,128	1,540,047
Lewistown	172,786	1,160,113	-37.8	4,100,297	6,121,021	-33.0	—	—	—	—	—
Total (13 cities)	544,538,429	465,103,647	+17.1	2,605,584,437	2,181,148,570	+19.5	104,413,404	92,265,333	+13.2	99,800,899	118,874,070
Tenth Federal Reserve District—Kansas City											
Neb.—Fremont	1,602,297	1,664,428	-3.7	9,938,059	7,847,183	+26.6	d257,528	299,205	-13.9	453,590	845,330
Hastings	2,406,026	2,679,526	-10.2	11,898,553	11,845,100	+0.4	525,486	398,544	+31.9	545,138	1,134,954
Lincoln	19,970,614	18,434,798	+8.3	95,174,834	80,346,788	+18.5	3,785,537	3,588,218	+5.5	3,099,471	5,450,027
Omaha	187,642,160	168,636,447	+11.3	938,280,493	778,073,848	+20.6	36,021,129	34,420,765	+4.7	24,778,421	50,557,280
Kan.—Kansas City	21,584,119	17,744,591	+21.6	110,169,140	84,504,297	+30.4	—	—	—	—	—
Lawrence	a	a	a	a	a	a	—	—	—	—	—
Pittsburgh	a	a	a	a	a	a	—	—	—	—	—
Topeka	13,339,527	11,126,148	+19.9	71,131,624	57,038,525	+24.7	d2,019,609	1,903,289	+6.1	2,126,831	2,673,716
Wichita	41,913,920	46,567,364	-10.0	214,737,611	226,759,721	-5.3	d7,567,831	8,992,408	-15.8	9,799,951	11,338,524
Mo.—Joplin	6,601,000	5,444,000	+21.3	32,716,000	24,969,000	+31.0	—	—	—	—	—
Kansas City	575,646,135	428,614,511	+34.9	2,916,842,984	2,703,501,235	+7.9	117,107,442	107,772,152	+8.7	113,919,806	189,725,321
St. Joseph	a	a	a	a	a	a	—	—	—	—	—
Okl.—Lawton	a	a	a	a	a	a	—	—	—	—	—
McAlester	1,555,357	*1,200,000	+29.6	7,890,750	6,870,516	+14.8	—	—	—	—	—
Muskogee	a	a	a	a	a	a	—	—	—	—	—
Oklahoma City	95,662,727	80,456,442	+18.9	476,457,480	410,309,948	+16.1	d21,899,204	15,569,485	+40.7	19,740,744	10,464,346
Tulsa	38,779,375	32,742,077	+18.4	188,023,640	150,285,896	+25.1	a	a	a	a	a
Colo.—Colorado Spgs.	5,504,236	4,111,656	+33.9	26,498,003	21,007,585	+26.1	404,098	596,610	-32.3	623,103	964,723
Denver	139,815,834	126,429,389	+10.6	638,917,455	558,977,887	+14.3	18,903,421	15,616,329	+21.0	14,700,709	19,950,598
Pueblo	3,979,143	3,199,500	+24.4	18,565,925	15,464,525	+20.1	e729,392	648,944	+12.4	719,131	897,794
Total (15 cities)	1,156,002,470	1,049,050,877	+10.2	5,757,242,533	5,137,802,053	+12.1	209,220,677	189,805,949	+10.2	190,506,925	294,002,613
Eleventh Federal Reserve District—Dallas											
Tex.—Austin	6,368,094	6,654,127	-4.3	39,986,224	33,835,624	+18.2	1,220,000	1,282,368	-4.9	1,167,545	1,000,000
Beaumont	5,644,652	4,296,171	+31.4	29,490,347	23,256,265	+26.8	—	—	—	—	—
Dallas	113,472,503	95,846,390	+18.4	657,872,714	502,007,025	+31.0	d21,700,000	19,294,000	+12.5	17,569,623	27,028,189
El Paso	21,943,210	23,143,360	-5.2	113,107,473	103,010,310	+9.8	—	—	—	—	—
Fort Worth	45,338,457	44,291,580	+2.4	224,425,009	225,064,142	-0.3	8,005,768	9,821,083	-18.5	9,984,706	13,176,461
Galveston	27,078,906	23,438,307	+15.5	164,063,677	136,551,598	+20.8	6,009,739	3,979,984	+51.0	5,538,027	5,035,614
Houston	97,804,786	90,629,675	+7.9	524,752,171	469,372,187	+11.8	—	—	—	—	—
Port Arthur	2,980,749	1,679,562	+77.5	13,027,054	8,124,118	+60.4	—	—	—	—	—
Texas City	2,331,674	1,777,668	+31.2	11,347,170	8,901,284	+27.5	—	—	—	—	—
Waco	8,434,753	8,834,956	-4.5	51,037,270	46,304,176	+10.1	—	—	—	—	—
Wichita Falls	9,445,712	8,116,219	+16.4	44,606,199	36,198,680	+23.2	—	—	—	—	—
La.—Shreveport	20,288,725	20,895,399	-2.9	108,086,543	92,555,774	+16.8	4,140,719	3,232,395	+28.1	2,808,685	5,181,443
Total (12 cities)	361,032,221	329,602,414	+9.5	1,982,707,851	1,685,241,483	+17.7	41,076,226	37,609,830	+9.2	37,068,586	51,421,707
Twelfth Federal Reserve District—San Francisco											
Wash.—Bellingham	3,497,000	2,795,651	+25.1	15,098,000	13,378,556	+12.5	—	—	—	—	—
Seattle	159,719,811	130,410,733	+22.5	782,204,274	660,153,021	+18.5	32,389,993	28,053,701	+15.5	26,910,674	26,249,579
Spokane	46,565,000	*42,000,000	+10.9	227,884,000	*212,000,000	+7.5	8,963,000	8,063,000	+11.2	9,022,824	13,133,509
Tacoma	a	a	a	a	a	a	—	—	—	—	—
Yakima	5,364,187	5,747,484	-6.7	27,117,763	29,578,922	-8.3	1,100,453	1,172,998	-6.2	929,876	1,578,013
Idaho	4,511,158	*4,300,000	+4.9	19,306,812	18,670,103	+3.4	—	—	—	—	—
Oregon—Eugene	1,960,052	1,264,095	+55.1	7,912,318	5,749,802	+37.6	—	—	—	—	—
Portland	158,524,240	126,209,541	+25.6	714,467,877	607,913,757	+17.5	28,120,376	24,199,401	+16.2	23,318,767	34,539,672
Utah—Ogden	5,169,000	5,576,000	-7.3	26,167,000	27,450,502	-4.7	—	—	—	—	—
Salt Lake City	63,595,745	53,874,713	+18.0	303,546,235	245,356,015	+23.7	12,767,217	10,303,445	+23.9	10,294,725	14,761,683
Nev.—Reno	2,923,788	*2,500,000	+16.9	13,536,574	14,119,000	+18.5	a	a	a	a	a
Ariz.—Phoenix	8,192,594	Not incl. in total	—	36,979,950	Not incl. in total	—	a	a	a	a	a
Calif.—Bakersfield	4,213,662	4,482,642	-6.0	22,220,723	21,816,545	+1.9	—	—	—	—	—
Berkeley	17,311,132	*15,500,000	+9.7	88,236,183	78,258,931	+12.8	—	—	—	—	—
Fresno	16,739,153	16,380,993	+2.4	86,779,752	67,386,190	+28.8	c2,553,912	2,837,664	-10.0	2,692,332	3,870,278
Long Beach	36,806,212	18,670,720	+97.1	172,011,036	86,381,833	+99.1	6,951,838	3,802,786	+82.8	3,187,521	2,759,175
Los Angeles	599,795,000	438,772,000	+36.7	2,759,240,000	2,000,699,000	+37.9	116,764,000	80,150,000	+45.7	72,200,000	64,367,000
Modesto	2,994,244	2,870,802	+4.3	14,778,728	14,159,778	+4.4	—	—	—	—	—
Oakland	70,481,150	57,430,518	+22.7	323,923,280	263,654,059	+22.9	13,159,596	11,339,997	+16.1	8,606,445	10,015,506
Pasadena	23,782,088	17,633,381	+34.5	111,923,118	80,873,412	+38.4	4,499,010	3,054,771	+47.3	2,844,073	1,814,696
Riverside	3,375,201	2,914,380	+15.8	15,753,496	12,884,742	+22.3	—	—	—	—	—
Sacramento	28,970,876	24,784,145	+16.9	133,211,570	116,046,091	+14.8	d5,037,579	4,109,588	+22.6	3,794,918	5,722,201
San Diego	16,588,344	13,162,226	+26.0	79,103,875	62,730,107	+26.1	3,081,567	2,468,780	+24.8	2,139,888	2,583,349
San Francisco	678,000,000	601,100,000	+12.8	3,308,391,000	2,846,800,000	+16.2	133,600,000	116,500,000	+14.7	108,800,000	138,500,000
San Jose	9,961,205	8,519,693	+16.2	50,958,473	41,895,158	+21.6	1,881,327	1,812,312	+3.8	1,296,638	1,803,855
Santa Barbara	5,210,098	4,386,635	+18.8	24,403,490	19,346,681	+26.4	940,481	942,251	-0.2	646,483	—
Santa Rosa	2,377,132	1,901,532	+25.0	11,932,929	8,666,331	+37.7	—	—	—	—	—
Stockton	10,934,000	9,518,700	+14.9	54,605,600	45,802,200	+19.2	c1,759,900	1,493,200	+17.9	3,226,400	4,978,300
Total (21 cities)	1,979,368,078	1,613,732,584	+22.7	9,394,144,386	7,599,500,735	+23.6	373,570,249	300,303,889	+24.4	279,911,564	336,676,816
Grand total (182 cities)	35,542,669,726	32,793,624,900	+8.4	172,134,062,015	152,878,644,273	+12.6	7,135,900,557	7,039,937,657	+1.4	6,026,348,797	7,569,937,295
Outside New York	16,330,914,584	13,578,812,046	+20.3	78,581,615,883	63,548,697,295	+23.7	3,121,449,304	2,721,098,032	+14.7	2,430,542,438	3,200,063,927

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR MAY SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 31.

Clearings at—	Month of May.			Five Months.			Week ending May 31.				
	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.</

Condition of National Banks April 3.—The statement of conditions of the national banks under the Comptroller's call of April 3 1923 has been issued and is summarized below. For purpose of comparison, like details for previous calls back to and including March 10 1922 are included.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF CONDITION OF NATIONAL BANKS IN THE UNITED STATES MARCH 10, MAY 5, JUNE 30, SEPT. 15 AND DEC. 29 1922 AND APRIL 3 1923 (in Thousands of Dollars).

	Mar. 10 1922 8,197 banks.	May 5 1922 8,230 banks.	June 30 1922 8,249 banks.	Sept. 15 1922 8,240 banks.	Dec. 29 1922 8,225 banks.	Apr. 3 1923. 8,229 banks.
Resources—						
Loans and discounts (including rediscounts) <i>a</i>	11,282,579	11,184,116	11,248,214	11,236,025	11,599,668	11,667,959
Overdrafts.....	11,295	10,227	9,198	12,141	13,045	11,662
Customers' liability account of acceptances.....	169,887	168,935	176,238	171,190	208,465	202,826
United States Government securities owned.....	2,031,564	2,124,691	2,285,459	2,402,492	2,656,560	2,694,207
Other bonds, stocks, securities, &c.....	2,086,596	2,162,587	2,277,866	2,289,782	2,347,479	2,346,915
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	440,296	444,368	452,434	459,020	470,644	479,580
Other real estate owned.....	57,598	62,531	64,383	67,789	75,178	82,139
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve banks.....	1,124,707	1,150,885	1,151,605	1,232,104	1,220,847	1,179,500
Items with Federal Reserve banks in process of collection.....	312,900	330,917	355,666	418,923	455,792	424,620
Cash in vault.....	336,065	334,504	326,181	331,951	391,840	359,147
Amount due from national banks.....	987,816	974,375	974,975	1,063,695	1,065,820	1,033,749
Amount due from other banks, bankers and trust companies.....	248,578	244,707	267,050	299,541	316,556	300,990
Exchanges for clearing house.....	481,368	681,269	767,086	614,771	777,572	526,224
Checks on other banks in the same place.....	38,207	45,215	63,394	54,623	70,058	57,396
Outside checks and other cash items.....	41,205	44,053	64,928	63,112	62,221	53,942
Redemption fund and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	36,507	36,823	36,767	36,656	36,825	36,895
Other assets.....	163,234	176,445	184,556	172,284	205,947	154,962
Total.....	19,850,402	20,176,648	20,706,010	20,926,099	21,974,957	21,612,713
Liabilities—						
Capital stock paid in.....	1,289,528	1,296,220	1,307,216	1,307,122	1,317,010	1,319,144
Surplus fund.....	1,036,184	1,040,249	1,048,806	1,042,197	1,075,545	1,067,652
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	508,560	522,658	492,434	539,047	528,924	486,172
National bank notes outstanding.....	719,570	720,984	725,748	726,789	728,819	728,076
Due to Federal Reserve banks.....	17,641	21,213	19,422	26,472	28,109	26,517
Amount due to national banks.....	962,140	936,399	916,740	1,031,648	1,035,961	1,015,525
Amount due to other banks, bankers and trust companies.....	1,560,920	1,657,409	1,565,459	1,582,444	1,691,307	1,644,488
Certified checks outstanding.....	174,469	190,877	205,682	164,427	218,464	148,477
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	175,632	193,763	245,091	208,991	287,733	176,155
Demand deposits.....	8,446,530	8,707,201	9,152,415	9,270,378	9,535,995	9,180,624
Time deposits (including postal savings).....	3,837,759	3,918,282	4,111,951	4,169,220	4,318,736	4,580,216
United States deposits.....	215,347	141,844	103,374	145,182	304,176	264,279
Total deposits.....	15,390,438	15,766,988	16,320,564	16,598,762	17,420,481	17,036,281
United States Government securities borrowed.....	53,722	46,225	42,475	38,164	34,615	34,800
Bonds and securities (other than United States) borrowed.....	6,103	3,058	2,897	2,990	2,948	4,161
Bills payable (including all obligations representing borrowed money other than rediscounts).....	275,089	248,681	228,481	181,765	310,781	370,165
Notes and bills rediscounted (including acceptances of other banks and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement).....	323,737	285,940	280,271	247,559	262,421	290,467
Letters of credit and travelers' checks outstanding.....	4,719	5,050	8,256	6,639	4,889	5,542
Acceptances executed for customers and to furnish dollar exchange less those purchased or discounted.....	171,332	170,132	172,887	165,715	199,844	200,873
Acceptances executed by other banks.....	13,869	14,748	16,494	17,654	23,631	26,144
Liabilities other than those stated above.....	57,551	55,715	59,481	51,756	70,049	43,956
Total.....	19,850,402	20,176,648	20,706,010	20,926,099	21,974,957	21,612,713
Details of Cash in Vault—						
Gold coin and certificates.....	37,360	38,371	38,797	38,031	34,098	36,898
Silver and minor coin and certificates.....	36,182	35,153	34,885	34,341	37,265	34,868
Clearing House certificates.....	25	12	5	7	108	182
Paper currency.....	262,498	260,968	252,494	259,572	320,369	287,199
Details of Demand Deposits—						
Individual subject to check.....	7,893,698	8,126,199	8,504,104	8,537,059	8,794,316	8,347,871
Certificates due in less than 30 days.....	273,920	263,501	275,087	271,278	284,375	264,783
State and municipal.....	143,619	189,682	221,876	360,541	339,736	454,837
Deposits subject to less than 30 days' notice.....	44,202	44,217	44,713	42,921	40,026	43,061
Dividends unpaid.....	1,229	1,513	34,936	1,779	6,580	8,418
Other demand deposits.....	89,862	82,089	71,699	56,800	70,962	61,654
Details of Time Deposits—						
Certificates due on or about 30 days.....	999,339	1,029,785	1,080,828	1,108,193	1,074,099	1,127,148
State and municipal.....	22,571	28,113	36,886	55,765	56,279	78,941
Postal savings.....	30,653	34,052	32,943	33,416	42,069	41,825
Other time deposits.....	2,785,196	2,826,332	2,961,294	2,998,106	3,146,289	3,332,302
Percentages of Reserve—						
Central Reserve cities.....	13.45%	13.74%	12.76%	15.11%	13.38%	13.28%
Other Reserve cities.....	10.27%	10.46%	10.30%	10.03%	10.26%	10.38%
All Reserve cities.....	11.82%	12.08%	11.52%	12.36%	11.69%	11.62%
Country banks.....	7.51%	7.47%	7.51%	7.59%	7.72%	7.47%
Total United States.....	9.91%	10.04%	9.76%	10.24%	9.90%	9.67%

a Includes customers' liability under letters of credit.

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

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States for May 31 1923, as made up on the basis of the daily Treasury statements, is as follows:

Bonds—		
Consols of 1930.....	\$599,724,050 00	
Loan of 1925.....	118,489,900 00	
Panama's of 1916-1936.....	48,954,180 00	
Panama's of 1918-1938.....	25,947,400 00	
Panama's of 1961.....	49,800,000 00	
Conversion bonds.....	28,894,500 00	
Postal Savings bonds.....	11,860,200 00	
First Liberty Loan of 1932-1947.....	1,951,768,300 00	
Second Liberty Loan of 1927-1942.....	3,267,711,550 00	
Third Liberty Loan of 1928.....	3,408,341,500 00	
Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1938.....	6,329,110,650 00	
Treasury bonds of 1947-1952.....	14,956,932,000 00	
	763,954,300 00	
Total bonds.....	\$16,604,556,530 00	
Notes—		
Treasury notes—		
Series A-1924, maturing June 15 1924.....	\$311,088,600 00	
Series B-1924, maturing Sept. 15 1924.....	390,681,100 00	
Series A-1925, maturing Mar. 15 1925.....	598,356,200 00	
Series B-1925, maturing Dec. 15 1925.....	330,341,300 00	
Series C-1925, maturing June 15 1925.....	449,213,200 00	
Series A-1926, maturing Mar. 15 1926.....	616,769,700 00	
Series B-1926, maturing Sept. 15 1926.....	449,040,100 00	
Series A-1927, maturing Dec. 15 1927.....	366,981,500 00	
Series B-1927, maturing Mar. 15 1927.....	663,699,200 00	
Treasury Certificates—		
Series TJ-1923, maturing June 15 1923.....	209,716,000 00	
Series TS-1923, maturing Sept. 15 1923.....	191,058,000 00	
Series TS2-1923, maturing Sept. 15 1923.....	154,170,500 00	
Series TD-1923, maturing Dec. 15 1923.....	197,233,500 00	
Series TM-1924, maturing Mar. 15 1924.....	321,196,000 00	
Treasury (War) Savings Securities—		
War Savings Certificates:		
Series 1919 <i>a</i>	\$50,746,386 93	
Series 1920 <i>a</i>	22,347,259 33	
Series 1921 <i>a</i>	13,575,716 53	
Treasury Savings Certificates:		
Series 1921, Issue of Dec. 15 1921 <i>b</i>	1,912,431 20	
Series 1922, Issue of Dec. 15 1921 <i>b</i>	105,824,114 25	
Series 1922, Issue of Sept. 30 1922 <i>b</i>	18,706,875 91	
Series 1923, Issue of Sept. 30 1922 <i>b</i>	112,995,172 47	
Thrift and Treasury Savings Stamps, Unclassified sales, &c.....	4,838,864 50	
	330,946,821 12	
Total interest-bearing debt.....	\$22,185,048,251 12	

Debt Bearing No Interest—	
United States notes.....	\$346,681,016 00
Less gold reserve.....	152,979,025 63
	\$193,701,990 37
Deposits for retirement of national bank notes and Federal Reserve bank notes.....	48,916,006 50
Old demand notes and fractional currency.....	2,050,494 18
Debt on which interest has ceased.....	244,668,491 05
	c200,512,430 26
Total gross debt.....	\$22,630,229,172 43

a Net cash receipts. *b* Net redemption value of certificates outstanding. *c* Includes \$39,067,000 principal amount of 4½% Victory notes called for redemption Dec. 15 1922 and \$157,335,800 principal amount matured May 20 1923.

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

	Mar. 1 1923. \$	April 1 1923. \$	May 1 1923. \$	June 1 1923. \$
Holdings in U. S. Treasury.				
Net gold coin and bullion.....	356,037,986	367,219,795	350,532,045	336,283,604
Net silver coin and bullion.....	37,497,380	36,110,394	37,598,051	38,181,929
Net United States notes.....	3,692,509	2,127,624	1,890,728	1,378,026
Net national bank notes.....	16,791,999	15,326,703	15,540,844	12,305,456
Net Fed'l Reserve notes.....	2,856,398	2,217,546	2,171,383	1,739,415
Net Fed'l Res. bank notes.....	543,549	565,790	467,707	330,683
Net subsidiary silver.....	12,530,193	12,370,959	12,467,170	12,302,962
Minor coin, &c.....	7,088,989	5,036,457	9,007,988	5,332,250
Total cash in Treasury.....	437,039,003	440,975,268	429,675,916	408,854,927
Less gold reserve fund.....	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026
Cash balance in Treasury.....	284,059,977	287,996,242	276,696,890	255,875,899
Dep. in spec. depositories:				
Acct. certs. of indet.....	126,273,000	412,350,000	308,656,000	247,800,000
Dep. in Fed'l Res. banks.....	56,861,723	103,824,049	67,805,300	44,980,905
Dep. in national banks:				
To credit Treas. U. S.....	8,643,353	8,863,075	7,934,104	8,819,296
To credit disb. officers.....	21,249,619	20,390,793	21,807,019	20,800,550
Cash in Philippine Islands.....	1,141,828	917,322	1,321,632	1,217,586
Deposits in foreign depts.....	217,085	494,535	439,318	876,994
Net cash in Treasury and in banks.....	498,446,609	834,836,016	682,661,263	580,371,230
Deduct current liabilities.....	306,196,136	304,711,717	289,538,309	278,487,323
Available cash balance.....	192,250,473	530,124,298	393,122,954	301,883,908

* Includes June 1, \$21,374,577 silver bullion and \$2,952,116 05 minor coins &c., not included in statement "Stock of Money."

Public Debt of United States—Completed Return Showing Net Debt as of March 31 1923.

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States as officially issued Mar. 31 1923, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, making comparison with the same date in 1922.

CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS.

	Mar. 31 1923.	Mar. 31 1922.
Balance end month by daily statement, &c.	\$530,124,298	\$371,401,788
Add or Deduct—Excess or deficiency of receipts over or under disbursements on belated items	—4,051,970	—5,627,538
	\$526,072,328	\$365,774,250
Deduct outstanding obligations:		
Treasury warrants	\$3,429,791	\$3,700,210
Matured interest obligations	58,990,992	62,035,394
Disbursing officers' checks	70,832,009	73,311,103
Discount accrued on War Savings Certificates	70,459,763	122,559,186
Total	\$203,712,555	\$261,605,893
Balance, deficit (—) or surplus (+)	+\$322,359,773	+\$104,168,357

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT OUTSTANDING.

Title of Loan—	Interest Payable.	Mar. 31 1923.	Mar. 31 1922.
2s, Consols of 1930	Q-J.	599,724,050	599,724,050
4s, Loan of 1925	Q-F.	118,489,900	118,489,900
2s of 1916-36	Q-F.	48,954,180	48,954,180
2s of 1918-38	Q-F.	25,947,400	25,947,400
3s of 1918-38	Q-M.	49,800,000	50,000,000
3s, Conversion bonds of 1947-47	Q-J.	28,894,500	28,894,500
Certificates of indebtedness	J-J.	1,109,284,700	1,559,052,000
Certificates of indebtedness under Pittman Act	J-J.	89,000,000	89,000,000
3 1/2s, First Liberty Loan, 1932-47	J-J.	1,409,999,550	1,410,043,050
4s, First Liberty Loan, converted	J-D.	10,482,000	13,494,350
4 1/2s, First Liberty Loan, converted	J-D.	527,827,100	524,895,300
4 1/2s, First Liberty Loan, second converted	J-D.	3,492,150	3,492,150
4s, Second Liberty Loan, 1927-42	M-N.	45,299,300	59,130,150
4 1/2s, Second Liberty Loan, converted	J-D.	3,222,774,600	3,252,614,650
4 1/2s, Third Liberty Loan of 1928	M-S.	3,439,483,650	3,566,726,500
4 1/2s, Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-38	A-O.	6,329,611,300	6,346,886,000
3 1/2s, Victory Liberty Loan of 1922-23	J-D.	763,954,300	295,741,950
4 1/2s, Treasury bonds of 1947-52	J-D.	800,600,550	2,325,671,000
4 1/2s, Victory Liberty Loan of 1922-23	J-D.	320,613,290	659,967,973
4s, War Savings and Thrift Stamps	Mat.	11,860,200	11,830,440
2 1/2s, Postal Savings bonds	J-J.	3,522,462,850	1,913,222,150
5 1/2s to 5 1/4s, Treasury notes	J-D.	22,389,555,570	22,904,177,693
Aggregate of interest-bearing debt		249,233,033	225,266,358
Bearing no interest		683,978,730	15,562,430
Matured, interest ceased			
Total debt		\$22,722,767,333	\$23,145,006,481
Deduct Treasury surplus or add Treasury deficit		+322,359,773	+104,168,357
Net debt		\$22,400,407,560	\$23,040,838,124

a Includes \$77,112,900 Victory 3 1/2% and 4 1/2% called notes.
c The total gross debt Mar. 31 1923 on the basis of daily Treasury statements was \$22,722,603,333 19, and the net amount of public debt redemption and receipts in transit, &c., was \$163,999 81.
d No deduction is made on account of obligations of foreign governments or other investments.

NOTE.—Issues of Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief bonds not included in the above, total issue to Mar. 31, 1923 was \$195,500 of which \$189,800 has been retired.

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities.

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

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

GOLD.		LIABILITIES—	
Assets—	\$	Gold certis. outstand'g.	\$
Gold coin	316,315,817 82	Gold fund F. R. Board	725,150,459 00
Gold bullion	3,029,733,190 85	(Act of Dec. 23 '13, as amended June 21 '17)	2,284,664,945 65
		Gold reserve	152,979,025 63
		Gold in general fund	183,304,578 39
Total	3,346,099,008 67	Total	3,346,099,008 67

Note.—Reserved against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,463,583 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes of 1890 are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.

SILVER DOLLARS.

Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Silver dollars	424,390,106 00	Silver certis. outstand'g	406,119,172 00
		Treas. notes of 1890 out.	1,463,583 00
		Silver dollars in gen. fund	16,807,351 00
Total	424,390,106 00	Total	424,390,106 00

GENERAL FUND.

Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Gold (see above)	183,304,578 39	Treasurer's checks outst.	5,144,505 05
Silver dollars (see above)	16,807,351 00	Depos. of Govt. officers:	
United States notes	1,378,626 00	P. O. Department	21,104,490 40
Federal Reserve notes	1,739,415 00	Board of trustees	
Fed. Res. bank notes	330,683 00	Postal Sav. System	
National bank notes	13,805,456 00	5% reserve, lawful money	6,579,022 80
Subsidiary silver coin	12,302,961 76	Other deposits	168,890 33
Minor coin	2,952,116 05	Comptroller of the Currency, agent for creditors of insolvent banks	2,647,254 54
Silver bullion	21,374,577 39	Postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c.	33,385,471 24
Unclassified (unsorted currency, &c.)	2,380,135 77	Deposits for Redemption of—	
Depos. in F. R. banks	44,980,905 00	Fed. Reserve notes (5% fund, gold)	171,013,780 72
Depos. in special depositories account of sales of Treasury notes	247,800,000 00	F. R. bank notes (5% fund, lawful money)	190,796 55
Depos. in foreign depositories		Net banknotes (5% fund, lawful money)	33,415,970 99
To credit Treas. U. S.	116,353 67	Retirement of additional circulating notes, Act of May 30 1908	19,380 00
To credit of other Government officers	760,640 55	Exch'ges of currency, coin, &c.	4,817,760 24
Depos. in nat'l banks	8,819,295 81		
To credit Treas. U. S.	20,800,549 82		
Depos. in Philippine Treasury			
To credit Treas. U. S.	1,217,585 16		
Total	580,371,230 37	Total	580,371,230 37

* Includes receipts from miscellaneous sources credited direct to appropriations.

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$793,452,276. Book credits for which obligations of foreign Governments are held by the United States amount to \$33,236,629 05.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913 deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made under the Acts mentioned as part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$48,916,006 05.

\$1,145,980 in Federal Reserve notes, \$298,683 in Federal Reserve bank notes and \$13,063,431 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

LAKE SUPERIOR IRON ORE SHIPMENTS.—Shipments of iron ore from Lake Superior ports during the month of May 1923 aggregated 6,671,705 tons, as against only 1,585,305 tons during the same month last year. The movement for the season to June 1 1923 stands at 6,685,889 tons as compared with but 1,721,466 tons for the corresponding period last year.

Shipments by ports for May 1923, 1922 and 1921 and for the respective seasons to June 1 were as follows:

Port—	1923.	1922.	1921.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Escanaba	929,960	177,719	72,048	944,144	217,938	72,048
Marquette	288,668	70,125	13,985	288,668	70,125	13,985
Ashland	747,104	272,134	208,390	747,104	296,689	217,539
Superior	1,793,025	669,297	730,708	1,793,025	721,684	842,556
Duluth	2,027,300	217,062	1,199,457	2,027,300	236,062	1,226,888
Two Harbors	885,648	178,968	369,439	885,648	178,968	397,222
Total	6,671,705	1,585,305	2,594,027	6,685,889	1,721,466	2,770,238

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 2670.—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.
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago	158,000	289,000	514,000	105,000	105,000	22,000
Minneapolis	1,507,000	117,000	109,000	172,000	88,000	88,000
Duluth	744,000	1,000	7,000	107,000	217,000	217,000
Millwaukee	10,000	30,000	56,000	107,000	25,000	25,000
Toledo	325,000	37,000	20,000	—	143,000	—
Detroit	24,000	24,000	52,000	—	—	—
Indianapolis	184,000	24,000	190,000	—	—	—
St. Louis	86,000	460,000	494,000	522,000	3,000	6,000
Peoria	31,000	15,000	187,000	115,000	—	6,000
Kansas City	838,000	291,000	71,000	—	—	—
Omaha	206,000	401,000	130,000	—	—	—
St. Joseph	163,000	144,000	28,000	—	—	—
Total wk. '23	285,000	4,785,000	2,507,000	2,346,000	496,000	507,000
Same wk. '22	307,000	5,758,000	8,568,000	4,565,000	745,000	540,000
Same wk. '21	336,000	7,162,000	10,201,000	5,273,000	455,000	486,000

Since Aug. 1—
1922-23.....20,660,000 378,327,000 265,211,000 198,798,000 34,806,000 46,897,000
1921-22.....18,414,000 118,303,000 342,267,000 185,793,000 26,924,000 22,128,000
1920-21.....23,693,000 312,721,000 113,775,000 200,077,000 25,595,000 17,788,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday June 2 1923 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	160,000	2,321,000	429,000	196,000	—	435,000
Philadelphia	46,000	795,000	90,000	15,000	—	—
Baltimore	18,000	433,000	173,000	25,000	—	47,000
Newport News	5,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans*	75,000	133,000	185,000	6,000	—	—
Galveston	—	154,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	60,000	5,054,000	138,000	956,000	40,000	3,000
Boston	15,000	50,000	1,000	34,000	—	—
Total wk. '23	379,000	8,940,000	1,016,000	1,232,000	40,000	485,000
Since Jan. 1 '23	10,850,000	97,103,000	30,172,000	15,886,000	4,330,000	16,276,000
Week 1922	383,000	3,935,000	2,891,000	2,461,000	342,000	1,259,000
Since Jan. 1 '22	10,475,000	73,424,000	82,204,000	26,311,000	6,372,000	11,216,000

* 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, June 21 1923, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	1,455,378	85,753	94,909	80,282	54,479	—	—
Boston	34,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	921,000	17,000	3,000	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	546,000	43,000	3,000	—	518,000	—	—
Newport News	—	—	5,000	—	—	—	—
Mobile	1,000	1,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	178,000	130,000	87,000	5,000	145,000	—	—
Galveston	284,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Montreal	4,238,000	132,000	16,000	395,000	9,000	68,000	—
Total week 1923	7,657,378	408,753	330,909	480,282	726,479	68,000	—
Week 1922	4,601,244	3,149,582	297,967	2,808,631	1,919,917	359,463	—

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 June 2 1923.	Week June 2 1923.	Week June 2 1923.
United Kingdom	Barrels. 119,429	Barrels. 5,123,482	Bushels. 2,256,392
Continental	167,510	6,782,235	90,369,630
So. & Cent. Amer.	1,000	498,332	201,207,734
West Indies	27,000	1,411,800	420,000
Brit. No. Am. Cois.	—	4,000	33,000
Other Countries	15,970	940,075	36,000
Total 1923	330,909	14,759,925	408,753
Total 1922	297,967	13,488,529	4,601,244

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

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1922-23.		1921-22.	1922-23.		1921-22.
	Week June 1.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week June 1.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Russ. & Den.	9,660,000	411,999,000	381,660,000	555,000	86,230,000	146,718,000
Argentina.	4,000	6,859,000	4,504,000	136,000	6,293,000	13,981,000
Australia.	3,190,000	129,783,000	99,515,000	2,944,000	108,380,000	108,819,000
India.	592,000	44,428,000	107,144,000	-----	-----	-----
Oth. countr's	848,000	12,524,000	712,000	-----	-----	-----
Total.	14,330,000	605,593,000	593,535,000	3,635,000	205,654,000	281,796,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, June 2, was as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
United States—					
New York	445,000	134,000	562,000	278,000	71,000
Boston	5,000	9,000	33,000	2,000	-----
Philadelphia	433,000	62,000	978,000	17,000	2,000
Baltimore	212,000	302,000	132,000	354,000	40,000
New Orleans	915,000	178,000	171,000	69,000	7,000
Galveston	767,000	-----	-----	87,000	-----
Buffalo	1,009,000	658,000	298,000	1,446,000	265,000
Toledo	476,000	83,000	267,000	147,000	45,000
-----	90,000	-----	-----	11,000	-----
Detroit	14,000	24,000	39,000	11,000	-----
Chicago	2,446,000	3,842,000	2,819,000	912,000	162,000
Sioux City	368,000	74,000	262,000	41,000	16,000
Milwaukee	96,000	44,000	373,000	80,000	34,000
Duluth	7,164,000	2,000	584,000	8,517,000	326,000
St. Joseph, Mo.	697,000	96,000	61,000	1,000	4,000
Minneapolis	12,257,000	20,000	5,780,000	3,970,000	288,000
St. Louis	393,000	144,000	223,000	120,000	2,000
Kansas	3,107,000	218,000	295,000	147,000	-----
Peoria	-----	15,000	57,000	-----	-----
Indianapolis	94,000	321,000	77,000	-----	-----
Omaha	1,322,000	120,000	503,000	78,000	8,000
On Lakes	414,000	102,000	-----	-----	-----
On Canal and River	119,000	285,000	-----	257,000	-----
Total June 2 1923	32,980,000	6,734,000	13,514,000	16,545,000	1,273,000
Total May 26 1923	34,191,000	9,394,000	14,485,000	16,694,000	1,402,000
Total June 3 1922	26,341,000	27,046,000	47,952,000	4,358,000	1,302,000
Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 115,000 bushels; Baltimore, 37,000; Duluth, 67,000; total, 219,000 bushels, against 1,077,000 bushels in 1922. Barley, New York, 465,000 bushels; Buffalo, 113,000; Buffalo afloat, 124,000; Duluth, 151,000; On Lakes, 124,000; total, 977,000 bushels, against 514,000 bushels in 1922. Wheat, New York, 73,000 bushels; Boston, 76,000; Philadelphia, 169,000; Baltimore, 238,000; Buffalo, 416,000; Buffalo afloat, 437,000; Duluth, 317,000; Toledo, 27,000; Chicago, 259,000; On Lakes, 641,000; total, 7,653,000 bushels, against 4,319,000 bushels in 1922.					
Canadian—					
Montreal	3,259,000	949,000	1,006,000	612,000	474,000
Ft. William & Ft. Arthur	21,648,000	-----	4,792,000	-----	3,790,000
Other Canadian	2,038,000	-----	1,187,000	-----	471,000
Total June 2 1923	26,995,000	949,000	6,985,000	612,000	4,735,000
Total May 26 1923	32,551,000	1,115,000	6,863,000	397,000	4,368,000
Total June 3 1922	26,348,000	1,707,000	5,447,000	571,000	1,738,000
Summary—					
American	32,980,000	6,734,000	13,514,000	16,545,000	1,273,000
Canadian	26,995,000	949,000	6,985,000	612,000	4,735,000
Total June 2 1923	59,975,000	7,683,000	20,499,000	17,157,000	6,008,000
Total May 26 1923	66,842,000	10,509,000	21,348,000	17,091,000	5,770,000
Total June 3 1922	52,689,000	28,753,000	53,399,000	4,923,000	3,040,000

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

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

May 29—The Riverside National Bank of Buffalo, New York. Capital, \$200,000.
Correspondent, Charles G. Barth, 710 Erie Co. Bank Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT RECEIVED.

May 31—The Bridgeport National Bank, Bridgeport, Texas. Conversion of the Bridgeport State Bank, Bridgeport, Texas. \$25,000
June 1—The Safe Deposit National Bank of New Bedford, Mass. 350,000
Conversion of the New Bedford Safe Deposit & Trust Co.
June 1—The First National Bank of Paradise, Texas. 25,000
Conversion of the Paradise State Bank, Paradise, Texas.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

May 28—12382 The Leonard National Bank, Leonard, Texas. \$50,000
Conversion of the First State Bank of Leonard, Texas.
President, O. S. Ferguson; Cashier, H. S. Melton.
May 28—12383 National Bank of America in Paterson, N. J. 300,000
President, W. E. Walter; Cashier, F. P. Hofmayer.
May 29—12384 The First National Bank of Hope, Kansas. 25,000
Conversion of the Peoples State Bank, Hope, Kansas.
President, B. A. Flack; Cashier, E. T. Nelson.
May 29—12385 Pasadena National Bank, Pasadena, Calif. 100,000
President, Doane Merrill; Cashier, Walter B. Lower.
May 29—12386 The First National Bank of Riverside, Ill. 50,000
President, Joseph Harrington; Cashier, J. R. Osterberg.
June 1—12387 The Merchants & Miners National Bank of Ironwood, Mich. 100,000
Conversion of the Merchants & Miners State Bank, Ironwood, Mich.
Cashier, F. J. Jeppesen.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

May 28—11568 The Guaranty National Bank of Porum, Okla. \$25,000
Effective April 28 1923.
Liquidating Agent, J. C. Rhodes, Porum, Okla.
Absorbed by the American State Bank of Porum, Okla.
May 31—9751 The Citizens National Bank of Corinth, Miss. 50,000
Effective May 25 1923. Liquidating Agents, First National Bank of Corinth, Miss. Absorbed by the First National Bank of Corinth, No. 9094. Liability for circulation will not be assumed under Section 5223, U. S. R. S.
June 1—11481 The Southwest National Bank of Oklahoma City, Okla. 250,000
Effective June 1 1923. Liquidating Committee, C. H. Wright, G. A. Nichols, J. B. Klein and D. Replogle, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Absorbed by First National Bank in Oklahoma City, Okla., No. 4862. The liquidating bank has no circulation.

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

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

Shares.	Stocks.	Price.	Shares.	Stocks.	Price.
100 American Paper Goods, com-	mon.	\$103 per share	5 Central States Electric Corp.	7% cum. pref.	\$68 per share
5,000 Captive Inca Mining.	-----	\$1 lot	Bonds.	-----	-----
500 Insular Lumber, common.	\$500 lot	-----	\$1,500 American Title & Trust 5% certificates.	-----	\$13 lot
10 Exchange Bank of Savannah, Ga.	-----	\$150 per share	\$1,000 Oregon Electric Ry. 5s, 1933.	47%	-----
150 Interstate Electric Corp. 7% cumulative pref.	-----	\$25 per share	\$1,000 Northw. Ohio Lt. 6s, 1955.	91%	-----

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

Shares.	Stocks.	Price.	Shares.	Stocks.	Price.
30 Second National Bank, Boston.	330 1/4	-----	30 Hood Rubber, preferred.	103 1/2	-----
9 Nat. Shawmut Bank, Boston.	213	-----	30 Boston Woven Hose & Rubber, common.	85 1/2	-----
5 American Trust Co., Boston.	335 1/4	-----	15 Charlestown Gas & El., par \$50	131	-----
5 Commonw. Trust Co., Boston.	123 1/2	-----	29 rights Cambridge Elec. Secur. 9 1/4	3 1/2	-----
10 York Manufacturing Co.	122 1/2	-----	1 Plymouth Cordage.	105 1/2	-----
5 Ludlow Mfg. Associates.	146	-----	125 Carr Fastener Co., par \$25.	32	-----
9 Converse Rubber Shoe, pref.	87	-----	1,680 Direct Importing Co. 1st pf.	\$10 lot	-----
3 rights Cambridge Elec. Secur.	9 1/4	-----			
3 W. L. Douglas Shoe, pref.	96 1/2-97	-----			

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Shares.	Stocks.	Price.	Shares.	Stocks.	Price.
1 Nat. Shawmut Bank, Boston.	212	-----	5 Boston Wharf Co.	108	-----
4 Ludlow Mfg. Associates.	146	-----	10 American Glue, common.	54 1/2	-----
6 Peppercell Mfg. Co.	140-139 1/2	-----	12 Commonw. Gas & El., common.	2 1/2	-----
2 Tremont & Suffolk Mills.	139 1/2	-----	5 Commonw. Gas & El., pref.	70	-----

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Shares.	Stocks.	Price.	Shares.	Stocks.	Price.
27 Mine Hill & Schuylkill Hav RR.	51 1/2	-----	10 Abbotts Alderney Dairies, 1st pf	95	-----
20 United Gas Improv't, com.	50	-----	10 Hare & Chase, pref.	15	-----
4 Philadelphia Bourse, common.	14 1/2	-----	5 Hare & Chase, com.	10	-----
6 Philadelphia Bourse, common.	14 1/2	-----	Bonds.	-----	-----
5 Philadelphia Bourse, pref.	24 1/2	-----	\$129,000 Cienfuegos Palmira & Cru-	ces Electric Ry. & Power 6s.	1 1/2
6 Corn Exchange National Bank.	420	-----	\$1,000 Cleve. & Erie Ry. 5s, 1929.	2	-----
2 Corn Exchange National Bank.	420	-----	\$1,000 Wilkes-Barre & Hazleton RR. 5s, 1951.	35	-----
3 52d St. State Bank, par \$50.	50	-----	\$3,000 American Purchase Sales Corp. 8s, 1926.	\$100 lot	-----
58 Philadelphia National Bank.	400	-----	\$1,000 Coca-Cola Bott. & Dis. 8s, 1931.	90 1/2	-----
1 First Nat. Bk. of Philadelphia.	270	-----	\$500 Springfield Water Co. 5s, 1926.	94 1/2	-----
37 Fourth St. National Bank.	340 1/2	-----	\$1,000 Hotel Traymore of Atlantic City, N. J., 6s, 1927.	100	-----
10 Middle City Bank, par \$50.	57	-----	Power 4 1/2s, 1954.	73	-----
10 Broad St. Trust Co., par \$50.	70	-----	\$15,000 Spokane & Inland Empire RR. 5s, 1926, certif. of deposit.	42 1/2	-----
10 Penna. Co. for Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities.	580	-----	\$25,000 Twin Falls Oakley Land & Water Co. 5s, 1946, certif. of dep.	6 1/2	-----
10 Mutual Trust Co., par \$50.	62	-----	\$32,500 Atlantic City & Shore Co. 4s, 1940.	11	-----
27 Glenside Trust Co., par \$50.	58 1/2	-----	\$1,000 Beneficial Loan Soc. 6s, 1939.	90	-----
95 Northwestern Trust, par \$50.	326	-----			
11 Fidelity Trust Co.	507 1/2	-----			
11 Smith, Kline & French, pref.	Lot	-----			
10 Smith, Kline & French, com.	\$1,700	-----			
3 Fire Association.	338 1/2	-----			
2 Southwestern Nat.	140	-----			
5 Camden Fire Ins. Ass'n, par \$5	11 1/4	-----			
7 Janney & Burrough, 1st pref.	1	-----			

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:

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, preferred.	2 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 29a
Bangor & Aroostook, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville, com.	1 1/2	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30
Preferred	2	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30
Chicago & North Western, com.	2 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred	3 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 15a
Chic. St. Paul Minn. & Omaha, com.	2 1/2	Aug. 20	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Preferred	3 1/2	Aug. 20	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Lehigh Valley, common (quar.)	87 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16
Little Schuylkill Nav., RR. & Coal.	*\$1.25	July 14	*Holders of rec. July 15
Pere Marquette, com. (quar.) (No. 1)	1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Prior preference (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14a
Rensselaer & Saratoga.	4	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16 to July 1
Western Pacific, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 20
Public Utilities.			
All-American Cables (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 14	*Holders of rec. June 30
American Public Service, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 15
Brazilian Trac. L. & Pow., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Central States Electric Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 9
Cincinnati & Sub. Bell Telep. (quar.)	*\$1	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 29
Cleveland Railway (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 11
Columbus Elec. & Power, com. (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 11
First preferred, Series A (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 11
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 11
Dayton Power & Light, com.	*2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20
Detroit Edison (quar.)	2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 20a
Duluth Superior Traction, pref. (quar.)	*2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Electric Light & Power of Abington & Rockland (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 22a
El Paso Electric Co., preferred	75c.	July 9	Holders of rec. June 20a
Federal Light & Traction, common.	75c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Common (payable in preferred stock)	m75c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
General Gas & Elec. Corp., pref. A (quar.)	\$2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Manufacturers L. & Heat, Pittsb. (quar.)	*2	July 14	Holders of rec. June 15
Mississippi River Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Monongahela-West Penn. Pub. Serv., pf.	*37 1/2	July 7	*Holders of rec. June 15
Penn. Central Light & Pow., com. (quar.)	*37 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
Extra	*10c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (extra)	*10c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
Public Service Corp., common (quar.)	\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15
Reading Traction.	*75c.	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 15
Shawmut Water & Power (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 10	*Holders of rec. June 22
Southern Canada Power, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 15	*Holders of rec. June 30
Springfield Ry. & Light, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Toledo Edison Co., preferred (quar.)	*2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Twin City Rap. Tran., Minneap., com.	3	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16
Union Traction, Philadelphia.	\$1.50	July 2	Holders of rec. June 9
United Light & Rys., partic. pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Utilities Securities, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 27	*Holders of rec. June 16
York Railways, common (quar.)	*50c.	July 16	*Holders of rec. July 5a
Preferred (quar.)	*82 1/2	July 31	*Holders of rec. July 21a



Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Banks.			
American Bank of (quar.)	*3	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 30
Amer. Exch. Secur. Corp., cl. A (qu.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 16
Chase National (quar.)	4	July 2	Holders of rec. June 18a
Chase Securities Corp. (quar.)	\$1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 18a
Chesapeake & Phenix National (quar.)	4	July 2	June 17 to July 1
Columbia	5	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20
Fifth Avenue (quar.)	6	July 2	Holders of rec. June 30a
First Nat. City	20	July 2	Holders of rec. June 30a
Manhattan Co., Bank of the (quar.)	3	July 2	Holders of rec. June 22a
Extra	1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 22a
National City (quar.)	4	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16
National City Company (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16
Extra	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16
Public National (quar.)	4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 23
Seaboard National (quar.)	3	July 2	Holders of rec. June 25
Extra	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 25
State (quar.)	*4	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 18
Trust Companies.			
Banks (quar.)	5	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Bank of New York & Trust Co. (quar.)	5	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Guaranty (quar.)	3	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15
United States (quar.)	*12½	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 21
Fire Insurance.			
Rossia Insurance of America	*\$1.50	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 15
Miscellaneous.			
Adams Express (quar.)	*\$1.25	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 15
Allis-Chalmers Mfg., pref. (quar.)	*1¼	July 16	*Holders of rec. June 23
American Bank Note, preferred (quar.)	75c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
American Car & Fdy., com. (quar.)	3	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
American Cigar, preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
American Express (quar.)	*\$1.50	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 14
American Fork & Hoe, com. (quar.)	1	June 15	Holders of rec. June 5
American Lumber Manufacturing (quar.)	2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15
American Snuff, common (quar.)	3	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
American Steel Foundries, com. (quar.)	*75c.	July 14	*Holders of rec. July 2
Preferred (quar.)	*1¼	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 15
Amer. Wholesale Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1¼	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20
Associated Oil (quar.)	*1¼	July 25	*Holders of rec. June 30
Bassick-Alumite Corp., com. (quar.)	*50c.	-----	*Holders of rec. June 20
Borden Company, common	4	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Butte & Superior Mining (quar.)	*50c.	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 15
Canadian Connect. Cot. Mills, pf. (qu.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Central Coal & Coke, com. (quar.)	*1¼	July 15	*Holders of rec. June 30
Preferred (quar.)	*1¼	July 15	*Holders of rec. June 30
Certain-teed Products, 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	*1¼	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 19
Chandler Motor Car (quar.)	*\$1.50	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 20
Chicago Nipple Mfg., Class A	20c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10
Clecutt, Peabody & Co., Inc., pref. (qu.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20
Coca-Cola Co., preferred	3½	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Cuyamel Fruit (No. 1)	*\$1	June 28	*Holders of rec. June 15
Dominion Oil (quar.)	*20c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 10
Dominion Textile, common (quar.)	\$1	July 3	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 30
Dunham (James H.) Co., com. (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 18
First preferred (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 18
Second preferred (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 18
Elec. Storage Battery, com. & pf. (qu.)	\$1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16
Elliott-Fisher Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Common, series B (quar.)	\$1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Endicott-Johnson Corp., com. (quar.)	*\$1.25	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16
Equity Petroleum Corp., pref. (quar.)	3	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30
Fisher Body, Ohio Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
General Amer. Tank Car, common	*\$1.50	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
General Baking, com. (quar.)	*1¼	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 20a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20a
Goodyear Tire & Rubber, prior pf. (qu.)	*2	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 15
Great Lakes Towing, common (quar.)	*1¼	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1¼	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 15
Greenfield Tap & Die, 6% pref. (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 15
Eight per cent pref. (quar.)	*2	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 15
Gulf Oil (quar.)	*\$37½c	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20
Hanes (F. H.) Knitting Co., pref. (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20
Helme (George W.) Co., com. (quar.)	3	July 2	Holders of rec. June 18
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 18
Hercules Powder, com. (quar.)	1¼	June 25	Holders of rec. June 24
Homestake Mining (monthly)	50c.	June 25	Holders of rec. June 20
Hood Rubber, com. (quar.)	*\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 21 to July 1
Imperial Oil, common (quar.)	*25c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 10
Preferred (quar.)	*20c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 10
Indian Head Mills of Alabama	5	June 15	Holders of rec. June 12a
Ingersoll-Rand Co., preferred	*3	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 16
International Shoe, common (quar.)	*75c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
Internat. silver, pref. (quar.)	1¼	July 1	June 16 to July 1
Preferred (acct. accum. divs.)	1¼	July 1	June 16 to July 1
Intertype Corp., 1st pref. (quar.)	*2	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 15
Second preferred	*3	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 15
Jordan Motor Car, preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Kelly Springfield Tire, pref. (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Kelsey Wheel, com. (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
King Philip Mills (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 20
Kress (S. H.) Co., pref. (quar.)	*1¼	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. June 20
Liggett International, com. A. & B. (qu.)	*1¼	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 15
Lone Star Gas (quar.)	*1¼	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 20
Extra	*1¼	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 20
Loose-Wiles Biscuit, 1st pref. (quar.)	1¼	July 1	Holders of rec. June 16a
Second preferred (acct. accum. divs.)	*7	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 18a
Lorillard (P.) Co., common (quar.)	3	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20
Magor Car Corporation, com. (quar.)	25c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20
Mallinson (H. R.) & Co., inc., pf. (qu.)	\$1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20a
Manhattan Electric Supply (qu.)	\$1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 18
Manhattan Shirt, preferred (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 20
Marland Oil (quar.)	*\$1	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 16
Merck & Co., preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Metropolitan Brick, preferred (quar.)	*4	July 20	*Holders of rec. June 30
Mexican Petroleum, common (quar.)	*2	July 20	*Holders of rec. June 30
Preferred (quar.)	20c.	July 20	Holders of rec. June 15a
Mountain Producers Corp. (quar.)	10c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Extra	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
National Breweries, common (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 15
National Supply Co. of Del., pf. (qu.)	*50c.	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 20
Newblock Oil (quar.)	1¼	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 15
New York Steam Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	July 14	Holders of rec. June 15
New York Transit (quar.)	3	July 20	Holders of rec. June 17
Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd. (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Orpheum Circuit, preferred (quar.)	*75c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
Owens Bottle, common (quar.)	*1¼	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 3	Holders of rec. June 15
Pan-Am. Petrol. & Transp., com. (qu.)	*\$2	July 20	*Holders of rec. June 30
Common class B (quar.)	*50c.	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 20
Parke, Davis & Co. (quar.)	*75c.	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 20
Extra	*1¼	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 20
Pennett (J. C.) Co., preferred (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 21
Pettibone-Mulliken Co., 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	*1¼	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 21

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Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Postum Cereal, common (quar.)	*75c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
Common (payable in common stock)	*\$100	June 19	*Holders of rec. June 18
Preferred (quar.)	*2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
Ranger Texas Oil (quar.)	*2c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 10
Reynolds (R. J.) Tob., com. A. & B. (qu.)	*75c.	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 18
Preferred (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 18
Royal Baking Powder, common (quar.)	*2	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1¼	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 15
Royal Dutch Co.	*16½	-----	-----
St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	25c.	June 20	June 10 to June 20
Extra	25c.	June 20	June 10 to June 20
St. Louis Ry. & Pac., com. (qu.)	1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 16a
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	June 20	*Holders of rec. June 16a
Sayers & Scoville Co., com. (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 20
Common (extra)	*1¼	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 20
Shell Union Oil, common (quar.)	25c.	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 14
Simmons Company, common (quar.)	*25c.	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 15
Tecumseh Mills (quar.)	*1¼	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 20
Tennessee Copper & Chemical (quar.)	25c.	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30a
Thompson-Starrett Co., common	4	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20
Texas Chief Oil	*20c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 10
United States Tobacco, common (quar.)	75c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 18
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 18
Universal Leaf Tobacco, common	3	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20
Preferred	3	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20
U. S. Worsted, 1st pref.	*\$81.50	July 1	*Holders of rec. July 9
Vulcan Detinning, preferred (quar.)	*1¼	July 20	*Holders of rec. July 9
New 7% cumulative preferred (quar.)	*1¼	July 20	*Holders of rec. July 9
Ward (Edgar T.) Sons Co., pref. (qu.)	1¼	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20
West Point Manufacturing	4	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Western Electric, common (quar.)	\$2.50	June 29	Holders of rec. June 27a
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a

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.

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Railroads (Steam).			
Alabama Great Southern, ordinary	3½	June 28	Holders of rec. May 25
Preferred	3½	Aug. 16	Holders of rec. July 13
Albany & Susquehanna	4½	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Atlanta & West Point	3	June 30	June 21 to July 1
Atlantic Coast Line RR., common	3½	July 10	Holders of rec. June 18a
Beech Creek (quar.)	50c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Boston & Albany (quar.)	2½	June 30	Holders of rec. May 31a
Buffalo & Susquehanna, common (quar.)	1¼	June 30	June 16 to July 1
Common (extra)	2½	June 30	June 16 to July 1
Preferred (quar.)	2½	June 30	June 16 to July 1
Canadian Pacific, common (quar.)	2½	June 30	Holders of rec. June 1
Chesapeake & Ohio, common	2½	July 1	Holders of rec. June 8a
Preferred	3½	July 1	Holders of rec. June 8a
Chicago & Burlington & Quincy	3½	June 25	Holders of rec. June 19a
Chicago Rock Island & Pac., 6% pref.	3	June 30	Holders of rec. June 8a
7% preferred	3½	June 30	Holders of rec. June 8a
Cin. N. O. & Texas Pacific, com.	3	June 26	Holders of rec. June 8a
Common (extra)	3½	June 26	Holders of rec. June 8a
Colorado & Southern, 1st preferred	2	June 30	June 20 to July 1
Delaware & Hudson Co. (quar.)	2½	June 20	Holders of rec. May 28a
Erie & Pittsburgh (quar.)	1¼	June 9	Holders of rec. May 31a
Fonda, Johnstown & Glov., pref. (qu.)	1½	June 15	Holders of rec. June 11a
Hocking Valley	2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 8a
Illinois Central, leased lines	2	July 1	June 12 to July 4
Lackawanna RR. of N. J. (quar.)	1	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 9a
Louisville & Nashville	2½	Aug. 10	Holders of rec. July 17a
Louisiana & Northwest (quar.)	1½	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Mobile & Birmingham, preferred	2	July 2	June 2 to July 1
Morris & Essex	\$1.75	July 2	June 8 to June 27
New York & Harlem, com. & pref.	\$2.50	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
N. Y. Lackawanna & Western (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 14a
Norfolk & Western, com. (quar.)	1¼	June 19	Holders of rec. May 31a
Pittsb. Ft. Wayne & Chic., com. (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 11a
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 3	Holders of rec. June 11a
Pittsb. McKeesp. & Youghiogheny	\$1.50	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Reading Company, 1st pref. (quar.)	50c.	June 14	Holders of rec. May 28a
Second preferred (quar.)	50c.	July 12	Holders of rec. June 25a
St. Louis Southwestern, pref. (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16a
Sharon Railway (semi-annual)	\$1.37½	Sept. 1	Aug. 22 to Aug. 31
Southern Pacific (quar.)	1½	July 2	Holders of rec. May 31a
Union Pacific, com. (quar.)	2½	July 2	Holders of rec. June 1a
United N. J. R.R. & Canal Cos. (quar.)	2½	July 10	June 21 to June 30
Valley R.R. (New York)	2½	July 2	Holders of rec. June 21a
Western Ry. of Alabama	3	June 30	June 21 to July 1
Public Utilities.			
Amer. Telephone & Telegraph (quar.)	2¼	July 16	Holders of rec. June 20a
Associated Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	85c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15
Bangor Ry. & Elec., pref. (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 9
Brooklyn Union Gas (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 14a
Central Ill. Pub. Serv., pref. (quar.)	1¼	July 14	Holders of rec. June 30a
Citizens Passenger Ry., Phila. (quar.)	\$3.50	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
Colorado Power, com. (quar.)	1¼	June 15	Holders of rec. June 30
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31
Columbus Ry., Pow. & Lt., com. (qu.)	1¼	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Common (quar.)	1	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 16a
Common (quar.)	1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Preferred, Series A (quar.)	1½	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred, Series A (quar.)	1½	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Preferred, Series A (quar.)	1½	Jan 24	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Preferred, Series B	1¼	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a
Preferred, Series B	2¼	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a
Consol. Gas El. L. & P. Balt., com. (qu.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred Series A (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred Series B (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Consolidated Gas of N. Y., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	June 15	Holders of rec. June 10a
Preferred (quar.)	*\$7½c	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. May 10a
Consumers Power (Mich.), 7% pref. (qu.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
El Paso Elec. Co., com. (quar.)	2½	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Equitable Ill. Gas Light of Phila., pref	3	June 15	Holders of rec. June 8a
Frankl. & Southwark Pass. Ry. (quar.)	\$4.50	July 1	June 2 to July 1
Huntingtown Pass. Ry., Phila. (quar.)	\$1.31	July 3	Holders of rec. June 12a
Illinois Bell Telephone & Gas, pref. (quar.)	1¼	June 2	Holders of rec. June 11
Illinois Bell Telephone (quar.)	2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 29a
Kansas City Pow. & Lt., 1st pt. A. (qu.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16a
Kansas City Pow. Securities, com. (qu.)	\$2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	July 2	Holders of rec. June 30
Kentucky Securities Corp., common	1½	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1½	June 16	Holders of rec. June 20a
Laclede Gas Light, common (quar.)	2½	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Preferred	2½	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Mackay Companies, common (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 6a
Manila Electric Co., common (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 18
Midvale St. Ry., San Fran., prior pt. (qu.)	1½	July 2	Holders of rec. June 9a
Midvale St. Ry., Utilities, prior lien (quar.)	1¼	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31
Montana Power, common (quar.)	1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 13a
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 13a
New England Tele. & Teleg. (quar.)	2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 11a
Newport News & Hampton Ry., Gas & Electric, pref. (quar.)	1¼	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
New York Telephone, pref. (quar.)	1½	July 16	Holders of rec. June 20a
Niagara Falls Power, common (quar.)	1¼	July 16	Holders of rec. June 8
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30a
North Shore Gas, preferred (quar.)	1¼	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20
Preferred (quar.)	1¼	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20

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Public Utilities (Concluded).				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Northern Ohio Tr. & Lt. 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15	Crescent Pipe Line (quar.)	37 1/2	June 15	May 26 to June 15
Seven per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15	Crucible Steel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Northwestern Telegraph	\$1.50	July 1	June 16 to July 1	Cuban American Sugar, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Ohio Bell Telephone, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a	Dalton Adding Machine, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	June 21 to July 2
Pennsylvania Water & Power (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a	Davis Mills (quar.)	1 1/2	June 28	Holders of rec. June 9a
Philadelphia Electric, common (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 18a	Davol Mills (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 25a
Preferred (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 18a	Detroit & Cleveland Navigation (quar.)	\$1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Rochester & Syracuse, pref. (quar.)	*1	June 15	*Holders of rec. June 1	Detroit & Class, com. & pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 3	Holders of rec. June 15
San Joaquin L. & P. Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31	Dominion Iron & Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Prior preferred (quar.)	\$3 1/2	July 1	June 2 to July 1	Dominion Stores, Ltd., common	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1
Second & 3d Sts. Pass. Ry., Phila. (qu.)	62 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. June 30	Douglas-Pectin Corp. (quar.) (No. 1)	25c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Standard Gas & Electric, com. (No. 1)	2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31	Draper Corporation (quar.)	3	July 2	Holders of rec. June 2
Pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 9	du Pont (E.I.) de Nem. & Co., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 5a
Tennessee Electric Power, 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 9	Debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	July 25	Holders of rec. July 10a
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 9	du Pont (E.I.) de Nem., Powd., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
Tri-City Ry. & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20a
Union Passenger Ry., Phila.	\$4 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15	Eastman Kodak, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	July 2	Holders of rec. May 31a
United Gas Improvement, pref. (quar.)	87 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a	Common (extra)	75c.	July 2	Holders of rec. May 31a
United Light & Railways				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. May 31
Participating preferred (extra)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a	Eaton Axle & Spring (No. 1)	65c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Participating preferred (extra)	1 1/2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Eisenlohr (Otto) & Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20a
Participating preferred (extra)	1 1/2	Jan 2'24	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Elk Horn Coal Corp., preferred	75c.	June 11	Holders of rec. June 1
United Light & Rys., common (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15a	Famous Players-Lasky Corp., com. (qu.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Common (extra)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15a	Federal Mining & Smelt, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 26a
6% first pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a	Fleishmann Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Virginia Ry. & Power, preferred	3	July 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Common (extra)	50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
West Penn Co., common (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a	Common (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
West Penn Ry., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1	Common (extra)	50c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
West Philadelphia Passenger Ry	\$5	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15	Common (quar.)	50c.	Jan 1'24	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Worcester Electric Light	\$3	June 30	June 21 to July 1	Foundation Co., common (quar.)	\$1.50	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Extra	\$8	June 30	June 21 to July 1	Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	June 30	Holders of rec. May 31a
Banks.				Galena-Signal Oil com. (quar.)	\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. May 31a
Commerce, National Bank of (quar.)	3	July 3	Holders of rec. June 15a	Old and new pref. (quar.)	2	June 30	Holders of rec. May 31a
Fire Insurance				General Cigar, debenture pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 25a
North River (quar.)	75c.	June 15	June 10 to June 15	General Electric (quar.)	2	July 14	Holders of rec. June 8a
Miscellaneous.				Special stock (quar.)	15c.	July 14	Holders of rec. June 8a
Advance-Rumely, pref. (quar.)	*75c.	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 15	General Motors Corp., com. (quar.)	30c.	June 12	Holders of rec. May 21a
Alhbeck Mining	\$1.50	June 15	Holders of rec. May 2	Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 9a
Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a	Six per cent debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 9a
Amalgamated Sugar, preferred	\$10	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a	Seven per cent debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 9a
American Art Works, com. & pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 30a	General Railway Signal, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20
American Bakery, com. (quar.)	1	June 15	Holders of rec. June 2	Gien Alden Coal	\$2	June 20	Holders of rec. June 15
Amer. Beet Sugar, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 9a	Globe Soap, com. (quar.)	1	June 15	June 1 to June 15
Amer. Car & Foundry, common (quar.)	3	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a	First, second and special pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 10	Holders of rec. May 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a	Globe-Wernicke Co., common (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 2	Holders of rec. June 30
American Can, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 13a	Gold & Stock Telegraph (quar.)	2	June 10	Holders of rec. May 31a
American Locomotive, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 8a	Golden Cycle Mining & Reduct. (qu.)	2	June 10	Holders of rec. June 21a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 8a	Gould & B. F. Co. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20
American Machine & Foundry (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 1a	Gossard (H. W.) Co., com. (monthly)	25c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20
Quarterly	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a	Common (monthly)	25c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20
Quarterly	1 1/2	Jan 1'24	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a	Common (monthly)	25c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 20
American Pneumatic Service, 2d pref.	50c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 9	Grasselli Chemical, com. (quar.)	2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
American Radiator, common (quar.)	\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Amer. Rolling Mill, com. (quar.)	*50c.	July 15	*Holders of rec. June 30	Great Atl. & Pacific Tea, com. (quar.)	75c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	Great Western Sugar, com. (quar.)	\$1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Amer. Sales Book, common	\$1	July 3	Holders of rec. June 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15a	Greenfield Tap & Die, pref. (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
American Stores (payable in stock)	\$700	June 15	May 29 to June 15	Guantanamo Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Amer. Sugar Refining, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 1a	Gulf States Steel, com. (quar.)	1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
American Tobacco, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 9a	First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
American Woolen, com. and pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	May 15 to May 18	First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 14a
Anaconda Copper Mining (quar.)	75c.	July 23	Holders of rec. June 16	Hanna Furnace, preferred (quar.)	2	June 15	June 6 to June 15
Armour & Co. of Del., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	June 16 to July 1	Harbison-Walker Refract., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 20	Holders of rec. July 10a
Armour & Co. of Ill., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	June 16 to July 1	Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Inc., pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 18
Atlantic Refining, com. (quar.)	1	June 15	Holders of rec. May 21a	Hayes Wheel (quar.)	75c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Atlantic Terra Cotta, pref. (quar.)	1	June 15	Holders of rec. June 5a	Hecla Mining (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 15a
Atlas Powder, com. (quar.)	3	June 11	Holders of rec. May 31a	Hollinger Consol. Gold Mines, Ltd.	1	June 18	Holders of rec. May 31
Autocar Co., pref. (quar.)	2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 12a	Holly Oil (No. 1)	\$1	June 11	Holders of rec. May 31
Auto-Knitter Hosiery (quar.)	75c.	June 15	June 1 to June 10	Hudson Motor Car (quar.)	50c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 22a
Baldwin Locomotive Works, com. & pf.	3 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 2a	Extra	25c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Belding-Corticelli, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 1a	Humphreys Oil (quar.)	75c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Bethlehem Steel, common (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a	Extra	25c.	June 30	June 1 to June 28
Seven per cent cum. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Illinois Pipe Line	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Seven per cent cum. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 2'24	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Inland Steel, pref. (quar.) (No. 1)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Seven per cent non-cum. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a	Inspiration Cons. Copper (quar.)	50c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 14a
Seven per cent non-cum. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Internat. Cement Corp., common (quar.)	75c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Seven per cent non-cum. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 2'24	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a	Internat. Harvester, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. June 25
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	International Salt (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Jan 2'24	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Interstate Royalties Corp. (monthly)	1c	July 25	Holders of rec. June 10
Borden Co. preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a	Extra	1c	July 25	Holders of rec. June 10
Boston Woven Hose & Rub., com. (qu.)	\$1	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a	Intertype Corp., com. (in com. stock)	10	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 9
Preferred (quar.)	3	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a	Isle Royale Copper	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 9
Bridgeport Machine Co. (quar.)	25c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a	Jones & Laughlin, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Quarterly	25c.	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Kennecott Copper (quar.)	75c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 8
Quarterly	25c.	Jan 1'24	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	Kresge (S. S.) Co., com. (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Quarterly	25c.	Apr 1'24	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
British-American Tobacco, ordinary	4	June 30	Holders of coup. No. 96a	Lehigh Valley Coal Sales (quar.)	\$2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 14
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1.75	June 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 21	Liggett & Myers Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Bucyrus Company, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20	Lindsay Light, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 10	Holders of rec. Aug. 7a
Pref. (extra) (account accum. divs.)	2 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 8	Holders of rec. Nov. 5a
Burroughs Adding Machine (quar.)	2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb 1'24	Holders of rec. Feb. 7'24a
Bush Terminal Bldgs., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 18a	Manati Sugar, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
California Packing Corp. (quar.)	\$1.50	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a	Mathieson Alkali Works, pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	July 2	*Holders of rec. June 20
California Petroleum, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20a	May Department Stores, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Calumet & Arizona Mining	\$1	June 25	Holders of rec. June 8a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Calumet & Hecla Mining	\$10	June 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 14a	McCord Radiator & Mfg., cl. A (qu.)	75c.	July 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Canadian General Electric (quar.)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15	Extra (for month of March)	25c.	June 30	June 21 to July 2
Canadian Oil, preferred (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 22	Mergenthaler Linotype (quar.)	2 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 6a
Carter (William) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 9a	Middle States Oil (quar.) (in stock)	e30c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10
Case (J. I.) Thresh. Mach. pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 11a	Extra (payable in stock)	e10c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10
Cellulose Company, common (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a	Midwest Oil, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 9a
Preferred (quar.)	2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 31a	Mohawk Mining	\$1	June 14	Holders of rec. May 19
Checker Cab Mfg., Class A (quar.)	\$1.25	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16a	Montgomery Ward & Co. Co			

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Pennock Oil (quar.)	100c.	June 25	Holders of rec. June 15a
Extra	100c.	June 25	Holders of rec. June 15a
Phillips Petroleum (quar.)	500c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Extra	\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Stock dividend	500	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Pierce-Arrow Motor Car, prior pref. (qu.)	\$2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Pittsburgh Rolls Corp., pref. (quar.)	134	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Procter & Gamble Co. 6% pref. (quar.)	134	June 15	Holders of rec. May 25a
Producers & Refiners Corp. com. (quar.)	\$1	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Provincial Paper Mills, com. (quar.)	134	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	134	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Pure Oil Co. 5 1/4% pref. (quar.)	134	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
8% preferred (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
6% preferred (quar.)	134	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Quaker Oats, com. (quar.)	3	July 16	Holders of rec. July 2a
Preferred (quar.)	134	Aug. 31	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a
Railway Steel-Spring, common (quar.)	2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred (quar.)	134	June 20	Holders of rec. June 7a
Reo Motor Car, common (quar.)	150c.	July 2	June 1 to July 1
Common (extra)	600c.	July 2	June 1 to July 1
Common (payable in common stock)	10	July 2	June 1 to July 1
Republic Iron & Steel, pref. (quar.)	h2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Pref. (acc. accumulated dividends)	134	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Reynolds Spring, A & B stocks (quar.)	134	July 1	Holders of rec. June 11
St. Joseph Lead Co. (quar.)	250c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 9 to Sept. 20
Extra	250c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 9 to Sept. 20
Quarterly	250c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 9 to Dec. 20
Extra	250c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 9 to Dec. 20
Schulte Retail Stores, com. (in pref. stk.)	m\$2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
Common (payable in preferred stock)	m\$2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Common (payable in preferred stock)	m\$2	Mr. 124	Hold. of rec. Feb. 15 24a
Preferred (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Seaboard Oil & Gas (monthly)	31-30c	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Sears, Roebuck & Co., pref. (quar.)	134	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Sherwin-Williams Co., Can., com. (qu.)	134	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred (quar.)	134	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Solar Refining Co.	5	June 20	June 1 to June 10
South Porto Rico Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
South West Pa. Pipe Lines (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Southern States Oil (monthly)	100c.	June 20	Holders of rec. June 1
Stock dividend	10	June 20	Holders of rec. July 1
Standard Oil (California) (quar.)	500c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 21a
Standard Oil (Indiana) (quar.)	62 1/2c.	June 15	May 17 to June 14
Standard Oil (Kansas) (quar.)	500c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Standard Oil (Kentucky) (quar.)	*\$1	July 2	June 16 to June 20
Standard Oil (Nebraska)	5	June 20	May 20 to June 20
Standard Oil of N. J., com., \$100 par (qu.)	1	June 15	Holders of rec. May 26a
Common, \$25 par (quar.)	250c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 26a
Preferred (quar.)	134	June 15	Holders of rec. May 26a
Standard Oil of New York (quar.)	350c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 21
Standard Oil (Ohio), common (quar.)	2 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. May 25
Standard Steel Works	5	July 1	Holders of rec. June 30
Standard Textile Prod., pf. A & B (qu.)	134	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
Stromberg Carburetor (quar.)	134	July 2	Holders of rec. June 8a
Sullivan Machinery (quar.)	*\$1	July 16	Holders of rec. June 30
Swift & Co. (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 9
Swift International	900c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 16a
Texas Company (quar.)	750c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 8a
Texas Gulf Sulphur (quar.)	\$1.50	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Texas Pacific Coal & Oil (quar.)	250c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 6a
Todd Shipyards Corporation (quar.)	\$2	June 20	Holders of rec. June 1a
Tonopah Extension Mining (quar.)	*\$5c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 9
Tuckett Tobacco, Ltd., common (qu.)	134	July 14	Holders of rec. June 30
Preferred (quar.)	134	July 14	Holders of rec. June 30
Underwood Typewriter, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 2a
Preferred (quar.)	134	July 1	Holders of rec. June 2a
Union Carbide & Carbon (quar.)	\$1	July 2	Holders of rec. June 7a
United Cigar Stores, preferred (quar.)	134	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
United Drug, common	134	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15a
United Drywood, common (quar.)	134	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred (quar.)	134	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	134	Jan 24	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
United Paperboard, pref.	6	July 2	Holders of rec. June 1a
United Profit-Sharing Corp.	150c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
United Shoe Machinery, com. (in com. stk.)	134	June 15	Holders of rec. May 26a
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy., pref. (qu.)	134	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Preferred (quar.)	134	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
U. S. Gypsum, common (quar.)	1	June 30	June 16 to July 1
Preferred (quar.)	134	June 30	June 16 to July 1
U. S. Playing Card (quar.) (\$20 par)	\$1	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20
Stock (\$100 par)	5	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
Extra (\$20 par)	500c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20
Stock (\$100 par) (extra)	2 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
U. S. Printing & Lithograph, com. (qu.)	134	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
First preferred (quar.)	134	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
Second pref. (quar.)	134	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
U. S. Realty & Improvement, common	2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 20a
Preferred (quar.)	134	June 29	May 30 to May 31
United States Steel Corp., com. (quar.)	134	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
U. S. Title Guaranty (quar.)	250c.	June 15	Jan. 1 to June 14
Utah Apex Mining (quar.)	250c.	June 15	June 1 to June 14
Extra	250c.	June 15	June 1 to June 14
Utah Copper (quar.)	\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 8a
Vacuum Oil	\$1	June 20	Holders of rec. May 31a
Valvoline Oil, common (quar.)	2 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 12a
Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke, com.	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16a
Preferred	2 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 16a
Viradon (V. (quar.)	500c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a
Vulcan Detinning, pref. & pref. A (qu.)	134	July 20	Holders of rec. July 9a
Wabash Cotton (quar.)	\$1	July 3	Holders of rec. June 15
Wahl Co., com. (monthly)	134	July 1	Holders of rec. June 23
Preferred (quar.)	134	July 1	Holders of rec. June 23
Waldorf System, com. (quar.)	31 1/2c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20a
First and second preferred (quar.)	200c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20
Walworth Mfg., com. (quar.)	350c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 5a
Preferred (quar.)	750c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20a
Wamsutta Mills (quar.)	134	June 15	Holders of rec. May 0
Wanner Malleable Casting, Cl. A, com.	*62 1/2c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Warner Sugar Refining, pref. (quar.)	134	June 15	Holders of rec. June 18a
Weber & Hellbroner, common (quar.)	500c.	June 29	Holders of rec. June 15a
Wells, Fargo & Co.	134	June 20	Holders of rec. May 19a
Western Canada Flour Mills (quar.)	2	June 15	June 6 to June 15
White Motor Co. (quar.)	\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20a
Worthington Pump & Mach., pt. A (qu.)	134	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20a
Preferred (quar.)	134	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20a
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. Co., com. (mthly.)	500c.	July 2	Holders of rec. June 20a
Yale & Towne Mfg. (quar.)	\$1	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
Yellow Cab Mfg. class B (monthly)	*500c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a
Youngstown Sheet & Tube, com. (qu.)	\$1.25	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Preferred (quar.)	134	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a

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

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. b Correction. c Payable in stock. f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. k Subject to approval of stockholders. m Payable in preferred stock.

n All transfers received in order in London on or before June 11 will be in time or payment of dividend to transferee.

o Philadelphia Stock Exchange has ruled that Amer. Stores common stock shall not sell ex the stock dividend on May 28 and not until further notice.

r For quarters ending Mar. 31 and June 30, 1923

s Boston Stock Exchange has ruled that United Shoe Machinery com. shall not be quoted ex the stock dividend on May 25 and not until June 15.

t To cover first and second installments of 1922 income tax a deduction of 60c. is to be made from the Union Passenger Ry. dividend and 63c. from the West Phila. Pass. Ry.

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 June 2. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the grand totals, we also show the actual figures of condition at the end of the week.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Week ending June 2 1923.	New Capital.	Profits.	Loans, Discounts, Invest- ments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Deposit atories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Time De- posits.	Bank Circu- lation.
(000 omitted.)	Nat'l, Tr. Cos.	April 3 Mar. 27						
Members of Fed. Res. Bank of N Y & Trust Co.	\$ 4,000	\$ 11,813	\$ 62,771	\$ 778	\$ 6,148	\$ 45,244	\$ 6,397	\$ ----
Bk of Manhattan	10,000	13,288	128,453	2,362	13,837	101,446	19,289	----
Mech & Met Nat	10,000	16,894	154,637	4,630	19,730	145,069	3,938	999
Bank of America	5,500	4,676	69,717	1,304	9,093	68,335	2,681	----
Nat City Bank	40,000	50,362	502,586	4,823	55,776	550,596	63,404	2,154
Chem Nat Bank	4,500	16,438	113,833	1,137	13,169	96,148	6,435	342
Nat Butch & Dr	500	171	5,147	72	528	3,497	17	299
Amer Exch Nat	5,000	7,662	97,649	1,137	10,928	82,164	7,643	4,969
Nat Bk of Com.	25,000	37,511	317,553	975	33,330	251,185	13,608	----
Pacific Bank	1,000	1,729	24,564	974	3,620	24,800	1,271	----
Chat & Phen Nat	10,500	9,092	150,337	5,022	17,477	120,554	23,312	6,102
Hanover Nat Bk	5,000	21,082	115,503	332	13,349	101,074	24,309	100
Corn Exchange	9,075	12,006	177,097	5,346	21,837	152,197	24,309	----
Imp & Trad Nat	1,500	8,511	33,449	526	3,326	25,346	58	----
National Park	10,000	23,291	160,283	857	15,886	120,811	7,118	7,898
East River Nat.	1,000	843	15,211	318	1,745	12,553	2,797	50
First National	10,000	55,430	298,423	478	23,711	174,503	29,358	7,517
Irving Bk-Coll Tr	17,500	10,550	264,034	4,846	34,678	259,116	15,912	----
Continental Bk	1,000	915	8,062	138	790	5,979	389	----
Chase National	20,000	22,508	330,566	4,408	39,855	291,801	34,616	1,097
Fifth Avenue	500	2,618	21,795	645	2,760	21,219	----	----
Commonwealth	400	930	9,326	499	1,141	8,662	501	----
Garfield Nat.	1,000	1,585	15,932	400	1,960	15,132	15	398
Fifth National	1,200	982	20,159	210	2,215	16,623	791	249
Seaboard Nat.	4,000	7,109	79,501	789	9,882	75,079	1,866	69
Coal & Iron Nat	1,500	1,300	15,727	717	1,758	13,203	938	414
Bankers Trust	20,000	22,781	265,599	1,045	28,551	*222,909	33,380	----
U S Mfg & Tr	3,000	4,332	51,813	775	6,198	46,137	3,733	----
Guaranty Trust	25,000	18,289	374,424	1,448	38,672	*357,014	59,064	----
Fidel-Inter Trust	2,000	1,910	22,386	386	2,475	18,719	1,280	----
N Y Trust Co.	10,000	18,062	140,859	515	15,113	115,728	15,133	----
Metropolitan Tr	2,000	3,900	38,609	576	4,606	34,247	2,792	----
Farm Loan & Tr	5,000	15,607	128,253	500	12,871	*90,863	26,672	----
Columbia Bank	2,000	2,068	34,041	710	3,763	25,426	2,540	----
Equitable Trust	20,000	9,190	202,110	1,307	22,533	*197,301	29,093	----
Total of averages	288,675	435,450	4,450,769	50,985	493,211	3,624,737	440,350	32,657
Totals, actual condition	June 2	4,459,735	48,814,515.514	3,653,266	436,593	32,713	----	----
Totals, actual condition	May 26	4,435,803	50,029,491.813	3,610,208	443,594	32,577	----	----
Totals, actual condition	May 19	4,495,820	49,448,493.785	3,622,117	437,745	32,573	----	----
State Banks Not Members of Fed'l Res'v Bank.	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average
Greenwich Bank	1,000	2,214	19,062	1,724	1,873	19,410	34	----
Bowery Bank	250	883	5,837	371	409	2,858	2,088	----
State Bank	2,500	4,750	87,655	3,624	1,939	30,182	53,874	----
Total of averages	3,750	7,847	112,554	5,719	4,221	52,450	55,996	----
Totals, actual condition	June 2	112,474	5,746	4,036	52,573	55,974	----	----
Totals, actual condition	May 26	112,774	5,852	4,337	52,574	55,990	----	----
Totals, actual condition	May 19	112,891	5,745	4,472	52,061	55,834	----	----
Trust Companies Not Members of Fed'l Res'v Bank.	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average
Title Guar & Tr	10,000	13,208	55,572	1,596	3,930	36,602	1,726	----
Lawyers Tit & T	6,000	4,954	27,753	902	1,900	18,290	717	----
Total of averages	16,000	18,163	83,325	2,498	5,830	54,892	2,443	----
Totals, actual condition	June 2	82,429	2,467	5,855	53,805	2,471	----	----
Totals, actual condition	May 26	83,285	2,554	5,721	54,087	2,437	----	----
Totals, actual condition	May 19	83,061	2,445	5,708	53,707	2,523	----	----
Gr'd aggr., average	426,462	461,462	4,646,648	59,202	503,262	7,332,079	498,789	32,657
Comparison with prev. week.	----	----	-----24,019	+396	+2,240	-----4,943	+2,403	+73
Gr'd aggr., actual condition	June 2	2,454,638	57,027	525,405	63,759,644	495,038	32,713	----
Comparison with prev. week.	----	-----2,2776	-----1,408	+23,534	+42,775	-----6,983	+136	----
Gr'd aggr., actual condition	May 26	2,431,862	58,435	501,871	3,716,869	502,021	32,577	----
Gr'd aggr., actual condition	May 19	2,469,772	57,638	503,965	3,727,885	506,102	32,573	----
Gr'd aggr., actual condition	May 12	2,454,648	59,476	500,066	3,732,425	508,593	32,282	----
Gr'd aggr., actual condition	May 5	2,469,640	60,157	503,055	3,714,683	505,356	31,907	----
Gr'd aggr., actual condition	Apr. 28	2,471,807	58,778	502,758	3,726,710	495,182	31,763	----
Gr'd aggr., actual condition	Apr. 21	2,467,432	58,526	514,919	3,769,745	494,373	32,866	----

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks.....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks.....	5,746,000	4,036,000	9,782,000	9,463,140	318,860
Trust companies.....	2,467,000	5,855,000	8,322,000	8,070,750	251,250
Total June 2.....	8,213,000	525,405,000	533,618,000	505,556,260	28,061,740
Total May 26.....	8,406,000	501,871,000	510,277,000	500,211,230	10,065,770
Total May 19.....	8,190,000	503,965,000	512,155,000	501,434,590	10,720,410
Total May 12.....	7,969,000	500,606,000	508,575,000	501,097,080	7,477,920

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.

† This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: June 2, \$13,097,790; May 26, \$13,307,820; May 19, \$13,132,350; May 12, \$13,507,890.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City *not in the Clearing House* as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

(Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

	June 2.	Difference from previous week.
Loans and Investments.....	\$792,862,100	Inc. \$1,508,700
Gold.....	2,948,300	Dec. 38,500
Currency and bank notes.....	19,411,800	Dec. 7,200
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York.....	67,337,100	Inc. 234,800
Total deposits.....	826,298,700	Inc. 2,025,300
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchanges and U. S. deposits.....	776,837,300	Inc. 6,778,200
Reserve on deposits.....	120,536,300	Inc. 195,600
Percentage of reserve, 20.2%.		

RESERVE.

	State Banks.	Trust Companies.
Cash in vault.....	\$28,364,100 16.09%	\$61,333,100 14.60%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.....	2,845,700 4.67%	22,593,400 5.38%
Total.....	\$36,609,800 20.76%	\$83,926,500 19.98%

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on May 19 was \$67,337,100.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	*Total Cash in Vaults.	Reserve in Depositories.
Week ended—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Feb. 10.....	5,496,199,200	4,718,679,400	83,018,000	624,211,400
Feb. 17.....	5,492,303,000	4,722,504,900	81,336,300	631,693,900
Feb. 24.....	5,483,962,900	4,715,552,100	81,328,900	627,981,800
Mar. 3.....	5,513,445,100	4,733,493,300	81,535,300	631,333,800
Mar. 10.....	5,475,408,000	4,844,941,800	81,540,500	614,759,800
Mar. 17.....	5,479,483,100	4,823,173,900	80,732,900	620,097,100
Mar. 24.....	5,512,494,700	4,845,082,400	80,172,800	601,462,000
Mar. 31.....	5,537,333,300	4,907,057,500	81,393,300	596,099,900
April 7.....	5,570,520,000	4,967,506,400	81,957,300	609,873,700
April 14.....	5,493,107,700	4,512,461,300	82,888,200	599,800,800
April 21.....	5,468,632,300	4,512,747,600	80,217,400	608,409,400
April 28.....	5,460,114,300	4,509,913,200	81,096,800	597,771,500
May 5.....	5,510,009,400	4,519,156,700	81,002,800	605,751,400
May 12.....	5,463,426,500	4,490,698,500	84,636,600	601,740,600
May 19.....	5,467,595,100	4,502,613,100	80,913,000	604,685,100
May 26.....	5,462,020,400	4,507,081,100	81,209,800	598,958,900
June 2.....	5,439,510,100	4,508,916,300	81,562,100	601,438,200

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS	Net Capital Profits.		Loans Discounts.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Deposit-tories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.	Nat'l Bank Circulation.
	Nat. bks. Apr. 3	State bks. Mar. 27						
Week ending June 2 1923.								
Members of Fed. Res. Bank.	\$	\$	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average
Battery Park Nat. W. R. Grace & Co.	1,500	1,167	10,901	156	1,114	7,439	508	198
Total.....	2,000	2,614	21,224	175	1,642	9,382	7,598	198
State Banks Not Members of Federal Reserve Bank	200	352	6,070	687	316	5,272	1,290	---
Bank of Wash. Hts. Colonial Bank.....	800	2,017	21,000	2,492	1,293	20,850	---	---
Total.....	1,000	2,370	27,070	3,179	1,609	26,122	1,290	---
Trust Company Mech. Tr., Bayonne	500	348	9,877	370	289	4,130	5,603	---
Total.....	500	348	9,877	370	289	4,130	5,603	---
Grand Aggregate.....	3,500	5,333	58,171	3,724	3,540	39,634	14,491	198
Comparison with previous week.....			+76	-146	-32	-903	+226	-1
Gr'd aggr., May 26	3,500	5,333	58,095	3,870	3,572	40,537	14,265	199
Gr'd aggr., May 19	3,500	5,333	58,165	3,886	3,687	41,617	14,007	198
Gr'd aggr., May 12	3,500	5,333	58,137	3,871	3,591	40,875	14,527	198
Gr'd aggr., May 5	3,500	5,333	57,702	3,796	3,425	39,482	15,159	197

a United States deposits deducted, \$462,000.
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$1,239,000.
 Excess reserve, \$16,070 decrease.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS

	June 6 1923.	Changes from previous week.	May 30 1923.	May 23 1923.
Capital.....	\$60,000,000	Unchanged	\$60,000,000	\$60,000,000
Surplus and profits.....	82,985,000	Unchanged	82,985,000	82,985,000
Loans, disc'ts & investments.....	\$51,256,000	Dec. 4,669,000	\$55,925,000	\$59,977,000
Individual deposits, incl. U. S.	\$15,861,000	Inc. 2,401,000	\$18,262,000	\$18,120,000
Due to banks.....	\$117,253,000	Inc. 4,166,000	\$121,419,000	\$114,552,000
Time deposits.....	\$116,702,000	Inc. 20,000	\$116,682,000	\$116,560,000
United States deposits.....	\$12,082,000	Dec. 5,273,000	\$17,355,000	\$24,329,000
Exchanges for Clearing House	\$28,820,000	Inc. 4,804,000	\$33,624,000	\$23,968,000
Due from other banks.....	\$71,240,000	Inc. 6,026,000	\$77,266,000	\$72,398,000
Res. in Fed. Res. Bank.....	\$70,354,000	Inc. 185,000	\$70,539,000	\$69,914,000
Cash in bank and F. R. Bank	\$9,317,000	Inc. 593,000	\$9,910,000	\$8,804,000
Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank.....	\$2,669,000	Inc. 555,000	\$3,224,000	\$1,996,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending June 2, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Two Ciphers (00) omitted.	Week ending June 2 1923.			May 26 1923.	May 19 1923.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies	Total.		
Capital.....	\$39,125.0	\$5,000.0	\$44,125.0	\$44,125.0	\$44,125.0
Surplus and profits.....	104,538.0	14,713.0	119,251.0	119,251.0	119,221.0
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	716,739.0	45,015.0	761,754.0	763,697.0	769,095.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	31,512.0	746.0	32,258.0	28,625.0	31,793.0
Due from banks.....	101,510.0	31.0	101,541.0	98,047.0	105,430.0
Bank deposits.....	122,023.0	836.0	122,859.0	119,239.0	119,440.0
Individual deposits.....	541,043.0	30,423.0	571,466.0	568,641.0	579,317.0
Time deposits.....	51,189.0	882.0	52,071.0	51,750.0	48,861.0
Total deposits.....	714,255.0	32,141.0	746,396.0	739,630.0	747,618.0
U. S. deposits (not incl.)	---	9,981.0	15,264.0	28,140.0	---
Reserve with legal depositories	---	4,348.0	4,348.0	3,918.0	3,821.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank.....	56,963.0	---	56,963.0	56,751.0	57,156.0
Cash in vault.....	9,792.0	1,459.0	11,251.0	11,367.0	11,112.0
Total reserve and cash held	66,755.0	5,807.0	72,562.0	72,036.0	72,089.0
Reserve required.....	56,878.0	4,616.0	61,494.0	61,352.0	61,948.0
Excess res. & cash in vault	9,877.0	1,191.0	11,068.0	10,684.0	10,141.0

* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

—The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business June 6 1923 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	June 6 1923.	May 29 1923.	June 7 1922.
Resources—	\$	\$	\$
Gold and gold certificates.....	180,231,057	173,977,308	215,127,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board.....	212,572,140	228,534,760	149,420,000
Total gold held by bank.....	392,803,198	402,512,069	364,547,000
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent.....	637,699,370	637,799,970	798,570,000
Gold redemption fund.....	7,013,632	7,590,582	8,882,000
Total gold reserves.....	1,037,516,201	1,047,902,621	1,171,999,000
Reserves other than gold.....	20,105,636	17,812,385	24,727,000
Total reserves.....	1,057,621,837	1,065,715,007	1,196,726,000
*Non-reserve cash.....	10,980,805	7,325,881	---
Bills discounted:			
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	153,420,934	127,710,819	23,274,000
All other.....	40,998,267	43,414,023	16,028,000
Bills bought in open market.....	74,058,094	75,499,917	37,910,000
Total bills on hand.....	268,477,295	246,624,759	77,212,000
U. S. bonds and notes.....	6,965,250	7,384,550	47,927,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	---	---	---
One-year certificates (Pittman Act).....	14,182,500	5,841,500	21,000,000
All other.....	---	---	122,902,000
Total earning assets.....	289,625,046	259,850,809	269,041,000
Bank premises.....	12,066,080	12,062,990	8,470,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes.....	---	---	946,000
Uncollected items.....	122,826,874	119,439,102	104,754,000
All other resources.....	1,377,894	1,199,906	4,504,000
Total resources.....	1,494,498,538	1,466,213,696	1,584,011,000
Liabilities—			
Capital paid in.....	29,186,100	29,184,300	27,483,000
Surplus.....	59,799,523	59,799,523	60,197,000
Deposits:			
Government.....	14,722,752	10,855,445	18,601,000
Member banks—Reserve account.....	704,989,760	680,127,761	743,189,000
All other.....	16,127,605	16,564,443	11,337,000
Total.....	735,840,118	707,547,651	773,127,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	568,598,454	566,030,217	620,153,000
F. R. bank notes in circ'n—net liability	---	---	17,395,000
Deferred availability items.....	97,160,248	99,684,199	81,240,000
All other liabilities.....	3,914,093	3,967,805	4,416,000
Total liabilities.....	1,494,498,538	1,466,213,696	1,584,011,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	81.1%	83.7%	85.9%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	7,899,167	8,326,767	13,816,314

* Not shown separately prior to January 1921.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Merrill, Lynch & Co. have issued a comprehensive analysis of F. W. Woolworth Common stock, which is the third of their 1923 series of analyses of chain store securities. Copies will be furnished upon request.

—The Chatham & Phenix National Bank, New York, has been appointed transfer agent for 1,000,000 shares of Common stock of the Roamer Motor Car Co. of Kalamazoo, Mich.

—Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. announce that George M. Shepherd has become associated with their New York office, in charge of the sales department.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, June 7, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve Banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's comment upon the return for the latest week appears on page 2579, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 6 1923

	June 6 1923.	May 29 1923.	May 23 1923.	May 16 1923.	May 9 1923.	May 2 1923.	April 25 1923.	April 18 1923.	June 7 1922.
RESOURCES.									
Gold and gold certificates.....	\$ 346,800,000	\$ 341,175,000	\$ 347,320,000	\$ 344,043,000	\$ 323,062,000	\$ 317,740,000	\$ 323,822,000	\$ 326,375,000	\$ 323,745,000
Gold settlement fund, F. R. Board.....	677,179,000	702,308,000	698,872,000	686,707,000	706,261,000	693,564,000	695,630,000	659,887,000	502,204,000
Total gold held by banks.....	1,023,979,000	1,043,483,000	1,046,192,000	1,030,750,000	1,029,323,000	1,011,304,000	1,019,452,000	986,262,000	825,949,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	2,031,421,000	2,011,734,000	1,993,724,000	1,999,818,000	2,005,066,000	2,005,998,000	2,007,555,000	2,036,490,000	2,128,242,000
Gold redemption fund.....	58,266,000	53,545,000	53,379,000	57,317,000	54,474,000	63,277,000	57,562,000	59,870,000	55,881,000
Total gold reserves.....	3,113,666,000	3,108,762,000	3,093,295,000	3,087,885,000	3,088,863,000	3,080,579,000	3,084,569,000	3,082,622,000	3,010,072,000
Reserves other than gold.....	84,552,000	86,735,000	94,488,000	93,166,000	92,557,000	93,809,000	94,473,000	95,920,000	123,994,000
Total reserves.....	3,198,218,000	3,195,497,000	3,187,783,000	3,181,051,000	3,181,420,000	3,174,388,000	3,179,042,000	3,178,542,000	3,134,066,000
Non-reserve cash.....	71,908,000	61,245,000	68,731,000	66,642,000	67,726,000	61,642,000	70,691,000	67,225,000	()
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	384,131,000	371,533,000	366,803,000	360,200,000	358,637,000	362,633,000	339,880,000	334,611,000	148,949,000
Other bills discounted.....	350,790,000	359,462,000	333,510,000	337,131,000	336,380,000	367,707,000	296,717,000	308,851,000	271,305,000
Bills bought in open market.....	248,234,000	257,818,000	270,850,000	281,609,000	266,992,000	275,429,000	274,041,000	277,447,000	136,183,000
Total bills on hand.....	983,155,000	988,813,000	971,163,000	978,940,000	962,009,000	1,005,769,000	910,638,000	920,909,000	556,437,000
U. S. bonds and notes.....	141,877,000	152,011,000	150,890,000	151,663,000	148,960,000	147,993,000	157,030,000	158,910,000	234,775,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	40,874,000	37,277,000	50,069,000	37,226,000	36,854,000	36,779,000	36,780,000	79,097,000	374,101,000
Other certificates.....	55,000	55,000	55,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	41,000	41,000	-----
Municipal warrants.....	55,000	55,000	55,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	41,000	41,000	-----
Total earning assets.....	1,165,961,000	1,178,156,000	1,178,177,000	1,167,869,000	1,147,863,000	1,190,581,000	1,104,489,000	1,158,957,000	1,174,313,000
Bank premises.....	51,251,000	51,164,000	50,932,000	50,484,000	50,155,000	50,059,000	49,945,000	49,692,000	49,994,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes.....	191,000	191,000	191,000	191,000	191,000	191,000	191,000	191,000	7,518,000
Uncollected items.....	609,959,000	572,394,000	615,373,000	734,416,000	600,831,000	640,543,000	622,644,000	723,336,000	525,893,000
All other resources.....	14,216,000	14,734,000	14,366,000	14,057,000	13,811,000	14,199,000	14,065,000	13,871,000	20,684,000
Total resources.....	5,111,704,000	5,073,381,000	5,115,553,000	5,214,710,000	5,061,997,000	5,131,603,000	5,041,067,000	5,191,814,000	4,903,468,000
LIABILITIES.									
Capital paid in.....	109,363,000	109,348,000	109,278,000	109,273,000	109,029,000	108,822,000	108,857,000	108,649,000	104,859,000
Surplus.....	218,369,000	218,369,000	218,369,000	218,369,000	218,369,000	218,369,000	218,369,000	218,369,000	218,369,000
Deposits—Government.....	50,870,000	41,439,000	6,332,000	50,057,000	22,616,000	49,053,000	34,692,000	44,936,000	39,574,000
Member bank—reserve account.....	1,895,629,000	1,874,106,000	1,939,319,000	1,907,895,000	1,836,455,000	1,894,651,000	1,853,935,000	1,924,525,000	1,823,961,000
Other deposits.....	29,530,000	36,041,000	49,429,000	29,741,000	28,599,000	40,114,000	19,916,000	21,540,000	33,455,000
Total deposits.....	1,976,029,000	1,951,586,000	1,986,280,000	1,993,691,000	1,937,670,000	1,983,848,000	1,908,543,000	1,991,001,000	1,896,990,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	2,250,213,000	2,250,217,000	2,227,700,000	2,232,999,000	2,241,819,000	2,237,505,000	2,222,588,000	2,220,251,000	2,141,531,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab.	1,628,000	1,752,000	1,653,000	1,878,000	2,065,000	2,299,000	2,287,000	2,443,000	71,812,000
Deferred availability items.....	537,938,000	524,323,000	554,650,000	641,510,000	536,219,000	564,78,000	564,398,000	635,966,000	450,497,000
Other liabilities.....	18,164,000	17,786,000	17,623,000	16,990,000	16,826,000	15,972,000	16,025,000	15,135,000	22,381,000
Total liabilities.....	5,111,704,000	5,073,381,000	5,115,553,000	5,214,710,000	5,061,997,000	5,131,603,000	5,041,067,000	5,191,814,000	4,903,468,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	73.7%	74.0%	73.4%	73.06%	73.91%	72.98%	74.67%	73.2%	74.5%
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	75.7%	76.1%	75.6%	75.3%	76.1%	75.2%	77.0%	75.5%	77.6%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	29,243,000	29,245,000	28,766,000	28,677,000	33,615,000	33,235,000	33,085,000	-----	34,556,000
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market.....	\$ 98,320,000	\$ 89,430,000	\$ 86,329,000	\$ 80,532,000	\$ 62,389,000	\$ 66,288,000	\$ 61,703,000	\$ 73,519,000	\$ 39,608,000
1-15 days bills discounted.....	508,613,000	508,360,000	472,296,000	466,104,000	471,516,000	507,132,000	431,439,000	447,929,000	216,767,000
1-15 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	11,103,000	4,846,000	22,129,000	-----	403,000	515,000	20,000	6,905,000	70,973,000
1-15 days municipal warrants.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	40,000	40,000	41,000	41,000	-----
16-30 days bills bought in open market.....	57,945,000	61,748,000	65,035,000	63,199,000	57,365,000	45,648,000	41,600,000	44,299,000	27,267,000
16-30 days bills discounted.....	51,960,000	54,223,000	58,737,000	61,418,000	54,385,000	51,223,000	46,760,000	41,850,000	48,248,000
16-30 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	-----	1,643,000	2,151,000	1,987,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	7,144,000
16-30 days municipal warrants.....	40,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
31-60 days bills bought in open market.....	57,045,000	74,037,000	83,348,000	95,755,000	92,420,000	98,994,000	96,885,000	79,702,000	49,176,000
31-60 days bills discounted.....	83,421,000	82,487,000	83,542,000	81,841,000	86,544,000	86,441,000	83,264,000	81,027,000	61,953,000
31-60 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	427,000	213,000	670,000	-----	34,199,000
31-60 days municipal warrants.....	15,000	55,000	40,000	40,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
61-90 days bills bought in open market.....	28,686,000	23,972,000	27,444,000	32,359,000	45,541,000	54,889,000	65,005,000	68,510,000	24,347,000
61-90 days bills discounted.....	47,569,000	44,549,000	46,941,000	52,277,000	51,337,000	56,365,000	50,585,000	50,435,000	43,204,000
61-90 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	-----	-----	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	267,000	3,900,000
61-90 days municipal warrants.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Over 90 days bills bought in open market.....	6,238,000	8,631,000	8,694,000	9,674,000	9,277,000	9,610,000	8,848,000	11,417,000	4,785,000
Over 90 days bills discounted.....	43,358,000	40,676,000	38,797,000	35,691,000	31,235,000	29,179,000	24,749,000	22,221,000	50,082,000
Over 90 days cert. of indebtedness.....	29,771,000	30,788,000	31,789,000	35,239,000	36,024,000	36,051,000	36,090,000	72,925,000	257,885,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Federal Reserve Notes—									
Outstanding.....	2,635,228,000	2,615,206,000	2,607,238,000	2,595,925,000	2,599,266,000	2,599,440,000	2,601,820,000	2,595,432,000	2,526,949,000
Held by banks.....	385,015,000	364,989,000	379,538,000	362,926,000	357,447,000	361,935,000	379,232,000	375,181,000	385,418,000
In actual circulation.....	2,250,213,000	2,250,217,000	2,227,700,000	2,232,999,000	2,241,819,000	2,237,505,000	2,222,588,000	2,220,251,000	2,141,531,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. Agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent.....	3,472,137,000	3,467,464,000	3,448,275,000	3,451,253,000	3,447,299,000	3,427,903,000	3,417,345,000	3,427,962,000	3,294,971,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks.....	2,635,228,000	2,615,206,000	2,607,238,000	2,595,925,000	2,599,266,000	2,599,440,000	2,601,820,000	2,595,432,000	2,526,949,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates.....	314,899,000	314,899,000	314,899,000	314,899,000	314,899,000	314,899,000	314,899,000	314,899,000	409,863,000
By eligible paper.....	603,807,000	603,472,000	613,514,000	596,107,000	594,200,000	593,442,000	594,265,000	558,942,000	398,707,000
Gold redemption fund.....	128,937,000	118,977,000	123,318,000	126,812,000	125,819,000	135,068,000	119,082,000	123,761,000	128,804,000
With Federal Reserve Board.....	1,587,585,000	1,577,858,000	1,559,507,000	1,558,107,000	1,564,348,000	1,556,031,000	1,573,574,000	1,597,830,000	1,589,575,000
Total.....	2,635,228,000	2,615,206,000	2,607,238,000	2,595,925,000	2,599,266,000	2,599,440,000	2,601,820,000	2,595,432,000	2,526,949,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent.....	946,785,000	949,832,000	929,895,000	939,942,000	927,711,000	962,877,000	877,446,000	879,878,000	540,254,000

* Not shown separately prior to Jan. 1923.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 6 1923

Two ciphers (00) omitted Federal Reserve Bank of—	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minneapolis	Kan. City	Dallas	San Fran.	Total
RESOURCES.													
Gold and gold certificates.....	\$ 17,211.0	\$ 180,231.0	\$ 25,225.0	\$ 12,783.0	\$ 8,555.0	\$ 5,973.0	\$ 50,201.0	\$ 3,512.0	\$ 8,073.0	\$ 3,166.0	\$ 10,760.0	\$ 20,810.0	\$ 346,800.0
Gold settlement fund—F.R.B'd.....	71,815.0	212,572.0	23,346.0	73,240.0	29,534.0	28,899.0	124,336.0	19,211.0	14,225.0	35,100.0	11,525.0	33,372.0	677,179.0
Total gold held by banks.....	89,026.0	392,803.0	48,571.0	86,023.0	38,389.0	34,872.0	174,537.0	22,723.0	22,298.0	38,266.0	22,289.0	54,182.0	1,023,979.0
Gold with F. R. Agents.....	173,973.0	637,699.0	173,346.0	212,322.0	32,612.0	94,384.0	375,210.0	52,851.0	47,919.0	30,995.0	12,113.0	188,087.0	2,031,421.0
Gold redemption fund.....	11,184.0	7,014.0	5,275.0	2,644.0	4,812.0	2,553.0	10,671.0	4,146.0	1,772.0	3,555.0	1,072.0	3,568.0	58,266.0
Total gold reserves.....	274,183.0	1,037,516.0	227,192.0	300,899.0	75,813.0	131,809.0	560,418.0	79,720.0	71,989.0	72,816.0	35,474.0	245,837.0	3,113,666.0
Reserves other than gold.....	5,963.0	20,106.0	4,574.0	4,455.0	5,217.0	6,276.0	10,675.0	15,968.0	579.0	3,052.0	4,477.0	3,210.0	84,552.0
Total reserves.....	280,146.0	1,057,622.0	231,766.0	305,354.0	81,030.0	138,085.0	571,093.0	95,688.0	72,568.0	75,868.0	39,951.0	249,047.0	3,198,218.0
Non-reserve cash.....	14,916.0	10,981.0	4,155.0	4,153.0	1,970.0	6,909.0	7,223.0	5,271.0	2,118.0	3,497.0	5,536.0	7,179.0	74,908.0
Bills discounted:													
Secured by U.S.Govt.obligations.....	20,802.0	153,421.0	42,106.0	24,584.0	26,177.0	3,950.0	39,193.0	16,025.0	4,810.0	17,954.0	3,890.0	31,219.0	384,131.0
Other bills discounted.....	21,320.0	40,998.0	22,317.0	21,510.0	36,674.0	29,760.0	43,602.0	23,524.0	18,760.0	28,180.0	27,422.0	38,723.0	350,790.0
Bills bought in open market.....	19,818.0	74,058.0	20,462.0	35,181.0	1,945.0	20,573.0	28,343.0	9,821.0	-----	129.0	12,642.0	25,262.0	248,234.0
Total bills on hand.....	61,940.0	268,477.0	64,885.0	81,275.0	64,796.0	54,283.0	111,138.0	49,370.0	23,670.0	46,263.0	43,954.0	93,204.0	983,155.0
U. S. bonds and notes.....	3,637.0	6,966.0	24,446.0	12,653.0	1,341.0	488.0	6,653.0	11,552.0	15,129.0	28,015.0	3,380.0	27,617.0	141,877.0
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	126.0	14,182.0	348.0	7,143.0	-----	1.0	18,804.0	-----	-----	3.0	243.0	24.0	40,874.0
Municipal warrants.....	-----	-----	55.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	55.0
Total earning assets.....	65,703.0	289,625.0	109,734.0	101,071.0	66,137.0	54,772.0	136,595.0	60,922.0	38,702.0	74,521.0	47,334.0	120,845.0	1,165,961.0

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minneapolis	Kan. City	Dallas	San Fran.	Total
Bank premises.....	\$ 4,434.0	\$ 12,066.0	\$ 719.0	\$ 8,550.0	\$ 2,617.0	\$ 2,548.0	\$ 8,715.0	\$ 955.0	\$ 1,273.0	\$ 4,936.0	\$ 1,942.0	\$ 2,496.0	\$ 51,251.0
5% redemption fund against F. R. bank notes.....							65.0			100.0	26.0		191.0
Uncollected items.....	55,689.0	122,827.0	51,608.0	62,743.0	56,276.0	24,339.0	84,039.0	37,394.0	14,981.0	37,229.0	25,526.0	37,308.0	609,959.0
All other resources.....	112.0	1,378.0	537.0	606.0	401.0	478.0	930.0	179.0	1,782.0	1,115.0	2,134.0	4,564.0	14,216.0
Total resources.....	421,000.0	1,494,499.0	398,519.0	482,477.0	208,431.0	227,131.0	808,660.0	200,409.0	131,424.0	197,266.0	120,449.0	421,439.0	5,111,704.0
LIABILITIES.													
Capital paid in.....	8,066.0	29,186.0	9,764.0	12,085.0	5,725.0	4,415.0	15,024.0	4,933.0	3,558.0	4,597.0	4,198.0	7,812.0	109,363.0
Surplus.....	16,312.0	59,800.0	18,749.0	23,495.0	11,288.0	8,942.0	30,398.0	9,665.0	7,473.0	9,488.0	7,496.0	15,263.0	218,369.0
Deposits: Government.....	3,603.0	14,723.0	2,667.0	1,658.0	945.0	1,637.0	15,861.0	2,616.0	1,938.0	1,380.0	1,704.0	2,138.0	50,870.0
Member bank—reserve acc't.....	124,333.0	704,990.0	116,403.0	159,558.0	61,073.0	58,487.0	276,940.0	70,029.0	46,773.0	79,287.0	48,827.0	148,929.0	1,895,629.0
Other deposits.....	509.0	16,127.0	809.0	1,596.0	459.0	357.0	1,979.0	893.0	839.0	1,562.0	324.0	4,076.0	29,530.0
Total deposits.....	128,445.0	735,840.0	119,879.0	162,812.0	62,477.0	60,481.0	294,780.0	73,538.0	49,550.0	82,229.0	50,855.0	155,143.0	1,976,029.0
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	214,846.0	568,599.0	202,694.0	227,403.0	77,997.0	133,502.0	401,993.0	74,900.0	54,936.0	60,432.0	28,045.0	204,866.0	2,250,213.0
F. R. bank notes in circulation— net liability.....							753.0			490.0	385.0		1,628.0
Deferred availability items.....	52,523.0	97,160.0	46,093.0	55,125.0	50,065.0	958.0	63,903.0	36,349.0	14,761.0	39,095.0	27,454.0	36,577.0	537,938.0
All other liabilities.....	808.0	3,914.0	1,340.0	1,557.0	879.0	18,833.0	1,809.0	1,024.0	1,146.0	935.0	2,016.0	1,778.0	18,164.0
Total liabilities.....	421,000.0	1,494,499.0	398,519.0	482,477.0	208,431.0	227,131.0	808,660.0	200,409.0	131,424.0	197,266.0	120,449.0	421,439.0	5,111,704.0
Memoranda.													
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities com- bined, per cent.....	81.6	81.1	71.8	78.3	57.7	71.2	82.0	64.5	69.5	53.2	50.6	69.2	75.7
Contingent liability on bills pur- chased for foreign correspondents	2,196.0	7,900.0	2,518.0	3,162.0	1,522.0	1,200.0	4,070.0	1,288.0	995.0	1,259.0	1,054.0	2,079.0	29,243.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 6 1923.

Federal Reserve Agent at— (In Thousands of Dollars)	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minneapolis	K. City	Dallas	San Fr.	Total
Resources—													
Federal Reserve notes on hand.....	\$ 81,350	\$ 318,340	\$ 40,200	\$ 31,220	\$ 29,450	\$ 79,940	\$ 117,300	\$ 25,890	\$ 10,982	\$ 33,563	\$ 18,574	\$ 50,100	\$ 836,909
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	228,510	738,540	243,153	251,549	85,821	138,463	449,897	93,506	59,427	68,589	30,702	247,071	2,635,228
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding													
Gold and gold certificates.....	25,300	235,531	7,000	13,275		2,400		11,880	13,052		6,461		314,899
Gold redemption fund.....	20,673	31,168	12,457	13,957	3,817	3,984	11,565	3,471	2,867	2,635	1,652	20,691	128,937
Gold Fund—Federal Reserve Board.....	128,000	371,000	153,889	185,000	28,795	88,000	363,645	37,500	32,000	28,360	4,000	167,396	1,587,585
Eligible paper—Amount required.....	54,537	100,841	69,807	39,317	53,209	44,079	74,687	40,655	11,508	37,594	18,589	58,984	603,807
Excess amount held.....	7,403	147,584	2,477	41,481	9,984	10,065	36,447	8,490	11,663	8,661	25,287	33,436	342,978
Total.....	545,773	1,943,004	528,983	575,799	211,076	366,931	1,053,541	221,392	141,499	179,402	105,265	577,678	6,450,343
Liabilities—													
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency.....	309,860	1,056,880	283,353	282,769	115,271	218,403	567,197	119,396	70,409	102,152	49,276	297,171	3,472,137
Collateral received from (Gold.....)	173,973	637,699	173,346	212,232	32,612	94,384	375,210	52,851	47,919	30,995	12,113	188,087	2,031,421
Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper.....)	61,940	248,425	72,284	80,708	63,193	54,144	111,134	49,145	23,171	46,255	43,876	92,420	946,785
Total.....	545,773	1,943,004	528,983	575,799	211,076	366,931	1,053,541	221,392	141,499	179,402	105,265	577,678	6,450,343
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	228,510	738,540	243,153	251,549	85,821	138,463	449,897	93,506	59,427	68,589	30,702	247,071	2,635,228
Federal Reserve notes held by banks.....	13,664	169,941	40,459	24,146	7,824	4,961	47,904	18,606	4,491	8,157	2,657	42,205	385,015
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.....	214,846	568,599	202,694	227,403	77,997	133,502	401,993	74,900	54,936	60,432	28,045	204,866	2,250,213

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the 774 member banks, from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve Banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Oct. 18 1917, published in the "Chronicle" Dec. 29 1917, page 2523. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appear in our Department of "Current Events and Discussions" on page 2579.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business May 29-31 1923. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minneapolis	Kan. City	Dallas	San Fran.	Total
Number of reporting banks.....	46	109	55	82	77	39	106	36	29	77	52	66	774
Loans and discounts, gross.....	\$ 13,173	\$ 88,703	\$ 18,216	\$ 32,559	\$ 11,091	\$ 7,820	\$ 41,429	\$ 14,473	\$ 11,256	\$ 7,455	\$ 5,400	\$ 14,960	\$ 266,535
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	240,381	1,648,204	249,002	404,809	121,063	62,612	584,887	135,116	54,522	78,979	46,927	173,040	3,759,544
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	607,838	2,460,154	348,056	692,362	327,174	335,798	1,156,000	305,967	174,319	360,456	195,820	809,822	7,773,756
All other loans and discounts.....	861,392	4,197,061	615,274	1,129,730	459,330	406,230	1,782,316	455,546	240,097	466,890	248,147	997,822	11,839,835
U. S. pre-war bonds.....	12,899	48,485	11,033	47,112	30,331	12,880	25,165	15,332	8,786	11,921	20,118	35,329	279,391
U. S. Liberty Notes.....	78,495	427,802	46,481	116,312	31,877	14,484	91,861	21,792	11,817	14,912	14,545	101,307	1,001,685
U. S. Treasury Notes.....	5,760	31,485	3,972	6,724	4,598	2,119	12,711	9,024	1,225	4,912	2,239	13,641	95,410
U. S. Victory notes & Treas' notes.....	30,298	557,233	60,185	57,966	11,288	7,175	126,509	23,257	29,271	24,019	17,113	47,437	991,751
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness.....	4,149	32,270	6,665	11,405	3,002	8,387	23,628	7,854	2,973	7,856	5,667	14,976	129,732
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	174,936	713,108	184,798	284,576	50,742	35,633	358,607	104,611	29,219	60,335	9,036	158,663	2,164,264
Total loans & disc'ts & invest'm'ts.....	1,167,929	6,007,444	928,408	1,653,825	591,168	486,908	2,420,797	637,416	323,388	600,845	317,765	1,369,175	16,505,068
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank.....	83,888	610,337	71,075	108,595	37,551	32,462	203,569	39,501	23,227	49,725	24,147	101,474	1,385,551
Cash in vault.....	18,232	81,340	15,909	29,740	13,287	9,822	55,505	8,352	5,904	12,566	8,837	22,385	281,879
Net demand deposits.....	804,688	4,688,737	692,381	926,211	327,578	276,062	1,516,121	516,121	358,883	205,822	220,670	723,696	11,172,706
Time deposits.....	255,636	914,493	98,009	561,869	156,853	171,881	785,341	183,678	84,249	131,807	73,667	586,569	4,004,052
Government deposits.....	16,576	67,196	13,495	14,171	6,940	6,599	33,661	11,022	3,512	3,566	3,077	11,831	191,646
Bills payable and rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank.....	12,187	106,230	19,818	20,923	16,184	1,481	21,376	9,170	5,630	17,598	1,239	26,612	258,448
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	23,192	34,583	20,524	17,546	19,391	10,981	22,744	9,484	5,595	14,681	6,245	15,717	200,683
All other.....													

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Three ciphers (000) omitted	New York City		City of Chicago		All F. R. Bank Cities		F.R. Branch Cities		Other Selected Cities		Total			
	May 29	May 23	May 29	May 23	May 29	May 23	May 29	May 23	May 29	May 23	May 29 '23	May 23 '23	May 31 '22	
Number of reporting banks.....	65	65	48	48	259	259	206	206	309	309	774	774	798	
Loans and discounts, gross:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligation:	80,078	76,450	32,413	32,367	177,070	171,800	49,066	49,192	40,399	41,014	266,535	262,006	316,816	
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	1,468,210	1,475,033	447,605	450,208	2,750,786	2,753,319	569,609	569,827	479,149	481,213	3,799,544	3,804,359	3,488,765	
All other loans and discounts.....	2,144,501	2,168,801	686,538	696,494	4,804,414	4,854,234	1,579,033	1,581,152	1,390,309	1,390,347	7,773,756	7,825,733	7,100,636	
Total loans and discounts.....	3,692,789	3,720,284	1,166,556	1,179,069	7,732,270	7,779,353	2,197,708	2,200,171	1,909,857	1,912,574	11,839,835	11,892,098	10,906,217	
U. S. pre-war bonds.....	37,834	37,884	3,983	3,963	97,983	98,822	75,290	77,780	106,118	105,810	279,391	282,412		
U. S. Liberty bonds.....	365,261	366,419	34,861	35,465	588,518	589,902	245,644	247,177	167,523	168,436	1,001,685	1,005,515	1,180,570	
U. S. Treasury bonds.....	22,129	21,870	5,576	5,653	50,859	50,409	25,437	25,186	22,114	22,079	98,410	97,674		
U. S. Victory notes & Treasury notes.....	520,269	519,095	74,798	78,103	748,297	764,281	153,916	162,174	89,538	92,504	991,751	1,018,595	*530,464	
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness.....	27,381	30,938	7,849	8,262	61,635	61,123	42,986	42,296	25,111	25,607	129,732	129,026	123,681	
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	514,060	511,303	179,937	175,128	1,169,861	1,138,784	570,233	569,920	424,170	424,047	2,164,264	2,132,751	2,287,779	
Total loans & disc'ts & invest'm'ts.....	5,179,723	5,207,793	1,473,560	1,485,643	10,449,423	10,482,674	3,311,214	3,324,704	2,744,431	2,751,057	16,505,068	16,558,435	15,028,711	
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank.....	560,256	588,869	144,070	151,759	976,874	1,024,794	235,329	236,121	173,348	170,608	1,385,551	1,431,523	1,364,418	
Cash in vault.....	66,903	65,578	30,072	29,104	144,015	142,458	60,163	61,206	77,701	79,416	281,879	283,080	279,827	
Net demand deposits.....	4,185,627	4,217,051	1,029,031	1,034,477	7,575,287	7,616,385	1,921,697	1,927,934	1,675,722	1,671,811	11,172,706	11,216,130	11,049,461	
Time deposits.....	649,844	643,407	375,673	376,086	2,026,190	2,011,400	1,134,382	1,129,096	843,480	846,497	4,004,052	3,986,993	3,231,920	
Government deposits.....	61,158	98,860	19,011	21,326	135,466	200,328	34,225	50,926	21,955	30,887	191,646	282,141	132,271	
Bills payable and red'counts with F. R. Bank:														
Sec'd by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	84,095	89,345	2,823	2,382	157,329	156,729	54,666	62,830	46,453	39,575	258,448	259,134	68,445	
All other.....	22,639	12,110	13,972	14,963	125,315	102,671	41,075	*38,953	34,293	34,919	200,683	176,543	88,337	
Ratio of bills payable & red'count with F. R. Bank to total loans & investments, per cent.....	2.1	1.9	1.1	1.1	2.7	2.5	2.9	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.6	1.0	

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Wall Street, Friday Night, June 8, 1923.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 2483.

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

Week ending June 8 1923.	Stocks.		Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Mun. and Foreign Bonds.	U. S. Bonds.
	Shares.	Par Value.			
Saturday	402,500	\$39,800,000	\$2,328,500	\$745,000	\$1,131,900
Monday	579,226	58,000,000	3,985,000	2,211,000	2,147,050
Tuesday	481,400	47,500,000	3,894,500	1,783,000	1,626,000
Wednesday	667,015	68,700,000	5,475,500	2,184,000	3,388,450
Thursday	579,136	56,000,000	4,373,500	3,187,000	3,163,150
Friday	661,400	66,000,000	5,272,000	1,972,000	4,035,000
Total	3,370,677	\$336,000,000	\$26,329,000	\$12,082,000	\$15,491,550

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week ending June 8.		Jan. 1 to June 8.	
	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.
Stocks—No. shares	3,370,677	6,000,675	111,833,859	120,950,607
Par value	\$336,000,000	\$465,642,750	\$10,359,641,500	\$10,921,887,046
Bonds				
Government bonds	\$15,491,550	\$28,269,730	\$369,132,985	\$897,649,155
State, mun., &c., bds.	12,082,000	12,501,000	27,633,700	288,645,000
RR. and misc. bonds	26,329,000	37,339,000	754,924,400	926,135,000
Total bonds	\$53,902,550	\$78,169,730	\$1,341,691,085	\$2,112,329,155

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week ending June 8 1923.	Boston		Philadelphia		Baltimore	
	Shares.	Bond Sales	Shares.	Bond Sales	Shares.	Bond Sales
Saturday	6,524	\$19,900	5,488	\$13,000	189	\$14,500
Monday	6,925	23,200	7,065	37,850	612	30,100
Tuesday	7,552	40,900	5,708	32,300	356	16,100
Wednesday	13,474	42,000	8,170	75,700	933	46,800
Thursday	12,594	17,400	6,589	93,600	1,081	40,500
Friday	10,679	14,000	7,378	25,000	852	41,300
Total	57,748	\$157,400	40,458	\$278,450	4,023	\$189,300
Prev. week revised	48,294	\$156,050	35,423	\$285,600	5,750	\$165,000

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, June 2, June 4, June 5, June 6, June 7, June 8.

	High	Low	100 ²¹ / ₃₂	100 ²² / ₃₂	100 ²³ / ₃₂	100 ²⁴ / ₃₂	100 ²⁵ / ₃₂	100 ²⁶ / ₃₂	100 ²⁷ / ₃₂	100 ²⁸ / ₃₂	100 ²⁹ / ₃₂	100 ³⁰ / ₃₂
First Liberty Loan												
3½% bonds of 1932-47	High	Low	100 ²¹ / ₃₂	100 ²² / ₃₂	100 ²³ / ₃₂	100 ²⁴ / ₃₂	100 ²⁵ / ₃₂	100 ²⁶ / ₃₂	100 ²⁷ / ₃₂	100 ²⁸ / ₃₂	100 ²⁹ / ₃₂	100 ³⁰ / ₃₂
(First 3½%)	Close	Close	100 ²¹ / ₃₂	100 ²² / ₃₂	100 ²³ / ₃₂	100 ²⁴ / ₃₂	100 ²⁵ / ₃₂	100 ²⁶ / ₃₂	100 ²⁷ / ₃₂	100 ²⁸ / ₃₂	100 ²⁹ / ₃₂	100 ³⁰ / ₃₂
Total sales in \$1,000 units			173	174	107	213	289	124				
Converted 4% bonds of 1932-47 (First 4%)	High	Low	98 ²¹ / ₃₂	98 ²² / ₃₂	98 ²³ / ₃₂	98 ²⁴ / ₃₂	98 ²⁵ / ₃₂	98 ²⁶ / ₃₂	98 ²⁷ / ₃₂	98 ²⁸ / ₃₂	98 ²⁹ / ₃₂	98 ³⁰ / ₃₂
(Second 4%)	Close	Close	98 ²¹ / ₃₂	98 ²² / ₃₂	98 ²³ / ₃₂	98 ²⁴ / ₃₂	98 ²⁵ / ₃₂	98 ²⁶ / ₃₂	98 ²⁷ / ₃₂	98 ²⁸ / ₃₂	98 ²⁹ / ₃₂	98 ³⁰ / ₃₂
Total sales in \$1,000 units			11									
Converted 4½% bonds of 1932-47 (First 4½%)	High	Low	98 ²¹ / ₃₂	98 ²² / ₃₂	98 ²³ / ₃₂	98 ²⁴ / ₃₂	98 ²⁵ / ₃₂	98 ²⁶ / ₃₂	98 ²⁷ / ₃₂	98 ²⁸ / ₃₂	98 ²⁹ / ₃₂	98 ³⁰ / ₃₂
(Second 4½%)	Close	Close	98 ²¹ / ₃₂	98 ²² / ₃₂	98 ²³ / ₃₂	98 ²⁴ / ₃₂	98 ²⁵ / ₃₂	98 ²⁶ / ₃₂	98 ²⁷ / ₃₂	98 ²⁸ / ₃₂	98 ²⁹ / ₃₂	98 ³⁰ / ₃₂
Total sales in \$1,000 units			12	26	56	88	83	27				
Second Liberty Loan												
4% bonds of 1927-42	High	Low	98 ²¹ / ₃₂	98 ²² / ₃₂	98 ²³ / ₃₂	98 ²⁴ / ₃₂	98 ²⁵ / ₃₂	98 ²⁶ / ₃₂	98 ²⁷ / ₃₂	98 ²⁸ / ₃₂	98 ²⁹ / ₃₂	98 ³⁰ / ₃₂
(Second 4%)	Close	Close	98 ²¹ / ₃₂	98 ²² / ₃₂	98 ²³ / ₃₂	98 ²⁴ / ₃₂	98 ²⁵ / ₃₂	98 ²⁶ / ₃₂	98 ²⁷ / ₃₂	98 ²⁸ / ₃₂	98 ²⁹ / ₃₂	98 ³⁰ / ₃₂
Total sales in \$1,000 units			242	503	461	727	1204	1583				
Third Liberty Loan												
4½% bonds of 1923	High	Low	98 ²¹ / ₃₂	98 ²² / ₃₂	98 ²³ / ₃₂	98 ²⁴ / ₃₂	98 ²⁵ / ₃₂	98 ²⁶ / ₃₂	98 ²⁷ / ₃₂	98 ²⁸ / ₃₂	98 ²⁹ / ₃₂	98 ³⁰ / ₃₂
(Third 4½%)	Close	Close	98 ²¹ / ₃₂	98 ²² / ₃₂	98 ²³ / ₃₂	98 ²⁴ / ₃₂	98 ²⁵ / ₃₂	98 ²⁶ / ₃₂	98 ²⁷ / ₃₂	98 ²⁸ / ₃₂	98 ²⁹ / ₃₂	98 ³⁰ / ₃₂
Total sales in \$1,000 units			249	677	285	908	4472	605				
Fourth Liberty Loan												
4½% bonds of 1933-38	High	Low	98 ²¹ / ₃₂	98 ²² / ₃₂	98 ²³ / ₃₂	98 ²⁴ / ₃₂	98 ²⁵ / ₃₂	98 ²⁶ / ₃₂	98 ²⁷ / ₃₂	98 ²⁸ / ₃₂	98 ²⁹ / ₃₂	98 ³⁰ / ₃₂
(Fourth 4½%)	Close	Close	98 ²¹ / ₃₂	98 ²² / ₃₂	98 ²³ / ₃₂	98 ²⁴ / ₃₂	98 ²⁵ / ₃₂	98 ²⁶ / ₃₂	98 ²⁷ / ₃₂	98 ²⁸ / ₃₂	98 ²⁹ / ₃₂	98 ³⁰ / ₃₂
Total sales in \$1,000 units			387	539	442	1007	810	940				
Victory Liberty Loan												
4½% notes of 1922-23	High	Low	98 ²¹ / ₃₂	98 ²² / ₃₂	98 ²³ / ₃₂	98 ²⁴ / ₃₂	98 ²⁵ / ₃₂	98 ²⁶ / ₃₂	98 ²⁷ / ₃₂	98 ²⁸ / ₃₂	98 ²⁹ / ₃₂	98 ³⁰ / ₃₂
(Victory 4½%)	Close	Close	98 ²¹ / ₃₂	98 ²² / ₃₂	98 ²³ / ₃₂	98 ²⁴ / ₃₂	98 ²⁵ / ₃₂	98 ²⁶ / ₃₂	98 ²⁷ / ₃₂	98 ²⁸ / ₃₂	98 ²⁹ / ₃₂	98 ³⁰ / ₃₂
Total sales in \$1,000 units												
Treasury												
4½% 1947-52	High	Low	99 ²¹ / ₃₂	99 ²² / ₃₂	99 ²³ / ₃₂	99 ²⁴ / ₃₂	99 ²⁵ / ₃₂	99 ²⁶ / ₃₂	99 ²⁷ / ₃₂	99 ²⁸ / ₃₂	99 ²⁹ / ₃₂	99 ³⁰ / ₃₂
(Treasury 4½%)	Close	Close	99 ²¹ / ₃₂	99 ²² / ₃₂	99 ²³ / ₃₂	99 ²⁴ / ₃₂	99 ²⁵ / ₃₂	99 ²⁶ / ₃₂	99 ²⁷ / ₃₂	99 ²⁸ / ₃₂	99 ²⁹ / ₃₂	99 ³⁰ / ₃₂
Total sales in \$1,000 units			57	186	192	420	220	640				

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

26 1st 3½s	100 ²¹ / ₃₂ to 100 ²² / ₃₂	46 3d 4½s	98 ²⁶ / ₃₂ to 98 ²⁷ / ₃₂
1 1st 4½s	98 ²¹ / ₃₂	111 4th 4½s	98 ²¹ / ₃₂ to 98 ²² / ₃₂
114 2d 4½s	98 ²¹ / ₃₂ to 98 ²² / ₃₂		

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 2000.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2625.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bid.	Asked.	Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Bid.	Asked.
June 15 1924	5½%	101½	101½	Sept. 15 1926	4½%	98½	99½
Sept. 15 1924	5½%	101½	101½	June 15 1925	4½%	99½	100
Mar. 15 1925	4½%	100½	100½	Dec. 15 1927	4½%	99½	99½
Mar. 15 1926	4½%	100½	100½	Dec. 15 1923	4½%	99½	100
June 15 1923	3½%	99½	100	Sept. 15 1923	4½%	100	100½
Dec. 15 1925	4½%	99½	99½	Mar. 15 1924	4½%	100	100½
Sept. 15 1923	3½%	99½	99½	Mar. 15 1927	4½%	100½	100½

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange fluctuated within narrow limits at comparatively stable levels. The Continental exchanges, however, moved irregularly, with marks again the weakest feature.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 58 15-16@4 59½ for sixty days, 4 61 1-16@4 61½ for checks and 4 61 5-16@4 62 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 60 13-16@4 61½, sixty days 4 58 1-16@4 58¾, ninety days 4 57 3-16@4 57½, and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 58 9-16@4 59¼. Cotton for payment, 4 60 13-16@4 61½.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 6.36¼@6.38¼ for long and 6.39¼@6.41¼ for short. Germany bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 38.79@38.84 for long and 39.04@39.09 for short.

Exchanges at Paris on London, 71.70 fr.; week's range, 71.50 fr. high and 71.90 fr. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

	Sterling Actual—	Sixty Days.	Checks.	Cables.
High for the week	4 60 15-16	4 63 1-16	4 61 1-16	4 63 5-16
Low for the week	4 58 15-16	4 61 1-16	4 61 1-16	4 61 5-16
Paris Bankers' Francs				
High for the week	6.44½	6.49½	6.50½	
Low for the week	6.36¾	6.39	6.40	
Germany Bankers' Marks				
High for the week		0.0016½	0.0016½	
Low for the week		0.0012	0.0012	
Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders				
High for the week	38.84½	39.14	39.23	
Low for the week	38.79	39.09	39.18	

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15@25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$20.186 per \$1,000 discount. Cincinnati, par.

Sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

STOCKS.		Sales	Range for Week.		Range since Jan. 1.	
Week ending June 8.		for Week.	Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
Railroads.	Par.	Shares	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.
Bklyn Rap Tr warrants.	100	800	16½ June 2	17½ June 4	15½ May 18½	Apr 18½
Buff Roch & Pittsb.	100	11	64 June 7	64 June 7	61½ Apr 68	Jun 68
C C C & St Louis.	100	600	86 June 7	89½ June 8	75½ Feb 92	Mar 92
Central RR of N J.	100	575	200 June 6	205 June 8	196 May 231	Feb 92
Cleve & Pittsburgh.	50	200	69 June 2	69 June 2	69 June 70	Apr 92
Ch St P M & O, pref.	100	100	98½ June 8	98½ June 8	95 May 99	Apr 92
Col & Sou 2d pref.	100	100	48 June 6	48 June 6	48 June 55	Jan 92
Int & Gt Nor (w l).	100	100	22½ June 5	22½ June 6	18 May 25½	Feb 92
Manh Rv modif gtd	100	1,400	42½ June 2	43½ June 4	39½ Apr 45½	Apr 92
Morris & Essex.	50	50	76 June 7	76 June 7	76 Mar 78	Jan 92
N Y Lack & West.	100	26	97½ June 4	97½ June 4	97½ May 100½	Jan 92
Pac Coast Co 1st pfd.	100	10	21½ June 5	21½ June 5	21½ June 25	Mar 92
Rapid Transit Corp.	* 100	1,800	16½ June 4	16½ June 4	15½ May 18½	Apr 92
Preferred	100	1,600	43½ June 8	44½ June 4	43½ Apr 49	Apr 92
Twin City R T, pref.	100	100	100 June 7	100 June 7	90 Feb 100	June 92
West Penn.	100	500	49½ June 4	51 June 6	38½ Apr 52½	May 92
Preferred	100	1,400	85 June 6	87½ June 7	75½ Apr 87½	June 92
Industrial & Miscel.						
All Amer Cables.	100	100	103½ June 6	103½ June 6	100¾ Apr 105	Jan 92
Amal Sugar, 1st pref.	100	100	96 June 8	98 June 6	95 Apr 105	May 92
Amer Chain, Class A.	25	400	23 June 4	23½ June 5	22 May 25½	Mar 92
Amer Chicle, pref.	100	100	49½ June 4	49½ June 4	22 Feb 51	May 92
Amer Woolen, pf full pd	100	1,400	102½ June 2	102½ June 4	100½ May 102½	May 92
Arnold Constable.	* 100	600	13½ June 5	14½ June 6	12 May 18½	Apr 92
Atlas Powder.	100	800	163 June 5	175½ June 7	150 Apr 177	Apr 92
Am Rolling Mill, pfd	100	300	99 June 5	99½ June 6	97 Apr 100½	Jan 92
Assets Realization.	10	200	½ June 8	¾ June 2	¾ June 5	Jan 92

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Saturday, June 2.	Monday, June 4.	Tuesday, June 5.	Wednesday, June 6.	Thursday, June 7.	Friday, June 8.			Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares						
*34 38	*36 40	*36 40	*36 37 1/2	*36 37 1/2	*37 37 1/2	300	Ann Arbor preferred	32 1/2 Jan 10	45 Feb 28	27 1/2 Jan	52 Aug	
99 1/2 99 1/2	100 100 1/2	100 102 1/2	100 101 1/2	100 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	12,200	Aitch Topeka & Santa Fe	97 1/2 May 22	105 1/2 Mar 6	91 1/2 Jan	108 1/2 Sep	
88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 88 1/2	2,600	Do pref.	87 1/2 Apr 30	90 1/2 Mar 6	84 1/2 Jan	95 1/2 Apr	
*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	2,300	Atlanta Birm & Atlantic	1 1/2 Jan 3	3 1/2 Feb 21	1/2 Jan	5 1/2 Apr	
114 1/2 114 1/2	*114 1/2 115	114 1/2 115	115 1/2 116 1/2	116 116 1/2	118 119 1/2	6,000	Atlantic Coast Line RR	110 1/2 Jan 17	127 Feb 28	83 Jan	124 1/2 Sep	
47 1/2 48 1/2	48 1/2 49	49 50	48 1/2 49 1/2	49 1/2 49 1/2	49 1/2 50	29,100	Baltimore & Ohio	40 1/2 Jan 17	56 1/2 Mar 21	33 1/2 Jan	60 1/2 Apr	
*57 1/2 57 1/2	*57 1/2 57 1/2	*57 1/2 57 1/2	*57 1/2 57 1/2	*57 1/2 58	*58 58	200	Do pref.	55 1/2 May 1	60 1/2 Mar 21	52 1/2 Jan	68 1/2 Aug	
*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	1,100	Brooklyn Rapid Transit	15 Apr 13	16 1/2 Jan 2	6 Jan	20 Jun	
*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	2,100	Colorado Southern Deposit	15 Apr 16	16 1/2 Jan 2	6 Jan	20 Jun	
150 150 1/2	151 152 1/2	152 152 1/2	152 1/2 152 1/2	152 1/2 152 1/2	152 1/2 152 1/2	5,000	Canadian Pacific	140 1/2 Jan 17	160 Apr 18	119 1/2 Jan	151 1/2 Apr	
64 1/2 64 1/2	65 65 1/2	65 1/2 65 1/2	65 65 1/2	65 65 1/2	65 1/2 65 1/2	2,200	Chesapeake & Ohio	62 1/2 May 22	70 1/2 Jan 30	54 Jan	79 Aug	
102 102 1/2	*102 1/2 102 1/2	102 1/2 102 1/2	*102 1/2 102 1/2	*102 1/2 102 1/2	*102 1/2 102 1/2	500	Preferred	99 1/2 June 8	104 1/2 Feb 23	105 1/2 Dec	105 1/2 Oct	
*2 1/2 2 1/2	*2 1/2 2 1/2	*2 1/2 2 1/2	*2 1/2 2 1/2	*2 1/2 2 1/2	*2 1/2 2 1/2	3,500	Chicago & Alton	2 May 21	3 1/2 Feb 13	1 1/2 Jan	12 1/2 May	
*3 1/2 4 1/2	*4 4 1/2	*4 4 1/2	*4 4 1/2	*4 4 1/2	*4 1/2 5	1,600	Preferred	3 1/2 Jan 12	6 1/2 Feb 8	3 1/2 Jan	20 1/2 May	
*32 1/2 32 1/2	*32 1/2 33 1/2	*33 1/2 33 1/2	*32 33 1/2	*32 1/2 33 1/2	*32 1/2 33 1/2	3,900	Chic & East Ill RR (new)	26 1/2 Jan 16	38 1/2 Feb 13	12 1/2 Jan	43 1/2 Aug	
*58 1/2 60	59 59	*59 60	59 59	*58 60	*58 60	200	Do pref.	51 Jan 17	62 1/2 Mar 26	31 1/2 Jan	54 1/2 Aug	
5 5 1/2	5 1/2 5 1/2	5 1/2 5 1/2	5 1/2 5 1/2	5 1/2 5 1/2	5 1/2 5 1/2	800	Chicago Great Western	4 Jan 18	7 Feb 7	3 1/2 Dec	10 1/2 Mar	
11 1/2 11 1/2	*11 1/2 12	11 1/2 12	*11 1/2 12	11 1/2 12	12 12 1/2	2,000	Do pref.	8 1/2 Jan 18	17 Feb 6	7 Dec	24 1/2 Mar	
21 21 1/2	21 21 1/2	21 21 1/2	21 21 1/2	21 21 1/2	*22 1/2 22 1/2	8,700	Chicago Milw & St Paul	19 1/2 May 22	26 1/2 Mar 5	17 1/2 Jan	36 1/2 Aug	
36 36	36 36 1/2	37 37 1/2	37 37 1/2	37 37 1/2	37 1/2 39	14,400	Do pref.	32 1/2 Jan 13	45 1/2 Mar 5	29 Jan	55 1/2 Sept	
76 76 1/2	76 1/2 77 1/2	77 1/2 77 1/2	77 1/2 77 1/2	77 1/2 79	79 79 1/2	3,600	Chicago & North Western	76 June 2	88 Mar 5	59 Jan	95 1/2 Sept	
*112 116	*113 116	*112 116	*112 116	*114 116	116 116	200	Do pref.	113 May 5	118 1/2 Mar 21	100 Jan	125 Aug	
28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	29 1/2 29 1/2	29 1/2 30 1/2	11,700	Chic Rock Isl & Pac	26 May 22	37 1/2 Mar 21	30 1/2 Dec	50 Sept	
88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 88 1/2	88 1/2 8	88 1/2 8	1,100	7% preferred	85 May 1	95 Feb 9	83 1/2 Jan	105 Sept	
*80 1/2 80 1/2	*79 1/2 80 1/2	*79 1/2 80 1/2	*79 1/2 80 1/2	*79 1/2 80 1/2	*79 1/2 80 1/2	1,100	6% preferred	75 1/2 May 22	85 Mar 5	70 Jan	95 Sept	
*65 70	67 1/2 67 1/2	65 68 1/2	65 68 1/2	67 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	600	Chic St P Minn & Om	65 Jan 17	73 Feb 26	55 Jan	90 Sept	
*33 1/2 34	*34 34 1/2	34 1/2 34 1/2	*34 34 1/2	*34 34 1/2	*34 34 1/2	3,400	Colorado Southern	32 May 22	45 1/2 Feb 13	28 Jan	53 Aug	
*110 111	111 111 1/2	*110 112	112 113 1/2	*112 113 1/2	112 112	1,400	Delaware & Hudson	103 Jan 11	124 1/2 Feb 13	108 1/2 Jan	141 1/2 Sept	
117 117 1/2	119 119	*117 119	118 119	119 119 1/2	119 119 1/2	900	Delaware Lack & Western	103 1/2 May 22	130 1/2 Feb 8	108 Feb	143 Oct	
111 11 1/2	11 1/2 12	11 1/2 11 1/2	*11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	62,200	Erie	10 1/2 May 22	13 1/2 Feb 13	7 Jan	18 1/2 May	
18 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2	2,200	Do 1st pref.	15 Jan 17	20 1/2 Mar 21	11 1/2 Jan	28 1/2 Aug	
*12 1/2 13	*12 1/2 13	13 13 1/2	*12 1/2 13 1/2	*12 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 14	500	Do 2d pref.	10 1/2 May 21	15 Mar 5	7 1/2 Jan	20 1/2 May	
70 70 1/2	70 1/2 70 1/2	70 1/2 71 1/2	71 1/2 71 1/2	72 72 1/2	72 1/2 72 1/2	4,400	Great Northern pref.	69 1/2 May 21	80 Mar 5	70 1/2 Jan	95 1/2 Oct	
28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	1,700	Iron Ore properties, Ne par	27 1/2 May 22	36 Mar 19	28 1/2 Nov	45 1/2 Apr	
*15 17	17 17 1/2	17 17 1/2	*15 17 1/2	*14 17	*14 17	280	Gulf Mob & Nor tr etc	12 1/2 Jan 12	20 Mar 5	5 Jan	19 May	
*52 54	*53 54	53 54	52 52	52 52	*51 53	300	Do pref.	44 1/2 Jan 2	62 1/2 Feb 21	16 Jan	47 Oct	
*109 110	108 1/2 108 1/2	109 109	*108 109 1/2	*109 109 1/2	110 110 1/2	600	Illinois Central	105 May 22	117 1/2 Feb 21	97 1/2 Jan	115 1/2 Sept	
16 1/2 16 1/2	17 17 1/2	*16 1/2 17 1/2	16 1/2 17 1/2	16 1/2 17 1/2	*16 1/2 17 1/2	1,000	Interboro Cons Corp., Ne par	15 Jan 17	17 1/2 Jan 4	15 Dec	19 1/2 Apr	
19 1/2 19 1/2	*19 1/2 20	19 1/2 19 1/2	19 1/2 19 1/2	19 1/2 20	20 1/2 20 1/2	1,200	Do pref.	15 Mar 2	27			

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\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shir s	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Far	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
8 9	8 7/8	9 9/8	9 1/8	8 7/8	7 1/2 8	5,100	American Cotton Oil	6 1/2 May 18	20 1/2 Jan 4	15 1/4 Nov	30 1/4 May	
18 18 1/2	19 19 1/2	19 19 1/2	19 19 1/2	17 19 1/2	17 19 1/2	800	Do pref.	14 May 18	38 1/2 Jan 4	33 1/2 Nov	61 1/4 May	
*5 5 1/4	*5 5 1/4	*5 5 1/4	*5 5 1/4	*5 5 1/4	*5 5 1/4	500	Amer Drugists Syndicate	5 May 22	7 1/2 Feb 23	4 1/4 Jan	7 1/4 Oct	
*116 120	116 118	116 118	121 104	111 104	101 106 1/2	69,500	American Express	97 June 8	143 1/2 Mar 2	126 June	162 Oct	
*9 9 1/2	8 1/2 8 3/4	8 1/2 8 3/4	8 1/2 8 3/4	8 1/2 8 3/4	8 1/2 8 3/4	1,000	American Hide & Leather	8 June 5	13 1/2 Mar 7	10 1/2 Dec	17 1/2 Apr	
46 46 1/2	44 45	40 41	40 43	40 43	43 43	4,800	Do pref.	40 1/2 June 6	74 1/2 Mar 7	58 Jan	74 1/2 Sept	
96 96 1/2	98 99 1/2	98 99 1/2	100 100	99 101	98 1/2 98 1/2	2,300	American Ice	90 May 21	111 1/2 Apr 2	78 Jan	122 Sept	
*82 1/2 86	*82 1/2 85 1/2	*82 1/2 85 1/2	*82 1/2 85 1/2	*82 1/2 85 1/2	*82 1/2 85 1/2	7,300	Do pref.	82 May 22	89 Feb 21	72 Jan	96 1/4 Aug	
22 23 1/2	22 1/2 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	22 1/2 23 1/2	22 1/2 23 1/2	1,200	Amer International Corp.	22 June 1	33 1/2 Mar 28	24 1/2 Dec	50 1/2 June	
*11 1/2 12	*11 1/2 12	*11 1/2 12	*11 1/2 12	*11 1/2 12	*11 1/2 12	1,200	American La France F E	11 1/2 Jan 17	13 Mar 1	9 1/4 Jan	14 July	
*24 26	*24 25 1/2	23 1/2 25 1/2	23 25 1/2	24 25 1/2	24 25 1/2	68,200	American Linsed	20 1/2 May 22	38 Mar 5	28 Nov	42 1/2 Oct	
137 139 1/2	139 1/2 141 1/2	110 143	142 145 1/2	144 146 1/2	141 142 1/2	100	American Locomotive	41 May 22	59 Feb 15	48 Nov	64 1/2 Oct	
116 116 1/2	116 119	116 119	116 119	116 119	116 119	100	Do pref.	120 1/2 Jan 17	145 1/2 June 7	102 Jan	136 1/2 Oct	
45 45 1/2	46 46 1/2	46 46 1/2	46 46 1/2	46 46 1/2	46 46 1/2	800	Amer Metal temp etc.	115 May 4	122 Feb 9	112 Jan	122 1/2 Dec	
*81 83	82 1/2 83 1/2	81 1/2 83	81 1/2 83	81 1/2 83	81 1/2 83	3,100	American Radiator	44 1/2 May 7	55 1/2 Mar 5	44 Sept	53 1/2 Dec	
14 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	1,900	American Safety Razor	76 Jan 2	8 1/2 Apr 19	82 Jan	129 Oct	
58 58 1/2	59 59 1/2	60 60 1/2	60 60 1/2	60 60 1/2	60 60 1/2	22,100	Am Ship & Comm	13 1/2 June 8	21 1/2 Jan 5	5 1/2 Jan	24 1/2 May	
97 97 1/2	97 97 1/2	97 97 1/2	97 97 1/2	97 97 1/2	97 97 1/2	300	Amer Smelting & Refining	53 Jan 17	69 1/2 Mar 2	43 1/2 Jan	67 1/2 May	
*138 146	*138 146	*138 146	*138 146	*138 146	*138 146	2,800	Do pref.	78 1/2 Jan 18	102 1/2 Mar 6	80 1/2 Jan	104 1/2 Oct	
36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	1,000	Amer Steel Fdry tem etc.	33 1/2 May 22	40 1/2 Mar 21	10 1/2 Jan	16 1/2 Sept	
*102 105	*102 105	*102 105	*102 105	*102 105	*102 105	4,500	Do pref tem etc.	100 May 8	105 1/2 Feb 9	91 Jan	108 1/2 Sept	
70 73 72	72 72 72	72 72 72	72 73	73 73 1/2	73 73 1/2	400	American Sugar Refining	69 May 21	85 Feb 13	54 1/2 Jan	85 1/2 Aug	
*24 25	*24 25	*24 25	*24 25	*24 25	*24 25	700	Do pref.	101 1/2 June 8	108 1/2 Jan 3	84 Jan	112 Aug	
*50 1/2 57 1/2	*50 1/2 57 1/2	*50 1/2 57 1/2	*50 1/2 57 1/2	*50 1/2 57 1/2	*50 1/2 57 1/2	9,900	Amer Sumatra Tobacco	24 1/2 Feb 1	36 1/2 Feb 14	23 1/2 Feb	47 May	
122 123 1/2	123 123 1/2	123 123 1/2	123 124	123 124 1/2	123 124 1/2	1,200	Do pref.	55 1/2 Jan 16	65 1/2 Feb 13	52 1/2 Feb	71 Jan	
146 146 1/2	146 146 1/2	146 146 1/2	146 146 1/2	146 146 1/2	146 146 1/2	1,000	Amer Telephone & Teleg	12 1/2 Apr 3	125 1/2 Mar 5	11 1/2 Jan	128 1/2 Aug	
*102 1/2 102 1/2	*102 1/2 102 1/2	*102 1/2 102 1/2	*102 1/2 102 1/2	*102 1/2 102 1/2	*102 1/2 102 1/2	1,100	American Tobacco	141 May 21	161 1/2 Feb 13	129 1/2 Jan	169 1/2 Sept	
144 145	146 146 1/2	144 144 1/2	146 146 1/2	146 146 1/2	146 146 1/2	3,300	Do pref (new)	101 Mar 16	105 1/2 Mar 3	96 1/2 Jan	108 1/2 Oct	
39 39	40 40 1/2	40 40 1/2	42 42 1/2	42 42 1/2	42 42 1/2	1,100	Do common Class B	140 May 20	159 1/2 Feb 9	126 Jan	165 1/2 Sept	
*89 90 1/2	*89 90 1/2	*89 90 1/2	*89 90 1/2	*89 90 1/2	*89 90 1/2	27,500	Am Wat Wks & El v t c	27 1/2 Jan 29	44 1/2 Apr 26	6 Jan	33 1/2 Nov	
*59 60	*59 60	*59 60	*59 60	*59 60	*59 60	12,000	Do 1st pref (7 1/2) v t c	85 1/2 Jan 3	93 Jan 16	67 Jan	93 1/2 Sept	
*90 95	*90 95	*90 95	*90 95	*90 95	*90 95	3,000	Do 2nd pref (6 1/2) v t c	48 1/2 Jan 3	63 1/2 Apr 26	17 Jan	55 1/2 Oct	
88 1/2 90	89 1/2 91 1/2	89 1/2 91 1/2	89 1/2 91 1/2	89 1/2 91 1/2	89 1/2 91 1/2	200	Amer Woollen	83 1/2 May 7	98 1/2 Mar 21	78 1/2 Oct	85 Jan	
101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	600	Do pref	101 1/2 June 7	111 1/2 Jan 3	102 Jan	111 1/2 Dec	
20 20 1/2	19 20	18 1/2 20	20 20	20 20	20 20	300	Amer Writing Paper	16 May 18	34 Mar 7	22 1/2 Jan	55 1/2 Sept	
11 1/2 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	12 12 1/2	11 1/2 13	11 1/2 13	22,900	Amer Zinc, Lead & Smelt	10 1/2 May 21	19 1/2 Feb 16	12 1/2 Jan	21 Sept	
44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	4,800	Do pref.	41 1/2 June 2	58 1/2 Feb 27	30 Jan	57 Sept	
72 73	75 75	75 75	76 77	77 77 1/2	77 77 1/2	200	Anaconda Copper Mining	43 1/2 May 18	53 1/2 Mar 6	45 Nov	67 May	
*82 1/2 84	*83 84	*83 84	*84 84	*84 84	*84 84	200	Associated Dry Goods	62 1/2 Jan 5	89 Mar 19	43 Jan	70 1/2 Dec	
11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	600	Do 1st pref.	8 1/2 Jan 18	89 Feb 16	75 Jan	86 Oct	
*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	10,200	Do 2d pref	88 1/2 Jan 9	93 1/2 Feb 26	76 Jan	91 1/2 Oct	
17 1/2 17 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	23,500	Associated Oil	104 May 7	133 Jan 12	99 Jan	135 1/2 May	
*117 125	*117 125	*117 125	*117 125	*117 125	*117 125	100	Atlantic Fruit	1 1/2 Jan 17	3 1/2 Feb 14	1 1/2 Dec	5 1/2 Apr	
*115 1/2 116	*115 1/2 116	*115 1/2 116	*115 1/2 116	*115 1/2 116	*115 1/2 116	100	Atl Gulf & W I S S Line	14 1/2 May 28	34 Mar 19	19 1/2 Dec	43 1/2 May	
*15 16 1/2	*15 16 1/2	*15 16 1/2	*15 16 1/2	*15 16 1/2	*15 16 1/2	100	Do pref.	12 1/2 May 22	27 Mar 19	15 Dec	31 1/2 Apr	
22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	1,100	Atlantic Refining	114 May 22	153 1/2 Jan 10	117 Dec	157 1/2 Oct	
*82 83 1/2	*82 83 1/2	*82 83 1/2	*82 83 1/2	*82 83 1/2	*82 83 1/2	100	Atlas Pack	13 May 17	20 1/2 Feb 14	13 1/2 Feb	22 1/2 May	
126 129	127 1/2 130 1/2	128 1/2 132 1/2	130 1/2 133 1/2	131 1/2 133 1/2	131 1/2 133 1/2	92,400	Austin Nichols & Co.	10 1/2 May 16	35 1/2 Jan 12	9 1/2 Jan	40 1/2 Sept	
*108 113	*107 113	*107 113	*110 114	*110 114	*110 114	200	Baldwin Locomotive Wks	80 Mar 16	89 1/2 Jan 23	68 Jan	91 Sept	
*44 49	*42 49	*42 49	*49 49	*49 49	*49 49	100	Do pref.	111 Apr 27	144 1/2 Mar 19	93 1/2 Jan	142 1/2 Oct	
*19 20 1/2	*19 20 1/2	*19 20 1/2	*19 20 1/2	*19 20 1/2	*19 20 1/2	1,500	Barnet Leather	46 Apr 27	55 Feb 16	40 Jan	118 Oct	
*14 16	*14 16	*14 16	*14 16	*14 16	*14 16	100	Barnsdall Corp. Class A	18 1/2 May 22	35 Mar 23	19 1/2 Jan	67 1/2 Sept	
*51 1/2 55	*51 1/2 55	*51 1/2 55	*51 1/2 55	*51 1/2 55	*51 1/2 55	31,200	Do Class B	14 May 4	22 Jan 2	17 Nov	29 Apr	
65 1/2 66	67 67 1/2	67 67 1/2	67 67 1/2	67 67 1/2	67 67 1/2	600	Butte Copper & Zinc v t c	33 June 1	144 1/2 Mar 23	113 1/2 Jan	147 Dec	
50 52 1/2	51 52 1/2	51 52 1/2	51 52 1/2	51 52 1/2	51 52 1/2	700	Butte Copper & Zinc v t c	64 May 22	114 Feb 14	54 Jan	53 Oct	
*90 106	*90 106	*90 106	*90 106	*90 106	*90 106	100	Butterick	16 May 3	21 1/2 Jan 4	15 Nov	24 Feb	
*54 5 1/2	*54 5 1/2	*54 5 1/2	*54 5 1/2	*54 5 1/2	*54 5 1/2	4,400	Butte & Superior Mining	20 1/2 May 22	37 1/2 Mar 1	20 1/2 Jan	35 1/2 Oct	
*71 8 1/2	*71 8 1/2	*71 8 1/2	*71 8 1/2	*71 8 1/2	*71 8 1/2	2,500	Caddo Central Oil Ref	3 1/2 May 21	9 1/2 Feb 16	6 1/2 Dec	15 1/2 Apr	
*22 1/2 24 1/2	*22 1/2 24 1/2	*22 1/2 24 1/2	*22 1/2 24 1/2	*22 1/2 24 1/2	*22 1/2 24 1/2	800	California Packing	79 1/2 Jan 24	87 Feb 9	68 Jan	86 1/2 Sept	
107 107 1/2	107 107 1/2	107 107 1/2	107 107 1/2	107 107 1/2	107 107 1/2	2,100	California Petroleum	66 1/2 Jan 3	117 1/2 May 31	43 1/2 Jan	71 1/2 Jan	
*63 7	*63 7	*63 7	*63 7	*63 7	*63 7	400	Callahan Zinc Lead	94 1/2 Jan 2	110 1/2 May 23	53 Jan	98 1/2 Apr	
*53 54	*5											

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25 27	24 27	25 27	25 27	25 27	25 25	200	Exchange	No par	25 May 7	31 Jan 10	28 1/2 Dec	31 1/2 Oct
79 1/2 79 3/4	79 1/2 79 3/4	79 1/2 79 3/4	79 1/2 79 3/4	79 1/2 79 3/4	79 1/2 79 3/4	5,600	Famous Players-Lasky	No par	73 1/2 May 19	93 Jan 2	75 1/2 Jan	107 Sept
91 92 1/2	91 92 1/2	91 92 1/2	91 92 1/2	91 92 1/2	91 92 1/2	900	Do preferred (8%)	100	90 May 21	99 1/2 Feb 14	91 1/2 Jan	107 1/2 Sept
7 8	7 8	7 8	7 8	7 8	7 8	6	Federal Mining & Smelting	100	5 June 5	12 1/2 Feb 10	9 Jan	16 1/2 May
38 43 1/4	34 1/4 39 1/4	35 36 3/4	36 1/4 41 1/4	40 40 1/4	39 3/4 39 3/4	7,000	Do pref.	100	34 1/2 June 4	60 1/2 Feb 13	37 1/2 Mar	62 1/2 Sept
8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	10,000	Fifth Avenue Bus	No par	7 1/2 Jan 17	10 1/2 Jan 2	8 1/2 Dec	10 1/2 Dec
150 160	150 150	153 163 1/2	159 163	162 163 1/2	163 1/2 164	2,600	Fisher Body Corp.	No par	145 May 23	212 1/2 Jan 11	75 Jan	218 Dec
98 98 1/2	98 98	98 98 1/2	98 1/2 98 1/2	98 1/2 98 1/2	98 1/2 98 1/2	400	Fisher Body Ohio, pref.	100	96 1/2 Jan 24	101 1/2 Feb 19	76 1/2 Jan	103 1/2 June
11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	3,500	Fisk Rubber	No par	93 1/2 May 21	10 1/2 Feb 13	10 1/2 Nov	19 1/2 Apr
13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	4,000	Freeport Texas Co.	No par	12 1/2 May 22	22 Jan 13	12 1/2 Jan	27 1/2 Oct
54 56 1/2	54 56 1/2	55 56 1/2	55 56 1/2	55 56 1/2	54 1/2 55 1/2	600	Gen Am Tank Car	No par	53 May 12	71 1/2 Feb 20	45 1/2 Jan	80 Oct
37 39	33 1/4 39	34 3/4 35 1/4	31 1/4 35	31 1/4 35	32 1/2 35 1/2	45,600	General Asphalt	100	31 1/2 June 6	54 Mar 7	37 1/2 Nov	73 1/2 July
71 71	67 1/2 71	70 70	67 69 1/2	67 1/2 67 1/2	68 69 1/2	1,700	Do pref.	100	10 1/2 May 22	94 1/2 Mar 14	65 Mar	83 1/2 Dec
85 1/2 86 1/2	85 85	85 86	86 86	85 1/2 86 1/2	86 1/2 87 1/2	1,700	General Clear, Inc.	100	84 1/2 Jan 2	110 Apr 2	94 Jan	109 Oct
107 1/2 109 1/2	107 1/2 109 1/2	105 109	105 109	105 109	105 109	2,600	General Electric	100	10 1/2 May 21	190 1/2 Feb 2	136 Jan	190 Dec
175 1/4 175 1/2	175 1/4 175 1/2	176 176	176 176	176 176	176 176	3,200	Special	100	10 1/2 June 6	12 Jan 2	10 1/2 Oct	12 Sept
10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	24,900	General Motors Corp.	No par	13 1/2 Jan 17	17 1/2 Apr 18	8 1/2 Jan	15 1/2 July
82 1/2 84	83 85	83 85	83 85	83 85	84 85	500	Do pref.	100	83 1/2 May 23	89 Apr 17	69 Jan	86 Sept
83 83	83 83	83 1/4 83 1/4	83 1/4 84 1/4	84 1/4 85	84 1/4 85	700	Do Deb stock (6%)	100	82 1/2 May 22	90 Apr 7	67 1/2 Mar	96 1/2 Oct
98 99	98 99	98 99	98 99	98 99	98 1/2 98 1/2	200	Do Deb stock (7%)	100	96 1/2 Jan 10	105 Apr 10	79 1/2 Mar	100 Sept
43 44 1/2	43 45	43 45	44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 1/2 44 1/2	2,100	Gibbel Bros.	No par	41 Jan 3	51 1/2 Apr 24	38 1/2 Oct	45 1/2 Oct
8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2	4,700	Glidden Co.	No par	7 1/2 June 8	12 1/2 Feb 9	9 1/2 Nov	18 1/2 June
5 5 1/2	5 5 1/2	5 1/2 5 1/2	5 1/2 5 1/2	5 1/2 5 1/2	5 1/2 5 1/2	1,800	Goldwyn Pictures	No par	47 Jan 2	7 1/2 Mar 9	4 1/2 Dec	8 1/2 Oct
30 30	30 30	30 30	30 30	30 30	31 1/2 32	2,800	Goodrich Co (B F)	No par	30 May 21	41 1/2 Mar 22	28 1/2 Nov	44 1/2 May
89 1/4 89 1/4	89 90	89 89 1/4	89 90	89 90	89 90	200	Do pref.	100	84 Jan 3	92 1/2 Mar 6	79 1/2 Nov	91 Apr
23 1/2 24	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	23 23 1/2	24 24	2,400	Granby Cons M. Sm & Fow	100	22 1/2 May 22	33 Mar 22	22 Nov	35 May
9 1/2 10 1/2	9 1/2 10 1/2	9 1/2 9 1/4	9 1/4 10	9 1/2 11	9 1/2 11	400	Gray & Davis Inc.	No par	9 1/2 May 21	15 1/2 Mar 7	8 Nov	19 1/2 May
23 25	23 25	23 24	23 24	23 24	23 24	100	Greene Cananea Copper	100	21 1/2 May 22	34 1/2 Mar 6	22 Nov	34 1/2 May
8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	8 1/2 8 1/2	500	Guantanamo Sugar	No par	7 1/2 May 22	14 1/2 Feb 14	7 Feb	14 1/2 Mar
80 82	80 1/4 83 1/4	81 1/4 83 1/4	83 84 1/4	83 1/4 84 1/4	83 1/4 84 1/4	13,100	Gulf States Steel tr. cts.	100	7 1/2 May 21	10 1/2 Mar 21	4 1/2 Jan	10 1/2 Oct
1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	600	Harbush Elm Cab.	No par	34 1/2 May 22	41 Apr 19	15 Jan	28 1/2 Sept
36 37 1/4	37 37 1/4	37 37 1/4	37 1/4 37 1/4	37 1/4 37 1/4	37 1/4 37 1/4	3,800	Hayes Wheel	100	14 May 21	23 1/2 Feb 16	15 Jan	28 1/2 Sept
15 16 1/4	15 16 1/4	15 16 1/4	16 1/4 16 1/4	16 1/4 16 1/4	16 1/4 16 1/4	200	Hendee Manufacturing	100	60 May 23	79 1/2 Jan 2	65 Jan	82 Nov
64 65 1/2	63 1/2 65 1/2	61 1/2 65 1/2	62 1/2 65 1/2	62 1/2 65 1/2	65 65	200	Houston Oil of Texas	100	50 May 7	78 Feb 16	61 1/2 Nov	91 1/2 Oct
58 1/2 61 1/4	59 1/2 62 1/4	57 1/2 62 1/4	57 1/2 62 1/4	57 1/2 62 1/4	57 1/2 62 1/4	2,500	Hudson Motor Car	No par	23 1/2 May 4	32 1/2 Mar 8	19 1/2 Aug	26 1/2 Dec
24 25	24 25	24 25	24 25	24 25	24 25	1,400	Hupp Motor Car Corp.	100	20 1/2 May 22	30 1/2 Apr 2	10 1/2 Jan	26 1/2 Dec
22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	1,300	Hydraulic Steel	No par	1 1/2 Apr 14	6 1/2 Jan 8	3 1/2 Feb	14 1/2 June
7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	7 7 1/2	500	Indian Refining	100	7 May 23	19 Mar 19	3 1/2 Jan	15 1/2 Dec
6 1/2 7	6 1/2 7	6 1/2 7	6 1/2 7	6 1/2 7	6 1/2 7	200	Indian Refining	100	5 1/2 Jan 24	8 1/2 Apr 6	5 Jan	11 1/2 June
32 32	32 32 1/2	32 1/2 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	32 32 1/2	4,000	Inspirator Cons Copper	20	31 1/2 June 1	43 1/2 Mar 1	31 Nov	45 June
4 1/4 4 1/4	4 1/4 4 1/4	4 1/4 4 1/4	4 1/4 4 1/4	4 1/4 4 1/4	4 1/4 4 1/4	400	Internat Agricul Corp.	100	3 May 16	11 Feb 20	5 1/2 Dec	11 1/2 May
14 15	15 15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	14 1/4 15 1/2	14 1/4 15 1/2	14 1/4 15 1/2	500	Do pref.	100	12 1/2 May 18	39 1/2 Feb 23	25 1/2 Nov	43 1/2 Mar
36 37	37 37	37 1/2 37 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2	37 1/2 37 1/2	1,600	International Cement	No par	34 1/2 Jan 2	44 Mar 19	26 Jan	38 1/2 May
22 1/2 22 1/2	22 23	22 23	22 23	22 23	22 23	1,000	Inter Combus Eng.	No par	20 May 22	27 1/2 Apr 6	20 June	30 1/2 Sept
81 1/2 82	79 3/4 81 1/2	78 3/4 81 1/2	76 1/2 79	75 1/2 78	74 1/2 76 1/2	17,000	Internat Harvester (new)	100	75 1/2 June 7	98 1/2 Feb 7	79 1/2 Jan	115 1/2 Aug
110 1/2 112	110 1/2 110 1/2	110 1/2 110 1/2	110 112	110 112	109 1/2 110	400	Do pref. (new)	100	109 1/2 June 8	116 Jan 4	105 1/2 Feb	119 Sept
7 1/2 7 1/2	6 1/2 7 1/2	6 1/2 7 1/2	7 1/2 7 1/2	7 1/2 7 1/2	7 1/2 7 1/2	5,400	Int Mercantile Marine	100	61 June 4	11 1/2 Feb 14	8 1/2 Dec	27 1/2 May
28 29 1/2	26 29 1/2	28 29 1/2	27 29 1/2	28 1/2 28 1/2	28 1/2 29 1/2	18,700	Do pref.	100	28 1/2 June 4	47 Jan 6	41 1/2 Dec	47 1/2 May
13 1/4 14	14 14 1/4	14 14 1/4	14 1/4 15 1/4	15 1/4 15 1/4	14 1/4 15 1/4	33,800	International Nickel (The)	25	13 1/2 May 22	16 1/2 Feb 16	11 1/2 Jan	19 1/2 Apr
78 1/2 79	77 1/2 79	79 1/2 79	80 1/2 82 1/2	82 1/2 82 1/2	82 1/2 82 1/2	700	Preferred	100	69 1/2 Jan 4	82 1/2 June 7	69 Jan	85 Jan
43 44 1/2	43 43 1/2	43 1/2 44 1/2	43 1/2 44 1/2	44 1/2 44 1/2	43 1/2 44 1/2	1,000	International Paper	100	65 1/2 May 21	75 1/2 Jan 5	59 Mar	80 1/2 Sept
68 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	68 1/2 68 1/2	700	Do stamped pref.	100	65 1/2 May 21	19 1/2 Mar 7	12 1/2 July	20 1/2 Apr
14 14 1/4	14 14 1/4	13 1/4 14 1/4	13 1/4 14 1/4	14 1/4 14 1/4	14 1/4 14 1/4	4,900	Inventive Oil Corp.	50	13 1/2 May 22	19 1/2 Mar 7	12 1/2 July	20 1/2 Apr
43 44 1/2	43 45 1/2	44 45 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	44 44 1/2	3,500	Iron Products Corp.	No par	39 1/2 May 22	58 1/2 Mar 8	24 Jan	53 1/2 Oct
19 1/4 19 1/4	19 20	19 20	19 20	19 20	19 1/2 19 1/2	1,500	Island Oil & Transp v t c	10	1 1/2 Jan 2	5 1/2 Feb 24	1 1/2 Nov	3 Jan
70 75	70 74	70 75	70 75	70 75	70 75	1,200	Jewel Tea, Inc.	100	17 1/2 Jan 24	24 Mar 15	10 Jan	22 1/2 May
58 58 1/2	58 1/2 59	59 59	59 59 1/2	58 1/2 58 1/2	58 1/2 58 1/2	1,200	Do pref.	100	66 May 18	82 Feb 26	38 1/2 Jan	76 1/2 Dec
107 1/2 107 1/2	107 1/2 107 1/2	107 1/2 108	104 1/2 104 1/2	108 108	108 108 1/2	200	Jones Bros Tea, Inc.	100	50 Jan 17	63 1/2 Mar 16	34 1/2 Feb	57 1/2 Sept
7 1/2 8	7 1/2 8	7 1/2 8	7 1/2 8	7 1/2 8	7 1/2 8	1,200	Jones & Laughlin St. pref.	100	10 1/2 June 6	109 1/2 Mar 22	11 1/2 Dec	109 1/2 Dec
31 1/2 32	32 32 1/2	33 34	33 34	33 34	33 34	2,500	Kansas & Gulf.	100	12 June 6	3 1/2 Jan 12	3 1/2 Jan	7 1/2 Oct
90 100	90 95	94 98	94 98	90 98	90 98	3,800	Kayser (J) Co. (new)	No par	29 1/2 May 22	45 1/2 Feb 23	34 May	43 1/2 Aug
43 45	44 1/2 45	44 44 1/2	43 44 1/2	45 1/2 45 1/2	45 1/2 45 1/2	11,400	1st preferred (new)	No par	93 Apr 20	104 Mar 23	93 May	108 1/2 June
97 103	95 103	97 1/2 103	97 1/2 103	97 1/2 103	97 1/2 103	100	Kelly-Springfield Tire	25	42 1/2 May 22	62 1/2 Mar 22	34 1/2 Jan	59 1/2 May
98 102	97 97	100 102	98 100	95 100	95 100	100	Temporary 8% pref.	100	96 1/2 May 17	108 Jan 18	90 1/2 Jan	107 1/2 May
35 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	35 36 1/2	36 1/2 36 1/2	36 1/2 36 1/2	36 1/2 36 1/2	15,000	Kelsey Wheel, Inc.	100	95 May 8	117 1/2 Mar 6	61 Feb	115 1/2 Dec
6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	6 1/2 6 1/2	3,200	Kennecott Copper	No par	34 1/2 May 22	45 Mar 1	26 1/2 Jan	39 1/2 May
220 230	210 230	215 230	215 230	215 230	220 230	900	Keystone Tire & Rubber	10	6 May 4	11 1/2 Mar 24	4 1/2 Nov	24 1/2 May
84 1/2 84 1/2	83 1/4 84	82 1/2 83 1/4	83 1/4 84	84 84	84 84	1,700	Kresge (S S) Co.	100	177 Mar 2	248 1/2 Apr 26	110 Jan	180 1/2 Aug
24 24 1/2	23 24 1/2	23 24 1/2	24 24 1/2	24 24 1/2	24 24 1/2	1,000	Laclede Gas (St Louis)	100	80 May 7	87 Feb 21	43 Jan	9 1/2 Aug
200 200 1/2	195 209	199 209	199 209	199 209	195 205	200	Lis Rubber & Tire	No par	23 1/2 June 4	31 1/2 Mar 22	24 Nov	35 1/2 Mar
113 114	113 114	113 114	113 114	113 114	113 114	200	Liggett & Myers Tobacco	100	190 1/2 May 22	223 1/2 Feb 10	153 1/2 Feb	235 Oct
63 1/2 64 1/2	63 1/2 65	64 1/2 65 1/2	65 1/2 66 1/2									

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1923. On basis of 100-shares lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922.	
Saturday, June 2.	Monday, June 4.	Tuesday, June 5.	Wednesday, June 6.	Thursday, June 7.	Friday, June 8.		Shares	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share				\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	1,400	Otis Steel.....No par	7 1/2 Jan 4	14 1/2 Mar 21	6 Nov	16 1/2 Apr	
42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	1,100	Owens Bottle.....25	36 1/2 Jan 2	52 1/2 Apr 2	2 1/2 Jan	42 1/2 Sept	
80	80	80	80	80	80	800	Pacific Development.....	1 1/2 Jan 2	2 1/2 Mar 5	1 1/2 Dec	1 1/2 Apr	
*78 1/2	*78 1/2	*78 1/2	*78 1/2	*78 1/2	*78 1/2	100	Pacific Gas & Electric.....100	7 1/2 May 4	8 1/2 Jan 5	60 Jan	91 1/2 Sept	
*91 1/2	*91 1/2	*91 1/2	*91 1/2	*91 1/2	*91 1/2	300	Pacific Mail SS.....5	8 May 21	12 1/2 Mar 14	11 Jan	19 June	
37 1/4	37 1/4	37 1/4	37 1/4	37 1/4	37 1/4	11,300	Pacific Oil.....	35 May 22	48 1/2 Jan 4	42 1/2 Nov	69 1/2 May	
12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	2,700	Packard Motor Car.....10	10 1/2 Jan 8	15 1/2 Mar 22	10 Dec	21 Nov	
74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	38,300	Pan-Am Pet & Trans.....50	67 1/2 May 22	83 1/2 Feb 7	40 1/2 Jan	100 1/2 Dec	
69	69	69	69	69	69	57,200	Do Class B.....60	63 1/2 May 22	86 Feb 7	40 1/2 Feb	95 1/2 Dec	
*31 1/2	*31 1/2	*31 1/2	*31 1/2	*31 1/2	*31 1/2	100	Panhandle Prod & Ref. No par	3 1/2 May 7	6 1/4 Apr 5	3 Dec	12 1/2 Jan	
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	300	Parish & Bingham.....No par	15 1/2 May 23	15 1/2 Mar 13	7 1/2 Nov	17 Apr	
4	4	4	4	4	4	14,500	Penn-Seaboard St. v. t. c. No par	2 1/2 Jan 2	6 Apr 4	2 1/2 Dec	13 1/2 May	
*91 1/2	*91 1/2	*91 1/2	*91 1/2	*91 1/2	*91 1/2	4,500	People's G. L. & C (Chic.).....100	86 Apr 27	94 1/2 Jan 30	50 1/2 Jan	99 Sept	
*45 1/2	*45 1/2	*45 1/2	*45 1/2	*45 1/2	*45 1/2	7,000	Philadelphia Co (Pittsb).....50	41 1/2 Jan 2	50 1/2 Mar 19	31 1/2 Jan	45 1/2 Sept	
*63 1/2	*63 1/2	*63 1/2	*63 1/2	*63 1/2	*63 1/2	300	Phillips-Jones Corp.....No par	60 Apr 30	80 Apr 4	73 1/2 Oct	105 1/2 Jan	
49 51 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	34,400	Phillips Petroleum.....No par	46 1/2 May 21	69 1/2 Apr 5	28 1/2 Jan	59 1/2 June	
*10 1/2	*10 1/2	*10 1/2	*10 1/2	*10 1/2	*10 1/2	3,500	Pierce-Arrow M Car.....No par	9 1/2 May 22	15 1/2 Jan 14	8 July	24 1/2 Apr	
*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	22	Do pref.....100	20 May 22	35 1/2 Jan 9	18 1/2 July	49 Apr	
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3,100	Pierce Oil Corporation.....25	3 May 18	6 Feb 13	3 1/2 Dec	12 Jan	
30 1/4	30 1/4	30 1/4	30 1/4	30 1/4	30 1/4	300	Do pref.....100	30 May 23	45 Jan 4	32 Sept	71 Jan	
*64 1/2	*64 1/2	*64 1/2	*64 1/2	*64 1/2	*64 1/2	400	Pigg Wigg Stor Inc "A" No par	55 1/2 Jan 17	124 Mar 20	39 Nov	59 1/2 Dec	
*98 1/2	*98 1/2	*98 1/2	*98 1/2	*98 1/2	*98 1/2	600	Pittsburgh Coal of Pa.....100	58 Jan 16	67 1/2 Mar 7	55 Nov	72 1/2 Sept	
102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	1,500	Do pref.....100	98 Feb 7	100 Apr 5	90 1/2 Feb	100 1/2 Sept	
*53 1/2	*53 1/2	*53 1/2	*53 1/2	*53 1/2	*53 1/2	9,200	Pond Creek Coal.....10	9 1/2 Mar 1	47 1/2 Feb 15	14 1/2 Feb	41 Dec	
*88 1/2	*88 1/2	*88 1/2	*88 1/2	*88 1/2	*88 1/2	26,200	Postum Cereal.....No par	93 1/2 May 21	134 Feb 6	65 1/2 Apr	120 Oct	
42	42	42	42	42	42	1,700	8% preferred.....100	110 May 14	114 1/2 Jan 25	105 1/2 Apr	112 1/2 Oct	
*51 1/2	*51 1/2	*51 1/2	*51 1/2	*51 1/2	*51 1/2	700	Pressed Steel Car.....100	51 1/2 May 22	81 1/2 Jan 2	63 Jan	85 1/2 Sept	
117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	2,100	Do pref.....100	88 Jan 22	99 1/2 Jan 5	91 Feb	104 Sept	
22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	22 22 1/2	49,400	Public Service Corp of N J.....100	41 1/2 May 21	55 1/2 Mar 20	24 1/2 Jan	51 Sept	
*95 1/2	*95 1/2	*95 1/2	*95 1/2	*95 1/2	*95 1/2	200	Pullman Company.....100	115 1/2 May 22	134 Mar 8	105 1/2 Jan	139 1/2 Sept	
*107 1/2	*107 1/2	*107 1/2	*107 1/2	*107 1/2	*107 1/2	400	Punta Alegre Sugar.....50	43 Jan 18	69 1/2 Apr 19	31 Jan	53 1/2 June	
32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	1,300	Pure Oil (The).....25	19 1/2 June 7	32 Feb 13	26 1/2 Nov	38 1/2 Jan	
13	13	13	13	13	13	1,800	8% preferred.....100	93 May 21	100 Mar 9	94 July	102 1/2 Apr	
35 35 1/2	35 35 1/2	35 35 1/2	35 35 1/2	35 35 1/2	35 35 1/2	1,800	Railway Steel Spring.....100	109 May 7	123 Mar 17	94 Jan	126 1/2 Sept	
*87 1/2	*87 1/2	*87 1/2	*87 1/2	*87 1/2	*87 1/2	1,100	Rand Mines Ltd.....No par	30 1/2 Mar 27	34 1/2 Feb 19	19 1/2 Jan	36 1/2 Sept	
48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4	15,100	Ray Consolidated Copper.....10	12 1/2 May 22	17 1/2 Mar 1	12 1/2 Nov	19 May	
94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	200	Remington Typewriter v t c.....100	33 1/2 Jan 11	48 1/2 Mar 6	24 Jan	42 Mar	
22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	1,900	1st preferred v t c.....100	100 Mar 5	104 Feb 13	55 Jan	105 Dec	
19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4	1,100	2d preferred.....100	89 Jan 3	91 1/2 Apr 24	50 1/2 Feb	80 1/2 Dec	
48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4	15,100	Replique Steel.....No par	18 May 21	31 1/2 Feb 16	21 Nov	35 1/2 May	
94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	200	Republic Iron & Steel.....100	46 1/2 May 22	60 1/2 Mar 21	43 1/2 Nov	78 1/2 Mar	
22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	1,900	Do pref.....100	89 Jan 9	96 1/2 Mar 21	74 Feb	95 1/2 May	
64 1/4	64 1/4	64 1/4	64 1/4	64 1/4	64 1/4	10,800	Reynolds Spring.....No par	16 1/2 Jan 23	29 1/2 Apr 17	12 1/2 Nov	50 1/2 June	
*115 1/2	*115 1/2	*115 1/2	*115 1/2	*115 1/2	*115 1/2	8,500	Reynolds (R J) Tob Cl B.....25	47 Jan 10	67 1/2 May 28	43 Mar	63 1/2 Nov	
47 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4	1,400	7% preferred.....100	114 1/2 Jan 19	118 Feb 9	111 1/2 Apr	118 1/2 Oct	
18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	1,400	Royal Dutch Co (N Y shares).....10	42 1/2 Jan 31	55 1/2 Feb 19	47 1/2 Jan	67 June	
*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	*21 1/2	700	St Joseph Lead.....10	18 Jan 2	22 1/2 Mar 9	12 1/2 Jan	20 1/2 Sept	
74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	2,800	San Ceolth & Sugar v t c. No par	18 Jan 17	5 Feb 14	1 1/2 Jan	87 June	
*105 1/2	*105 1/2	*105 1/2	*105 1/2	*105 1/2	*105 1/2	200	Savake Arms Co.....100	18 1/2 Jan 3	30 Apr 5	10 Aug	24 1/2 Apr	
8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	1,100	Sears, Roebuck & Co.....100	72 May 18	92 1/2 Feb 13	58 1/2 Feb	94 1/2 Aug	
36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	36 36 1/2	700	Preferred.....100	106 1/2 June 4	113 1/2 June 12	91 Jan	112 Aug	
17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	22,300	Seneca Copper.....No par	7 1/2 Jan 17	12 1/2 Mar 3	6 Oct	23 1/2 Jan	
28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	35,600	Shattuck Arizona Copper.....10	7 May 7	10 1/2 Mar 7	6 1/2 Nov	12 June	
24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	12,300	Shell Transp & Trading.....£2	34 1/2 Jan 31	41 1/2 Mar 7	34 1/2 Dec	48 1/2 May	
*49 1/2	*49 1/2	*49 1/2	*49 1/2	*49 1/2	*49 1/2	700	Shell Union Oil.....No par	12 1/2 Jan 8	19 1/2 May 23	12 1/2 Dec	13 1/2 Dec	
*80 1/2	*80 1/2	*80 1/2	*80 1/2	*80 1/2	*80 1/2	100	Shinclair Cons Oil Corp. No par	27 1/2 May 22	39 1/2 Mar 19	18 1/2 Jan	38 1/2 June	
53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	100	Skelly Oil Co.....10	9 1/2 Jan 2	35 Mar 31	8 1/2 Nov	11 1/2 Oct	
17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	1,300	Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron 100	42 Jan 3	60 Apr 26	34 1/2 Mar	54 1/2 May	
*80 1/2	*80 1/2	*80 1/2	*80 1/2	*80 1/2	*80 1/2	300	Do pref.....100	68 Jan 13	90 Mar 16	66 Mar	80 Aug	
*75 1/2	*75 1/2	*75 1/2	*75 1/2	*75 1/2	*75 1/2	9,600	So Porto Rico Sugar.....100	40 Jan 13	64 1/2 Apr 19	33 Nov	57 1/2 Mar	
52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	38,800	Spaulding Mfg Co.....No par	5 1/2 May 21	27 1/2 Feb 16	15 Nov	24 June	
34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	2,200	Standard Milling.....100	76 1/2 May 4	87 1/2 Feb 2	84 Apr	96 Sept	
*95 1/2	*95 1/2	*95 1/2	*95 1/2	*95 1/2	*95 1/2	5,400	Standard Oil of Cal.....25	49 1/2 Apr 23	123 1/2 Jan 23	84 1/2 Dec	141 Sept	
110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	100	Standard Oil of N J.....25	33 1/2 June 7	44 1/2 Mar 3	38 1/2 Dec	250 1/2 Oct	
88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	40,400	Do pref not voting.....100	115 June 2	118 Feb 21	113 1/2 Jan	161 1/2 Nov	
110 1/4	110 1/4	110 1/4	110 1/4	110 1/4	110 1/4	118,300	Steel & Tube of Am pref.....100	85 Jan 2	107 1/2 Jan 12	68 Mar	90 May	
11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	7,700	Stearns Products.....No par	5 1/2 May 21	67 1/2 Mar 2	45 1/2 May	63 1/2 Dec	
4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	1,000	Stern Bros (S).....100	10 1/2 Jan 2	115 Jan 5	81 Jan	109 Dec	
*29 1/2	*29 1/2	*29 1/2	*29 1/2	*29 1/2	*29 1/2	5,600	Stewart-Warn Sp Corp. No par	79 1/2 Jan 2	124 1/2 Apr 17	24 1/2 Jan	79 Dec	
9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	13,800	Stromberg Carburetor.....No par	62 1/2 Jan 10	94 1/2 Mar 6	34 1/2 Jan	71 Dec	
45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	9,700	Studebaker Corp (The).....100	106 1/2 May 22	126 1/2 Mar 21	79 1/2 Jan	141 1/2 Dec	
59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	1,000	Do pref.....100	112 Jan 4	114 Apr 26	100 Feb	118 1/2 Nov	
120 120 1/2	120 120 1/2	120 120 1/2	120 120 1/2	120 120 1/2	120 120 1/2	1,000	Submarine Boat.....No par	7 Jan 3	15 Apr 6	3 1/2 Jan	8 1/2 Nov	
37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	1,000	Superior Oil.....No par	3 1/2 June 7	6 1/2 Feb 15	4 Nov	10 1/2 June	
52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	1,000	Superior Steel.....100	29 1/2 Jan 3	34 Mar 22	26 Jan	39 1/2 Apr	
81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	1,000	Sweets Co of America.....10	1 June 4	2 1/2 Jan 12	1 1/2 Nov	5 Mar	
*69 1/2	*69 1/2	*69 1/2	*69 1/2	*69 1/2	*69 1/2	1,000	Tenn Copp & C (The).....No par	99 June 1	12 1/2 Feb 21	8 1/2 Nov	12 1/2 May	
17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	13,800	Texas Company (tr).....25	43 1/2 May 22	52 1/2 Mar 20	42 Mar	52 1/2 Oct	
53 1/4	53 1/4	53 1/4	53 1/4	53 1/4	53 1/4	2,500	Texas Gulf Sulphur.....10	57 1/2 Apr 12	65 Jan 15	38 1/2 Jan	67 1/2 Nov	
94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	9,700	Tidewater Oil & Oil.....10	11 1/2 June 6	24 1/2 Feb 2	18 1/2 Nov	32 1/2 June	
98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	8,600	Timken Roller Bearing.....100	33 1/2 May 21	144 Mar 2	109 1/2 May	154 Oct	
49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	12,000	Tobacco Products Corp.....100	49 1/2 Jan 2	61 1/2 Apr 27	49 1/2 Nov	84 1/2 June	
99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1,800	Do CIA (since July 15) 100	79 May 21	85 Mar 2	76 1/2 Aug		

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BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending June 8										BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending June 8										
Interest Period		Price Friday June 8		Week's Range or Last Sale		Range Since Jan. 1		Bids		Interest Period		Price Friday June 8		Week's Range or Last Sale		Range Since Jan. 1		Bids		
		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High				Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High		
U. S. Government																				
First Liberty Loan—																				
3½% of 1932-1947	J D	100	Sale	100	101 1/2	1080	100	101 90		Atl & Birm 30-yr 1st g 4s e. 1933	M S	67 1/2	68 1/2	68	68	1	65	68 1/2		
Conv 4% of 1932-1947	J D	98 3/4	Sale	98 3/4	98 3/4	11	97 1/2	98 90		At Knox & Cin Div 4s. 1955	M D	83 1/4	85	84	84	3	80 1/4	86 1/2		
Conv 4½% of 1932-1947	J D	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	98 1/2	292	97 1/2	99 10		At Knox & Nor 1st g 5s. 1946	J D	90 1/4	91 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4	1	88 1/4	91 1/4		
2d conv 4½% of 1932-1947	J D	98	99	98 1/2	May 23	—	97 00	99 00		Atl & Charl A L 1st A 4½s. 1944	J J	98 1/4	Sale	98 1/4	May 23	—	98 1/4	99 1/4		
Second Liberty Loan—																				
4% of 1927-1942	M N	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	98 1/2	1	96 1/4	98 70		1st 30-yr Ser B. 1944	J J	87 1/4	Sale	87 1/4	87 1/4	1	86	100		
Conv 4½% of 1927-1942	M N	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	98 1/2	4720	96 1/4	98 88		Atl Coast Line 1st gold 4s. 1952	M N	107 1/4	107 1/2	107	107 1/2	17	106	108		
Third Liberty Loan—																				
4½% of 1928	M S	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	98 1/2	7296	97 1/4	99 18		10-year secured 7s. 1932	M N	86	Sale	86	86 1/2	13	82	89 1/2		
Fourth Liberty Loan—																				
4½% of 1933-1938	A O	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	98 1/2	4225	97 1/2	99 04		L & N coll gold 4s. 1952	M S	81 1/2	81 1/4	81	81 1/4	17	76 1/2	83		
Victory Liberty Loan—																				
4½% Notes of 1922-1923	J D	100	May 23	—	—	—	98 20	100 32		Atl & Danv 1st g 4s. 1948	J J	75 1/2	77 1/2	76	May 23	—	73 1/2	78		
Treasury 4½s 1947-1952	A O	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 1/2	1715	98 1/2	100 04		2d 4s. 1948	J J	63 1/2	68	68 1/2	May 23	—	61 1/2	68 1/2		
3s consol registered	Q J	102 1/2	May 23	—	—	—	102 1/2	102 1/2		Atl & Yad 1st g guar 4s. 1949	A O	75 1/2	80	77 1/2	Feb 23	—	77 1/2	77 1/2		
3s consol coupon	Q J	103 1/4	May 23	—	—	—	103 1/4	103 1/2		A & N W 1st gu g 5s. 1941	J J	94 1/4	—	94 1/4	94 1/4	5	93 1/2	95 1/2		
4s registered	Q F	103 1/2	May 23	—	—	—	103 1/2	103 1/2		Atl & Ohio prior 3½s. 1925										
4s coupon	Q F	103 1/2	May 23	—	—	—	103 1/2	103 1/2		Registered	J J	95 1/4	Sale	95	95 1/2	118	93 1/2	97 1/4		
Panama Canal 10-30-yr 2s. 1936	Q M	93 1/2	94 1/2	Apr 23	—	—	94 1/2	95		1st 50-year gold 4s. 1948	A O	77 1/4	Sale	77 1/4	77 1/4	57	74 1/2	80		
Panama Canal 3s gold	Q M	93 1/4	94 1/4	Apr 23	—	—	93 1/2	96 1/4		10-year coupon 4½s. 1933	M D	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	May 23	—	73 1/2	78 1/2		
Registered	Q M	93 1/4	94 1/4	Apr 23	—	—	93 1/2	96 1/4		Refund & gen 5s Series A. 1929	J D	81 1/2	Sale	81 1/2	81 1/2	67	79 1/2	85		
Foreign Government																				
Argentina (Govt) 7s. 1927	F A	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/2	102 1/4	123	100 1/4	103 1/8		10-year 6s. 1929	J J	100 1/2	Sale	99	100 1/2	118	99	101 1/2		
Argentina Treasury 5s of 1909	M S	80 1/4	Sale	78 1/2	80 3/4	54	77 1/2	82		P L E & W Va Sys ref 4s. 1941	M N	74 1/2	Sale	74 1/2	75 1/2	55	73	79 1/2		
Belgium 4½-yr ext s f 7½s g. 1945	J D	102 1/2	Sale	102 1/2	103	173	91 1/4	103 1/2		South Div 1st gold 3½s. 1925	J J	94 1/2	Sale	93 1/2	94 1/2	79	91 1/2	94 1/2		
5-year 8% notes. Jan 1925	J J	9 7/8	Sale	9 7/8	9 7/4	73	91 1/4	93 1/8		3 & N Y Air Line 1st 4s. 1959	J J	64 1/4	65 1/4	65 1/4	65 1/4	17	61 1/2	67 1/2		
20-year s f 8s. 1941	F A	102 1/4	Sale	101 1/2	102 1/2	111	93	102 1/4		Battle Cr & Stur 1st gu 4s. 1993	J D	53 1/2	—	57 1/2	Apr 23	—	57 1/2	60		
Bergen Norway s f 8s. 1945	M N	110 1/2	Sale	109 1/2	110 1/2	6	107 1/2	109 1/2		Seech Creek 1st gu g 4s. 1936	J J	83 1/4	91 1/4	89 1/2	Apr 23	—	86 1/2	89 1/2		
Berne City of s f 8s. 1945	M N	110 1/2	Sale	109 1/2	110 1/2	6	107 1/2	109 1/2		Registered	J J	86 1/2	—	86	Feb 23	—	86	86		
Bolivia Republic of 8s. 1947	M N	91 1/2	Sale	91 1/4	92	168	90 1/4	92 1/2		2d guar gold 5s. 1936	J J	95 1/4	—	124	May 16	—	—	—		
Bordeaux (City of) 16-yr 6s. 1934	M N	81 1/2	Sale	81	83 1/2	213	69 1/4	83 1/2		Seech Cr Ext 1st g 3½s. 1915	A O	93 1/2	—	60	July 22	—	—	—		
Brasilia S external 8s. 1941	J J	97 1/4	Sale	96	98	90	90 1/4	92 1/2		Seeliev & Car 1st 8s. 1923	J D	80 1/2	86	84	Apr 23	—	80 1/2	84		
7s. 1952	J D	83 1/2	Sale	82 1/2	83 1/2	99	80	86 1/4		Big Sandy 1st 4s. 1944	J D	62 1/2	77	75 1/2	Mar 23	—	75 1/2	75 1/2		
7½s. 1952	A O	101	101	100 1/2	101 1/2	29	96 1/4	104		3 & N Y Air Line 1st 4s. 1955	F A	62 1/2	77	75 1/2	Mar 23	—	75 1/2	75 1/2		
Canada (Dominion of) 6s. 1926	A O	100 1/2	Sale	100	100 1/2	76	99 1/4	101 1/4		Brum & W 1st gu gold 4s. 1935	J J	87 1/2	89 1/2	89	Feb 23	—	89	89		
do do do 6s. 1931	A O	100 1/2	Sale	100	101 1/2	56	99	102		Buffalo R & P gen gold 5s. 1937	M N	101 1/4	102	101 1/4	101 1/4	1	100	101 1/2		
do do do 6s. 1939	F A	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/2	101 1/2	38	100	102 1/2		Consol 4½s. 1957	M N	90	Sale	89 1/2	90 1/2	34	87	92 1/4		
5s. 1952	M N	99	Sale	98 1/2	99 1/2	61	97 1/2	102		Burl C R & Nor 1st 5s. 1934	A O	98	99 1/4	97 1/2	May 23	—	96 1/4	100 1/2		
Chile (Republic) ext s f 8s. 1941	F A	103	Sale	103 1/4	103 1/4	32	101 1/2	104 1/2		Canada Sou cons gu A 5s. 1962										
External 5-year s f 8s. 1926	A O	102 1/4	Sale	102 1/4	102 1/2	32	101 1/2	103 1/2		Canadian Nor deb s f 7s. 1940	A O	113 1/4	Sale	113 1/4	114	17	112 1/2	115		
7s. 1942	M N	95 1/2	Sale	95	96	71	93 1/4	96 1/4		25-year s f deb 6½s. 1946	J J	112 1/4	Sale	112 1/2	113	29	110 1/2	113 1/4		
25-year s f 8s. 1946	M N	103	103 1/4	103 1/4	104	38	102 1/2	105		Canadian Pac Ry deb 4s stock. 1946	J J	79 1/4	Sale	79	79 1/2	109	76 1/2	80 1/2		
Chinese (Hukang Ry) 5s of 1911	J D	47	Sale	45	48 1/2	22	45	52 1/2		Carb & Shaw 1st gold 4s. 1932	M S	80 1/2	90	92 1/2	Sept 22	—	68	71		
Christiana (City) s f 8s. 1945	A O	110	Sale	109 1/2	110 1/2	19	107 1/2	112 1/2		Caro Cent 1st con g 4s. 1940	J J	70 1/4	74	70 1/4	70 1/4	16	68 1/2	71		
Colombia Republic 6½s. 1927	A O	94	Sale	94	94 1/4	35	88 1/2	95		Car Clinch & Ohio 1st 3-yr 5s 1938	J D	93 1/4	Sale	93 1/4	93 1/2	72	89	98 1/2		
Copenhagen 25-year s f 6½s. 1944	J J	92 1/4	Sale	91 1/2	92 1/2	128	90 1/4	92 1/2		6s. 1932	J D	79	83 1/2	81 1/2	Dec 22	—	66 1/2	66 1/2		
Cuba 5s. 1944	M S	97	Sale	97	98	128	90 1/4	92 1/2		Cent & Ad 1st gu g 4s. 1931	J D	67	73	67 1/2	May 23	—	66 1/2	66 1/2		
External debt of 5s 1914 Ser A. 1940	F A	91	Sale	90 1/2	91 1/2	284	87 1/2	93 1/4		Cent Br U P 1st g 4s. 1943	J D	67	73	67 1/2	May 23	—	66 1/2	66 1/2		
External loan 4½s. 1949	F A	83 1/4	Sale	83 1/4	83 1/4	7	81 1/2	89		Cent New Eng 1st gu 4s. 1961	J J	55 1/4	56 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2	8	54	58		
5½s. 1953	J J	99 1/4	Sale	99 1/4	99 1/4	33	99	99 1/2		Central Ohio 4½s 1930	1930	M N	91	—	93 1/2	Dec 22	—	94	94	
Czechoslovakia (Repub of) 5s. 1951	A O	96	Sale	95 1/2	96 1/2	227	77	93 1/2		Central of Ga 1st gold 5s. 1945	F A	100	102	100	May 23	—	100	102		
Danish Con Municipal 8s. 1946	F A	108 1/4	Sale	107 1/2	108 1/4	15	107	109 1/2		Consol gold 5s. 1945	M N	95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	95 1/2	7	92 1/2	98 1/2		
Series B. 1946	F A	107 1/2	Sale	107 1/2	108	19	107	109 1/2		10-year temp secur 6s. June 1929	J D	100 1/2	Sale	100	101	37	99 1/2	101		
Denmark external s f 8s. 1945	A O	110	Sale	109 1/2	110	22	107 1/2	110		Chatt Div pur money g 4s. 1951	J D	73 1/2	79 1/4	74 1/2	May 23	—	74 1/2	81		
20-year 6s. 1942	J J	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	98 1/2	106	95 1/4	99		Mac & Nor Div 1st g 5s. 1945	J J	93 1/2	—	96 1/2	Sept 22	—	—	—		
Dominican Rep Cons Adm s f 5s 5½s. 1941	F A	94 1/4	97	96 1/2	May 23	—	95 1/4	99		Mld Ga & Atl Div 5s. 1947	J J	92 1/2	—	94	May 23	—	94	94		
5½s. 1942	M S	89	Sale	87 1/4	89 1/2	32	84	90		Cent RR & B of Ga coll g 5s. 1937	M N	92 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/4	May 23	—	92 1/2	97 1/4		
Dutch East Indies ext 6s. 1947	J J	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	97 1/2	123	92 1/2	98 1/4		Central of N J gen gold 5s. 1987	J J	105 1/2	Sale	105 1/2	105 1/2	6	103 1/2	108		
40-yr 6s. 1962	M S	97 1/2	Sale	96 1/2	97 1/2	499	92 1/2	97 1/2		Registered	J J	105 1/2	Sale	105 1/2	105 1/2	44	79 1/2	87 1/2		
5½s trust 1953	M S	93 1/4	Sale	92 1/2	94 1/4	499	87 1/4	94 1/4		Cent Pac 1st ref gu g 4s. 1949	F A	85 1/4	90 1/4	85 1/4	90 1/4					
French Republic 25-yr ext 8s. 1945	M S	100 1/4	Sale	100 1/2	100 1/2	356	90	101		Mort guar gold 3½s. 1929	J D	89 1/2	90 1/4	90 1/4	90 1/4	5	90	91 1/2		
20-year external loan 7½s. 1941	J D	96	Sale	95 1/2	96 1/4	514	84	94 1/2		Through St L 1st gu 4s. 1954	A O	101 1/4	1							

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N Y Steam 1st 25-yr 6s Ser A. 1947	M N			93	94	93	93 1/2	11	93	94	
N Y Telep 1st & gen s f 4 1/2s. 1939	M N			93 1/2	94	93 1/2	94	70	93 1/2	94	
30-year debent 1st 5s. Feb 1949	F A			105	Sale	105 1/2	106 1/2	36	103 1/4	108 1/2	
20-year refunding gold 6s. 1941	A O			106	Sale	104 1/2	105	64	102 1/4	107 1/2	
Niagara Falls Power 1st 6s. 1932	J J			97 1/2	Sale	95 3/4	99	25	95 1/4	101	
Ref & gen 6s. 1932	A O			102 1/2	103	103	103	15	101 1/2	105	
Niag Lock & O Pow 1st 6s. 1954	M N			98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	May 23	---	96	98 1/2	
No Amer Edison 6s. 1952	M F			93 1/2	Sale	93	93 1/4	55	92	93 1/2	
Nor Ohio Trac & Light 6s. 1947	M F			92 1/2	93	92 1/2	94	10	90	95	
Nor States Power 25-yr 5s A. 1941	A O			91	Sale	90 1/2	91 1/2	49	87 1/2	93	
1st & ref 25-year 6s Ser B. 1941	A O			101 1/4	101 1/2	100 1/4	101 1/2	5	98 1/2	102 1/2	
Northwest Bell T 1st 7s 1941	F A			107 1/2	Sale	107 1/2	May 23	---	71	107 1/2	
North W T 1st 7s 1941	J J			90 1/2	Sale	91 1/2	92 1/2	21	88 1/2	91 1/2	
Ohio Public Service 7 1/2s. 1946	J O			104 1/2	Sale	104 1/2	105 1/4	4	101	108	
7s. 1947	F A			102 1/2	Sale	102 1/2	103 1/2	5	100	105 1/2	
Ontario Power N F 1st 5s. 1943	F A			94 1/2	Sale	94 1/4	94 1/2	7	92 1/2	96 1/2	
Ontario Transmission 5s. 1941	M N			94	94 1/4	94	94 1/2	10	93	96	
Oils Steel 5s. 1941	F A			99 1/2	100	97 1/2	99 1/2	10	97 1/2	101 1/2	
1st 25-yr s f 7 1/2s Ser B. 1947	F A			93 1/2	Sale	93 1/2	93 1/2	38	91 1/4	94 1/2	
Pacific G & El gen & ref 5s. 1942	J J			92	Sale	91 1/2	92	40	89	93 1/2	
Pac Pow & Lt 1st & ref 20-yr 5s 1930	F A			91 1/4	92 1/4	91 1/2	91 3/4	3	89 1/4	94	
Pacific Tel & Tel 1st 5s. 1937	J J			90 1/4	90 1/2	90 1/4	90 1/2	11	95 1/4	99 1/2	
5s. 1952	M N			91 1/2	Sale	91 1/2	91 1/2	42	88	92 1/2	
Pan-Am P & T 1st 10-yr 7s. 1936	F A			103	Sale	102 1/2	103	13	102	105 1/2	
Pac & Passaic G & Elcons 5s 1949	M S			91 1/2	91 1/2	94	Jan 23	---	94	94	
Peop Gas & C 1st cons g 6s. 1943	A O			105	107 1/2	105	May 23	---	105	108	
Refunding gold 5s. 1947	M S			89 1/2	Sale	89 1/2	89 1/2	2	87	90	
Philadelphia Co 6s A. 1947	F A			100 1/2	Sale	100 1/4	100 1/2	35	98 1/2	103 1/2	
Pierce-Arrow 6s. 1943	M S			77	Sale	76 1/2	77 1/2	53	73 1/2	78 1/2	
Pleasant Val Coal 1st g s f 5s. 1928	J J			88 1/2	89	88 1/2	89	3	86 1/2	88	
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Pleasant Val Coal 1st g s f 5s. 1928	J J			88 1/2	89	88 1/2	89	3	8		

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

Sales
for the
Week.STOCKS
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EXCHANGE

Range since Jan. 1 1923.

PER SHARE.
Range for Previous
Year 1922.

BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE										Year 1922.													
Saturday, June 2.		Monday, June 4.		Tuesday, June 5.		Wednesday, June 6.		Thursday, June 7.		Friday, June 8.		for the Week.		Lowest		Highest		Lowest		Highest			
145	145	146 1/2	146 1/2	*146 1/2	78	*146 1/2	78 1/2	*146 1/2	79 1/2	147	147	17	17	Boston & Albany	100	143	Apr 3	150	May 26	130 1/4	Jan	162	May
78	78	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	203	203	Boston Elevated	100	77 1/2	June 1	84	Jan 5	73 1/2	Apr	89 1/2	Sep
*96 1/2	97	96 1/2	96 1/2	*96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	97	97	97	66	66	Do pref.	100	95 1/2	May 15	100	Mar 5	94 1/4	Mar	105	Sep
*122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/2	*122 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	*122 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	130	130	Do 2d pref.	100	115 1/2	Jan 23	123	May 2	116 1/2	Jan	126	Sep
101	101	99 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	160	160	Do 2d pref.	100	99 1/2	May 22	106	Mar 1	101 1/2	Nov	109	Oct
15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	*15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	250	250	Boston & Maine	100	15	Mar 19	20 1/2	Mar 2	14	Jan	31 1/2	May
*20	25	20	20	*20	25	*20	25	*20	25	25	25	1	1	Do pref.	100	20	May 21	27	Feb 13	20	Jan	37	Apr
*26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	*26 1/2	26 1/2	*26 1/2	26 1/2	*26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	141	141	Do Series A 1st pref.	100	23	May 19	32 1/2	Mar 1	22	Jan	44 1/4	Apr
*34	36	34	34	*34	36	34	34	34	34	34	34	29	29	Do Series B 1st pref.	100	34	May 22	48	Feb 6	38	Jan	62	May
*45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	*45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	*45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	*45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	45 45 1/2	50	50	Do Series C 1st pref.	100	34	May 24	42	Mar 22	30	Jan	54	May
*140 150	*140 150	*140 150	*140 150	*140 150	140 150	*140 150	140 150	*140 150	148 150	148 150	148 150	312	312	Do Series D 1st pref.	100	44	May 23	59	Feb 7	40	Jan	77 1/2	May
*29	29	29	29	*29	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	80	80	Boston & Providence	100	148	June 8	160 1/2	Jan 25	125	Jan	163	July
*69 71	*69 71	*69 71	*69 71	*69 71	69 71	69 71	69 71	69 71	69 71	69 71	69 71	312	312	East Mass Street Ry Co.	100	18	Feb 14	35	Mar 22	18	July	26 1/2	July
*58 1/2	58 1/2	59	59	*59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	45	45	Do 1st pref.	100	67	Feb 24	72	Jan 16	66	Aug	77	July
*37 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2	*37 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	34	34	Do pref B	100	53	Feb 24	65	Mar 19	51	July	60	Aug
*30	30	*30	30	*30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	38	38	Do adjustment	100	34 1/2	Feb 24	46	Mar 2	25	July	47	Aug
*16 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/2	18	18	18 1/4	18	18	18	18	17 1/2	18 1/4	494	494	East Mass St Ry (tr cfs)	100	34 1/2	Feb 15	45	Mar 21	29	July	47	Aug
		*73			*71 1/4				72	72		1	1	Maine Central	100	30	May 5	43	Jan 2	27 1/2	Jan	55	Oct
												14	14	N Y N H & Hartford	100	16 1/2	May 5	22 1/2	Jan 30	12 1/4	Jan	34 1/2	May
												23	23	Northern New Hampshire	100	71	Apr 30	84	Feb 3	69	Jan	96	July
												20	20	Norwich & Worcester pref.	100	83	June 6	100	Jan 3	58	Jan	103 1/2	Dec
												210	210	Old Colony	100	71	May 2	81	Jan 14	57	Jan	98 1/4	May
												6	6	Rutland pref.	100	25	Jan 18	38 1/2	Feb 2	15	Jan	52 1/2	June
														Vermont & Massachusetts	100	83	May 29	98	Jan 11	78	Jan	100	Aug
														Miscellaneous									
												45	45	Amer Pneumatic Service	25	14	May 4	3 1/2	Jan 9	2 1/2	Dec	4 1/4	Jan
												33	33	Do pref.	100	15 1/2	June 4	20	Jan 10	13	Feb	20 1/2	Aug
												3,104	3,104	Amer Telephone & Teleg	500	121 1/2	May 5	125 1/2	Mar 14	114 1/2	Jan	128 1/2	Aug
												225	225	Amoskeag Mfg	No par	80	June 5	112	Jan 5	104	Jan	121	Dec
												66	66	Do pref.	No par	79	May 7	88	Jan 5	80	Nov	91	Aug
												54	54	Art Metal Construe Inc.	10	15	Mar 1	16 1/2	Mar 14	14	Nov	20 1/2	May
												105	105	Atlas Tack Corp.	No par	12 1/2	May 16	20 1/2	Feb 14	13	Jan	32	May
												105	105	Boston Gas Co. pref.	100	105	Jan 22	108	Feb 24	104 1/2	Aug	107	Dec
												1,016	1,016	Boston M & P Trus.	No par	10	Jan 18	10	Mar 2	10	Sept	30	Oct
												21	21	Connor (John T)	10	20	Jan 13	27 1/2	Mar 19	15 1/4	Jan	30	Dec
												50	50	East Boston Land	100	3 1/2	May 10	4	Jan 2	3	Jan	6	Apr
												225	225	Eastern Manufacturing	5	7 1/2	Jan 25	14 1/2	Mar 5	7	Dec	14 1/2	Feb
												287	287	Eastern S S Lines Inc.	25	81 1/2	Jan 10	127 1/2	Mar 22	38 1/2	Jan	89 1/2	Oct
												405	405	Edison Electric Illum.	100	162	May 2	172	Jan 3	156	Mar	185	Sep
												60	60	Elder Corporation	No par	5 1/2	Mar 5	10 1/2	Jan 2	3	Mar	13	May
												105	105	Galveston-Houston Elec	100	15 1/2	May 26	29 1/2	Feb 5	28	Dec	39	Aug
												385	385	Gardner Motor	No par	10 1/2	Jan 23	16 1/2	Mar 3	9	Nov	16 1/2	Apr
												349	349	Greenfield Tap & Die	25	16	June 2	24	Feb 10	17	Dec	27 1/2	Feb
												10	10	Hood Rubber	No par	54	Jan 8	63 1/2	Mar 13	43	Mar	54 1/2	Dec
												312	312	Internat Cement Corp.	No par	35	Jan 2	44	Mar 19	26	Jan	38 1/2	May
												73	73	Internat Cotton Mills	50	15	Apr 12	22	Feb 10	20	Nov	32	Jan
												200	200	Do pref.	100	50	May 31	79 1/2	Jan 10	60	Aug	85	Dec
												134	134	International Products	No par	1 1/2	June 5	3	Mar 20	1 1/2	Dec	6 1/2	Mar
												197	197	Do pref.	100	6	Feb 27	8	Mar 15	5 1/2	Dec	17	Apr
												324	324	Libby, McNeill & Libby	10	5 1/2	June 5	8	Apr 6	1 1/2	Apr	11 1/2	Jan
												194	194	Loew's Theatres	25	9 1/2	May 23	11	Apr 26	8	July	13	Jan
												2,312	2,312	Massachusetts Gas Cos.	100	7 1/2	May 23	87 1/2	Jan 2	62	Jan	90 1/2	Nov
												120	120	Do pref.	100	67	May 23	73	Jan 25	65	Jan	74	Oct
												152	152	Mergenthaler Linotype	100	147 1/2	May 14	179	Jan 6	130	Jan	154	Oct
												870	870	Mexican Investment Inc.	100	7 1/2	Jan 31	14 1/2	Feb 19	11	Dec	2 1/2	June
												139	139	Mississippi River Power	100	22 1/2	May 23	28 1/2	Jan 13	13	Jan	34	Apr
												65	65	Do stamped pref.	100	80	Jan 16	84	Feb 14	72 1/2	Jan	85 1/2	Oct
												5,100	5,100	National Leather	10	4 1/2	June 8	8 1/2	Feb 13	6 1/2	Dec	11 1/2	Jan
												245	245	New England Oil Corp.	100	25	Feb 3	97	Apr 16	22	Dec	5	Jan
												117	117	New England Telephone	100	114	May 10	122	Jan 3	109	Jan	125	Sep
												90 1/2	90 1/2	Opheum Circuit Inc.	1	17 1/2	Jan 6	21 1/2	Apr 26	13	Jan	28	Oct
												206	206	Pacific Mills	100	90	May 2	190					

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange June 2 to June 8, both inclusive:

Bonds—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Atl G & W ISS L 5s. 1950	48 1/4	48	48 1/4	17,000	48	May 62
Chic Tel & U S Yds 5s. 1940	88 1/4	88 1/4	90	9,000	88 1/4	May 95
E Mass St RR ser B 5s. 1948	71 1/4	71 1/4	71 1/4	100	71 1/4	June 77 1/2
Hood Rubber 7s. 1936	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	12,000	100 1/4	Jan 102 1/2
K C M & B Inc 5s. 1934	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	4,000	85	Apr 88 1/2
Mass Gas 4 1/2s. 1931	91 1/4	91 1/4	91 1/4	2,000	89	Apr 92
Miss River Power 5s. 1937	91 1/4	91 1/4	91 1/4	7,000	89	Apr 95
New England Tel 5s. 1932	97 1/4	97 1/4	98	9,000	96 1/2	Mar 99 1/2
Swift & Co 5s. 1944	94 1/4	94	94 1/4	12,000	91	Apr 98
Warren Bros 7 1/2s. 1937	107 1/4	107 1/4	110	33,000	104	May 115
Western Tel 5s. 1932	95 1/4	95 1/4	96 1/4	14,000	94	Mar 98

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange June 2 to June 8, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Alabama Co, 1st pref. 100	86	86	86	86	5	82	Jan 90
Amer Wholesale, pref. 100	96	96	96	96	5	94 1/2	May 98
Arundel Sand & Gravel. 100	43 1/4	43	43 1/4	43 1/4	368	40	Jan 45 1/2
Preferred. 100	103	103	103	103	30	94 1/2	Jan 103
Atlas Coast L (Conn). 100	114 1/4	112 1/2	114 1/4	114 1/4	200	112 1/2	Jan 127
Bartlett-Hayward, pf. 100	110	110	110	110	20	110	June 112
Benesh (I), com. 100	34 1/2	35	35	35	25	32 1/2	Jan 35
Celestine Oil. 100	20	20	20	20	20	20	June 50
Cent Teresa Sugar, pref. 100	3	3	3	3	225	2 1/2	Jan 4 1/2
Chalmers Oil & Gas, pref. 5	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	2 1/2	June 2 1/2
Ches & Pot Tel of Balt. 100	109 1/4	109 1/4	110 1/4	110 1/4	34	108 1/4	Jan 110 1/4
Commercial Credit. 25	67 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	66	48	Jan 70
Preferred. 25	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	160	25	Jan 25 1/4
Preferred B. 25	115 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2	67	26	Mar 27 1/4
Consol Gas, E L & Pow. 100	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	282	108	Apr 118
8% preferred. 100	117	117	118	118	102	115 1/2	May 120
Consolidation Coal. 100	84	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	15	82 1/2	May 98
Fidelity & Deposit. 50	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	120	85 1/2	June 144 1/4
Fidelity Trust. 100	163 1/4	163 1/4	163 1/4	163 1/4	202	163 1/4	June 335
Houston Oil pref tr cts. 100	88	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	42	83 1/2	May 95
Manufacturers Finance. 25	51 1/2	52	52	52	60	51 1/2	June 57 1/2
2d preferred. 25	24	24	24 1/2	24 1/2	90	23 1/2	May 26 1/2
Maryland Casualty Co. 25	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	30	83	Jan 90
Maryland Motor Insur. 50	57	57	57	57	8	55	Feb 57
Merch & Mtn Trans Co. 100	113	113	113	113	20	111	May 121
Monon Val Trac, pref. 25	18 1/2	19	19	19	26	18	Feb 19
Mt V-Wood Mills v tr. 100	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	6	10	May 19 1/4
Preferred v tr. 100	61	61	61	61	233	54	Jan 73 1/2
New Amsterd'm Gas Coli. 100	38 1/4	38 1/4	38 1/4	38 1/4	35	35 1/4	Jan 38 1/2
Northern Central. 50	74	74	74	74	10	74	May 77
Penna Water & Power. 100	106 1/2	107	107	107	93	105 1/2	Mar 108 1/2
United Ry & Electric. 50	18	18	18	18	875	17 1/2	May 20 1/2
U S Fidelity & Guar. 50	153	153	154	154	10	147	Jan 164
Wash Balt & Annap. pf. 50	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	70	28 1/2	June 31 1/2

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange June 2 to June 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Alliance Insurance. 10	30	32	32	32	375	27 1/2	Jan 32
American Elec Pow Co. 50	24 1/4	24 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	2,056	15	Feb 30
Preferred. 100	70	72	72	72	67	63	Feb 78
American Gas of N J. 100	80	80	81	81	393	78	Feb 83 1/2
American Stores. 100	193	193	195	195	350	163	Jan 198
Debutent stock D w l. 24	24	24	24 1/2	24 1/2	3,731	24	June 25
Brill (J G) Co. 100	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	110	49	Jan 91
Preferred. 100	98	98	98	98	13	88 1/2	Feb 98
Buff & Sus Corp pf v t c. 100	51	51	50	50	423	44	Jan 54 1/2
Cambria Iron. 50	42	41 1/2	42	42	147	40	Jan 45
Congoleum Co Inc. 100	230	229 1/2	231	231	605	143	Feb 240
Eisenlohr (Otto). 100	69	69	69	69	25	68 1/2	May 85
Preferred. 100	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	36	98	Feb 100
Electric Storage Battery. 100	60 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	488	54	Jan 66 1/2
General Asphalt. 100	34 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	230	34 1/2	June 53 1/2
General Refractories. 54	53	54	54	54	402	42 1/2	Feb 59 1/2
Insurance Co of N A. 100	49	49	49 1/2	49 1/2	274	42 1/2	Jan 50
Keystone Telephone. 50	7	7	7	7	100	7	Feb 8 1/2
Lake Superior Corp. 100	6	6	6 1/4	6 1/4	1,800	5 1/2	Jan 10 1/2
Lehigh Navigation. 50	70	69 1/2	70	70	280	68	May 75
Lehigh Valley. 50	63	63	63	63	24	62	May 71
Lehigh Val Trans pref. 100	39	39	39	39	25	39	Apr 40
Lit Brothers. 10	21	21	21	21	30	20	Feb 22 1/2
Little Schuylkill. 50	42	42	42	42	5	42	Feb 42
North Pennsylvania. 50	79	79	79	79	5	78 1/2	May 81 1/2
Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. 50	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	10	82	Jan 93 1/2
Pennsylvania RR. 50	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	3,593	43 1/4	May 47 1/2
Philadelphia Co (Pitts). 50	42	42	42	42	16	41 1/2	May 45 1/2
Preferred (cumul 6%). 50	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	3,281	27 1/4	May 33 1/2
Phila Electric of Pa. 25	30	29 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	901	29 1/2	May 33 1/2
Preferred. 25	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	14,955	2 1/2	Apr 4
Warrants when issued. 50	31	30 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	475	30	Jan 33
Phila Rapid Transit. 50	60	60	60 1/2	60 1/2	419	60	May 67
Philadelphia Traction. 50	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	15	34 1/2	May 36 1/2
Phila & Western pref. 50	98	98	98	98	135	98	May 99
Scott Paper Co pref. 100	98	98	98	98	135	98	May 99

* No par value.

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		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Tono-Belmont Devel. 1	13-16	13-16	13-16	600	13-16	May 1 1/2
Tonopah Mining. 1	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	975	1 1/2	Jan 2 1/2
Union Traction. 100	194	194	195	52	194	June 200
United Cos of N J. 100	50	50	50 1/2	1,597	47 1/2	May 56
United Gas Impt. 50	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	25	55 1/2	May 56 1/2
Preferred. 100	39	39	39	200	39	June 55
United Rys Invest pref. 100	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	45	8	Jan 9
Warwick Iron & Steel. 10	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	25	33	Jan 43
West Jersey & Sea Shore. 50	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	\$5,400	85	Jan 95 1/2
Amer Gas & Elec 5s. 2007	90 1/4	90 1/4	90 1/4	4,000	96 1/4	May 99
Bell Tel 1st ref 5s. 1948	76	76	76	1,000	76	June 82 1/2
Cons Trac of N J 5s. 1932	63	61	65	13,700	61	Mar 71 1/2
Elect & Peoples tr cts 4s 1945	72	72	72	1,000	70	Apr 70
Keystone Tel 1st 5s. 1935	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	1,000	90 1/2	June 100 1/2
Lehigh Val Transit 1st 5s 35	83	83	83	1,000	83	June 83
Market St Elev 1st 4s. 1955	65	65	65	1,000	65	June 96
North Penna RR 3.30s. '53	65	65	65	1,000	65	June 73
Peoples Pass tr cts 4s. 1943	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1,000	99 1/2	May 100 1/2
Phila Co 1st 5s. 1949	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1,000	99 1/2	Apr 101 1/2
Stamped 5s. 1949	90 1/4	91	91	6,000	90	May 93 1/2
Consol & stamped 5s '51	91 1/4	91 1/4	91 1/4	3,000	90 1/2	May 92
Consol 5s. 1951	98	97 1/2	100	120,300	96	Apr 103
Phila Elec 1st 5s. 1966	98	98	98	500	98	June 100 1/2
Small 5s. 1966	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	26,000	99	Apr 103
5 1/2s. 1947	104	104	105	26,700	102 1/2	May 106 1/2
6s. 1941	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	3,000	83 1/4	Apr 87
Reading general 4s. 1927	100	100	100	7,000	97	May 100 1/2
Spanish-Am Iron 6s. 1927	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	2,300	98 1/2	June 99 1/2
Unit Rys gold tr cts 4s '49	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	1,000	87 1/2	May 92
Weisbach Co 5s. 1930	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	1,000	87 1/2	May 92
York Rys 1st 5s. 1937	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	1,000	87 1/2	May 92

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Amer Pub Serv, pref. 100	87	86	87 1/2	87 1/2	105	86	Mar 97
American Shipbldg. 100	59	59	59	59	65	59	June 74
Amer Tel & Tel Co. 100	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2	50	121 1/4	May 124 1/2
Armour & Co (Del) pf. 100	91 1/2	91	92	92	305	90	Mar 100
Armour & Co, pref. 100	80 1/2	80	81 1/4	81 1/4	996	79 1/2	May 96
Armour Leather. 15			8	8	164	8	Apr 10
Preferred. 100			82 1/2	82 1/2	55	82	May 87 1/2
Bassick-Alemite Corp. 36	34 1/4	34 1/4	36 1/4	36 1/4	15,635	27 1/2	Feb 39 1/2
Beaver Board. 4			4	4	50	3 1/2	May 4 1/2
Borg & Beck. 29 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	6,210	22 1/2	May 32 1/2
Bridgeport Mach com. 16	16	15 1/2	16	16	375	13 1/2	Mar 16 1/2
Bunte Bros. 10	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	25	9 1/2	Apr 11
Case (J D). 2 1/2		2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	35	2 1/2	May 4 1/2
Central Pub Serv pref. 100		85	87	86	85	85	May 90
Chic C&C Ry pt sh pref. 5 1/2		5 1/2	6	6	150	5	Feb 10
Chic Mill & Lumber pref. 101	101	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	100	101	June 102
Chic Motor Coach Corp. 5	119	119	120	120	400	118	May 129
Preferred. 88		88	90	90	460	85	May 90
Chic Rys part etf series 4. 3 1/2			3 1/2	3 1/2	200	3 1/2	Feb 39 1/2
Commonwealth Edison 100	127 1/2	127 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2	47	127 1/2	May 131 1/2
Consumers Co com. 100		5 1/2	6	6	225	5 1/2	May 6 1/2
Continental. 100		62	62	62	20	61	May 70
Continental Motors. 10	8 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	3,365	8 1/2	May 12
Crane Co pref. 100	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	70	108 1/2	June 115
Cudahy Pack Co com. 100	55	54	55	55	230	54	May 64 1/2
Daniel Boone Wool Mills 25	24 1/2	24 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	5,472	19 1/2	May 62 1/2
Decker (A) & Cohn, Inc pf100		90	90	90	50	70	Jan 92
Deere & Co pref. 100	68	68	70	70	52	68	June 74 1/2
Diamond Match. 100	111	110 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	78	110 1/2	May 121 1/2
Earl Motors Co. *		25 1/2	25 1/2	26	588	24 1/2	May 30 1/2
Eaton Axle & Spring Co. *		29 1/2	30	30	2,125	22 1/2	Apr 34 1/2
Eddy Paper Corp (The) 100	102 1/2	102	102 1/2	102 1/2	317	100	Jan 106
Gill Mfg Co. (The) 100		21 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	555	20 1/2	May 28 1/2
Godchaux Sugar com. *		14	17	17	370	14	June 26 1/2
Gossard (H W) pref. 100	31	30 1/2	31	31	106	24 1/2	Feb 35 1/2
Great Lakes D & D. 100		84 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	25	81 1/2	Feb 94 1/2
Hartman Corporation. 100		84 1/2	86	86	29	81	May 95 1/2
Hart,Schaff&Marx com 100		110	110 1/2	110 1/2	250	98	Jan 110 1/2
Hayes Wheel Co. *		36 1/2	37 1/2	38	850	36	May 43 1/2
Hupp Motor. 10	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	1,445	21	Mar 20 1/2
Hydrox Corp com. 100	21	20	23 1/2	23 1/2	7,280	20 1/2	Jan 32 1/2
Illinois Brick. 100		75	77	77	120	60	Apr 96 1/2
Inland Steel. 25		37 1/2	38	38	100	36	May 50 1/2
Internal Lapp Corp. 25	10	8 1/2	10	10	1,565	8	May 32
Lehigh M&T Co (B) Inc com5	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	200	25 1/2	June 30
Libby, Mc N & L, new. 10	5 1/2	5 1/2	6	6	735	5 1/2	June 8 1/2
Lindsay Light. 10	4	3 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	1,925	2 1/2	May 4 1/2
Lyon & Healy, Inc., pref. 100	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	35	98	Apr 101 1/2
McCord Rad Mfg Co. *		35	36	36	625	32 1/2	Apr 39
McQuay-Norris Mfg w i. *	20 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	300	10 1/2	May 26
Mid West Utilities com 100	45 1/2	45	45 1/2	45 1/2	409	36 1/2	May 53
Preferred. 100		82	82 1/2	82 1/2	127	81 1/2	May 86 1/2
Prior lien preferred. 96 1/2		96	98 1/2	98 1/2	406	96	June 104 1/2
Mitchell Motor Co. *		4 1/2	4 1/2	5	300	3 1/2	Apr 23 1/2
National Leather, new. 4		12 1/2	13	13	1,481	4 1/2	June 8 1/2
Phillipsborn's, Inc. com. 5	12 1/2	12 1/2	13	13	3,850	12	May 38
Pick (Albert) & Co. 10		19 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	1,440	19 1/2	June 36 1/2
Rights. 100		97	100 1/2	100 1/2	163	97 1/2	June 12
Pub Serv. of Nor Ill com. *	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	199	99 1/2	May 103 1/2
Pub Serv of Nor Ill com. 100	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	163	99 1/2	May 103 1/2
Preferred. 100		92 1/2	93	93	93	91 1/2	May 99
Quaker Oats Co. 100		219	220	220	190	210	Mar 236
Preferred. 100		98 1/2	95	99	142	95	June 100
Reo Motor. 10		15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	1,847	11 1/2	Jan 32 1/2
Sears-Roebuck, com. 100		75	77	77	540	70	Jan 93 1/2
Standard Gas & Electric. 50	48 1/2	48	48 1/2	48 1/2	617	48	Mar 51 1/2
Preferred. 100		91 1/2	88 1/2	94 1/2	45,955	79	Jan 124 1/2
Swift & Co. 100	103	103	105	105	1,501	102 1/2	May 109 1/2
Swift International. 15	19	18 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	2,248	18	Feb 21 1/2
Thompson (J R), com. 25	49 1/2	44 1/2	52	52	12,395	44 1/2	June 52
Union Carb & Carb. 10	57 1/2	57 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	9,032	55 1/2	May 67 1/2
United Iron Works v t c. 50		6 1/2	7	7	50	6	Jan 13 1/2
United Lt & Rys, com. 100	145	145	156	156	319	71	Jan 164
1st preferred. 100	85	85	86	86	354	75	Jan 94
Partic preferred. 100	93 1/2	92	92	92	600	90	May 99 1/2
Rights. 100		2	2	2	13,459	2	May 2 1/2
United Paper Bd, com. 100		15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	52	15 1/2	June 18 1/2
U S Gypsum. 20		68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	50	60	May 75 1/2
U S Stores Corp, pref. 100		97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	20	92 1/2	May 97 1/2
Wahl Co. *		46	45 1/2	46 1/2	730	44	May 58 1/2
Ward (M) & Co, w i. 20	23 1/2	20 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	11,015	18 1/2	May 25 1/2
Class "A" 100		99	98 1/2	99	225	93	Jan 104 1/2
Western Knitting Mills. *		5 1/2	5	5 1/2	575	4	May 10 1/2
Wilson & Co, com. *		27	27	27	10	27	June 27
Wolff Mfg Corp. *		23 1/2	23	23 1/2	630	23	May 35 1/2
Wrigley Jr, com. 25		106	107	107	229	100	Jan 14 1/2
Yellow Cab Mfg, Cl "B" 10	274	222	275	275	1,782	222	June 296
Yellow Taxi Co. 100		96 1/2	91	97	31,423	70 1/2	Jan 98 1/2
Bonds							
Beaver Prod 1st ref 7 1/2 1/2 42		100	100	100	\$4,000	100	June 100
Chicago City Ry 6 1/2 1/2 1927		80	80	10,000	76 1/2	Feb 83 1/2	Mar 83 1/2
Chicago Rys 5 1/2 1/2 1927		79	80	2,000	77	Jan 82 1/2	Mar 82 1/2
4s, Series "B" 1927		50	50	6,000	47	Jan 65 1/2	Mar 65 1/2
Commonw Edison 5s. 1943		97	98	12,000	95 1/2	May 105 1/2	Mar 105 1/2
South Side Elev 4 1/2 1/2 1924		92	92	6,000	88 1/2	Feb 92 1/2	Mar 92 1/2

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Am Vitellized Prod. com.	25	83½	7½				

Mining Stocks.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.		Bonds (Continued)	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.
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RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

ROADS.	Week or Month.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.		ROADS.	Week or Month.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.			Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Alcron Canton & Y.	April	223,762	171,639	833,749	673,140	Minn St P & SSM Sys	April	4,009,156	3,193,367	15,216,788	11,520,311
Alabama & Vicksb.	April	281,034	270,011	1,137,722	1,001,815	Wisconsin Central	April	1,855,375	1,388,175	6,564,863	4,998,434
Amer Railway Exp.	April	126,558	128,274	25,331,764	25,663,463	Mississippi Central	April	130,497	116,904	599,790	480,342
Ann Arbor	4th wk May	140,799	133,313	1,984,637	1,977,990	Missouri Kan & Tex	April	2,737,297	2,585,614	11,225,465	9,671,368
Gulf Colo & S Fe.	April	1,720,821	1,617,406	7,232,730	6,448,483	Mo K & T Ry of Tex	April	1,446,134	1,607,472	6,303,392	6,454,120
Gulf Colo & S Fe.	March	1,817,505	1,717,985	5,511,909	4,831,077	Total System	April	4,183,431	4,193,086	17,528,856	16,125,488
Panhandle S Fe.	April	649,258	608,198	2,442,702	2,296,346	Mo & North Arkan.	April	127,755		478,651	
Atlanta Birm & Atl.	April	382,132	313,436	1,581,520	1,199,788	Missouri Pacific	April	9,198,235	7,684,956	34,805,107	31,247,132
Atlanta & West Pt.	April	253,166	212,743	969,478	733,790	Mobile & Ohio	4th wk May	553,799	473,621	8,794,045	7,042,651
Atlantic City	April	278,523	321,693	1,070,417	1,043,779	Colum & Greenv.	April	114,315	125,608	490,608	462,641
Atlantic Coast Line	April	7,250,514	6,736,137	30,011,673	25,138,509	Monongahela Conn.	April	228,428	147,308	854,551	498,019
Baltimore & Ohio	April	2,167,535	1,631,871	69,845,803	52,067,416	Montour	April	215,158	15,632	658,730	305,988
B & O Ch Term.	April	337,310	237,771	1,215,267	916,557	Nashv Chatt & St L	April	2,221,725	1,822,466	8,155,113	6,510,733
Bangor & Aroostook	April	756,326	815,526	2,411,690	3,104,714	Nevada-Cal Oregon	4th wk May	7,083	5,780	96,028	77,887
Bellefonte Central	March	13,922	8,283	31,411		Nevada Northern	April	71,003	32,975	254,145	92,396
Belt Ry of Chicago	April	598,856	420,022	2,396,605	1,906,249	Newburgh & Sou Sh	April	191,383	167,017	693,529	611,969
Bessemer & L Erie	April	1,285,885	775,649	4,619,604	2,689,140	New Or Great Nor.	April	229,628	223,206	921,362	837,888
Bingham & Garfield	April	39,848	12,121	143,130	42,784	N O Tex & Mex.	April	269,415	205,180	1,079,901	889,780
Boston & Maine	April	7,600,997	6,222,497	27,300,482	24,833,466	Beaum S L & W.	April	184,384	165,758	751,923	701,976
Bklyn E D Term.	April	155,344	128,353	590,676	540,025	St L Browns v M.	April	435,144	454,427	1,689,014	1,879,626
Buff Roch & Pittsb.	4th wk May	683,981	312,991	8,551,017	5,356,003	New York Central	April	3,669,893	2,628,730	13,734,722	10,711,080
Buffalo & Susq.	April	189,521	64,625	974,280	603,027	Ind Harbor Belt	April	974,369	717,494	3,873,356	3,006,394
Canadian Nat Rys.	4th wk May	6,741,169	5,533,267	93,566,526	80,722,729	Michlan Central	April	8,400,024	6,100,326	31,590,552	23,473,567
Canadian Pacific	4th wk May	4,542,000	4,478,000	63,824,000	60,891,000	Cleve C C & St L	April	8,002,914	6,223,126	31,768,780	26,113,505
Caro Clinch & Ohio	April	561,128	630,901	3,043,563	2,492,249	Cincinnati North	April	480,371	262,305	1,816,401	1,381,116
Central of Georgia	April	2,200,894	1,758,493	8,997,061	6,895,052	Pitts & Lake Erie	April	3,779,891	1,866,351	14,400,581	11,511,116
Central RR of N J.	April	4,874,087	3,167,761	18,351,916	16,327,402	N Y Chic & St Louis	April	3,911,810	3,006,337	14,617,945	12,007,261
Cent New England	April	603,549	607,506	3,223,456	2,529,553	N Y Connecting	April	841,079	206,552	1,056,178	980,019
Central Vermont	April	852,354	554,668	2,776,539	2,181,261	N Y N H & Hartf.	April	1,123,813	9,670,060	41,996,992	37,174,506
Charleston & W Car	April	352,392	308,072	1,379,770	1,147,213	N Y Ontario & West	April	1,060,066	868,916	4,001,539	3,815,583
Chesapeake & Ohio	April	8,243,341	6,942,944	30,685,219	27,645,427	N Y Susq & West.	April	402,773	264,560	1,672,333	1,349,196
Chicago & Alton	April	2,735,303	1,937,363	10,881,008	9,689,807	Norfolk Southern	April	801,281	793,917	3,095,677	2,727,288
Chic Burl & Quincy	April	14,937,445	11,435,326	57,521,303	49,149,572	Norfolk & Western	April	7,844,989	7,692,924	29,112,264	27,544,115
Chicago & East Ill.	April	2,371,367	1,607,955	9,789,594	8,044,187	Northern Pacific	April	8,039,342	6,787,062	30,663,857	26,242,587
Chicago Great West	April	2,162,969	1,933,154	8,367,411	7,306,285	Northwestern Pac.	April	554,501	600,854	2,200,484	2,145,732
Chic Ind & Louisv.	April	1,552,587	1,298,105	5,956,496	5,046,340	Penna RR System	April	648,339	521,620	2,410,727	2,084,953
Chic Milw & St Paul	April	14,112,364	10,753,572	55,720,572	45,393,430	Pennsylv RR & Co.	April	6,081,916	4,835,466	22,627,895	19,169,649
Chic & North West	April	12,621,717	10,666,009	50,054,474	42,236,374	Balt Ches & Atl.	April	109,926	115,596	380,246	374,349
Chic Peoria & St L	April	107,887	153,324	477,593	765,737	Long Island	April	2,559,338	2,343,400	9,453,817	8,380,774
Chic River & Ind.	April	623,060		2,502,558		Mary Del & Va.	April	80,782	87,547	273,707	280,429
Chic R I & Pac.	April	10,191,045	8,778,927	39,240,700	35,268,968	Monongahela	April	496,537	130,488	1,737,152	1

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of May. The table covers 16 roads and shows 13.6% increase over the same week last year.

Fourth Week of May.	1923.	1922.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ann Arbor	140,799	133,313	7,486	
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	683,981	312,991	370,990	
Canadian National Rys.	6,741,169	5,533,267	1,207,902	
Canadian Pacific Ry.	4,542,000	4,478,000	64,000	
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	196,756	128,092	68,664	
Georgia & Florida Ry.	42,000	33,664	8,336	
Great Northern	2,958,635	2,545,932	412,703	
Mineral Range RR.	24,210	13,580	10,630	
Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.	291,274	271,301	19,973	
Mobile & Ohio RR.	553,799	473,621	80,178	
Nevada-California-Oregon	7,083	5,780	1,303	
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.	2,528,497	2,501,618	26,879	
St. Louis Southwestern Ry.	716,700	672,131	44,569	
Southern Railway System	5,480,395	4,965,004	515,391	
Texas & Pacific Ry.	758,604	716,864	41,740	
Western Maryland Ry.	697,216	422,175	275,041	
Total (16 roads)	26,363,118	23,207,333	3,155,785	
Net increase (13.6%)			3,155,785	

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad and industrial companies reported this week:

	Gross from Railway— 1923. \$	1922. \$	Net from Railway— 1923. \$	1922. \$	Net after Taxes— 1923. \$	1922. \$
*Alabama & Vicksburg—						
April	281,034	270,011	57,639	54,433	23,202	32,573
From Jan 1.	1,121,722	1,001,815	242,721	171,939	135,467	89,479
American Railway Express—						
February	12,635,584	12,827,074	287,805	289,701	121,058	112,103
From Jan 1.	25,331,764	25,663,463	571,329	569,717	222,928	206,013
Atchafalpa & Santa Fe—						
Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe						
April	1,720,821	1,617,406	177,539	203,020	97,430	126,896
From Jan 1.	7,232,730	6,448,483	900,936	234,206	575,814	—1,904
Buffalo Rochester & Pitts—						
April	1,656,300	885,822	60,202	—100,981	25,182	—136,370
From Jan 1.	8,009,836	5,105,726	841,944	702,207	701,731	558,122
Central New England—						
April	603,549	607,506	171,099	188,551	147,001	166,261
From Jan 1.	2,223,456	2,529,553	300,065	906,566	204,355	817,841
Chicago Peoria & St. Louis—						
April	107,887	153,324	—3,483	—35,379	—12,983	—44,882
From Jan 1.	477,593	765,737	—27,077	—16,516	—65,161	—54,549
Chicago River & Indiana—						
April	623,060		244,475		207,157	
From Jan 1.	2,502,558		948,460		795,795	
*Detroit & Toledo Shore Line—						
April	390,578	229,401	222,069	91,201	203,769	77,175
From Jan 1.	1,432,905	1,240,467	759,123	671,356	685,923	615,315
Duluth So. Shore & Atlantic—						
April	484,163	321,310	84,825	3,441	56,821	—29,587
From Jan 1.	1,716,018	1,165,188	168,442	—118,357	50,419	—238,821
Duluth Winnipeg & Pacific—						
April	211,399	144,069	22,574	7,241	815	—3,695
From Jan 1.	938,791	626,398	194,296	26,202	102,604	—8,768
Florida East Coast—						
April	1,623,079	1,543,838	777,509	737,551	662,255	686,655
From Jan 1.	6,858,575	5,945,996	3,234,464	2,533,827	2,893,621	2,294,239
*Georgia—						
April	522,356	432,108	122,851	92,333	116,167	84,767
From Jan 1.	1,967,379	1,529,037	368,154	171,661	342,074	142,938
Grand Trunk—						
Atlantic & St. Lawrence—						
April	318,268	142,729	77,032	—79,877	61,882	—96,777
From Jan 1.	1,287,895	1,046,645	—91,126	106,774	—151,779	39,130
Detroit Grand Haven & Milw—						
April	588,873	388,470	165,361	84,536	160,367	77,617
From Jan 1.	2,032,272	1,449,393	382,696	217,810	361,728	189,552
*Gulf & Ship Island—						
April	268,536	236,137	83,270	65,886	59,384	48,229
From Jan 1.	1,033,183	910,817	315,473	228,332	217,339	150,953
International Ry. Co. of Me—						
April	296,012	276,820	82,042	85,620	67,042	69,620
From Jan 1.	1,258,866	1,143,442	305,166	248,010	245,166	184,010
Kansas City Southern—						
Texasarkana & Fort Smith—						
April	212,291	148,861	100,892	34,492	89,507	23,337
From Jan 1.	846,376	627,002	398,573	198,186	352,675	155,322
Lake Superior & Ishpeming—						
April	9,514	5,082	—42,298	—32,995	—46,765	—38,481
From Jan 1.	39,458	11,471	—157,417	—151,065	—186,609	—173,009
Lehigh & Hudson River—						
April	236,439	182,471	72,121	35,197	59,621	18,919
From Jan 1.	906,382	884,158	250,071	236,810	205,571	189,998
*Lehigh & New England—						
April	533,092	248,820	155,672	17,870	133,229	11,225
From Jan 1.	1,849,527	1,462,794	374,937	107,086	310,408	57,505
Louisiana Ry. & Navigation—						
April	339,696	246,345	43,909	—5,317	26,581	—21,338
From Jan 1.	1,325,154	1,054,250	205,219	132,794	135,109	67,949
Missouri & North Arkansas—						
April	127,755		22,938	—2,255	18,651	—3,255
From Jan 1.	478,651		69,818	—2,255	53,175	—3,255
Mobile & Ohio—						
Columbus & Greenville—						
April	114,315	125,608	702	22,315	—1,874	16,792
From Jan 1.	490,608	462,641	56,417	58,331	65,234	41,416
Nevada Northern—						
April	71,003	32,975	33,710	9,799	27,110	3,685
From Jan 1.	254,145	92,396	117,175	1,515	90,776	—22,946
New York Central—						

Name of Road or Company.	Month.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.		Companies.	Gross Earnings.		Net Earnings.	
		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Houghton Co Elec.	April	\$ 42,986	\$ 46,732	\$ 195,286	\$ 196,338	x Brazilian Tr Lt & Pr.	Apr 19,727,000	15,413,000	11,546,000	9,560,000
Hudson & Manhattan	April	967,106	935,272	3,812,830	3,690,817	4 mos ending Apr 30	75,603,000	60,156,000	45,106,000	36,013,000
Hunting'n Dev & Gas	March	120,962	99,578	363,541	296,754	Central Power & Lt Co.	Mar 240,718	282,315	*87,360	*84,751
Idaho Power Co.	March	170,164	159,198	560,670	521,175	12 mos ending Mar 31	3,095,150	3,238,434	*935,146	*941,523
Inter Rapid Transit	February	434,479	470,787	9,329,634	8,846,059	East St Louis & Sub.	Apr 377,548	270,999	107,296	78,729
Subway Division.	February	2947,812	2790,787	6,265,751	5,922,205	General Gas & Electric Co				
Elevated Division.	February	1441,667	1380,580	3,063,884	2,923,853	subsidaries	Apr 1,267,726	1,074,406	*377,367	*359,728
Kansas City Pr & Lt.	April	742,661	627,120	3,173,502	2,678,991	12 mos ending Apr 30	14,302,147		a4,023,504	
dKan Gas & Elec Co.	March	518,898	470,967	*5,226,662	*4,872,599	Hanover Pr Co & Subs.	Apr 27,542	23,793	*11,603	*10,745
Keokuk Electric Co.	April	32,526	30,221	136,313	126,079	12 mos ending Apr 30	318,194	256,724	a131,399	a100,524
Kentucky Trac Term.	March	128,630	120,547	383,843	348,747	Metro Ed Co & Subs.	Apr 642,105	532,054	*227,009	*222,196
Keystone Telep Co.	April	146,338	137,122	580,863	552,933	12 mos ending Apr 30	7,070,944	6,184,052	a2,343,234	a2,350,888
Key West Electric	April	20,113	20,141	66,772	83,791	N J Pr & Lt Co & Subs.	Apr 69,991	53,059	*20,641	*17,222
Lake Shore Electric	March	242,311	186,172	657,361	540,630	12 mos ending Apr 30	780,694	561,019	a246,337	175,986
Lexing'n UtilCo&Sub	March	53,546	76,369	259,803	230,452	Northwestern Ohio Ry & Pr				
Long Island Electric	February	22,980	23,975	48,860	49,358	Co	Apr 46,361	35,059	*4,894	*5,908
Los Angeles Gas Co.	February	1395,572	1325,926	*11,985,117	*10,429,870	12 mos ending Apr 30	524,509	457,832	a80,982	a74,835
Louis Gas & El Co.	January	568,145	4931,765	5,654,105	4,931,795	Pennsylvania Edison Co.	Apr 252,286	214,246	*86,497	*87,649
Lowell El & Lt Corp.	April	158,266	101,864	601,559	433,129	12 mos ending Apr 30	2,835,334	2,467,240	a943,329	a831,422
Manhatt Bdge 3c Line	February	20,130	20,566	42,987	42,850	Reading Transit & Light				
Manh & Queens (Rec)	February	27,497	24,031	58,705	50,739	& Subs.	Apr 249,436	242,825	*26,892	*36,956
Manila Electric Corp.	March	287,568	284,576	*3,587,564	*3,659,574	12 mos ending Apr 30	3,018,292	2,971,761	a336,607	a377,077
Market Street Ry.	April	807,039		3,181,478		Rutland Ry Lt & Pr Co.	Apr 47,519	44,279	*11,102	*11,274
Mass Lighting Co.	April	267,613	230,708	1,104,289	943,289	12 mos ending Apr 30	575,991	560,267	a148,019	a158,102
e Metropoli'n Edison	April	642,105	532,054	2,498,834	2,072,151	Sandusky Gas & Elec Co.	Apr 84,127	67,800	*19,554	*19,514
Millw Elec Ry & Light	April	1858,413	1575,281	*20,699,408	*18,570,361	12 mos ending Apr 30	827,556	707,336	a208,005	a170,173
Miss River Power Co.	April	262,892	247,304	981,825	941,076	Sayre Electric Co.	Apr 17,273	15,514	*3,679	*3,035
Mobile Electric Co.	January	830,746	771,662	830,746	771,662	12 mos ending Apr 30	192,438	186,351	a39,115	a47,629
Mountain States Pr Co	January	1152,932	998,044	1,152,932	998,044	Southwestern Power & Light				
Munic Serv Co & Subs	March	434,185	216,170	1,335,014	908,044	Co Subs.	Mar 881,594	785,125	369,818	351,654
Nebraska Power Co.	April	279,953	274,874	1,223,289	948,472	12 mos ending Mar 31	10,188,062	9,787,293	4,814,365	4,618,142
Nevada-Calif Electric	April	245,386	312,461	1,301,490		Vermont Hydro-El Corp.	Apr 55,932	37,287	*29,534	*16,867
New Bedf G & Edis Lt	April	595,239	466,719	1,204,336	975,931	12 mos ending Apr 30	653,457	522,008	a313,662	a158,733
New Eng Power Sys.	February	69,991	53,059	286,235	216,883	York Haven W & Pr Co.	Apr 79,865	71,873	*29,931	*37,012
New Jersey Pow & Lt	April	167,409	160,835	668,243	645,456	12 mos ending Apr 30	826,032	752,259	a147,889	a327,708
Newpt News & Hamp	April	277,502	329,460	1,115,953	1,298,420	* Net, after taxes. a Net, after taxes, and allowing for other income.				
Ry. Gas & El Co.	February	648,466	653,534	1,396,729	1,379,487	x Given in milreis.				
New York Dock Co.	February	84,897	87,747	183,011	186,985	American Water Works &				
N Y Railways	February	36,436	39,847	79,619	84,038	Elec Co & Subsidis	Apr '23 2,874,924	*1,299,207	1,029,549	269,658
Ninth Avenue	February	49,424	95,446	106,958	201,803	(incl West Penn Co)	'22 1,668,055	*756,522	651,311	105,211
N Y & Queens (Rec)	February	112,463	119,200	243,949	250,495	12 mos ending Apr 30	'22 28,934,123	*12,690,098	10,356,258	2,333,840
N Y & Harlem (Rec)	February	31,735	35,696	69,082	77,290	'22 19,855,195	*8,708,723	7,303,480	1,405,243	
N Y & Long Island	February	117,846	98,863	466,636	407,621	Associated Gas & Apr	'23 244,321	91,254	57,247	34,007
or Caro Power Co.	April	895,124	748,134	3,583,677	2,954,083	Electric Co	'22 146,917	56,147	35,678	20,469
Nor Ohio Elec Corp.	April	46,361	35,059	127,139	95,864	12 mos ending Apr 30	'22 7,699,416	939,211	616,712	322,499
Nor West Ohio Ry & P	April	241,867	245,654	978,096	1,034,209	'22 1,931,664	598,759	357,801	240,958	
North Texas El Co.	February	15,350	13,083	30,773	27,436	Cities Service Apr	'22 1,738,106	1,690,189	231,173	1,459,016
Ocean Electric	March	222,005	220,499	706,799	710,710	Company	'22 1,377,836	1,338,250	177,003	1,161,247
Paducah Electric	April	48,832	43,968	209,018	183,986	12 mos ending Apr 30	'22 16,003,548	15,528,247	2,539,240	12,989,007
Penn Central Lt &	April	269,967	174,830	1,092,362	794,520	'22 12,688,908	12,229,894	2,143,792	10,086,102	
Power Co & Subs.	April	252,286	214,246	1,041,220	857,883	Citizens Traction Apr	'22 77,335	37,846	9,823	28,023
Pennsylvania Edison	April	1370,603	1117,190	6,299,010	5,220,759	& Subsidaries	'22 81,030	27,782	9,878	17,904
Phila Co & Subsid'y	April	42,153	70,804	269,517	354,377	12 mos ending Apr 30	'22 883,976	371,349	118,037	253,312
Philadelphia Oil Co.	April	72,103	70,090	269,843	248,810	'22 755,670	308,778	116,744	192,034	
Philadelphia & West.	April	3755,574	3584,733	14,701,019	13,782,752	Eastern Shore Gas Apr	'22 42,815	15,497	8,625	6,872
Phila Rapid Transit.	March	62,248	58,116	200,874	184,915	& Elec Co & Subs	'22 38,482	13,856	7,667	6,189
Pine Bluff Co.	March	293,394	287,611	896,959	887,673	12 mos ending Apr 30	'22 517,204	172,776	100,380	72,396
dPortland Gas & Coke	March	923,961	860,631	2,727,285	2,518,731	'22 467,024	165,730	84,060	81,670	
Portland Ry. Lt & Pr	March	6920,270	6131,410	28,371,992	25,903,908	Federal Light & Apr	'22 454,345	174,503	71,631	102,872
Pub Serv Corp of N J	January	171,329	168,816	171,329	168,816	Tracion Co	'22 411,684	142,538	55,665	86,873
Puget Sound Gas & Lt	April	978,730	863,689	*11,065,010	10,069,294	4 mos ending Apr 30	'22 1,929,663	779,005	260,078	518,927
Puget Sound Pr & Lt.	April	249,436	242,825	1,018,638	943,579	'22 1,767,248	602,199	218,850	383,349	
Reading Transit & Lt	April	796,416	647,710	3,290,687	2,641,551	Fort Worth Power Mar	'22 247,681	*110,409	19,357	91,052
Republic Ry & Lt Co.	February	56,705	52,702	122,134	111,739	& Light Co	'22 205,871	*106,829	18,312	88,517
Richm Lt & RR (Rec)	April	47,519	44,279	225,870	228,878	12 mos ending Mar 31	'22 2,701,120	*1,352,529	228,147	1,124,422
Rutland Ry. Lt & Pr.	January	3756,665	3866,576	3,756,665	3,866,576	'22 2,499,004	*1,279,202	202,584	1,076,618	
San Diego Cons G&El	April	84,127	67,800	300,533	255,579	Kansas Gas & Mar	'22 518,898	*175,164	69,164	106,000
Sandusky Gas & Elec	April	130,516	130,499	535,363	536,353	Electric Co	'22 470,967	*176,154	76,877	99,277
Savannah Elec & Pow	April	17,273	15,514	72,852	65,447	12 mos ending Mar 31	'22 5,226,662	*1,776,556	806,434	970,122
Sayre Electric Co.	February	69,734	67,773	149,475	140,988	'22 4,872,599	*1,602,446	759,874	842,572	
Second Avenue (rec)	February	2,880	2,794	10,910	11,381	Milwaukee Elec Apr	'22 1,858,413	*511,117	192,060	319,057
17th St Incline Plane	April	79,945	74,882	330,119	296,209	Ry & Light Co	'22 20,699,243	*5,882,701	2,377,906	3,505,795
Sierra Pacific Electric	April	1578,201	1264,308	5,616,264	5,105,472	12 mos ending Apr 30	'22 18,570,361	*5,547,870	2,470,505	3,077,365
Southern Calif Edison	April	79,999	65,717	318,850	276,153	Nebraska Mar	'22 296,999	*124,740	55,171	69,569
South Canada Power.	January	1838,666	1758,603	1,838,666	1,758,603	Power Co	'22 273,038	*110,280	50,089	60,191
South N Y Pr & Ry.	March	48,491	45,386	*543,338	*528,517	12 mos ending Mar 31	'22 3,638,221	*1,506,366	634,489	871,877
Southern Utilities Co.	March	243,439	228,570	*2,510,382	*2,617,473	'22 3,118,659	*1,240,679	594,696	645,983	
Southwestern Pr & Lt	March	881,594	785,125	2,773,145	2,473,215	New Bedford Gas Apr	'22 312,461	*82,141	44,469	37,672
Tacoma Gas & Fuel.	January	455,053	577,227	455,053	577,227	& Edison Lt Co	'22 312,461	*82,141	44,469	37,672
Tampa Electric Co.	March	178,302	144,828	621,518	621,518	12 mos ending Apr 30	'22 3,554,311	*1,280,000	598,639	681,361
a Tennessee Elec Pow	April	21,539	204,374	2,320,749	828,391	Newport News & Apr	'22 167,409	*48,417	20,620	27,797
Texas Electric Ry.	March	435,870	396,936	1,404,808	1,245,418	Hamp Ry. G & El	'22 160,835	*56,720	28,272	28,448
aTexas Power & Light	March	1198,796	1186,828	4,599,537	4,501,867	4 mos ending Apr 30	'22 668,243	*167,354	82,585	84,769
Third Avenue Ry Co.	April	1436,169	1345,418	4,045,237	3,804,118	'22 645,456	*209,310	112,787	96,523	
Un Rys & El of Balt.	March	1174,590	1018,839	4,802,284	4,143,235	North Carolina Apr	'22 117,846	36,931	14,944	21,987
United Gas & El Corp	April	1020,583	920,791	4,200,348	3,784,956	Public Service Co	'22 98,863	26,262	14,406	11,856
United Lt & Rys&Subs	February	675,206	561,143	1,382,303	1,168,403	12 mos ending Apr 30	'22 1,293,002	367,214	176,953	190,261
Utah Power & Light	April	813,933	697,426	*9,285,119	*8,440,408	'22 1,170,555	326,132	168,355	157,777	
Utah Securities Corp	April	55,932	37,287	242,719	172,173	Pacific Power Mar	'22 222,005	*91,783	54,261	37,522
Vermont Hydro-Elec.	April	860,264	749,251	3,479,903	2,827,579	& Light Co	'22 220,499	*89,111	56,819	32,292
Virginia Ry & Pr Co.	February	8366,704	7357,540	17,518,589	15,224,283	12 mos ending Mar 31	'22 3,003,147	*1,427,957	660,343	767,614
Western Union Tel Co	April	1908,701	1199,895	7,772,896	4,920,903	'22 2,903,828	*1,348,691	678,090	670,601	
West Penn Co & Sub.	April	588,171	598,499	1,859,849						

Kansas City Southern Railway Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

The remarks of President J. A. Edson will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page.

The usual comparative tables of income account, balance sheet, and general traffic statistics were published in V. 116, p. 1526.—V. 116, p. 1760.

Ulster & Delaware Railroad Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

President Edward Coykendall reports in substance:

Volume of Traffic.—Owing to the coal strike in the anthracite fields which became effective on April 1, the volume of coal tonnage was adversely affected. In addition to the excessive burden, both direct and indirect, to operating expenses, owing to the shopmen's strike, which took effect July 1, summer resort passenger traffic to the mountains was unquestionably decreased.

Government Settlements.—Final settlement of company's claim under Section 209 of the Transportation Act, 1920, for the guaranty period, was made with the Bureau of Finance of the I.-S. C. Commission on April 8 1922. The necessary adjustments on account of this settlement have been made through the income account but do not materially affect the income for the year, the net credit being something less than \$10,000.

Maintenance.—A considerable gain was made during the year in connection with maintenance of way and structures to bring them to what was considered more normal condition prior to the period of Federal control. In this connection something over 7 miles of rail were replaced, laying heavier rail.

Additions and Betterments.—The net charge to investment in road and equipment due to additions and betterments, less property retired and not replaced, is \$25,257.

In addition, there was expended during the year and charged to suspended investment pending completion, an amount of \$76,908 in connection with an addition to the locomotive repair shops at Rondout. This improvement has also entailed changed in the power plant located at Rondout, and, at the close of the year, an amount of \$13,231 had been expended.

OPERATING RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	Corporate 1922.	Combined 1921.	Combined 1920.	Federal 1919.
Freight revenue	\$766,874	\$880,137	\$747,431	\$659,782
Passenger revenue	482,066	537,429	422,277	321,370
Mail, express, &c.	403,865	330,122	316,904	234,657
Operating revenue	\$1,652,803	\$1,747,687	\$1,486,612	\$1,215,809
Maint. of way and struc.	\$280,897	\$93,986	\$423,585	\$200,693
Maint. of equipment	283,835	225,302	348,471	230,878
Transportation expenses	874,964	917,265	1,054,081	794,873
Traffic expenses	35,333	35,389	33,333	18,589
General	100,213	100,225	93,279	53,699
Miscellaneous	5,338	7,646	7,534	5,594
Operating expenses	\$1,580,579	\$1,379,815	\$1,960,282	\$1,304,324
Net operating revenue	\$72,224	\$367,872	def\$473,670	def\$88,515

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Road & equipm't	\$5,929,176	\$5,903,920	Capital stock	\$1,900,000
Misc. phys. prop.	6,000	6,000	1st Cons. M. bonds	2,000,000
Other investments	1,250,100	1,250,100	1st Ref. M. bonds	1,000,000
Cash	283,915	343,899	Current liabilities	338,823
Special deposits	4,755	2,895	Deferred liabilities	276
Materials & supp.	250,458	247,782	Tax liability	13,216
Loans & bills rec.	750	131,824	Accr. depr.—equip	549,271
Misc. accounts receivable	96,495	79,654	Other unadj. cred.	48,685
Deferred assets	24,513	24,513	Add'ns to property	64,810
Unadjusted debits	115,376	74,673	Sink. fund reserve	1,250,000
			Profit and loss	798,455
Total	\$7,961,538	\$8,065,259	Total	\$7,961,538

—V. 114, p. 2712.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway Co.

(1st Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

Pres. W. J. Jackson May 15 wrote in substance:

Results.—Company took possession of its property and commenced railroad operations Jan. 1 1922, and the results of its operations were as follows:

Railway operating revenues, \$24,737,347; railway operating expenses, \$21,134,733; net revenue from railway operations, \$3,596,615
 Railway tax accruals and uncollectible railway revenues, 1,160,738
 Railway operating income, \$2,435,876
 Equipment and joint facility rents—net credit, 285,593
 Miscellaneous income, 393,788

Gross income, \$3,115,257
 Interest, rentals, miscellaneous and sinking fund charges, 2,512,581

Surplus for the year, \$602,676

The year 1922 presented most unusual conditions. The volume of freight traffic carried during the year was less than for 1921, there being a decrease of 8.22% in tons of revenue freight. Freight revenue decreased 10%, the result of the business depression, the strike of the coal miners, the strike of the railway mechanical crafts, the reduction in freight rates and a decrease in miles of road operated. The following statement indicates the tonnage of coal and other freight handled compared with 1921.

	1922 Tons.	1921 Tons.
Coal freight handled	5,984,380	7,528,220
Other freight handled	5,774,855	5,284,478
All freight handled	11,759,235	12,812,698

Strikes, &c.—The general business depression which prevailed throughout 1921 continued during the first three months of 1922, and, although the shut-down of the mines served by this company was expected on April 1 with the expiration of the wage agreement, the coal tonnage moved during January, February and March was below the average for the same months of other years when the wage agreements of the miners expired March 31. On April 1 all of the mines discontinued operation and did not resume until Aug. 23, practically five months, as it required some days after the date the settlement became effective for the mines to get back to tonnage production. For 1921 bituminous coal was 58.57% of all freight handled, while for 1922 it was 50.9%. The difference represents a decrease of 1,543,840 tons.

On July 1 the mechanical crafts left the service in protest against a decision of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board. They had no particular grievance against this company. More than 50% of the supervising foremen joined the mechanics in the strike. Traffic was light, the result of the coal strike and the general depression in business. This company's equipment was in good condition, 39% of the coal cars and 34 locomotives being stored on the road ready for service when the mines resumed work. The officers, therefore, decided not to make an effort to fill the strikers' places but to await developments. The handling of locomotives at terminals and the inspection and making of light repairs to cars was taken care of by the official classes of the mechanical department and by volunteers from other departments.

Early in July it became apparent that the company could not permit any of the foremen and many of the men on strike to re-enter the service on account of their interference with employees who had refused to join them in the strike and their efforts to damage this company's property. On Aug. 1, upon advice from the coal operators that the resumption of mining was imminent, this company began employing men to take the places of the strikers—both skilled mechanics and young men who were anxious to learn the mechanical trade but under the restrictions placed by the old organization could not do so—and continued this policy until a full force was recruited. Acting under the instructions of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board, these forces have organized company unions to handle their affairs.

Rates.—During the summer and fall of 1921, the I.-S. C. Commission was besieged with requests for reduction in rates, and on Nov. 23 1921 instituted a general rate investigation. On Jan. 1 1922 the carriers made a voluntary reduction on all products of the farm, range and orchard. On May 24 1922 the Commission announced its opinion in the general rate investigation, finding that freight rates and charges would be unreasonable on and after July 1 1922 to the extent that they exceeded the rates in effect Aug. 25 1920 by specified percentages. The effect was a reduction of 10% in this company's freight rates on farm products, Jan. 1 1922, and approximately 10% on other freight, July 1 1922.

Chicago & Indiana Coal Ry.—This company did not acquire the Chicago & Indiana Coal Ry., and, as a result, the miles of road operated decreased 185.68 or 16.42%.

Passenger Revenues.—Passenger revenues decreased 9.30%, passengers carried one mile decreased 10.88%, and passenger train miles decreased 9.92%. Passenger revenue per mile of road increased 8.49% the result of the discontinuance of the operation of the Chicago & Indiana Coal Ry.

Expenses.—The decrease in the expenditures for maintenance of equipment was the result of working reduced forces short time during the first six months of the year on account of the business conditions, and to the strike of the mechanical crafts during the last six months. The decrease in transportation expenses was the result of less business handled.

Transportation expenses were materially affected by the purchase of coal for locomotive use during the last two months of the coal miners' strike. Sufficient coal to operate for three months was stored prior to the strike, it being the opinion that the strike would not last until July 1. During the latter part of June it became necessary to purchase coal in Kentucky, paying a high price per ton and freight charges. This resulted in an increase of \$401,000 to transportation expenses.

Equipment.—Equipment changes during the year consisted of the purchase of 10 new Mikado locomotives, which were placed in service during November and December, at a cost of—\$471,330
 Two second-hand service cars at a cost of—3,500
 Betterments to existing equipment at a cost of—185,104

Total, \$659,934
 Less retirement during the year of 142 units valued at—101,760

Leaving net additions and betterments to equipment, \$558,174

New Industries.—During the year there were a total of 11 new industries located on this company's line, representing an investment for the industries of \$193,500. It is expected that these industries will furnish employment for 255 men and will produce in and out-bound traffic of about 1,750 cars annually.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Miles operated	945	1,131	1,131	1,131
Operations—				
Pass. carried	3,530,503	4,520,652	5,432,806	4,886,226
Pass. carried 1 mile	148,323,149	166,433,222	207,377,221	200,535,777
Rate per pass. per mile	3.09 cts.	3.05 cts.	2.62 cts.	2.44 cts.
Revenue freight (tons)	11,759,235	12,812,698	17,248,283	13,878,842
Rev. freight (tons 1 mile)	1871349417	1970340812	2788153778	2194912974
Rate per ton per mile	0.98 cts.	1.03 cts.	0.82 cts.	0.82 cts.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	Corporate— 1922.	Receivers and Federal Combined— 1921.	1920.	1919.
Operating Revenue—				
Freight	\$18,257,138	\$20,282,431	\$22,827,420	\$18,019,273
Passenger	4,580,655	5,051,669	5,435,822	4,883,307
Mail, express, &c.	61,610,851	61,462,778	62,650,692	1,593,684
Other than trans.	282,704	302,269	393,514	298,917

Total oper. revenue, \$24,737,348
 Maint. of way & struc., 2,782,201
 Maint. of equipment, 6,567,570
 Traffic expenses, 508,835
 Transportation, 10,354,312
 Misc. operations, &c., 129,706
 General expenses, 792,109

Total oper. expenses, \$21,134,733
 Net earnings, 3,596,615
 Taxes, &c., 1,160,739

Operating income, \$2,435,876
 Hire of equip. (credit), 906,099
 Joint facility rent income, Dr. 620,505
 Other income, 393,789

Total income, \$3,115,258
 Interest, \$2,297,018
 Rents, 5,797
 Miscellaneous, 25,099

Total charges, \$2,327,914
 Balance, 787,344
 Inc. applic. to sinking & other reserve funds, 184,668
 Accrued int. not paid, x2,947,504

Balance, sur\$602,676 def\$830,791 df\$1,443,162 df\$4,287,642

a Includes \$119,976 Federal lap-over charges which were excluded before transferring to profit and loss. b Includes \$96,185 additional mail revenue earned in prior years. c Includes \$599,319 additional mail revenue earned during Federal control period. x The accrued interest not paid, aggregating \$2,947,504 for years 1919, 1920 and 1921, includes the following items, viz.: Ref. & Impt. Mtge. 4s, \$639,840; Gen. Consol. & 1st Mtge. 5s, \$1,067,150; Chicago & Indiana Coal Ry. 1st Mtge. 5s, \$231,300; Evansville & Terre Haute RR. Co. Ref. Mtge. 5s, \$56,707; Evansville & Terre Haute RR. Co. 1st Consol. Mtge. 5s, \$157,250; Evansville & Terre Haute RR. Co., Sullivan County Coal Branch, Mtge. 5s, \$22,500; and miscellaneous, including interest on receiver's certificates, \$750,256.

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

	Dec. 31 '22	Jan. 1 '22	Dec. 31 '22	Jan. 1 '22
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Inv. in rd. & equip.	79,731,781	78,750,852	Common stock	23,845,300
Impts. on leased property	23,818	23,818	Preferred stock	22,046,100
Sinking funds	75	—	Fd. debt unam'd	43,937,936
Deposits in lieu of mortgaged prop.	72,659	—	Traf. & car serv. balances payable	377,139
Misc. phys. prop.	1,236,592	1,257,392	Audited accts. & wages payable	2,060,060
Inv. in affil. cos.	—	—	Misc. accts. pay.	321,631
Stocks	1,263,000	1,263,000	Int. mat'd unpaid	54,852
Bonds	1,447,000	1,421,000	Funded debt mat'd unpaid	—
Advances	1,025,460	987,730	Unmat. int. accr.	447,441
Secs. lss., purch. in aid of ek. fd. requirements	49,404	—	Unmat. rents accr.	193,268
Other investments	5,168,371	859,225	Oth. curr. liabls.	166,401
Cash	1,069,708	3,131,300	Def. liabilities	87,734
Demand lns. & dep.	2,500	7,500	Tax liability	1,146,946
Special deposits	161,307	1,791,127	Ins. & cas. res.	18,295
Loans & bills rec.	—	14,667	Operating reserves	20,510
Traf. & car service balances rec.	852,323	855,840	Accr. depr., equip.	545,925
Net bal. rec. due fr. agts. & cond.	416,026	143,239	Oth. unadj. credits	471,760
Misc. accts. rec.	877,317	1,089,460	Add'ns to prop. thr. inc. & surp.	17,819
Mat'l's & supplies	2,293,883	3,223,706	Sink. fund reserves	303,001
Int. & divs. rec.	56,546	4,571	Prof. & loss—bal.	522,211
Rents receivable	14,362	—		
Oth. curr. assets	245,916	117,319		
Working fund adv	24,684	18,535		
Other def. assets	82,667	88,288		
Rents & lns. prems. prepaid	10,342	14,651		
U. S. guar. earns	—	500,000		
Oth. unadj. debits	458,587	490,959		
Total	96,584,330	96,054,179	Total	96,584,330

—V. 116, p. 74.

Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Ry.

(12th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

President N. S. Meldrum, New York, May 1, reports in substance:

Results.—Operation for 1922 resulted in an income of \$1,137,366 being carried to profit and loss.

Financial.—In Dec. 1922 a mortgage and deed of trust, dated Dec. 15 1922, of all of the properties of the company was made to Equitable Trust Co., New York, as trustee, providing for an authorized issue of \$50,000,000 1st & Consol. Mtge. Gold bonds. These bonds are issuable from time to time in series, and may have such dates and maturities (not later than Dec. 15 2072), bear such rate or rates of interest, and contain such provisions as to redemption, convertibility, exchangeability and otherwise, as the directors may from time to time determine.

Of the 1st & Consol. Mtge. bonds so authorized, the following amounts were set aside for the purposes specified:

\$9,500,000 6% Series A bonds, dated Dec. 15 1922, payable Dec. 15 1952, redeemable all or part up to Dec. 15 1937 at 107½ and at ½ less during each 12 months' period thereafter, to be presently issued.

\$15,000,000 for refunding an equal amount of 1st Mtge. 5% 30-Year Gold bonds maturing June 1 1938.

\$200,000 for refunding an equal amount of 1st Mtge. 5% 30-Year Gold bonds of Lick Creek & Lake Erie RR. maturing Jan. 1 1933.

\$1,500,000 for refunding an equal amount of 5% Realty & Collateral Trust Conv. notes of Holston Corp., maturing Apr. 1 1926.

\$4,923,200 for refunding 80% of the face amount of various issues of Equipment Trust obligations, aggregating \$6,154,000.

The balance for reimbursing the company for capital expenditures subsequent to Dec. 15 1922. Bonds are also required to be set aside and reserved from time to time for the refunding of prior liens on properties purchased with the proceeds of these bonds.

On Dec. 29 1922, under authority from the I.-S. C. Commission, \$8,000,000 Series A 1st & Consol. Mtge. Gold bonds were sold for cash, and the proceeds, together with other moneys in the treasury, were used to repay U. S. Government 1-Year 6% Secured loans for \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000, respectively, due Dec. 31 1922, and U. S. Government 10-Year 6% Secured loan for \$2,000,000, due July 9 1930.

Upon the repayment of these loans, there were surrendered to the company the securities pledged as collateral, consisting of \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. 5% 30-Year Gold bonds dated June 1 1908; \$6,000,000 5% Elkhorn 1st Mtge. Gold notes, extended, and \$5,000,000 10-Year 5% Mtge. Gold notes, extended.

The 5% Elkhorn 1st Mtge. Gold notes, extended, and the 10-Year 5% Mtge. Gold notes, extended, have been canceled and the mortgages under which they were issued have been satisfied and released.

The I.-S. C. Commission has also authorized the issuance and sale of \$1,500,000 additional Series A bonds, upon the same terms, for the purpose of reimbursing the treasury for installments of Equipment Trust obligations paid during the period of Jan. 1 1921 to Oct. 1 1922, and disbursements for road and equipment during the same period.

Payments aggregating \$700,000 were made during the year on account of principal of Equipment Trust obligations.

General.—An agreement was entered into with the Southern Railway Co. (lessee of the Virginia & Southwestern Ry.), whereby the Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Ry. was granted the right to use, jointly with the Southern Railway, its tracks from Frisco, Tenn., to Albert Yard, Va., a distance of 13.60 miles.

On July 1, following a decision of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board, making reductions in the wages of shopcrafts, a general strike of shopmen was called, in response to which practically all shopmen left the company's service. This strike continued until Nov. 9.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Average miles of road operated....	299	291	291	291
Number of passengers.....	574,121	643,569	729,370	648,485
do do one mile.....	1,389,866	14,782,566	17,432,474	15,039,868
Avge. receipts per pass. per mile.....	3.52 cts.	3.54 cts.	3.13 cts.	2.93 cts.
Pass. train rev. per train mile.....	\$1,729.00	\$1,792.88	\$1,892.11	\$1,522.23
Tons of coal carried (revenue).....	3,823,222	3,826,264	4,261,427	3,877,502
do one mile do.....	652,123.327	620,794.859	689,740.636	617,424.116
Average receipts per ton mile.....	0.68 cts.	0.65 cts.	0.65 cts.	0.63 cts.
Tons of revenue mdse. carried.....	1,767,493	1,561,726	1,628,709	1,495,177
do do one mile.....	202,392.726	197,167.511	215,025.243	174,145.264
Average receipts per ton per mile.....	1.26 cts.	1.40 cts.	1.10 cts.	1.04 cts.
Tons of revenue freight carried.....	5,590,715	4,887,990	5,890,136	5,372,679
do do one mile.....	854,516.053	817,962.370	904,765.779	791,569.389
Avge. received per ton per mile.....	0.82 cts.	0.83 cts.	0.76 cts.	0.72 cts.
Gross oper. rev. per mile of road.....	\$25,439	\$25,649	\$25,981	\$21,572
Net oper. rev. per mile of road.....	\$8,669	\$7,367	\$5,393	\$5,413

SUMMARY OF OPERATING REVENUES FOR TEN YEARS 1913 TO 1922 INCL.

Years Ended Dec. 31—	Coal	Freight	Passenger	Maint.	Mail & Express	Miscellaneous	Tot. Oper. Revenues
1913.....	\$1,693,459	\$831,591	\$224,117	\$25,876	\$30,279	\$2,805,322	\$2,805,322
1914.....	1,364,330	736,467	203,074	26,185	27,964	2,358,621	2,358,621
1915.....	1,483,576	784,470	194,157	27,016	25,853	2,515,071	2,515,071
1916.....	1,783,739	1,147,917	253,985	37,721	33,125	3,276,487	3,276,487
1917.....	2,217,198	1,639,312	322,119	46,554	62,207	4,285,390	4,285,390
1918.....	2,972,225	1,508,955	441,727	36,588	62,890	5,022,382	5,022,382
1919.....	3,906,669	1,815,700	404,684	45,022	69,752	6,277,826	6,277,826
1920.....	4,478,865	2,371,384	546,480	97,692	66,458	7,560,880	7,560,880
1921.....	4,024,728	2,765,419	522,693	83,000	68,272	7,464,112	7,464,112
1922.....	4,414,683	2,558,360	482,369	100,746	52,445	7,608,602	7,608,602

SUMMARY OF OPERATING EXPENSES FOR TEN YEARS 1913 TO 1922 INCL.

Years Ended Dec. 31—	Way & Struc.	Maint. of Equip't.	Traffic	Transportation	General	xTotal Oper. Expenses
1913.....	\$194,337	\$301,330	\$100,792	\$504,822	\$122,785	\$1,224,066
1914.....	183,738	307,661	102,685	469,694	126,509	1,193,185
1915.....	286,680	303,090	133,005	467,423	126,669	1,284,731
1916.....	289,720	447,318	221,017	647,025	147,773	1,742,278
1917.....	426,170	635,480	227,880	986,370	179,023	2,450,310
1918.....	664,515	1,171,405	110,363	1,621,288	163,390	3,748,050
1919.....	966,414	1,524,824	70,045	1,965,366	176,507	4,702,571
1920.....	1,050,185	1,915,918	221,020	2,546,886	259,762	5,991,271
1921.....	979,799	1,740,747	269,116	2,084,818	250,255	5,320,171
1922.....	890,359	1,621,632	263,707	2,011,720	231,823	5,015,787

x After allowing for transportation for investment, a credit item.

RATIO OF EACH CLASS OF OPER. EXPENSES TO TOTAL OPER. REVENUES.

	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
Maintenance of way and structures.....	6.93	8.22	11.41	8.84	9.95	13.63	15.39	13.89	13.13	11.70
Maint. of equip.....	10.74	13.04	12.05	13.65	14.83	23.32	24.28	25.34	23.32	21.31
Traffic.....	3.59	4.35	4.49	6.75	5.32	2.20	1.11	2.92	3.61	3.47
Transportation.....	18.00	19.92	18.58	19.75	23.01	32.28	31.32	33.68	27.93	26.44
General.....	4.37	5.36	5.04	4.51	4.18	3.25	2.81	3.44	3.35	3.05
Total.....	43.63	50.59	51.08	53.18	57.18	74.63	74.91	79.24	71.28	65.92

SUMMARY OF INCOME ACCOUNT FOR TEN YEARS, 1913 TO 1922, INCL.

Years Ended Dec. 31—	Net Oper. Revenues	Non-Oper. Revenues	Gross Income	Taxes	Fixed Charges	Surplus
1913.....	\$1,581,256	\$338,360	\$1,919,617	\$115,978	\$926,052	\$877,585
1914.....	1,165,436	247,326	1,412,763	161,322	934,083	317,357
1915.....	1,230,340	227,166	1,457,507	164,267	1,038,003	209,886
1916.....	1,534,208	398,684	1,932,892	155,280	1,189,893	587,719
1917.....	1,835,080	567,436	2,402,517	226,877	1,275,846	899,794
1918.....	1,274,355	229,648	1,503,966	208,458	-----	-----
1919.....	1,575,255	132,298	1,707,553	226,523	-----	-----
1920.....	1,569,609	1,167,933	2,737,543	370,750	1,618,274	748,518
1921.....	2,143,942	877,206	3,021,148	440,000	1,594,720	986,428
1922.....	2,592,816	963,122	3,555,937	565,000	1,553,570	1,437,367

* Data for 1918, 1919 and January and February 1920 furnished by U. S. Railroad Administration.

Note.—The annual compensation received from the Government during Federal control was at the rate of \$1,804,970 per annum.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1922.	1921.		1922.	1921.
Assets—			Liabilities (Con.).		
Investment in:			15-year 6% cum. income debens..	5,000,000	5,000,000
(a) Road.....	49,246,847	43,545,414	U. S. Govt. 10-yr. loan.....	-----	2,000,000
(b) Elkhorn Ext.	-----	5,491,159	U. S. Govt. 1-year loans.....	-----	6,000,000
(c) Equipment.....	15,336,372	15,373,874	Equipment trusts..	772,000	1,058,000
1st M. bonds, C. C. & O. Ry., S. C.....	3,000,000	3,000,000	U. S. RR. equip't trust notes.....	5,382,000	5,796,000
Miscellaneous.....	4,364,513	4,383,813	Interest accrued..	406,295	823,619
Cash.....	2,320,494	2,554,363	Traffic & car serv. balance payable.	317,624	199,545
Other curr. assets..	1,155,593	1,546,778	Audited acc'ts and wages payable..	389,047	520,838
xDeferred assets..	1,074,765	902,813	C. C. & O. Ry. of S. C. dep. acct..	76,829	390,829
Int. on bds. owned: C. C. & O. Ry. of S. C.....	1,437,500	1,662,500	Other curr. liabil..	938	8,429
Black Mtn. Ry.....	4,375	4,688	Accr. depr. equip.	2,229,355	1,815,601
Unadjusted debits	936,891	852,941	Other unadj. cred.	399,476	248,639
Total.....	78,877,349	79,318,344	Add'ns to property thro. inc. & surp.	53,816	35,663
Liabilities—			Profit & loss, bal..	5,204,969	4,680,680
Common stock.....	25,000,000	25,000,000			
Preferred stock.....	11,500,000	11,500,000			
1st M. bonds, '82z13,950,000	13,950,000	13,950,000			
L. C. & L. E. RR.....	195,000	195,000			
Elkhorn gold notes	-----	96,000			
1st & Consol. M. gold bonds (ser.) A.....	8,000,000	-----			
			Total.....	78,877,349	79,318,344

x Deferred assets in 1922: Holston Corp. advances, \$750,350; Black Mountain Ry. Co. advances, \$233,832; Erwin Electric Light & Power Co. advances, \$35,948; working fund advances, \$2,869; insurance paid in advance, \$2,988; value of rail leased to industries, \$30,425; Southport Harbor Co., \$12,756; Clinchf. Nor. Ry. of Ky. advances, \$5,597. y Preferred stock, \$13,500,000; less amount in treasury, \$2,200,000. z After deducting amount held in treasury, \$1,050,000.—V. 115, p. 2255.

Colorado & Southern Railway Co.

(24th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

This company is controlled by the Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. by ownership of \$23,657,500 of the \$31,000,000 Common stock, and the corporate income statement for the years 1920 to 1922, taken from the report of that company, was given in "Chronicle" of May 5, p. 2006.

President Hale Holden, Chicago, Jan. 1, said in substance:

General Remarks.—There was a considerable decrease in gross and net earnings of the companies in 1922, as compared with previous year. Prolonged drought in Texas and New Mexico not only reduced the tonnage of agricultural products, but also limited the purchasing power of the agricultural population, and curtailed the inbound movement of merchandise, implements and miscellaneous traffic, and restricted passenger travel on the lines materially.

There was also a marked drop in the price of oil, which retarded drilling of wells and development of this industry, which has for several years been an important factor, particularly on the Fort Worth & Denver City Ry. Metal mining in Colorado and operation of the steel plants there were also on a low schedule throughout the year. Very considerable reductions in rates were made effective during the year by orders of the Interstate and State Commissions. The strike of mechanical department employees on July 1 curtailed operations and increased expenses to a considerable extent.

The net balance of income of the combined lines after appropriation for Preferred dividends by Colorado & Southern Ry. was \$1,056,724. A dividend on the Common stock of Colorado & Southern Ry. of 3% was therefore appropriated from accumulated surplus and paid to stockholders as of record Dec. 16 1922, payable Dec. 30 1922.

It is expected that the valuation of the properties of these companies by the I.-S. C. Commission will be practically completed during the coming year. Total amount expended by these companies on this work to Dec. 31 1922 was \$655,358.

Results.—Operating results for the year compared with those of the previous year show the following:

	Operating Revenues.	Operating Expenses.	Change in Net Rev.
Colorado & Southern Ry. Co.....	Dec. \$26,983	Inc. \$370,775	\$397,758
Ft. Worth & Dev. City Ry. Co.....	Dec. 1,617,921	Dec. 786,315	\$831,605
The Wichita Valley Ry. Co.....	Dec. 307,622	Dec. 161,682	145,940
Percentages of Oper. Rev. Required for Oper. Expenses—			
Colorado & Southern Ry. Co.....	1922.....	1921.....	
	82.55%	79.59%	
Ft. Worth & Denver City Ry. Co.....	60.22%	66.27%	
The Wichita Valley Ry. Co.....	66.15%	63.72%	

Funded Debt.—During the year the following changes have been made in the long-term debt of these companies:

(1) The Colorado & Southern Ry. issued \$1,425,000 5½% Equipment Trust Gold certificates dated May 1 1922, due \$95,000 annually to May 1 1937, covering approximately 75% of the cost of the following equipment, leaving approximately 25% to be paid in cash: 1,000 50-ton capacity all-steel 16-door drop-bottom gondola coal cars, and 200 30-ton capacity steel underframe refrigerator cars. Company also retired \$70,000 Equity Trust No. 19, U. S. RR. A.

(2) Fort Worth & Denver City Ry. issued \$750,000 5½% Equipment Trust Gold certificates dated May 1 1922, due \$50,000 annually to May 1 1937, covering approximately 75% of the cost of the following equipment, leaving approximately 25% to be paid in cash: 500 40-ton capacity steel underframe box cars, and 100 30-ton capacity steel underframe refrigerator cars. Company also retired the following equipment installments: (a) Note No. 2, Equip. Trust Agreement No. 20, U. S. RR. A., \$17,200; (b) Note No. 17, Equip. Trust Agreement No. 20, U. S. RR. A., \$16,700; (c) deferred rental under Equip. Trust Agreement, Series "C," \$112,000.

Capital Expenditures.—In accordance with a general and systematic plan, physical improvements and developments of the system, including new lines and extensions and additions and betterments to way, structures and equipment have been continued during the year. There were changes in road and equipment accounts of the several companies covered by this report, including leased lines, as follows:

Description—	Col. & Sou.	Ft. W. & D.C.	W. V.
Structures and machinery.....	\$184,118	\$130,847	\$9,311
Bridges.....	110,113	24,357	112,730
Tracks.....	dr. 18,886	40,479	128,802
Land.....	dr. 28,092	5,669	1,519
The plates applied.....	23,135	5,658	224
Other additions and betterments.....	105,528	11,361	112,346
Equipment.....	1,949,218	1,638,422	537

Total..... \$2,325,535 \$1,856,795 \$364,398

Denver & Interurban RR.—The total outstanding mortgage and other long-term indebtedness is owned by Colorado & Southern Ry., and the interest on bonds and notes, included in deductions from gross income below, although accrued, has not been paid.

Operation over the tracks of the Denver City Tramway Co. was discontinued, effective Sept. 24 1922, from which date trains have been operated from the new Interurban Station adjacent to the property of Denver Union Terminal Ry. Arrangements were made for the use of the Terminal Co.'s waiting room, ticket office, concourse and subways for accommodation of passengers and access to the new Interurban Station.

This new method of operation will be cheaper than through the city streets and, it is hoped, will increase the business of the Denver & Interurban, or at least overcome losses due to development of automobile travel between Denver and northern Colorado territory, where the line operates.

Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Ry. Co.—The entire property of this company was sold under decree of foreclosure on Oct. 16 1922 for \$370,000, which amount it is understood is on deposit with the District Court of the United States for the District of Colorado. Final distribution of this amount, together with other funds held by the receiver, has not been made, but will probably be made during the coming year and the receivership terminated.

As indicated in last year's

owned, the value of which was written out of the accounts in the previous year.

Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry.—The property has been operated by a receiver during the entire year. Owing to the bringing in of the Mexia oil field, the results of operation during 1921 showed a substantial increase.

Due to the installing of pipe lines to the Mexia oil field and to the prolonged drought conditions in north Texas, the business of this company was materially decreased under that of the preceding year:

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Revenue freight (tons)...	5,143,844	4,753,055	6,789,747	5,697,261
Rev. freight (tons) miles 739,338,919	620,377,330	882,016,336	805,616,645	
Av. frt. rev. per train m.	\$6.22	\$6.88	\$6.16	\$5.15
Av. rev. per ton of freight	\$1.967	\$2.082	\$1.77	\$1.70
Passengers carried	668,584	807,085	1,146,221	1,103,450
Pass. carried per mile	56,292,701	63,864,868	95,127,825	86,760,584
Av. pass. rev. per tr. mile	\$2.18	\$2.29	\$2.86	\$2.28
Avge. rev. per passenger	\$3.04	\$2.97	\$2.64	\$2.28

OPERATING STATEMENT OF COLORADO & SOUTHERN RAILWAY (1,099 MILES) FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	Federal.	Combined.	Corporate.	1922.
Operating Revenues—				
Freight	\$9,701,857	\$11,934,164	\$9,897,761	\$10,121,548
Passenger	2,510,935	3,023,812	2,394,205	2,032,090
Mail, express, &c.	763,852	1,265,978	931,255	1,042,599
Total oper. revenues	\$12,976,644	\$16,223,954	\$13,223,220	\$13,196,237
Maint. of way & struc.	\$2,092,587	\$2,587,479	\$1,993,464	\$1,966,385
Maint. of equipment	3,108,389	3,427,673	2,981,257	3,090,819
Traffic	104,019	145,867	146,129	157,518
Transportation	4,855,575	5,678,460	4,703,027	5,038,957
General	462,155	609,599	603,157	522,214
Miscellaneous	88,792	123,429	96,855	118,773

Operating expenses	\$10,711,517	\$12,572,507	\$10,523,890	\$10,894,665
Net revenue	\$2,265,127	\$3,651,447	\$2,699,330	\$2,301,572
Tax accruals, &c.	572,220	882,921	766,615	833,514

Operating income	\$1,692,906	\$2,768,526	\$1,932,714	\$1,468,058
Non-operating income—				
Rent from equipment			\$264,720	\$159,614
Joint facility rent income			30,671	24,110
Income from lease of road			34,873	35,728
Miscellaneous rent income			24,560	34,254
Miscellaneous non-operating physical property				3,036
Dividend income			915,893	1,119,914
Income from funded securities			620,988	617,376
Income from unfunded securities and accounts			386,259	288,580
Miscellaneous income			1,587	308

Gross income			\$4,212,266	\$3,750,979
Deductions—				
Hire of freight cars (dr. bal.)			\$48,056	\$319,810
Rent for equipment			183,184	183,973
Joint facility rents			93,071	86,123
Rent for leased roads			112,236	112,949
Interest on funded and unfunded debt			2,139,128	2,145,373
Amortization, &c.			80,074	61,240
Miscellaneous			6,362	6,754

Net income			\$1,550,156	\$834,759
First Preferred dividend (4%)			340,000	340,000
Second Preferred dividend (4%)			340,000	340,000
Common dividend (3%)			930,000	930,000

Deficit			\$59,844	\$775,240
Profit and loss surplus			\$5,027,545	\$3,891,025

OPERATING STATEMENT OF FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RY. (454 MILES) FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	Federal.	Combined.	Corporate.	1922.
Freight revenue	\$7,112,886	\$8,337,901	\$8,027,522	\$6,852,575
Passenger revenue	3,615,777	4,083,553	2,725,418	2,266,750
Mail, express, &c.	433,639	727,794	582,018	597,714

Total oper. revenue	\$11,162,302	\$13,149,248	\$11,334,958	\$9,717,038
Maint. of way & struc.	\$1,100,557	\$2,052,406	\$1,190,946	\$859,452
Maint. of equipment	2,188,479	2,939,397	2,096,648	2,124,649
Traffic	54,669	96,794	136,825	136,184
Transportation	4,068,432	5,891,300	3,590,665	3,124,086
General	136,952	437,086	426,904	417,219
Miscellaneous	38,265	80,289	70,217	64,301

Operating expenses	\$7,767,354	\$11,497,273	\$7,512,206	\$6,725,890
Net revenue	\$3,394,948	\$1,651,976	\$3,822,752	\$2,991,147
Tax accruals, &c.	259,048	389,769	387,763	439,053

Operating income	\$3,135,900	\$1,262,207	\$3,434,990	\$2,552,094
Non-operating income—				
Hire of freight cars (cr. bal.)			\$26,709	
Rent from equipment			120,715	131,578
Joint facility rent income			13,920	11,561
Miscellaneous rent income			6,337	7,072
Income from funded securities			31,165	31,165
Income from unfunded securities and accounts			133,271	173,401
Miscellaneous income			60,001	510

Gross income			\$3,827,107	\$2,907,381
Deductions—				
Hire of freight cars (dr. bal.)				\$182,467
Rent for equipment			\$125,901	61,154
Joint facility rents			13,319	13,558
Rent for leased roads			18,000	18,000
Interest on funded debt			536,141	508,741
Interest on unfunded debt			21,449	1,289
Amortization, &c.			120,751	117,900

Net income			\$2,991,546	\$2,004,272
Dividend appropriations			916,466	916,466

Income balance transferred to profit and loss			\$2,075,079	\$1,087,806
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OPERATING STATEMENT OF WICHITA VALLEY RY. CO. (256 MILES) FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
Total railway oper. rev.	\$1,227,501	\$1,838,145	\$1,723,110	\$1,415,488
Total railway oper. exp.	912,423	1,452,036	1,097,987	936,304
Net rev. from ry. oper.	\$315,078	\$386,110	\$625,123	\$479,184
Railway tax accruals	\$60,307	\$70,870	\$70,121	\$69,761
Uncollec. railway rev.	423	79	352	179
Railway oper. income	\$254,348	\$315,160	\$554,650	\$409,245
Non-operating income			30,787	36,356

Gross income			\$585,437	\$445,600
Deductions from gross income			\$407,315	\$427,441

Net income transferred to profit and loss			\$178,122	\$18,159
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INCOME ACCOUNT CALENDAR YEARS.

	Denver & Interur.	Trin. & Braz. Vall. Ry.	1922.	1921.
Operating revenues	\$276,889	\$285,557	\$2,777,179	\$3,501,010
Operating expenses	223,007	257,014	2,272,449	2,789,266
Net rev. from ry. oper.	\$53,882	\$28,542	\$504,730	\$711,744
Railway tax accruals	8,645	9,019	89,547	81,472
Railway oper. income	\$45,236	\$19,524	\$415,184	\$630,271
Non-operating income	2,194	2,560		
Gross income	\$47,431	\$22,084	\$415,184	\$630,271
Deduc. from gross inc.	113,292	108,257	429,041	342,205
Net income	def. \$65,861	def. \$86,173	def. \$13,857	\$288,066

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1922 (Compare V. 115, p. 429).

	Col. & So. Ry.	F. W. & D. C.	Wich. V. Ry.
Assets—			
Investment in road and equipment	\$81,591,197	\$29,518,061	\$1,925,514
Deposited in lieu of mtge. property	35,284	2,958	
Miscellaneous physical property	205,928	4,660	
Investments in affiliated companies	17,732,799	564,172	160,860
Other investments	6,073,821	722,079	
Cash	1,121,088	1,514,853	344,299
Time drafts and deposits	1,400,000	3,000,000	150,194
Agents and conductors	159,970	42,339	13,304
Materials and supplies	1,744,119	1,026,615	66,690
Other current assets	13,198	9,068	4,914
Special deposits	1,297,319	25,148	
Traffic, &c., balance receivable	274,189	44,656	21,892
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	603,154	407,823	31,534
Interest and dividends receivable	21,000	22,949	1,369
Deferred assets	71,369	12,898	6
Unadjusted debits	1,323,060	1,952,830	160,997
Total	\$113,667,495	\$39,276,109	\$2,881,573
Liabilities—			
Common stock	\$31,000,000	\$9,243,800	\$1,020,000
Preferred stock	17,000,000		
Government grants	19,134		
Funded debt	50,713,900	9,646,700	769,000
Non-negotiable debt to affiliated cos.		299,918	
Traffic, &c., balances	253,045	232,162	48,060
Audited accounts & wages payable	1,717,873	690,006	158,427
Miscellaneous accounts	61,770	46,305	11,795
Interest matured unpaid	34,566	7,003	
Dividends, &c., matured unpaid	715,165		
Unmatured interest, &c., accrued	578,763	62,308	46,822
U. S. Government deferred liabilities	8,911	3,684	1,654
Other deferred liabilities	54,073		132,594
Accrued depreciation, &c.	5,868,015	2,875,427	2,004
Tax liability	805,154	297,451	11,696
Operating reserves	199,497	260,147	119,380
Unadjusted credits	23,297	41,656	151,504
Add ns to prop. through inc. & surp.	223,308	6,707,232	12,207
Appropriated surplus	500,000		
Profit and loss	3,891,025	8,861,892	396,430
Total	\$113,667,495	\$39,276,109	\$2,881,573

—V. 116, p. 2006.

El Paso & Southern Co.

(9th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

President T. M. Schumacher, May 1, wrote in substance:

Federal Control Period Settlements.—Company's claims against the Government for the Federal control period for account of the Morenci Southern Ry. and the Arizona & New Mexico Ry. under the provisions of Section 204 of the Transportation Act, 1920, are now pending before the I.-S. C. Commission, and it is expected settlement will be made within the next few months.

Guaranty Period Settlement.—Company's claim versus the Government for the guaranty period was presented for settlement early in 1922. The claim amounted to a total of \$2,143,699. Partial payment in the sum of \$500,000 was received from the treasurer of the United States on March 24 1922, in accordance with certificate of the I.-S. C. Commission dated March 20 1922, and check for the balance, amounting to \$691,408 in full settlement, was received on June 26 1922.

Claims for the guaranty period for account of the Morenci Southern Ry. and the Arizona & New Mexico Ry. are now pending, and settlement of them is expected within the next 60 days.

Federal Valuation.—The valuation of the properties by the I.-S. C. Commission, which has been progressing for some time past under an Act of Congress dated March 1 1913, is about completed. Preliminary accounting, engineering and land reports have been received from the I.-S. C. Commission and our exceptions filed to correct omissions and errors therein.

Company has expended to date on account of Federal Valuation the sum of \$49,443.

Recovery Under Section 15a, Inter-State Commerce Act.—On Feb. 14 and March 16 1922, the I.-S. C. Commission issued orders in the matter of recovery and payment of excess railway operating income under Section 15a of the Inter-State Commerce Act, and in accordance therewith company filed reports for the last quarter of the year 1920 and for the calendar year 1921, which showed no excess for accounting with the Government.

Capital Stock Change.—The proposed change of the El Paso & Southwestern Co. stock of \$100 par value to no par value stock was approved by the I.-S. C. Commission on July 18 1921. Certificate has been filed with the Secretary of State in New Jersey, but no action has as yet been taken by the board to make the exchange.

Change In Mortgage.—In order to refund outstanding mortgage obligations, the El Paso & Southwestern RR. applied on Mar. 17 1923, to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$5,055,000 5% 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds, these securities to refund an equal amount of First Mortgage Bonds dated Jan. 1 1903, of that Company, due Jan. 1 1923. Approval of this application by the Commission was given on April 23 1923.

Acquisition Of Arizona & New Mexico Ry.—Effective as of Jan. 1 1922, the Arizona & New Mexico Ry. (by the acquisition of its stock and bonds from Phelps Dodge Corp.) has been operated as the Clifton Branch, Western Division, of the System lines.

Abandonment Morenci Southern Ry.—While the operations of the Morenci Southern Ry. were entirely separate and apart from the lines comprising the El Paso & Southwestern system, it would seem proper to record herein the facts concerning its abandonment.

Application to abandon the line was duly made to the I.-S. C. Commission and the Arizona Corporation Commission, and permission granted by these Commissions on May 4 1922 and Feb. 9 1922, respectively, and effective May 4 1922, all operations ceased.

The entire line, with the exception of that portion from a point 600 yds. south of Shannon Junction to and including Morenci, has been dismantled, the excepted section having been sold to Phelps Dodge Corp. for operation in connection with their mines located in that district.

Strike Of Shop Craft Employees.—On July 1 1922, the Federated Shop Crafts employees on the lines, in common with all those on other railroads, went on strike as a protest against the wage award of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board. Nearly all employees in the shops discontinued work on that day, but subsequently new men were employed and former employees return to work, and forces were gradually up to normal.

After several conferences between operation officials and the local officers of the Federated Shop Crafts Union, an agreement was entered into, dated Oct. 1 1922; since then the forces have been working on an efficient basis.

Pullman Contract.—A new contract was negotiated with the Pullman Co. and entered into between that company and the railroad companies forming the El Paso & Southwestern System, under date of Dec. 1 1922, for a period of 15 years to Nov. 30 1937.

Express Contract.—New contract between the American Railway Express Co. and our company was entered into, effective March 1 1923, and expiring Feb. 29 1928, with proviso that it may be terminated at midnight on August 31 1925, by the giving of written notice by either party to the other.

The new contract provides that your company shall receive 85% of carload revenue from express business and shall have more voice in determining the expenses to be incurred by the Express company in handling this business; also, if profits of the Express company exceed 6% on its property investment the excess up to 8% shall be divided equally between the two companies. If the profits exceed 8%, 75% of the excess over that figure shall accrue to your company.

New Equipment.—Order was placed in May 1922 with the Pullman Co. for 20 40-ft. 30-ton capacity steel underframe refrigerator cars with 40-ton capacity trucks, at a total cost of \$54,000. Order completed and delivery made in August 1922.

In Dec. 1922, order was placed with the Pullman Co. for 2 steel passenger coaches at \$24,612 each, and 2 steel baggage and express cars at \$18,929 each, or an aggregate of \$87,082. Delivery of these passenger train cars is expected before July 1.

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Revenue freight, tons	3,393,712	2,469,474	4,692,401	4,591,031
Rev. frgt. 1 mile, tons	642,416,129	501,163,146	878,102,702	792,338,339
Avge. rev. per ton per m.	1.37 cts.	1.59 cts.	1.28 cts.	1.26 cts.
Passengers carried	254,947	347,657	496,845	454,697
Pass. carried one mile	48,389,709	56,229,726	76,950,286	69,081,830
Av. rev. per pass. per m.	3.94 cts.	4.04 cts.	3.51 cts.	3.18 cts.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CAL. YEARS [Federal & Corporate Combined].

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Mileage	1,130	1,028	1,028	1,028
Freight revenue	\$8,782,801	\$7,946,710	\$11,212,405	\$9,983,205
Passenger revenue	1,905,895	2,270,721	2,705,267	2,196,838
Mail, express, &c.	536,079	523,003	731,963	400,239
Incidental revenue	159,412	169,652	222,978	181,108
Operating revenues	\$11,384,185	\$10,910,087	\$14,872,614	\$12,761,391
Maint. of way & struc.	\$1,817,892	\$1,920,360	\$2,835,948	\$2,290,443
Maint. of equipment	1,882,164	2,236,117	2,843,758	2,528,666
Traffic expenses	354,066	330,605	241,017	120,726
Transportation expenses	3,006,954	3,299,908	4,219,057	3,542,638
Miscellaneous operations	97,586	109,130	122,194	95,245
General expenses	582,492	594,000	543,957	309,643
Transport for invest't.		Cr. 69,447	387	Cr. 919
Operating expenses	\$7,741,154	\$8,420,674	\$10,806,319	\$8,886,443
Net revenue	3,643,031	2,489,413	4,066,295	3,874,948
Railway tax accruals	\$980,264	\$1,083,644	\$1,252,953	\$724,181
Uncollectible ry. revenue	843	2,629	741	778
Railway oper. income	\$2,661,924	\$1,403,141	\$2,812,601	\$3,149,989
Net hire of equipment	Dr. 77,439	Dr. 129,711	Dr. 152,418	Cr. 64,793
Net joint facilities	Dr. 99,339	Dr. 107,741	Cr. 73,739	Dr. 89,587
Net miscell. income	Cr. 6,218	Cr. 10,623	Cr. 18,726	2,194
Net ry. oper. income	\$2,491,364	\$1,176,313	\$2,910,006	\$2,993,415

The corporate income account was given in V. 116, p. 2516.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1922.	1921.		1922.	1921.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Inv. in road & eq.	\$7,415,448	\$7,415,063	Capital stock	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
Inv. in affil. cos.			Loans & bills pay.		3,500,000
Stocks	27,859,840	27,859,840	Traffic & car ser.		
Bonds	6,410,940	6,410,940	vice bal. payable	415,891	253,524
Notes	69,000	69,000	Audited acct's and		
Advances	5,302,207	5,186,585	wages payable	1,265,119	1,126,202
Other investments	1,026,814	1,403,990	Misc. acct's. pay.	4,785,094	3,915,586
Cash	1,756,655	1,056,874	Divs. mat'd unpaid	375,000	375,000
Special deposits	120,340	101,684	Lab. or provident		
Traf. &c. bal. rec.	374,651	249,451	funds	20,271	24,742
Bal. from agents &			Other def. liab.	24,900	61,215
conductors	203,142	135,659	Tax liability	382,049	379,250
Misc. acct's. receiv.	1,015,447	1,360,833	Accr. depr., equip.	2,659,123	2,321,992
Materials & supp.	1,478,556	1,809,624	Other unadj. cred.	1,670,437	1,474,524
Int. & div. rec.	126,375	126,375	Approp. surp. not		
Other curr. assets	61,411	60,891	specifically in-		
Work. fund adv.	3,044	3,244	vested	6,205,258	6,205,258
Other def. assets	855	10,511	Profit and loss	10,902,479	10,265,270
Unadjusted debits	480,899	1,641,999			
Total	\$3,705,623	\$4,902,565	Total	\$3,705,623	\$4,902,565

a This item represents El Paso & Southwestern Co. only.—V. 116, p. 2516, 2007.

Duluth & Iron Range Railroad.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1922.)

The Federal Steel Co., a subsidiary company of the U. S. Steel Corp., owns the Capital stock of the Duluth & Iron Range RR. See "Railway & Industrial Section."

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Freight carried iron ore—				
gross tons	6,027,359	3,287,650	9,338,345	6,524,681
Misc. freight—net tons	571,454	917,749	1,008,808	1,151,916
Iron ore carried one mile				
gross tons	420,850,121	241,301,954	660,596,096	447,561,559
Misc. freight—net tons	36,192,776	53,234,409	62,493,316	54,842,044
Av. rev. per ton per mile:				
Iron ore—gross tons	1.252 cts.	1.294 cts.	1.342 cts.	1.374 cts.
Misc. freight—net tons	2.125 cts.	2.113 cts.	1.694 cts.	1.757 cts.
Passengers carried	159,298	201,577	288,190	266,608
Pass. carried one mile	6,264,157	7,564,044	9,985,533	9,241,030
Av. rev. per pass. per mile.	3.553 cts.	3.427 cts.	3.024 cts.	2.942 cts.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEAR.

	Federal.	Combined.	Corporate.	
	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
Freight revenue	\$7,114,957	\$9,927,608	\$4,247,788	\$6,037,527
Passenger revenue	271,884	302,067	259,223	210,098
Mail, express, &c.	105,176	111,364	104,793	109,242
Incidental	468,365	733,929	359,653	460,783
Joint facility—Cr.	1,226	984	1,056	1,005
Total oper. revenue	\$7,961,606	\$11,075,952	\$4,972,513	\$6,818,657
Operating Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.	\$1,050,529	\$1,460,624	\$1,095,754	\$1,096,678
Maint. of equipment	1,195,559	1,515,095	1,141,195	1,309,873
Traffic expenses	5,810	12,813	14,207	14,249
Transportation	2,141,178	3,118,080	1,887,633	2,004,926
General	175,893	280,063	222,273	219,863
Miscellaneous operations	4,217	9,653	8,482	3,577
Transp. for invest.—Cr.	30	1,770		305
Total oper. expenses	\$4,573,155	\$6,394,559	\$4,369,544	\$4,648,861
Net rev. from ry. oper.	\$3,388,451	\$4,681,393	\$602,969	\$2,169,795
Railway tax accruals			298,852	518,524
Uncollectible ry. revenue			329	402
Net operating income			\$303,787	\$1,650,869
Total non-oper. income			376,197	479,981
Gross income		Not comparable	\$679,985	\$2,130,850
Interest on funded debt			407,550	407,550
Int. on unfunded debt, &c.			25,261	35,048
Misc. income charges			102,497	183,069
Net income			\$144,676	\$1,505,183
Dividends paid			975,000	1,300,000
Balance transf. to profit and loss			def. \$830,324	sur. \$205,183

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1922.	1921.		1922.	1921.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Road & equip't.	\$30,558,213	\$30,435,408	Capital stock	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000
Misc. phys. prop.	2,015,066	1,980,482	Grants in aid of		
Liberty bonds	4,818,320	4,763,044	construction	2,071,382	2,071,382
Cash	2,151,425	1,797,979	Funded debt	\$8,151,000	\$8,151,000
Special deposits	4,075	3,764,653	Current liabilities	333,409	279,263
Material & suppl.	993,126	1,338,213	U. S. Govt. def. lia.	328	326
Acc'ts receivable	4,458,334	52,017	Other def'd liab'l's	50,033	49,962
Agents & conduct.	48,724	21,018	Accrued tax liab'l.	411,779	165,158
Miscellaneous	45,368	45,469	Prem. on fund. debt		
Interest receivable	3,526	3,526	& insur. reserve	318,199	320,175
Deprec. insur., &c.	1,132,685	983,238	Equip. & dock repl.	5,946,342	5,600,459
Landed freight	349,300	376,319	Other unadj. acct's.	1,678,815	1,680,874
U. S. Govt. def. assets	53,822	47,051	Capital amort. fd.	8,854,494	8,671,425
Other unadj. deb'ts			Approp. surplus	6,298,071	6,301,823
			Swamp land grant	711,481	783,659
			Profit and loss	5,318,431	5,039,519
Total	\$46,643,769	\$45,615,026	Total	\$46,643,769	\$45,615,026

—V. 115, p. 302.

Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

(17th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

The remarks of President W. E. Creed are cited fully on subsequent pages, together with the comparative income account, balance sheet and numerous statistical tables. A comparative balance sheet was given in V. 116, p. 1770—V. 116, p. 2397, 2139.

Pacific Oil Co.

(2d Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

The remarks of Pres. Paul Shoup, together with the income account and balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1922, will be found under "Reports and Documents" below.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED DEC. 31.

	1922.	1921.		1922.	1921.
Gross earnings from			Depr. & depl. res.	\$3,000,975	\$3,153,111
operations	21,422,004	30,853,257	Res. for Fed. taxes	509,306	\$80,000
Oper. expenses	7,222,671	11,204,604	Divs. (\$3 per sh.)	10,500,000	10,500,000
Taxes (excl. Fed. income taxes)	990,152	822,507	Loss on retired physical prop.	89,873	430,095
Total oper. exp. & taxes	8,212,823	12,027,111	Miscell. charges	29,873	
Net profit from operations	13,209,182	18,826,146	Balance, surplus	1,202,353	5,331,198
Other income	2,217,198	1,388,257	Previous surplus	5,384,534	49,217
Gross income	15,426,380	20,214,403	Profit on physical property	19,880	4,119
			P. & L. surplus	6,606,767	5,384,534

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1922.	1921.		1922.	1921.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Oil lands & stk. of			Capital stock	\$52,500,000	\$52,500,000
Assoc. Oil Co.	32,214,973	32,287,638	Accts. &c., pay.	718,456	394,338
Inv. in & adv. to affil. companies	10,277,926	8,177,482	Misc. acct's. pay.		3,501,715
Oil lands & leases acquired, field			Divs. mat'd unpd.		10,598
Impts. & equip.	23,422,467	21,274,115	Unmat. dividends declared	5,250,000	5,250,000
Cash	3,899,775	790,818	Other curr. liabls.		231,710
Special deposits		3,793,242	Def. liab. Assoc. Pipe L. Co. stk. owners	30,539	
Call loans	1,400,000	2,000,000	Deferred liabls.		4,831
Demand deposits	6,131,967	6,808,698	Tax liability	649,791	855,478
Marketable sec's	3,273,685	3,388,724	Federal taxes and contingencies	976,533	
Accts. &c., rec.	242,060	2,071,734	Ins. & cas. reserves	73,274	33,893
Crude oil on hand, &c.	438,386	199,739	Oth. unadj. credits		26,206
Int. acc. on loans & bills rec.		90,245	Deprec. & deplet. reserve	15,191,408	12,963,749
Wkg. fund adv.		154,554	Profit and loss—balance	6,606,767	5,384,534
Rents & ins. prems. paid	648,728	16,160	Tot. (each side)	\$1,996,767	\$1,157,051
Oth. unadj. debits	46,800	103,903			

x Capital stock authorized and issued, 3,500,000 shares of no par value.—V. 116, p. 2397, 2139.

International Mercantile Marine Co.

(Advance Statement for Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

Pres. P. A. S. Franklin at the annual meeting of stockholders, June 4, reported in substance:

Annual Results.—Owing to unavoidable delays abroad the completed accounts for the year ended Dec. 31 1922 will not be ready until the latter part of June. Pending such issue, we give below estimated results for the year 1922, with certain comparisons for 1921 [1920 and 1919 inserted by editor].

RESULTS OF OPERATING INT. M. M. CO. AND SUBSIDIARY COS. (Incl. American, Red Star, White Star, Atlantic Transp. & Leyland Lines.)

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Net earnings, incl. ins. fund surplus for 1922, after deduct. op. & gen. exp. inc. & excess profits taxes and int. on deb. bonds of sub. cos.	\$6,971,131	\$14,069,053	\$17,484,015	\$24,597,808
Int. on I. M. M. bonds	2,256,254	2,231,680	2,231,680	2,309,232
Depreciation on steamers	5,984,661	6,117,981	5,346,376	5,225,663
Net result	def. \$1,269,784	\$5,797,347	\$9,905,959	\$17,062,912

x For proper comparison with results of previous years the earnings of the British companies have been converted at \$4 85 per £ sterling.

The foregoing statement represents earnings of the Int. M. M. Co., together with total net earnings of the owned subsidiary companies.

The Int. M. M. Co. can secure the earnings of the subsidiary companies only through the dividends which they declare from time to time. From the foregoing figures it will be seen that the actual operation of all the steamers and business of company and its subsidiaries for 1922 resulted in a profit of \$4,714,877 after deducting all expenses, taxes and bond interest. However, against this profit must be charged the full depreciation on the steamers, amounting to \$5,984,661, after which the estimated net result shows a loss of \$1,269,784 for the year.

The company from the dividends received from its subsidiary companies out of their earnings for 1922 and prior thereto and from the operation of the steamers it owns directly, shows an estimated profit, as below, amounting to \$3,699,749 for 1922 after deducting all expenses, bond interest and depreciation on the steamers directly owned.

NET EARNINGS FROM STEAMERS DIRECTLY OPERATED BY I. M. M. CO., PLUS MISC. EARNINGS & DIVS. FROM SUB. COS.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Total net earnings of I. M. M. Co. plus divs. from sub. cos., after taxes and general expenses	\$6,354,838	\$8,329,309	\$11,307,442	\$15,193,831
Deduct I. M. M. bd. int.	2,256,254	2,153,725	2,231,680	2,309,232
Depreciation on steamers directly owned	398,835	998,835	768,479	660,405
	\$3,699,750	\$5,176,749	\$8,307,284	\$12,224,194

x Dividends received from foreign subsidiary companies have been converted at the market rate of exchange on date received.

The marked decrease in the consolidated earnings for 1922, as compared with 1921, was largely caused by the decrease in the movement of third-class passengers, both east and westbound, due to the immigration laws and the unsettled conditions in Europe, which heavy loss of business was only slightly compensated for by a very moderate increase in the movement of first and second-class passengers.

In addition to this unfavorable passenger situation, the freight business has been exceedingly bad, there having been a reduction in the volume of general traffic moving all over the world, but particularly between the United States and the United Kingdom and Continent of Europe, and also more active competition including that of Government-owned steamers with a consequent reduction in freight rates to a point where in many cases the actual cost of loading and discharging the cargo was hardly covered.

It has unfortunately been impossible to materially reduce the cost of operating the steamers, largely due to the cost of fuel and the high cost of labor, both afloat and ashore.

Outlook.—We regret exceedingly to inform you that the business for the first four months of 1923 shows even less satisfactory results than for the

corresponding period of 1922, due to the continuation of the same conditions as outlined above, and a supply of tonnage far in excess of the present requirements of either the passenger or the freight business moving. We feel that it must be recognized that until the political situation in Europe materially improves and the present serious economic difficulties are remedied, business cannot be expected to begin to approach a normal condition, and until that is accomplished the movement of both passengers and freight will be seriously interfered with, which is most prejudicial to the business of your company.

We are holding our full share of traffic in the important trades in which we are established and our steamers are all being maintained in excellent condition so that we are in strong position to take advantage of any improvement when it comes.—V. 115, p. 2800.

Burns Bros., New Jersey—Burns Bros., New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ended March 31 1923.)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT (INCL. N. Y. AND N. J. COS., AND OPERATIONS OF WM. FARRELL & SON, INC., FROM NOV. 30 1921.)

March 31 Years—	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Net sales.....	\$29,432,808	\$31,373,520	\$29,475,299	\$21,286,870
Cost of sales (incl. oper. exp. and deprec'n).....	26,799,944	28,145,518	26,232,953	19,006,789
Gen. exp., incl. allow. for doubtful accts. & taxes.....	1,909,782	1,851,869	1,711,424	1,386,013
Net profits.....	\$723,081	\$1,376,134	\$1,530,921	\$894,068
Other income.....	416,948	324,275	231,867	242,374
Total income.....	\$1,140,029	\$1,700,409	\$1,762,788	\$1,136,442
Add—				
Bal. beginning of year.....	\$2,684,300	\$2,347,239	\$1,757,759	\$1,951,335
Appreciation of prop. Wm. Farrell & Son sur.....		223,260		768,935
Sur. ext. through retirement of stock.....	95,000	791,400		
Cancel. of res. not req.....	231,756			
Total.....	\$4,201,085	\$5,062,309	\$3,520,547	\$3,856,712
Deduct Dividends—				
New Preferred (7%).....	\$210,000	\$52,064		
Prior Preference (7%).....	90,447	22,612		
Common Class "A" (\$10).....	809,159	202,233		
Class "B" (\$2).....	161,828	40,381		
Old Preferred (7%).....		157,500	\$99,290	\$106,435
Common (old).....		606,568	(10)808,518	(10)719,407
Stock.....				(5)362,100
Liberty bonds.....				(5)344,357
Retire pref. stock (net).....	134,553	97,388	85,000	85,000
Chgs. not appl. to oper.....	217,936	1,199,262	180,501	45,593
Surplus.....	\$2,577,163	\$2,684,300	\$2,347,239	\$2,193,819

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31.

1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real est., equip., &c. 5,258,036	5,862,467	Preferred stock.....	3,000,000
Outside real estate.....	22,771	Prior pref. stock.....	1,113,600
Cash.....	2,746,545	Class "A" Common stock.....	8,094,400
Notes receivable.....	82,126	Class "B" Common stock.....	647,520
Accts. receivable (less allowance).....	5,794,777	Accounts payable.....	3,426,525
U. S. Govt. secur. 399,953	551,510	Accrued accounts.....	106,913
Coal supplies.....	1,227,801	Notes payable.....	725,000
Inv. in other cos.....	492,710	Pur. money oblig's.....	166,000
Mortgages.....	98,180	Res. for fed. taxes.....	180,000
Sundry claims rec.....	36,036	Reserve oper. exp.....	220,949
Adv. & accts. rec.....	46,889	Res. for conting.....	900,000
Sec. with State.....		Dividend payable.....	52,500
Ins. Depts.....	64,285	Surplus approp'ns.....	360,395
Wm. Farrell & Sons, Inc.....	5,640,000	Surplus unapprop.....	2,577,163
Leases, g'd-will, &c.....	4,957,133	Surplus—Wm. Farrell & Sons, Inc.....	6,513,681
Prepaid items.....	134,698		6,514,402
Total.....	27,001,937	Total.....	27,001,937

x Class "A" Common stock, 8% cumulative, no par value, stated at \$100 per share (authorized 100,000 shares), \$10,000,000, less amount unissued, \$1,905,600. y Class "B" Common stock, no par value, stated at \$5 per share (authorized 100,000 shares), \$800,000, less amount unissued, \$152,480.—V. 116, p. 2519, 2592.

Bush Terminal Co., New York.

Including Bush Terminal Buildings Co. and Subsidiaries.]

(Annual Report, Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

President Irving T. Bush, May 4, wrote in brief:

The earnings for all departments of the company were maintained upon a satisfactory basis with the exception of the warehouse department, which has been affected by the general withdrawal of merchandise from storage due to the return of prosperity to the country. This, we anticipate, will be only for a temporary period as it is usual at the end of a period of depression and always in the past has resulted in a restoration of normal stocks in the warehouse after supplies have caught up with suddenly increased demand.

Earnings of the buildings company are substantially better. After a period of dispute with the trunk line railroads as to the compensation which should be paid to the railroad department of the terminal company, an agreement has been reached which will increase the earnings of that department above those recorded for 1922, depending, of course, upon the tonnage handled. This agreement was finally reached in March 1923, but will be retroactive.

INCOME ACCOUNT—BUSH TERM. CO. PROPER FOR CAL. YEARS.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross earnings from storage, &c., & net income from railroad dept.....	\$2,537,251	\$2,945,196	\$2,731,142	\$2,124,458
Operating expenses.....	704,307	1,015,810	1,053,367	595,590
Net earnings.....	\$1,832,945	\$1,929,386	\$1,677,775	\$1,528,868
Other income.....	72,251	232,712	281,221	248,362
Total net income.....	\$1,905,196	\$2,162,098	\$1,958,997	\$1,777,230
Deduct—				
Interest on bonds.....	444,778	535,534	585,537	492,441
Taxes.....	590,105	606,287	472,435	449,747
Depreciation.....	28,230	28,580	28,970	29,345
Preferred dividends (6%).....	138,000	138,000	138,000	138,000
Common dividends (5%).....	344,000	331,490	315,540	300,385
Losses.....	299,292	585,019	382,341	12,667
Reserve income tax.....	60,537	47,918		Cr. 12,117
Balance, surplus.....	\$253	def \$110,730	\$36,173	\$366,760
Previous surplus.....	5,246,350	5,750,320	6,060,308	6,028,510
Profit on sale of property.....			Cr. 82,756	
Total.....	\$5,246,603	\$5,639,590	\$6,179,237	\$6,395,270
Deduct—				
Reserve for bad debts.....	\$30,000		\$50,000	
Common stock div. (5%).....		332,122	316,118	300,886
Miscellaneous.....	136,704	61,119	62,799	34,077
Profit & loss, surplus.....	\$5,079,899	\$5,246,350	\$5,750,319	\$6,060,307

EARNINGS OF BUSH TERMINAL BUILDINGS CO. FOR CAL. YEARS.

Cal. Year.	Rentals Received.	Net after Taxes.	Other Income.	Bond Interest.	Prof. Dis. 7%.	Balance, Surplus.
1922.....	\$2,605,944	\$1,159,005	\$184,184	\$427,095	\$408,532	\$507,562
1921.....	2,456,611	990,974	131,295	443,141	334,901	344,228
1920.....	2,224,602	816,050	96,316	458,570	292,303	161,493
1919.....	2,066,765	830,489	14,599	450,758	185,033	209,297
1918.....	1,909,938	735,157	4,637	432,503	175,000	132,291
1917.....	1,480,939	620,637	6,638	356,242	175,000	86,033
1916.....	1,230,931	622,022	7,804	353,908	175,000	100,918
1915.....	1,100,830	660,963	3,726	360,726	175,000	128,963

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31—COMPANY PROPER, ALSO INCL. SUBS. [Bush Terminal Co. & Sub. Cos., and eliminating inter-company items.]

	Bush Terminal Co. 1922.	Bush Terminal Co. 1921.	Consolidated 1922.	Consolidated 1921.
Assets—				
Real estate.....	\$9,039,775	\$9,198,910	\$12,476,078	\$12,612,985
Warehouses, piers and other improvements.....	7,045,198	7,067,254	18,944,594	20,014,976
Expenses during and incident to construction.....			1,278,185	1,351,236
Good-will.....	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Capital stock and inventory, subsidiaries.....	3,290,567	1,399,184	2,292,072	21,504
Equipment.....	725,611	667,965	800,844	756,201
Furniture and fixtures.....	71,620	71,336	385,888	415,096
Constr. adv. t. B. T. R.R.....	348,879	347,316		
Due from U. S. Govt.....	259,670	156,248	259,670	156,248
Cash.....	1,185,293	648,625	1,637,949	940,583
Accounts receivable.....	572,652	3,335,897	605,756	747,479
Promotion expenditures.....			141,741	144,822
Other investments.....			15,000	15,000
Accrued storage & labor.....	48,293	82,935	62,459	82,935
Work. adv. to B. T. R.R.....	70,084	88,538		
Material, supplies & fuel.....	152,876	156,254	302,046	359,436
Merchandise inventory.....	72,892	77,085	72,892	756,892
Liberty bonds.....	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Miscellaneous.....	646,798	346,809	851,901	612,016
Total.....	\$26,531,808	\$26,645,957	\$43,128,677	\$42,019,010
Liabilities—				
Pref. stk. in hands of pub. do guar. by B. T. Co.....	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000
Com. stk. in hands of pub.....	6,889,986	6,722,200	6,889,986	6,722,211
First mortgage 4s.....	2,812,000	2,839,000	2,812,000	2,839,000
Consol. mortgage 5s.....	6,629,000	6,629,000	6,629,000	6,629,000
Bond & mtge. guar. by B. T. Co.....			1,337,500	1,387,500
First mtge. s. f. guar. by Bush Terminal Co.....			8,407,000	8,549,000
Accrued common stock div. payable January.....		168,111		168,111
Accounts payable.....	214,494	788,784	240,727	1,414,501
Expenses not paid.....	8,465	18,296	15,222	19,234
Bills payable.....		10,000		50,000
U. S. Government.....	30,378	30,332	30,378	30,332
Accrued interest & taxes.....	1,102,200	817,501	1,919,362	1,399,707
Pref. div. of B. T. Co.....	69,000	69,000	69,000	150,800
Common dividend.....	172,009	167,786	172,009	167,786
Reserves, &c.....	1,219,561	835,290	1,433,311	957,603
Profit and loss.....	5,079,899	5,246,350	4,253,375	4,436,057
Miscellaneous.....	4,814	4,307	9,405	13,868
Total.....	\$26,531,808	\$26,645,957	\$43,128,677	\$42,019,010

The total assets of the Bush Terminal Buildings Co. as of Dec. 31 1922 were \$17,946,490, offset by \$1,000,000 Common (all owned by Bush Term. Co., and pledged as collateral) and \$6,610,400 Pref. stock; first mortgage sinking fund \$5 guaranteed by Bush Terminal Co., \$8,407,000; current, &c., liabilities, \$815,828; miscellaneous items of \$40,554, and profit and loss, surplus, \$1,069,708. The total assets and liabilities of the Bush Terminal R.R. as of Dec. 31 1922 were \$357,863.—V. 115, p. 71.

Exchange Buffet Corporation.

(10th Annual Report—Year ended April 30 1923.)

President Henry de Jongh, N. Y., June 4, wrote in brief:

Sales.—Sales did not increase to the extent expected, but the corporation closed its year with a surplus of \$37,325 after dividend payments as compared with \$54,674 for 1922. A better showing is anticipated for the current fiscal year.

Federal Taxes.—There was charged out of the profits for the year ended April 30 1923 the sum of \$70,000, representing the provision for taxes for the fiscal year under the Revenue Act of 1921. There also remains on the books of the corporation a credit of \$71,813 in the account "provision for Federal income and profits taxes."

Following an examination of the Federal tax returns for the years 1917 to 1920 inclusive, the Department of Internal Revenue has recommended the assessment of additional taxes for each of the years covered on the basis of an interpretation of the laws, the correctness of which the corporation does not admit. If this interpretation should be maintained and applied to the years since 1920 also, the corporation would be forced to provide for additional taxes to an amount nearly equal to its present surplus. If the assessment is made it will be vigorously contested.

Capital.—On Sept. 14 1922 the directors authorized the issuance and sale of the authorized but unissued shares of the capital stock outstanding at the close of business Sept. 23 1922 for the purpose of (1) providing funds for the redemption of the outstanding 8% gold notes and (2) providing additional working capital. As a result of this action, there were sold 14,997 shares for the net sum of \$384,298.

The capital of the corporation was further increased by \$103,866, representing the completed payments by employees on subscriptions for stock in the corporation under the plans of June 15 1921 and June 21 1922.

Dividends.—Dividends were maintained for the year at the annual rate of \$2 per share in quarterly payments of 50 cents per share.

Employees.—Following is a statement of results as of April 30 1923 under the stock subscription plan of June 15 1921:

5,272 shares originally subscribed for at \$22 50 per share (equivalent of \$90 for old stock).....	\$118,620
Cancellation of 808 shares at \$22 50 per share.....	18,180

Balance.....	\$100,440
Completed payments for 4,456 shares (fiscal year 2,420 shares for \$54,450).....	100,260

Subscriptions for 8 shares still in force.....	\$180
A similar offering of stock to officers and employees was made on June 21 1922 at a price of \$24 per share, with the following results as of April 30 1923:	
3,686 shares originally subscribed for at \$24 per share.....	\$88,464
Cancellation of 214 shares at \$24 per share.....	5,136

Balance.....	\$83,328
Completed payments for 2,059 shares.....	49,416

Subscriptions for 1,413 shares still in force.....	\$33,912
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A third offering is under consideration. Group insurance for officers and employees, effected Oct. 1 1918, has been maintained. During the fiscal year two deaths occurred involving payments to the beneficiaries of \$1,400, making a total of 18 deaths in the personnel with payments aggregating \$11,300 since this insurance was written.

Note Redemption.—The balance of \$270,000 8% Serial Gold Notes outstanding April 30 1922 has been paid. Corporation has no outstanding funded debt, bank loans or notes payable.

Extensions.—On Aug. 17 1922 a 21-year lease was made of a portion of the ground floor and basement of the Bowling Green Bldg., 11 Broadway-5 Greenwich St., and on Jan. 2 1923 the 36th restaurant and the 43d and 44th cigar stands were opened at this location with very satisfactory results for the 4 months of operation.

On Sept. 15 1922 a lease was made of the store and basement of premises 44 Cortlandt St. for a period of 21 years from May 1 1923. At the same time the existing leases covering premises 40 Cortlandt St. and 55 Dey St. were extended to a common termination with this new lease. A portion of the ground floor has been sub-let on advantageous terms, the balance thereof and the entire basement now being combined with the existing restaurant on the concourse level.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED APRIL 30.

	1923.	1922.
Gross profits.....	\$732,953	\$815,753
Deduct—Depreciation.....	\$93,412	\$89,375
Interest.....	39,280	30,948
Amortization of debt discount and expense.....	7,731	7,172
Provision for Federal income tax.....	70,000	150,000
Dividends.....	(\$2)485,205	(\$6 1/2)453,584
Net profit.....	\$37,325	\$84,674

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET APRIL 30.

Assets—	1923.	1922.	Liabilities—	1923.	1922.
Good-will & leasehold	\$2,551,175	\$2,551,175	Capital stock	\$4,164,268	\$3,702,762
Equip. & fixtures	210,014	1,062,814	8% serial notes	—	270,000
17-23 John St. real estate equity	560,278	609,084	Federal taxes	141,813	212,317
75 Malden Lane Corp., 2d M. 6s.	215,220	234,020	Accounts payable	332,441	292,789
U. S. Liberty bonds	15,000	35,000	Interest accrued	—	15,750
Employ, subscrip.	16,155	29,353	Reserve for insurance	100,000	100,000
Inventory at cost	117,545	83,812	Surplus	330,294	319,682
Sundry debtors	2,546	975			
Cash	295,248	263,730			
Deferred charges	45,635	63,336			
			Total (each side)	\$5,068,816	\$4,913,300

x Equipment and fixtures of restaurants and cigar stands at cost, \$1,908.83; less reserve for depreciation, \$698,824; balance, \$1,210,014.

y 17-23 John St., real estate equity: Land at cost, \$631,283; building at cost, \$440,277; less reserve for depreciation, \$21,283; total, \$1,058,278; less mortgage thereon at 6% due Nov. 1 1924, not assumed by Exchange Buffet Corporation, \$450,000, leaving, as above shown, \$600,278.

z Capital stock authorized, 250,000 shares of no par value and of a declared value of \$5 per share; issued, \$248,232 shares, \$4,130,176; subscribed for (by employees) or unissued, 1,421 shares (per contra), \$34,092; total, 249,653 shares, of \$4,164,268.—V. 116, p. 2520.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

The following news in brief form touches the high points in the railroad and electric railway world during the week just past, together with a summary of the items of greatest interest which were published in full detail in last weeks' "Chronicle" either under "Editorial Comment" or "Current Events and Discussions."

New Repair Shop.—Missouri-Kansas & Texas RR. is building a new locomotive erecting and repair shop at Waco, Texas, to cost \$2,000,000 and to employ 700 persons. "Philadelphia News Bureau" June 4, p. 3.

Wage Adjustments.—Chesapeake & Ohio shopmen receive increase of 2 cents per hour. "Times" June 6, p. 33.

Southern Pacific Co. shop men receive increase of 5 cents per hour and their helpers an increase of 2 cents per hour.—"Philadelphia News Bureau" June 4, p. 3.

Northern Pacific grants increases to 10,000 maintenance of way men ranging from \$6.84 to \$10 per month, and from 1 cent to 39 cents per hour according to class of work and period of service.—"Wall Street Journal" June 1, p. 9.

Philadelphia & Reading grants increase of 4 cents an hour to its 940 signalmen.—"Times" June 8, p. 21.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific and **Chicago Rock Island & Gulf** roads grant shopmen increase of 2 cents an hour, effective June 16.—"Times" June 8, p. 21.

Wabash System grants 3,500 way men increases ranging from ½ to 9 cents per hour.—"Times" June 8, p. 21.

Freight Car Repair.—Reports filed by the carriers with the car service division show that on May 15, 210,243 freight cars were in need of repair, a decrease of 262 compared with the number on May 1.

The number in need of repair on May 15 represented 9.3% of the total number of cars on line, compared with 9.2% on May 1. This increase in the percentage on May 15 in the face of a reduction in the number of cars actually in need of repair was due to the fact that on the later date there were approximately 24,000 fewer freight cars on the lines of the Class 1 railroads of this country than there were at the beginning of the month. This was due to an increase in the number of freight cars not only on Canadian lines but also on other than Class 1 railroads of the United States.

Freight cars in need of light repair totaled 54,982 on May 15, a decrease compared with May 1 of 4,088 cars. There were also 155,261 freight cars in need of heavy repair, which was an increase, however, of 3,826 within the same period.

Car Loadings.—A total of 1,014,029 cars were loaded with revenue freight during the week which ended on May 26. This total is not only by far the largest loading ever reported for any one week at this season of the year, but has only been surpassed twice before for any week in any year in history, both of which were in the fall when traffic is always heaviest, due to crop movement. Loading for the week of May 26 was only 4,510 cars below the total for the week of Oct. 14 1920, when 1,018,539 cars were reloaded, the largest number for any week on record. The second largest week was that of Oct. 28 1922, when 1,014,480 cars were loaded, only 451 more, however, than during the week of May 26 this year. Prior to the week of May 26 the million car-loading mark has only been exceeded 7 times, as follows:

Week ended—	Cars.	Week ended—	Cars.	Week ended—	Cars.
Aug. 26 1920	1,001,308	Oct. 14 1920	1,018,539	Oct. 21 1922	1,003,759
Sept. 23 1920	1,008,109	Oct. 21 1920	1,008,818	Oct. 28 1922	1,014,480
Oct. 7 1920	1,011,666				

Compared with the corresponding week last year, the total for the week of May 26 was an increase of 207,152 cars, while it also was an increase of 218,694 cars over the total for the corresponding week in 1921 and an increase of 22,232 cars over the preceding week this year, increases being reported in the loading of all commodities except coke.

Principal changes compared with the previous week were: Merchandise and miscellaneous freight, which includes manufactured products, 590,180 cars, increase 5,242; grain and grain products, 35,522 cars, increase 1,716; livestock, 31,777 cars, increase 503; coal, 192,092 cars, increase 10,493; forest products, 79,339 cars, increase 1,686; ore, 70,119, increase 3,062; coke, 15,000, decrease 470.

Compared by districts, increases in the total loading of all commodities over the week before were reported in all districts, while all except the Pocahontas, which showed a slight decrease, reported increases over the corresponding week last year. All districts except the Southwestern also reported increases over the corresponding week in 1921. Loading of freight cars this year to date, compared with those of the two previous years, follows:

Month of—	1923.	1922.	1921.
January	3,380,296	2,785,119	2,823,759
February	3,366,965	3,027,886	2,739,234
March	4,583,162	4,088,132	3,452,941
April	3,763,963	2,863,416	2,822,713
Week ended—			
May 5	961,029	747,200	721,722
May 12	974,531	767,094	751,186
May 19	991,797	780,953	770,991
May 26	1,014,029	806,877	795,335

Total for year to date.....19,035,772 15,866,677 14,877,881

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" June 2.—(a) The Pennsylvania RR. and the Railroad Labor Board, p. 2447. (b) William Jennings Bryan says Government ownership of railroads is inevitable, p. 2480. (c) Chicago conference on railroad valuation described as menace to public interest, p. 2480. (d) Western railway heads see Government ownership as purpose behind Chicago conference on railroad valuation, p. 2480. (e) Lehigh Valley RR. increases clerks' pay, p. 2481. (f) Jersey Central shopmen lose after an 11-month strike, p. 2481. (g) Shopmen's wages advanced on Virginian RR., p. 2481. (h) Labor Board suspends order to abolish piece work on N. Y. Central, p. 2481. (i) Express workers receive wage increase in Chicago district; telegraphers on Pennsylvania get advance, p. 2481. (j) Northern Pacific grants wage increase to maintenance of way men, p. 2481. (k) Home rule for railroads, p. 2481.

Alaska Government Roads.—Results for 1922—Outlook. The Department of the Interior announces that operating expenses of the Alaska Railroad totaled \$1,772,376 for the year ending Dec. 31 1922 and the operating revenue \$718,921, making a deficit for the 12-month period of \$1,053,455.

During the calendar year 1923 it is anticipated that the operating expenses will be reduced by some \$100,000 and that the operating revenues will be increased by \$200,000, leaving a deficit of only \$700,000. A further improvement in revenues upon the road are expected in the future when branches and spurs to the line are constructed and a system of public

highways are built in the interior of the territory to feed the railroad with additional traffic.

Construction of the Alaska Railroad was started in 1915 and as portions of the road bed were completed operation was inaugurated and continued. Parts of the line, therefore, have been in actual operation for 7 years. For this period the operating expenses up to Dec. 31 1922 amounted to \$9,536,294 and the total operating revenues were \$2,481,070, making a total deficit of \$7,055,224.—V. 116, p. 2254.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—All But \$526,000 of Convertible 4s Converted into Common Stock.—The "Chronicle" has been officially informed that all of the Convertible 4s, due 1960, except \$526,000, had been converted into Common stock at the close of business May 31 last, when the conversion privilege expired. This brings the total of this issue converted up to \$43,160,000.—V. 116, p. 2387, 2248.

Aurora Elgin & Chicago RR.—Sale of Fox River Division. The U. S. Circuit Court has entered an order for the sale of the Aurora & Elgin city lines and interurban lines operating in the Fox River Valley. The order was issued on application of holders of \$1,546,000 Aurora & Elgin Traction bonds from which the Aurora Elgin & Chicago company developed. The sale, it is expected, will result in a refinancing of the lines, which have just been voted new 20-year franchises in Aurora and Elgin. The above line was formerly a part of the Aurora Elgin & Chicago RR., but in the reorganization in 1922 (V. 114, p. 736, 1177) was not included, as the reorganization managers then regarded the equity of the bonds in this division as of small value.—V. 115, p. 2476.

Bangor & Aroostook RR.—Equip. Trust, Series "I."—The I.-S. C. Commission on May 21 authorized the company to issue \$360,000 5½% Equipment Trust notes, Series "I." The company does not intend to sell the trust notes now but to pledge them as collateral security for certain promissory notes or notes aggregating an equal amount, which it proposes to issue under Paragraph 9 of Section 20a of the Inter-State Commerce Act, and to deliver to the depositors of the \$360,000 fund. The promissory notes are to contain certain stipulations regarding the conditions under which the payee is to hold as collateral security therefor the Equipment Trust notes, and will provide that the company may redeem the pledge of the trust notes by paying the promissory note or notes before the maturity thereof, and accrued interest.—V. 116, p. 1642, 1274.

Barneget RR.—Abandonment.—The I.-S. C. Commission on May 28 issued a certificate authorizing the abandonment, as to Inter-State and foreign commerce, of the company's line of railroad, which extends from Barneget City Jct. to Barneget City, a distance of 8.12 miles, all in Ocean County, N. J. The New Jersey P. U. Commission has also entered an order authorizing the company to abandon its road.—See V. 116, p. 2387.

Boston & Maine RR.—Decree Modified—New Haven to Get its Stock in Boston & Maine Back—Trusteeship to End.—See New York New Haven & Hartford RR. below.—V. 116, p. 2515, 2255.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Reorganization Plan Approved by Transit Commission.—The New York Transit Commission on June 4 formally approved the reorganization plan for the company (V. 116, p. 1646). The Commission also approved the merger of the New York Municipal Ry. Corp. into the New York Consolidated RR. The latter Company operates the B. R. T. lines. The New York Municipal Railway Corp., the stock of which is owned by the New York Consolidated, was organized in 1912 to conduct contractual relations with New York City in its lease of subways. The merger of the two companies is part of the reorganization plan (V. 116, p. 2130).

The new company to succeed the old B. R. T. Co. as a holding company will be known as the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp., which was recently incorporated in New York. The name of the new company to be formed by the merger of the New York Municipal Ry. Corp. and New York Consolidated RR. Corp. has not been made public. Notice was filed at Albany June 5 merging the New York Municipal Railway Corp. with New York Consolidated Railroad Co.

The reorganization committee on June 5 purchased the properties of these companies for the sum of \$26,500,000 when offered for sale. Approval of the purchase by the U. S. District Court was given on June 7.

Corporation Counsel George P. Nicholson criticized the action of the Commission, declaring that it never should have permitted the continuation of a holding company over which the Commission would have no jurisdiction. Mr. Nicholson also predicted that the company would again be thrown into receivership. He said:

"The new system is held to its contract and franchise obligations, it will be thrown back into a receivership in a very short time unless it is exceptionally fortunate in the decline of operating expenses. Under the best of circumstances, however, the most that the public can expect, even if operating costs decline materially, is a continuous struggle by the company to meet the fixed charges. There will be a constant skimping of service, a saving of maintenance and replacements, and the public will pay the cost through inconvenience endured until the expiration of the contracts or the recapture of the rapid transit properties by the city."

In approving the reorganization, Commissioner Le Roy T. Harkness in an opinion concurred in by the other Commissioners, said in part:

The capitalization of the B. R. T. system at present, including bonds, stocks, notes, certificates of indebtedness and accrued interest, amounts to \$271,447,435, on which there are annual charges of \$10,242,271.

Under the reorganization it is proposed to issue \$92,697,207 of new 6% bonds and to reinstate and assume \$46,512,000 of existing underlying bonds. This would make a total funded debt of \$139,209,207, with an annual interest charge of \$7,679,402. This annual cost will be increased by sinking fund charges on the new 6% bonds, to begin not later than Jan. 1 1927, which will add in the neighborhood of \$600,000 a year.

The proposed capital stock issues are to consist of \$23,955,407 of non-par value cumulative Preferred stock (with the right in liquidation to participate to the extent of \$100 per share), and 766,530 shares of no-par-value Common stock. There must also be considered (unless and until exchanged for new securities) \$1,085,809 stock of New York Consolidated, Nassau Electric and Coney Island & Brooklyn Railroad companies now held by the public.

This would make a total of funded debt and Preferred stock of \$164,250,423, and in addition 766,530 shares of no-par-value Common stock. The plan contemplates an eventual issue of not to exceed \$50,000 shares of no-par-value Common stock, but present necessity has been shown for only 766,530 shares, and further issues up to the total of \$50,000 shares will be decided upon specific future applications. Similarly, consideration is given only to issues of other stock and bonds presently to be issued and leaves further issues to future consideration.

The advantages of the plan are set forth as follows by Commissioner Harkness:

1. Termination of receiverships. It does not need argument to show that while at times receiverships are necessary, their continuance is fraught with loss to all concerned. And in the case of public utilities, this loss falls heavily on the public itself because not only is the service bound to be impaired by insolvency, but improvements and additions must be curtailed or prevented. By extreme efforts, \$18,000,000 of receiver's certificates were floated to finance improvements. But this was only part of what was needed on an intensively operated railroad system serving a rapidly growing population. As a specific illustration, the Commission has been embarrassed for months through the inability of the receiver to finance the purchase of more cars. The simple truth of the matter was that the money was not on hand and couldn't be raised. Under the reorganization \$5,000,000 cash and a \$50,000,000 prior lien mortgage to take care of future needs are provided for rapid transit capital expenditures.

2. Long-Time Financing.—The whole B. R. T. subway financing was based upon the issuance of nearly \$60,000,000 six-year 6% notes, which during the war were replaced by 3-year 7% notes. A company with such a disproportionate issue of short-time securities outstanding is bound to be in a precarious position. This condition is remedied and the situation safeguarded by refunding these notes into long-term bonds carrying 6% interest.

3. Payment of Debts. (a) Receiver's Certificates and Accrued Interest.—Receiver's certificates aggregating \$12,000,000 and now carrying 8% interest are paid off. Unpaid and accrued interest amounting to \$27,000,000 is paid in part and the balance adjusted, thus clearing the way to paying current bond interest. (b) Tort and Contract Creditors.—Claims of tort creditors estimated at \$2,200,000 are to be paid in cash in full. Claims of general contract creditors amounting to \$1,600,000 are to be adjusted.

One of the striking features of this reorganization is the payment in full of the tort creditors, most of them sufferers from the Malbone Street catastrophe. Under the usual application of the law, tort creditors are wiped out in foreclosures and full loss thrown on a class of the community usually least able to bear it. It is not so in this case—they are to be paid in full. That is a fine, human application of the power of a Federal Judge in a receivership, and full credit therefor must go to Judge Mayer for his initial insistence on this course, and to the several prior lien committees which acquiesced and cooperated.

4. Provision of New Money.—As already pointed out, stockholders are to supply \$26,000,000 of new money for the purposes of the reorganization, of which \$5,000,000 is to go for rapid transit needs, and the balance, after paying claims and expenses, to provide additional working capital. This, with the new \$50,000,000 Prior Lien Mortgage, should put the new company in a strong financial condition, especially on the rapid transit side.

5. Public Participation.—A voting trust agreement, put in evidence, provides for three representatives of the public on the board of directors. This is valuable as affording the presentation of the public point of view directly to the directorate and thereby increasing public confidence in the company and its policies.

6. Further Readjustment.—This readjustment and the settlement of the legal questions that have abounded during the receivership paves the way for pressing to a conclusion the Commission's plan for the readjustment of all the transit lines in the city.

7. Bettered Service and Restoration of Transfers.—Over and above all, from the standpoint of the riding public, is the opportunity the reorganization gives for bettered service and the restoration of transfers as and when net earnings increase. The strength of the new company under wise management should steadily increase, and as it increases its power and that of the Commission to insure improvements in service will likewise increase.—V. 116, p. 2387, 2128.

Cambria & Indiana RR.—Equipment Trusts.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 23 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability, in respect of \$1,700,000 5½% Equipment Trust certificates, Series "G".—See offering in V. 116, p. 1759, 2255.

Canada Southern Ry.—New Director.—

George F. Baker has been elected a director to succeed the late William Rockefeller.—V. 108, p. 2432.

Central New England Ry.—Advance to Hartford & Connecticut Western Ry.—

See Hartford & Connecticut Western Ry. below.—V. 113, p. 2719.

Central RR. Co. of New Jersey.—Equip. Bonds Auth.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 21 authorized the company to issue \$3,750,000 5% Equipment bonds, series "J", dated March 15 1923, due \$375,000 annually, March 15 1924 to 1933, to be sold at not less than 96 and interest and the proceeds to be used in the procurement of the following equipment:

Description	Units	Unit Price	Approx. Cost
8-wheel switching locomotives	10	\$42,500	\$425,000
6-wheel switching locomotives	5	39,100	195,500
Suburban-type locomotives	6	37,770	226,620
Pacific-type locomotives	5	55,275	276,375
Mikado-type freight locomotives	20	59,000	1,180,000
Steel passenger cars	55	20,354	1,119,505
Steel passenger cars	45	20,486	921,893
Steel combination pass. & baggage cars	5	18,788	93,942
Steel baggage cars	10	16,981	169,813
Steel combination baggage & mail cars	3	26,304	75,912

The company represents that no contract, underwriting, or other arrangement has been made for the sale of the bonds but they are to be sold at 96 or better.—V. 116, p. 2255.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—Guar. Settlement.

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 6 authorized payment to the road of \$4,638,000 on account of the guaranty period. The payment closes the account with the road, which, with the above payment, will have received from the Government \$12,288,000.—V. 116, p. 2001, 2006.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.—New Director, &c.—

Frank D. Stout has been elected a director succeeding M. A. T aylor. G. A. Burget, Chief Clerk of the President, has been elected Secretary.—V. 116, p. 74.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Equip. Trusts Auth.

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 28 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$13,500,000 5½% Equipment Trust certificates, Series "C". (See offering in V. 116, p. 2006.)

C. H. McNeider, of Mason City, Ia., has been elected a director to fill a vacancy.—V. 116, p. 2122.

Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western RR. Co.—

Annual Report.—

Calendar Years	1922.	1921.	Increase.
Railway operating revenue	\$4,363,693	\$3,716,572	\$647,121
Railway operating expenses	3,774,696	4,148,136	Dec. 373,440
Net operating revenues	\$588,998	def \$431,564	\$1,020,561
Railway tax accruals	198,744	154,297	44,447
Uncollectible railway revenues		59	Dec. 59
Net operating income	\$390,253	def \$585,920	\$976,173
Total non-operating income	62,450	855,909	Dec. 793,459
Gross income	\$452,703	\$269,990	\$182,714
Deductions from gross income	379,985	217,737	162,248
Interest accrued on 1st Mtge. bonds	\$72,719	\$52,253	\$20,466
Interest accrued on equip. trust oblig.	146,271	133,750	12,521
Interest accrued on bills payable	24,667	30,156	Dec. 5,490
Net deficit	\$128,823	\$111,654	\$17,169

—V. 116, p. 1176.

Continental Passenger Railway Co.—Dividend.—

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange on June 2 announced the declaration of the semi-annual dividend of \$3 per share, payable June 30 to holders of record May 31, less 38 cents per share to cover first and second quarterly installments of the 1922 income tax.—V. 115, p. 2579.

Cuba Co.—To Offer Stock.—

The new no-par value stock of the company, a holding company of railroad and sugar properties in Cuba, it is understood, will be offered to investors soon, probably next week. The price, it is said, will be \$39 a share. This is the equivalent of \$158,500 a share for the old stock, par value of which was \$50,000 a share. The banking group in charge of the underwriting includes W. A. Harriman & Co., Dominick & Dominick and C. D. Barney & Co.—V. 116, p. 2515, 2128.

Cumberland Traction Co., Bridgeton, N. J.—Stock.—

The New Jersey P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$24,800 Preferred stock and \$17,200 Common stock to be used for the acquisition of certain property formerly owned by the Bridgeton & Millville Traction Co.—V. 116, p. 1411.

Denver & Rio Grande RR.—Examination, etc.—

Supreme Court Justice John Ford has granted an application of the protective committee for the stockholders for an examination before trial

of Edward T. Jeffery in a suit brought against Jeffery and the estate of George J. Gould and others for an accounting of the affairs of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Co. The committee alleged that \$200,000,000 was lost to the railroad company on account of mismanagement of certain properties.

The attorneys in the case state that all of the facts concerning the alleged elimination of preferred and Common stocks in the amount of \$89,000,000 owned by the Denver & Rio Grande stockholders, will be disclosed during the examination when Jeffery will be asked why the first mortgage of the Western Pacific was foreclosed and why directors of the Denver & Rio Grand without the consent of the stockholders refrained from interposing an answer in the foreclosure proceedings.

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed coupon paying agent in New York for the receivers' certificates.—V. 116, p. 1049.

Dubuque Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—Baker, Young & Co., Blodgett & Co. and Arthur Perry & Co. are offering at 98½ and int., to net about 6.15%, \$3,000,000 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds. (See advertising pages.)

Dated April 2 1923, due April 1 1942. Int. payable A. & O. in New York or Boston, without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 c's. Callable all or part by lot at 107½ and int. during 1923; with reduction of premium ½ of 1% each year thereafter through 1935; thereafter on any date prior to maturity at 101 and int. Present Mass. and New Hampshire income taxes and present Penn. and Conn. 4-mills property taxes refunded. International Trust Co., Boston, trustee.

Data from Letter of President Albert Emanuel May 11 1923.

Company.—Incorp. June 3 1916, to take over all properties and franchises of the Union Electric Co., which was chartered in 1900 as a consolidation of three companies covering the entire electric light and power and street railway properties in Dubuque, Ia.

Company does the entire lighting, power and street railway business in Dubuque, Ia., and East Dubuque, Ill., besides wholesaling to the Eastern Iowa Electric Co. current for the demands of 7 communities near by and of farm residents along the high-tension distributing lines. Population served is about 55,000. Company's generating station has capacity of 12,675 h.p. Power generated in 1922 totaled 20,622,500 k.w.h.

The street railway operates over 20 miles of track, employing about 85 cars of approved type. Passengers carried in 1922 were 5,341,863.

Capitalization after this financing—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
6% Preferred stock	2,000,000	800,900
Common stock (par \$100)	2,000,000	682,000

Earnings for Calendar Years.

	1920.	1921.	1922.	Apr. 30 '23.
Total gross revenue	\$874,976	\$997,075	\$1,067,171	\$1,103,952
Oper. exp. & taxes	662,767	695,244	711,839	735,719
Net earnings	212,209	301,831	355,332	368,234

Valuation.—As a basis for rates to be charged by the Dubuque Electric Co., the city of Dubuque in 1920 established the going concern value of the property for rate-making purposes at \$5,879,832, to which additions and enlargements subsequently made have added about \$500,000, making the total valuation more than \$6,300,000.

Renewal Reserve.—Company covenants to expend or set aside for maintenance, renewals or replacements 8% of the gross operating revenue.

Franchises.—All franchises are favorable and all extend to 1947, about 5 years beyond the maturity of the bonds.

Purpose.—To discharge all present funded debt and for other corporate purposes. [Company has at present outstanding \$2,445,000 1st Mtge. 5s, due June 1 1925, and \$111,000 8% notes, due Sept. 1 1923.]

Management.—Albert Emanuel Co., Inc.—V. 116, p. 2516, 2128.

Duluth-Superior Traction Co.—Clears Up Back Divs.—

Two dividends of 1% each have been declared on the 4% Cumul. Pref. stock for the quarters ending March 3, 1923 and June 30 1923, both payable July 2 to holders of record June 15. In April last two dividends of 1% each were paid.—V. 116, p. 2007, 1049.

Easton & South Bethlehem Transit Co.—Tenders.—

The Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa., will, until June 9, receive bids for the sale to it of First Mtge. 5% gold bonds, due July 1 1936, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$5,822 at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 104, p. 2553.

Erie RR.—Equip. Trust Series "JJ" Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 28 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$7,860,000 6% Equip. Trust certificates, Series "JJ"; see offering in V. 116, p. 2128, 2255.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Stock Dividend, &c.—

Quarterly dividends of 75c. a share in cash and of 75c. a share in 6% Cumul. Pref. stock have been declared on the outstanding 47,500 shares of Common stock, no par value, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. Initial dividends of like amounts were paid on the Common stock April 2 last.—V. 116, p. 2255, 1892.

Georgia Railway & Power Co.—Wins Fare Case.—

The towns of Decatur and College Park, near Atlanta, Ga., on June 4 lost two cases in the U. S. Supreme Court to compel the company to run its cars for a 5-cent fare into new territory added to the towns, which the U. S. Supreme Court held was an impairment of the obligation of their contracts with the company.—V. 116, p. 1893, 1532.

Great Northern Ry.—New Dock at Superior, Wis.—

The company has just completed and placed in service one of the most modern and up-to-date ore docks at the head of the Lakes. This dock, which is known as Dock No. 2, is one of four docks owned by this company on Allouez Bay, in Allouez, a suburb of Superior, Wis. (See article entitled "Great Northern Builds New Dock at Superior," together with maps and illustrations, in the "Railway Age" of June 2, pages 1311 to 1314.)—V. 116, p. 2255.

Hartford & Connecticut Western Ry.—Central New England Offers to Advance Loan to Pay Off 10% of Hartford & Connecticut Western \$700,000 Bonds.—

The Central New England Ry. has offered to advance a loan to the Hartford & Connecticut Western Ry. a leased line, sufficient to pay off 10% of the \$700,000 4½% 1st Mtge. bonds, maturing July 1, provided the holders will consent to an extension of the balance for 10 years at 6%.

The directors and officers of the Hartford & Connecticut Western are recommending to bondholders the acceptance of this offer as the best that can be obtained. The bonds were originally issued under a mortgage dated June 13 1883, payable July 1 1903, but were extended for 20 years to July 1 1923. As the company has no funds with which to meet the maturity, an extension again becomes necessary.

A communication to the bondholders from President C. M. Sheafe says: "It seems to be commonly supposed by bondholders that in some way the Central New England Ry. or the New York New Haven & Hartford has become responsible for the payment of the \$700,000 mortgaged debt. Unfortunately for us, this is not the fact. An examination of the lease will disclose that the Central New England Ry. is bound only to pay the interest on the bonds as part of the rental. There is no agreement, express or implied, for meeting the principal. The New Haven bears no relationship whatever to the Hartford & Connecticut Western except as a stockholder.

"The mileage of the company is substantially 122 miles. Its early history was involved with great financial difficulties, and there were numerous bankruptcies among the underlying corporations. Its location for railroad purposes is unfortunate, the line generally running through a sparsely settled country with almost prohibitive grades and curves. Except at a few points, such as Winsted, Canaan and on the northerly side of the city of Hartford, there is not sufficient business to justify the existence of a railroad. Whatever value the property has for railroad purposes has been created for it, and is being maintained, by the New York New Haven & Hartford, the principal stockholder, which owns 17,482 shares; and also by the Central New England Ry., which was formed in June 1907 by the consolidation of various struggling railroads and has since operated our railroad, paid the rental above referred to, taxes, &c., and has considerably developed the property."—V. 83, p. 1290.

Houston Belt & Terminal Ry. Co.—Tenders.—

The Central Union Trust Co., trustee, 80 Broadway, N. Y. City, up to June 8 received bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. bonds, due July 1 1937, to

an amount sufficient to exhaust \$50,145 and at prices not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 107, p. 802.

Illinois Power & Light Corp.—Merger Completed.—

The corporation has completed taking over the properties of the Illinois Traction Co. and the Southern Illinois Light & Power Co. The legalities incident to the formation of the new company and the taking over of the above properties have been finished and the Illinois Power & Light Corp. is now a going concern. A group of prominent investment houses recently offered \$30,000,000 Illinois Power & Light Corp. Ref. Mgt. 30-Year 6% bonds, Series "A," and \$10,000,000 Sinking Fund 30-Year 7% Debentures, the proceeds to retire more than \$50,000,000 securities of companies formerly constituting the Illinois Traction Co. system and to provide additional working capital. Compare V. 116, p. 1532, 2015, 2388.

Inter-State Public Service Co.—Acquisition.—

The company recently announced that it had purchased the properties and franchises of the Jeffersonville Water, Light & Heat Co. for \$250,000.—V. 116, p. 1760.

Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Ry.—Equip. Trust Series "A."

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$150,000 6% Equip. Trust certificates, Series "A," to be issued by Seaboard National Bank, New York, under an agreement to be dated April 1, 1923, and sold at not less than 97 in connection with the procurement of 300 50-ton steel flat-bottom gondola cars, rebuilt during 1921 and 1922, at a unit price of \$750, making a total cost of \$225,000. The certificates are to be sold to Estabrook & Co., N. Y. City, at 97 and divs. On that basis the annual cost to the applicant will be approximately 7%.—V. 115, p. 869.

Keokuk & Des Moines Ry.—Bondholders' Committee.—

A committee for the protection of the interests of holders of the 5% 1st Mgt. bonds due Oct. 1, 1923, has been in existence for some time. Its present members include F. J. Lisman, F. J. Lisman & Co., (Chairman) New York; Frank W. Matteson, Providence; Samuel Sloan, Vice-Pres., Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.; Reginald B. Lanier, Winslow, Lanier & Co., New York. The members of the Committee represent large holdings of the bonds. The Committee will watch the bondholders' interests and, when advisable, will call for the deposit of bonds.—V. 116, p. 1893.

Knoxville & Carolina RR.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 25 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$100,000 6% 1st Mgt. bonds, \$25,000 to be delivered at par to S. B. Luttrell and T. A. Wright in reimbursement for advances heretofore made by them to the company; \$24,000 to be delivered at par to S. B. Luttrell, T. A. Wright, L. C. Gunter and W. B. Townsend, upon and in respect of the discharge and satisfaction by them of loans heretofore negotiated by the company from the Union National Bank, Knoxville, Tenn., and \$51,000 to be sold at not less than par and the proceeds used for making improvements to the property.

The company now operates approximately 29 miles of railroad, including branches and appurtenances, located in Knox and Sevier Counties, Tenn. This railroad property was formerly owned and operated by the Knoxville Sevierville & Eastern Ry.—V. 115, p. 436.

Lake Shore Electric Ry.—Wages Increased.—

The company announces a wage increase of 5 cents an hour for workmen in all departments, effective June 16.—V. 116, p. 2255.

Louisiana & Arkansas Ry.—Equipment Trusts.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, has been appointed trustee of \$120,000 equipment trust certificates Series "J," dated May 15, 1923, and due \$6,000 semi-annually Dec. 15, 1923 to April 15, 1933, inclusive.—V. 115, p. 1837.

Marion & Rye Valley RR.—Sale.—

The road was sold at receiver's sale on April 25 to Mrs. Minnie Knight of Lynchburg, as a committee of the bondholders. Injunction proceedings are being brought by the Virginia Corporation Commission to prevent the purchaser from scrapping the road.—V. 112, p. 653.

Memphis Street Ry.—Out of Receivership, &c.—

The property of the company, which had been in receivership since Jan. 20, 1919, was turned back to its owners on April 11 last by order of Federal Judge Ross. The company at time of receivership was controlled by the American Cities Co., but is now controlled by the Memphis Power & Light Co. (in turn controlled by the National Power & Light Co., successor to American Cities Co. per reorganization plan in V. 114, p. 79). The sale of the railway company's power plant to the Memphis Power & Light Co. (for a sum said to be \$1,568,000) has been approved by the Tennessee P. U. Commission.

The present outstanding capitalization of the railway company is as follows: (1) Com. stock, \$2,500,000; (2) 5% Cum. Pref. stock, \$2,500,000; (3) 5% consolidated (now first) mortgage bonds, due 1945 (authorized, \$10,000,000, of which \$577,000 held alive in sinking funds), \$9,423,000; (4) 6% Equipment trusts, \$24,000 (due \$12,000 Oct. 1, 1923 and \$12,000 Oct. 1, 1924). The General Mortgage bonds have been canceled. As to payment of notes, see V. 116, p. 1649.

The directors are: H. C. Abel, F. B. Odium, C. E. Groesbeck, T. H. Tutwiler (Pres.), E. W. Ford, W. W. Mallory, C. W. Butler, F. S. Elgin, A. L. Parker, J. M. Walker, L. Le May (Sec.-Treas.).—V. 116, p. 2516, 1649.

Midland Terminal Ry.—Tenders.—

The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., trustee, 16-22 William St., N. Y. City, will, until June 21, receive bids for the sale to it of First Mgt. 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due Dec. 1, 1925, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$16,380.—V. 111, p. 2423.

Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.—April Income Applicable

to Interest Amounted to \$721,800.—The statement of operations of the Katy for April, the first month of the reorganized company, is now available:

Notwithstanding that mileage was reduced from 3,737 to 3,272, a decrease of 12.45%, the gross showed the nominal decrease of \$9,600. The net income applicable to interest amounted to \$721,800, and the fixed interest charges under the reorganization amounted to \$389,700, leaving a balance of \$332,100 applicable to interest on Adjustment bonds. The months' proportion of interest on Adjustment bonds required \$231,300, leaving a final surplus of \$100,800.

In the month under review the company spent \$489,000 more in maintenance of equipment than in April of last year.

For the four months ending April 30 the net income applicable to interest amounted to \$2,808,500, and the fixed charge interest to \$1,583,700, leaving a balance of \$1,224,800 applicable to interest on the Adjustment bonds; the proportion of interest for the four months on the Adjustment bonds required \$925,300, leaving a final balance of \$299,500.

During the four months ending April 30 there was spent \$2,315,400 more than in the corresponding period of last year on maintenance of equipment, as it is the settled policy of the management to catch up as rapidly as possible with arrears of maintenance on equipment due to last year's strike.—V. 116, p. 2256.

Muscle Shoals Birmingham & Pensacola Ry.—

Securities Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 29 authorized the company to issue \$2,500,000 Common stock and \$1,500,000 1st Mgt. 6% Gold bonds; said stock and \$400,000 of said bonds to be used for the purpose of purchasing certain railroad properties, \$600,000 of said bonds to be sold at not less than 85 and int., and the proceeds used for the rehabilitation of said properties and to pay certain expenses connected with the reorganization, and \$500,000 of said bonds to be held in the treasury.

Digest of Report of the Commission.

The company was organized on March 30, 1922 for the purpose of taking over and operating the railroad properties formerly owned by the Gulf Florida & Alabama Ry., extending from Pensacola, Fla., to Kimbrough, Ala. In pursuance of a decree of the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, these properties were sold, on Nov. 26, 1921 to William Fisher, representing the receivers' creditors' committee, for \$90,000. Fisher then transferred the interest of the committee in the properties to John T. Steele, who, upon the same date, entered into a contract with the

committee whereby he agreed to purchase the property and to pay in cash therefor the sum which the committee had expended in acquiring it, namely, \$90,000, plus \$113,468, being 75% of all claims due it for materials and supplies, a total of \$203,468.

In addition the committee was to receive Preferred stock to the extent of 25% of its claims for materials and supplies in a securities company which was to be organized for the purpose of holding the securities of a new railroad company, which would operate the properties, and also approximately \$60,000 of such Preferred stock in liquidation of certain claims for loss and damage. Steele agreed to assume any operating deficits incurred subsequent to the sale by foreclosure.

On March 31, 1922 Steele entered into a contract with the company to convey to it the properties acquired by him under the contract of Nov. 26, 1921 in exchange for the following securities to be issued by the applicant: (1) Stock, \$2,500,000; 1st Mgt. bonds, \$1,500,000; income bonds, \$1,500,000.

In addition the company was to reimburse Steele for certain expenditures, estimated at \$195,170, as of March 31, 1922 as follows: Advances on account of operating deficits from Nov. 26, 1921, \$70,170; expense of issuing securities, \$25,000; temporary financing expense, \$25,000; legal fees and expenses, \$15,000; syndicate organization expense, \$60,000.

The company was to retain in its treasury \$1,500,000 of its 1st Mgt. bonds.

Steele was to convey all of the stock and income bonds of the company and \$1,100,000 of its 1st Mgt. bonds to the securities company above referred to, retaining \$400,000 of the 1st Mgt. bonds on the basis of 85 and int., to reimburse him for the following items, a number of which appear in the preceding paragraph: Receiver's creditors' committee, \$203,468; commissions paid for securing loans, \$25,000; legal services and expenses paid, \$6,738; legal services due but unpaid, \$2,500; syndicate expenses Sept. 1, 1919 to Nov. 26, 1921, \$64,332; interest on loans, \$8,950; office expenses, clerk hire, consulting engineers, &c., \$32,516; expenses of traveling representative, \$4,481; company organization expense, \$1,000.

All charges and expenses in excess of \$340,000, or 85% of the 1st Mgt. bonds so retained, were to be borne by the company.

The securities company was to hold in its treasury all of the stock and income bonds of the company which were to be delivered to it by Steele. Of the \$1,100,000 of 1st Mgt. bonds also to be delivered to it, \$1,000,000 were to be sold at 85 and int., and the proceeds used to rehabilitate the railway property and to provide funds for the expenses of the securities company. Under a proposed plan the bonds were first to be offered to the holders of the reorganization-syndicate-and-participating receipts, for whom Fisher had purchased the road at foreclosure sale, and who had subscribed \$1,250,000 to enable the receiver to retire \$995,000 of receiver's certificates and to furnish him with additional funds. For each \$100 of bonds to which these parties subscribed, they were to receive \$145 of 8% Pref. stock and \$95 of Com. stock of the securities company. Should they not subscribe to the bonds in proportion to their holdings of participating receipts, they were to receive but 40% of the face value of such holdings in the Pref. stock of the securities company.

The company has since agreed that this plan shall be amended so that none of the bonds are to be turned over to the securities company. Under the new plan, \$400,000 of the bonds will go to Mr. Steele in the manner above referred to. \$600,000 are to be sold at 85 and int., and the remaining \$500,000 are to be held in the treasury. The company represents that proceeds from the sale of the \$600,000 of bonds, less \$50,000, which is to be paid to the securities company to take care of expenditures of the bondholders' committee amounting to \$35,000 for attorney's fees and trustees expenses, and legal expenses of the securities company amounting to \$15,000 are to be used by it for the purpose of paying for certain necessary additions and betterments in rehabilitating the property and for equipment amounting to \$460,000.

The plan has been further modified so that the income bonds are to be eliminated.

The Gulf Florida & Alabama Ry., the predecessor, at the time it went into receivership had outstanding \$4,660,000 Capital stock and \$4,410,000 funded debt.

The company represents that the investment in this company's properties amounted at the time of foreclosure sale to \$9,171,493. It claims, at the present time, a valuation in road and equipment of \$7,000,000. The proposed present set up would result in a reduction of \$5,070,000 in capitalization and a reduction in fixed charges from \$220,500 to \$60,000. See V. 114, p. 1891; V. 116, p. 721.

New York Central Lines.—Definitive Certificates.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. are now prepared to deliver definitive 4½% Equipment Trust certificates of 1922, with warrants due Sept. 1, 1923, and subsequent attached, in exchange for outstanding temporary certificates. See offering in V. 116, p. 176, 2130, 2256.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Decree Modified—Company to Get Back Boston & Maine Stock—Trusteeship to End.—

Federal Judge Mayer in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York June 4, modified the decree of Oct. 17, 1914, by which the New Haven was required to dispose of the New England Street Railway System and of holdings in the Boston & Maine RR. The modification restores to the New Haven its investment in the B. & M.

By virtue of the decree the New Haven will have restored its investment in the Boston & Maine, which represents 28½% of the voting rights in that company, as distinguished from 32% at time of the decree of Oct. 17, 1914, the New Haven having changed from the majority to the minority by reason of an increase of the capitalization of the Boston & Maine incident to its reorganization during Federal control. The stock of the Boston & Maine is held by Boston Railroad Holding Co. and cannot be disposed of without certain obligations to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The decree also terminates the trust so far as Boston & Maine stock and New Haven holdings in lines leased to Boston & Maine are concerned.

The New Haven about the middle of April last petitioned the court to have the stock returned, basing its contention on the ground that the proportion of stock of the Boston & Maine owned is no longer a majority. The court reduced to only 28½% of the total stock outstanding as a result of the reorganization of the Boston & Maine; that the business of the Boston & Maine is not in essential competition with that of the New Haven, and that the Transportation Act has radically changed the policy of the United States toward railroad consolidation. Under the plan to consolidate the railroads of the country into a limited number of systems, the policy with respect to disposition of the New England carriers is still to be determined.

Equip. Notes Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 23 authorized the company to issue \$1,192,000 6% Equipment notes in connection with the procurement of 12 electric locomotives, for use on the electrified zone between New York and New Haven, from the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., at a total cost of \$1,589,700, of which \$397,700 is to be paid in cash and the remainder covered by the proposed notes.

These notes will be issued pursuant to a proposed agreement of conditional sale between the vendor and the company. Title to the locomotives will remain in the vendor or its assignee until all the obligations of the applicant in respect of the proposed Equipment notes and under the agreement of conditional sale have been complied with and performed. Upon such compliance and performance, the title will pass to and vest in the applicant.

The notes will be dated June 1, 1923; due \$149,000 each six months commencing Dec. 1, 1923 and ending June 1, 1927.—V. 116, p. 2516, 2256.

New York State Rys.—Wages Increased.—

President Hamilton announces that a wage increase of 5 cents an hour to motormen and conductors on the Rochester, Syracuse and Utica lines has been granted. This represents a 10% increase over the present maximum scale of 50 cents an hour.—V. 116, p. 2389.

Northern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Sale.—

The power house and car house in Templeton, Mass., together with the land upon which they are situated, was offered for sale last April at public auction at the office of Tax Collector Carleton A. Fletcher in Baldwinville for non-payment of taxes. There being no bids for the property, the town took it over.—V. 116, p. 516.

Paducah (Ky.) Railway.—Fare Plea Upheld.—

The U. S. Supreme Court recently handed down a decision upholding a ruling of the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, which held that the City of Paducah could not arbitrarily declare by ordin-

ance a 5-cent fare and that the company's franchise contained no such right. The decree of the lower court, however, was modified so as to protect the city's rights in the event conditions change in the future.—V. 113, p. 293.

Paulista Ry.—Admitted to List.—

The New York Stock Exchange has admitted to trading \$4,000,000 1st & Ref. Mgt. 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Series "A," due March 15 1942.—V. 116, p. 1050.

Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Co.—Wage Increase.—

A wage agreement between the motormen and conductors in New Castle, Youngstown and Sharon and the company was reached June 1, whereby the men will receive an increase of 5 cents an hour. The new scale, effective for one year, is as follows: Two-men cars, 48, 51 and 57 cents an hour; one-man cars, 53, 56 and 62 cents an hour.—V. 115, p. 1732.

Pere Marquette Ry.—Initial Common Dividend.—

An initial quarterly dividend of 1% has been declared on the outstanding \$45,046,000 Common stock, par \$100, payable July 2 to holders of record June 15.—V. 116, p. 2256, 2120.

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.—Dividends.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 2% on the 8% Cumul. Pref. stock, a dividend of 1 1/4% on the 7% Cumul. Pref. stock, and a dividend of \$1 per share on the Common stock, for the quarter ending June 30 1923, all payable to stockholders of record June 15. The latter dividend is at the rate of \$4 per annum on the new or no-par Common stock, and is equal to \$8 per annum on the old Common stock, par \$100, on which 2% quarterly was paid in Dec. 1922 and March last.—V. 116, p. 2007.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Equipment Trusts and Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 29 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$7,737,998 6% Equip. Trust certificates, Series "V," to be issued by the Chase National Bank of New York, under an agreement to be dated April 2 1923; \$6,600,000 of said certificates to be sold at not less than 95 1/2% (see offering in V. 116, p. 1276) and \$1,137,998 of deferred certificates to be sold at par, in connection with the procurement of certain equipment.

The deferred certificates are to be issued as follows: Class A, \$177,998; Class B, \$390,000; Class C, \$570,000; and as to Class D, the amount thereof will not be ascertained until all the cars to be rebuilt have been delivered. All of such certificates are to be payable on demand after April 2 1935, and will not be entitled to dividends nor to have the applicant's guaranty indorsed thereon.

The deferred certificates will be subordinate in all respects to the \$6,600,000 Series "V" certificates, and in addition to being a junior lien on all the new equipment, will also have junior liens on specific units of the rebuilt equipment.

The I.-S. C. Commission has also authorized the company to pledge \$2,725,000 1st & Consol. Mgt., Series "A," 6% Gold bonds as security for a loan from the United States under Section 210 of the Transportation Act of 1920, as amended.—V. 116, p. 2511, 2387.

Twin City Rapid Transit Co.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3% on the Common stock, payable July 2 to holders of record June 15. Semi-annual dividends of 2% were paid on the Common stock on July 1 and Dec. 30 1922.—V. 116, p. 1757.

Union Passenger Railway Co.—Dividend.—

A semi-annual dividend of \$4 75 per share has been declared on the stock, payable July 2 to holders of record June 15, less first and second quarterly installments of the 1922 income tax, amounting to 60 cents per share.—V. 115, p. 2687.

United Gas & Electric Corp.—Time Extended.—

The committee in charge of plan of readjustment, announces that two-thirds of United Gas & Electric stock and practically all of Berkshire stock has been deposited in accordance with the plan. The committee further announces that in order to give stockholders further opportunity to deposit their stock, the time for making such deposit has been extended to and including June 23.—V. 116, p. 1761, 2258.

United Ry. Co. of St. Louis.—Valuation.—

The Missouri P. S. Commission has fixed the valuation of the company's properties in St. Louis, for rate-making purposes, at \$51,761,348. The Commission also announced that no increase would be made in the fare in St. Louis at this time. On the other hand, it declared that fares could not be reduced, as the present earning of the railway is at the rate of 6.4% on the valuation announced. The city of St. Louis had contended that the valuation for rate-making purposes was \$29,805,957. The railway had contended that it should be permitted to earn on a valuation of \$70,000,000.

It is expected that the receiver and officials of the company will appeal the decision of the Commission.—V. 116, p. 2512, 2517.

United RRs. of Yucatan.—April 1 1921 Interest.—

Coupon due April 1 1921 on the 5% 1st Mgt. Redeemable Gold bonds, will be paid on and after July 2 1923, together with interest thereon at 5% per annum from April 1 1921 to July 1 1923, at the office of Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., 25 Broad St., N. Y. City.—V. 115, p. 1211.

West Philadelphia Passenger Ry.—Dividend.—

A semi-annual dividend of \$5 per share has been declared on the stock payable July 2 to holders of record June 15, less first and second quarterly installments of the 1922 income tax, amounting to 63 cents per share.—V. 115, p. 2687.

Western Maryland Ry.—Equip. Trusts Sold.—J. S. Wilson, Jr., & Co., Baltimore, and Freeman & Co., New York, have sold at prices to yield from 5 1/2% to 6.05%, according to maturity, \$1,500,000 6% Equip. Trust certificates, to be issued under the Phila. Plan. Unconditionally guaranteed by company (see adv. pages).

Bank of North America & Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee. Dated June 15 1923. Payable \$75,000 semi-annually, Dec. 15 1923 to June 15 1933 incl. Denom. \$1,000c*. Dividends payable J. & D. Not callable prior to maturity.

Security.—These certificates are to be issued in part payment for standard railway equipment consisting of 2,000 rebuilt 50-ton steel hopper coal cars, which, according to the appraisal of Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., will have a present minimum valuation of \$2,600,000, giving an initial equity in this trust of over 42%.

Issuance.—Subject to approval by the I.-S. Commerce Commission. **Earnings.**—Since Government control of the railroads ended on Sept. 1 1920, the company has earned its fixed charges each consecutive month, also the company has made an especially favorable showing in the cost of conducting transportation, this item for the year 1922 having consumed only 35.8% of the total operating revenue.

On the basis of the first 4 months of the year 1923 (which is usually the less favorable revenue period), the company has operated on the basis of gross revenue exceeding \$23,180,000. The fixed charges on the present basis will be only approximately 13% of the gross income for the year. The railroad is, upon this basis, earning at the rate of 1 1/4% times its fixed charges.—V. 116, p. 2008, 2002.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The following brief items touch the most important developments in the industrial world during the past week, together with a summary of similar news published in full detail in last week's "Chronicle" either under "Editorial Comment" or "Current Events and Discussions."

Steel and Iron Production, Prices, &c.

The "Iron Age" June 7 said:
"With no pronounced development in the steel market, interest centres in the remarkable performance of the country's blast furnaces in May. Another high record was made, with an output of 3,867,694 gross tons, or 124,764 tons a day, as against 3,549,736 tons in April, which established the previous record of 118,324 tons a day.

"The gain last month was almost entirely in the pig iron output of steel companies. Of the total increase of 6,440 tons a day, they contributed 5,884 tons, and the merchant furnaces only 556 tons.

"Fourteen blast furnaces went in in May and three blew out. The capacity of the 321 furnaces active on June 1 is estimated at 125,100 tons a day, as against 119,500 tons a day for the 310 furnaces in blast on May 1. Thus, as the month opened, the country was producing pig iron at an annual rate far beyond precedent—something more than 45 1/2 million tons (including the relatively small amount of charcoal iron). This is nearly 16% above the record of 39,434,000 tons in 1916.

"Full statistics for steel are not yet in, but it is known that the May output was as remarkable as that of pig iron. A number of steel companies outdid their best previous performance, not only in steel ingots, but in various forms of finished material. The great Gary plant, in making the largest mill shipments in its history, had not a little company.

"Here and there producers report an increase in sales as compared with the second half of May, but orders on the books are so large that a new buying movement is not expected pending a better appraisal of consumption as compared with the present surprising production.

"The unusual heat of the past week brings up the possibility of some reduction in mill rollings, but this is not a factor as yet.

"The more common price on steel bars is now 2.40c., and bar deliveries are better, in common with those for plates and shapes.

"There are lower quotations on fabricated steel than were to be had in April before the halt in building.

"At Chicago and in the Central West bar iron, rail steel reinforcing bars, and blue annealed and black sheets show some concessions. While 3.85c. is the Steel Corporation contract price for black sheets, some mills have shipped from excess stocks at 3.70c.

"An easier situation has developed in nuts and bolts.

"Can companies are not getting full deliveries on their tin plate contracts. Evidently 1923 will set a new record in production and consumption of tin plate.

"The New York Central has not made its awards, but the expected distribution of its 150,000 tons of rails is 84,000 tons to Bethlehem, 56,000 tons to the Steel Corporation and 10,000 tons to Inland. The Pennsylvania R.R. buying may reach 50,000 to 60,000 tons, but actual orders are still withheld.

"Including 2,000 for the Seaboard Air Line, 2,475 cars have just been bought; the American Locomotive Co. reports sales of 48 locomotives, 44 to the Canadian National Railways, and inquiries have appeared for 30 electric locomotives, 50 motor coaches and a fair volume of car repair work.

"Of 12,500 tons of fabricated steel awards, over half was for New York subway work. Not counting the 40,000 tons and more expected to go into Philadelphia subways, there are fresh inquiries for nearly 17,000 tons, two-thirds of which is for public and public service undertakings with relatively little for private enterprises or for railroads.

"The trend of pig iron prices is downward in nearly all centres. Eastern Pennsylvania furnaces which had long resisted buyers' efforts to obtain concessions have reduced their quotations on basic and foundry grades \$2 per ton. Sales of 20,000 tons of basic have been made at Philadelphia at the reduced price, but little foundry iron business has developed there. In the immediate Chicago district, furnaces continue recent quotations, but sellers at distant points report having lost business, especially in malleable, to Chicago competitors. Transactions in Southern iron are limited and are mostly re-sales.

"The contract coke market has eased off further and some blast furnace companies have been able to buy ahead at \$5 50 at oven, as against \$5 75 last week and at \$6 earlier in May."

Coal Production, Prices, &c.

The United States Geological Survey June 2 1923 estimated production as follows:

"The total soft coal raised during the week ended May 26 (including coal coked, lignite and mine fuel) is estimated at 11,046,000 net tons. This is a gain of 776,000 tons over the revised estimate for the week preceding. Early returns on car loadings during the present week (May 28-June 2) show 39,688 cars on Monday, and 33,826 cars on Tuesday, which are larger numbers than loaded on the same days of the previous week. Loadings on Wednesday, Memorial Day, fell to 10,620 tons, and it appears that the holiday amounted to approximately one-third of a normal day. On this basis the average daily loadings for the present week are forecasted at about the same level as last week. The present rate of soft coal production is high and has been exceeded at this season only under war stimulation in 1918.

"Production during the first 125 working days of 1923 was 221,048,000 net tons. In the corresponding periods of the 6 years preceding it was as follows (in net tons):

Years of Activity—	Years of Depression—
1917-----219,912,000	1919-----174,874,000
1918-----223,337,000	1921-----162,309,000
1920-----212,746,000	1922-----162,496,000

"Production of anthracite in the week ended May 26 was 3% less than in the week preceding. The 9 principal carriers of anthracite reported loading 37,394 cars, from which it is estimated that the total output, including mine fuel, local sales and the product of dredges and washeries, was 1,956,000 net tons. The decrease was chiefly due to a low rate of production on Monday May 21. On the other days of the week the output averaged more than 6,200 cars daily.

"Preliminary reports of car loadings in the present week (May 28-June 2) show 5,935 cars on Monday, 6,038 on Tuesday and none on Wednesday (Memorial Day). On account of the holiday the total output for the week will be much lower than in recent weeks."

Estimated United States Production in Net Tons.

	1923		1922	
Bituminous—	Week.	Cal.yr.to date.	Week	Cal.yr.to date.
May 12-----	10,175,000	199,732,000	4,433,000	153,126,000
May 19-----	10,270,000	210,002,000	4,481,000	157,607,000
May 26-----	11,046,000	221,048,000	4,889,000	162,496,000
Anthracite—				
May 12-----	1,903,000	37,518,000	7,000	21,816,000
May 19-----	2,045,000	39,563,000	8,000	21,824,000
May 26-----	1,956,000	41,519,000	10,000	21,834,000
Beehive Coke—				
May 12-----	401,000	7,225,000	97,000	2,493,000
May 19-----	411,000	7,635,000	99,000	2,592,000
May 26-----	415,000	8,051,000	97,000	2,689,000

The "Coal Trade Journal" June 6 reviewed market conditions as follows:
"The turn of the month brought no fundamental changes in conditions in the bituminous coal industry. Demand for coal, which has been on a substantial scale for several months, has broadened still farther in the past fortnight.

"The business, however, is by no means evenly distributed over the various producing fields of the country. Judging from current market reports, the major share of the increase is going to the East, particularly the smokeless areas of West Virginia and those districts that have first call upon the swelling Lake trade. Outside of those sections little complaint is heard of transportation deficiencies, and where such complaint is made it is generally coupled with the admission that a heavier run of cars would mean the dumping of distress tonnage on the market.

"This situation is frankly acknowledged by the Illinois-Indiana operators, who are striving to steady conditions in their territory by keeping down running time to something comparable with immediate demand for coal. It is also recognized farther West. It is noticeable, too, in the East, that a good run of cars in some of the districts that have been complaining is followed by an easing up in prices in the spot market. Where the strength in prices lies is in the Lake trade, which is absorbing large tonnages.

"Cargo dumpings of bituminous coal at the lower Lake ports for the week ended May 27 declined from 1,014,846 net tons to 979,743 tons. The dumpings for the season to that date, however, were 4,403,729 tons, as compared with 1,991,200 tons last year, 4,669,352 tons in 1921 and 1,497,304 tons in 1920.

"Price fluctuations continue, but the net result of the various changes week by week is small. For example, comparing the spot figures on the bituminous coals listed below for last week with those in effect for the week ended May 26, it is found that 53.7% of the figures were changed. Of these changes 61.1% represented reductions ranging from 5 to 60 cents and averaging 22.5 cents per ton. The advances ranged between 5 and 40 cents and averaged 22.9 cents. The straight average minimum for the week was \$2 18, or a drop of 4 cents, from the minimum for the preceding week, while the straight average maximum advanced 3 cents to \$2 67 per ton. A year ago the averages were \$3 02 and \$3 53, respectively.

"The passing weeks bring little change in the anthracite situation. The fact that output decreased during the past fortnight will not lessen the

pressure for domestic deliveries. On the contrary, unless the weather should be so warm that the thought of coal becomes anathema to the householder, this demand may be expected to grow more clamorous as the date for the expiration of the present wage agreement draws near. This is particularly true of the East. In the West, where the use of other fuels for domestic consumption is more general, the pressure has already lightened. The demand as a whole, however, is strong enough to support independent mine prices as high as \$12 per ton for the larger domestics and \$8 to \$8.50 for pea. Lake shipments from Buffalo last week aggregated 81,800 tons. "Coke production continues far ahead of last year as the result of the iron and steel boom, but the latent weakness in that situation has been reflected in current market prices in the Connellsville field. Spot offerings have been so much below third quarter contracts that some readjustments in base figures have been demanded."

Oil Production, Prices, &c.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended June 2 as follows:

(In Barrels)—	June 2 '23.	May 26 '23.	May 19 '23.	June 3 '22.
Oklahoma	494,550	493,200	481,500	387,000
Kansas	83,050	82,500	81,650	84,500
North Texas	73,050	71,900	71,050	50,450
Central Texas	139,600	130,650	129,450	148,000
North Louisiana	67,650	66,800	66,900	93,550
Arkansas	116,100	112,750	105,900	37,000
Gulf Coast	96,350	96,400	95,100	109,950
Eastern	109,000	109,000	109,000	111,500
Wyoming and Montana	130,600	128,850	126,300	79,000
California	725,000	710,000	685,000	350,000
Total	2,034,950	2,002,050	1,951,850	1,450,950

Prices, Wages & Other Trade Matters.

Automobile Price Reduced.—Haynes Automobile Co. reduced open model \$100, to \$1,495. "Boston News Bureau" June 8, p. 4.
Flour Price Drops to Pre-War Level.—New low is \$6.25 a barrel. "Sun-Globe" June 6, p. 30.

Strauberies Lowest in Ten Years in New York City.—Heavy shipments cause price recession. In some parts of city berries were peddled from wagons at 10c. a quart, while berries of finest quality were sold in markets at 15c. a quart or 25c. for two quarts. "Times" June 3, Sec. 2, p. 3.

Tin Plate Workers Get Wage Advance.—Agreement made granting tin-mill workers 11% advance, and tin-house workers 10% advance and placing both under same conditions governing sheet-mill workers' wages. "Iron Trade" May 31, p. 1027.

Printers in St. Louis.—Demand \$44 a week for day and \$47 for night work. Publishers offer \$42.50 and \$45, respectively. Contract expired June 1. Publishers declare open-shop. "Times" June 8, p. 4.

Gasoline Price Again Advanced.—Midcontinent gasoline advanced 1/2 cent to 13 1/2 cents a gallon. "Times" June 2, p. 18.

Export Petroleum Advanced.—Refined quoted at 15.90c.; water white, 16.90c.; gasoline in cases, 28.65c. "Financial America" June 4, p. 1.

Indiana Oil Companies Assume Half of State Gasoline Tax.—Standard Oil of Indiana and independents are willing to pay half of 2-cent a gallon State tax on gasoline since virtually entire proceeds are used for road improvements. "Wall Street Journal" June 5, p. 16.

West India Oil Co. Charged with Defrauding Argentine Customs.—Argentina Government, through Federal Judge Zavalla, condemns company, a Standard Oil concern, to pay full value of imports for five years in addition to cost of court and duties, charging that company did not report imports in their true quality. Grades of gasoline, kerosene and other highly taxed derivatives were brought in in mixtures declared as "fuel" or "crude" oil and by means of rapid process converted into grades which would have been heavily taxed. Officials of the company, in general denial, state case will be carried to higher court. "Times" June 4, p. 17.

U. S. Supreme Court Rules Against Linseed "Association."—Finds it opposed to Sherman Anti-Trust Act. "Times" June 5, p. 14.

Government Withdraws Charges Against Textile Alliance, Inc.—Clears principal in alleged plot to control German dye patents. "Times" June 8, p. 5.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" June 2.—(a) The steel industry and the 12-hour day, p. 2448.

(b) Listings on the New York Stock Exchange for the year 1922, p. 2448-2452.

(c) Carpenters get \$1 a day increase, p. 2455. (d) Metal lathers get \$1 daily wage increase, p. 2455. (e) Chicago building trades grant 20% wage increase, p. 2455. (f) No change to be made in newspaper price during next 6 months, p. 2455. (g) Wage advances as related to domestic trade, p. 2455.

(h) Building operations: restriction in accordance with stabilization program of American Construction Council, p. 2457; Herbert Hoover confers with American Construction Council, p. 2457.

(i) Jones & Baker, 50 Broad St., New York (Curb brokers), in bankruptcy p. 2464. (j) B. D. Cannon, of brokerage firm of Cante & Cannon, New York, expelled from N. Y. Stock Exchange; firm in bankruptcy, p. 2465.

(k) S. Barton Lander, 50 Broad St., New York, in bankruptcy, p. 2465.

(l) Abolition of 12-hour day in steel industry declared not feasible in report adopted by American Iron & Steel Institute, p. 2473. (m) Samuel Gompers' comment on report on 12-hour day in steel industry, p. 2474.

Adams Express Co.—Dividend Increased.

A quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the outstanding \$10,000,000 Capital stock, par \$100, payable June 30 to holders of record June 15. This compares with quarterly dividends of 1% each paid from Dec. 1922 to March 1923, inclusive.—V. 116, p. 718.

Alabama Power Co., Birmingham, Ala.—Revaluation.

The Alabama P. S. Commission has placed a valuation for rate-making purposes of \$29,000,000 on the company's properties as of June 30 1920. This is a reduction of \$4,843,252 from the valuation placed by the former commissioners. The new valuation is about \$15,000,000 less than the final valuation placed by Hagenau & Erickson, engineers, who made an inventory and appraisal of the property for the Commission after the valuation case was docketed in 1920.—V. 116, p. 2391.

Alaska Goldfields, Ltd.—Capital Decreased.

The reduction of capital from \$67,500 to \$30,000 was confirmed by the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) on April 17 1923, and registered by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies on April 24 1923. (London "Stock Exchange Weekly Official Intelligence.")—V. 107, p. 403.

All-America Cables, Inc.—Rates Reduced.

The company announces the following reductions in rates, now effective: San Jose, Guatemala; La Libertad, Salvador; San Jose and Port Limon, Costa Rica, all 35 cents a word. The rate to all other places in Guatemala, Salvador, Nicaragua and Spanish Honduras is 40 cents and to all other places in Costa Rica 42 cents a word.—V. 116, p. 1180.

Amalgamated Oil Co., Calif.—Exchange of Stock.

See Associated Oil Co. below.—V. 113, p. 1576.

Amalgamated Sugar Co.—New Directors.

James E. Pickett and Royal Eccles of Ogden, Utah, have been elected directors.—V. 116, p. 2259.

American Beet Sugar Co.—New Vice-President.

R. Walter Leigh has been elected Vice-President to succeed the late Henry T. Oxnard.—V. 116, p. 2391.

American Bosch Magneto Corp.—Earnings, &c.

Net profits after all charges for April were between \$55,000 and \$60,000. Gross sales for April totaled over \$1,200,000, compared with over \$2,700,000 in the first quarter of this year. Compare V. 116, p. 2133, 1895.

American Express Co.—Div. Reduced—Annual Report.

The company has declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share, payable July 2 to holders of record June 14. This compares with \$2 per share paid quarterly since Jan. 1921.

Earns. Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross income	\$7,335,014	\$8,449,946	\$14,812,728	\$9,444,301
Operating expenses	5,821,069	6,891,962	8,750,887	7,613,461
Taxes and other charges	513,666	480,580	4,171,754	734,460
Dividends	1,439,996	1,440,000	1,158,969	1,032,366
Direct charge to surplus		1,052,876		

Balance, sur. or def.—def \$439,717 df \$1,415,472 sur \$731,118 sur \$64,014

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—	1922.	1921.	Liabilities—	1922.	1921.
Real est. & equip.	6,144,927	6,111,052	Capital stock	18,101,471	18,101,470
Stocks and bonds	21,997,352	22,297,900	Accounts payable	4,321,698	4,458,049
Mortgages	616,200	749,485	Money orders, &c	32,870,419	30,934,607
Other investments	298,786	431,387	Depreciation and		
Current & guaran-			insur. reserve	1,055,761	641,851
ty receivables	28,402,557	21,727,402	Taxes accrued and		
Cash	4,153,135	7,497,600	miscellaneous	1,629,471	953,824
Deferred items	1,573,578	1,922,411	Surplus	5,207,725	5,647,442
Total	63,186,535	60,737,243	Total	63,186,535	60,737,243

x Includes travelers' checks, drafts and other financial paper issued, not presented for payment.—V. 116, p. 298.

American Gas & Electric Co.—Acquisition.

The company, it is stated, is negotiating for the purchase of the West Virginia Water & Electric Co., Charleston, W. Va., and its subsidiaries, the St. Albans (W. Va.) Power & Light Co., and the Dunbar (W. Va.) Light & Power Co.—V. 116, p. 2010.

American Glue Co.—Common Dividend Omitted.

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the Common stock due June 15. Quarterly dividends of \$1 per share were paid on the Common stock in Sept. and Dec. 1922 and in March last. Pres. Lyman says:

The sales for the four months ending April 30 were 28% more than the corresponding period of 1922. The earnings for the first four months of this year were more than sufficient to cover Common dividends after depreciation, Preferred dividends and reserve for taxes, but, due to the close margin of profit in certain branches of the business and a claim for a substantial amount of back taxes by the U. S. Government, the directors feel that it is for the best interests of the Common stockholders to forego dividends until this claim is disposed of, which we anticipate will be in the near future. This claim for additional Federal income taxes is not, in the opinion of our counsel and auditors, warranted.—V. 116, p. 1535.

American International Corp.—Vice-Pres. Resigns.

See Simms Petroleum Co. below.—V. 116, p. 2133.

American Linseed Co.—Supreme Court Rules Agreement of Open-Price Associations Against Sherman Act.

The U. S. Supreme Court, in an opinion delivered by Justice McReynolds on June 4, held that open price associations between linseed crushers were a violation of the Sherman Act. The decision follows that against the Hardwood Lumber Association, made some time ago, when the Court ruled such an agreement outside the law. The District Court for the Northern District of Illinois had held that the combination of the linseed crushers was lawful and had dismissed a bill of complaint brought by the Government, but the Supreme Court on June 4 overthrew the decision of the lower Court.

The defendants were the American Linseed Oil Co. et al., comprising 12 corporations, in six different States, which manufacture and distribute linseed oil cake and meal, and Julian Armstrong, who operates at Chicago under the name of Armstrong Bureau of Related Industries. (See also N. Y. "Times" June 5, page 14.)—V. 116, p. 1763, 1652.

American Locomotive Co.—Locomotive Orders.

The company has received orders for 44 locomotives from the Canadian National Rys., to be used on State lines as follows: Central Vermont, sixteen 113-ton consolidations and eight 100-ton switchers; Grand Trunk Western, ten 150-ton Mikados, five 140-ton Pacifics and five 100-ton switchers. The Tennessee Central RR. has also placed an order with the company for four 137-ton Mikados.—V. 116, p. 2259.

American Radiator Co., Buffalo, N. Y.—Acquisition.

The company has acquired the plant and property of the Dominion Radiator Co., Ltd., Toronto, Canada, for a branch factory.—V. 116, p. 2391.

American Smelting & Refining Co.—To Close Plant.

The company, it is stated, will close its tin plate plant at Perth Amboy, because of inability to receive Bolivian tin concentrates.—V. 116, p. 1896, 1535.

American Tobacco Co.—Complaint.

Complaints have been issued by the Federal Trade Commission naming the Wholesale Tobacco Dealers of Phoenix, Arizona, the American Tobacco Co., Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. and P. Lorillard Co. as respondents.

The respondents are charged in the complaint with co-operatively fixing standard prices at which certain tobacco products sold by them shall be resold. The Commission alleges that the respondents in an effort to substantially lessen competition among themselves and other tobacco dealers have sold only to such dealers as would agree to abide by their standard price list and have refused to sell to dealers who would not do so.

Members of the Wholesale Tobacco Dealers of Phoenix who are named as parties to the complaint are: Baswitz Cigar Co., Hall-Pollock Co., Haas, Baruch & Co. and the Melzer Co. All of the respondents will be allowed 30 days in which to answer the charges before the Commission sets a day for further hearing of the case.

The Conference of Wholesale Tobacco Dealers of Oregon, a voluntary unincorporated trade organization composed of tobacco wholesalers and jobbers, is also named with the American Tobacco Co., the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., and others as respondents in complaints recently issued by the Federal Trade Commission.—V. 116, p. 2133.

American Wholesale Corp.—May Sales.

1923—May—1922.	Decrease.	1923—5 Mos.—1922.	Increase.
\$1,701,846	\$1,750,257	\$48,411	\$12,636,214
—V. 116, p. 2133, 1054.		\$11,021,761	\$1,614,453

American Writing Paper Co.—Resignation.

Henry Evans has resigned as Vice-President and a director.—V. 116, p. 2518.

American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co.—Guaranty, &c.

For guaranty of Silver Dyke Mining Co. 7% debentures, see that company.

Earnings for 4 Months Ended April 30 1923.

Profit Jan. 1-April 30 1923	\$192,121
Surplus (adjusted) Dec. 31 1922	2,036,668
Total	\$2,228,790
Depletion and depreciation reserve	140,085
Balance, surplus, April 30 1923	\$2,088,705

Balance Sheet as of April 30 1923 (After Giving Effect to Sale of Silver Dyke Mining Co. Notes).

Assets—	Liabilities—
Property account	Preferred stock
Investments	Common stock
Cash in sk. fd. for bonds	Granby Mg. & Sm. bonds
Or stocks	Deple., deprec., &c., res.
Spelter, pig lead, &c., stks.	Accounts payable
Inventories	Interest accrued
Cash	Taxes accrued
Notes receivable	Drafts in transit
Accounts receivable	Surplus
Adv. to Wisc. Zinc Co.	
Deferred charges	
Total (each side)	\$17,489,912

—V. 116, p. 1896.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—New Mill.

The American Brass Co., a subsidiary, is reported to have started work on a new mill (estimated to cost approximately \$600,000) at the Kenosha, Wis., branch for the production of copper and brass wire.—V. 116, p. 2518.

Appalachian Power Co.—1st Pref. Stock Increased.

The stockholders on April 19 increased the authorized 1st Preferred stock from \$3,500,000 to \$7,500,000, par \$100. Of the increase, 25,000 shares will be reserved for exchange for the 15-year 7s, due Aug 1, 1936, or may be sold and proceeds applied to the purchase of said bonds. The 7% Cumul. Pref. and the Common stocks remain unchanged.—V. 116, p. 1653.

Armour & Co.—To Resume Hearings.

Hearings on the acquisition of Morris & Co. by Armour & Co. will be resumed at Chicago on June 18, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace announced. This is a continuation of the hearings already held at Kansas City, St. Louis and Omaha. The date of the hearing to be held in Washington will be announced by the Secretary in the near future. Announcement has also been made of the employment of Walter L. Fisher of Chicago to assist the Government in the case.—V. 116, p. 2259, 1415.

Associated Oil Co.—Proposed Capital Increase.

In connection with the proposed capital increase from \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000, and reduction of par from \$100 to \$25, which is to be voted on on July 19, the company issued the following statement:

"The increase is primarily for the purpose of affording opportunity for the exchange of stocks of its subsidiary companies for stock of the Associated."

"The question of exchange of Amalgamated Oil Co. stock for that of Associated has been brought up by a number of stockholders of the Amalgamated recently. A review of all elements of value of the two companies leads to the conclusion that an equitable exchange would be 1½ shares of the present Associated stock, or 4½ shares of the new stock, for one share of Amalgamated."

"No final action can be taken with respect to the exchange until after the meeting of Associated stockholders. In the meantime the Amalgamated stockholders will have the opportunity of arranging with the Associated for the exchange of their stock, subject to the final action referred to, if they so desire. The facts will be presented to each Amalgamated stockholder for his review and he will, of course, determine for himself if he desires to make the exchange."

"There has been no consideration or discussion as to the basis of exchange of stock for any of the other subsidiary corporations."—V. 116, p. 2392.

Associated Simmons Hardware Co.'s.—Notes Called.

All of the outstanding \$7,456,500 5-year 7% secured gold notes due May 1 1925, have been called for redemption July 1 at 101 and int. at the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, Chicago, Ill. See also offering of \$10,000,000 10-year 6½% secured gold notes in V. 116, p. 2518.

Atlantic City Gas Co.—Tenders.

The Girard Trust Co., trustee, Phila., Pa., up to May 23 received bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1960, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$100,000 at prices not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 113, p. 2822.

Atlantic Refining Co.—Oil Contract, etc.

The company has entered into a 2-year agreement with the General Petroleum Corp. for the purchase by the former company of 12,000 barrels of California crude oil daily at a price which affords a profit over the field price and cost of transportation.

It is reported that the company has purchased two tankers, the Marcy Williams from the Calvert Navigation Co., and the Jerdon at a United States Marshal's sale.—V. 116, p. 2518.

Atlas Powder Co.—May Sales.

Sales for May, it is stated, were approximately \$1,900,000. Compare V. 116, p. 2392.

Austin, Nichols & Co., Inc., N. Y.—Business, &c.

Business of the company for the first four months of this year, it is stated, shows an increase of about 14% over last year.

The directors have authorized the purchase of from 5,000 to 10,000 shares of stock to be offered to employees.—V. 116, p. 2134.

Automatic Refrigerating Co., Inc.—Capital Increased.

The stockholders have increased the authorized capital stock from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000, par \$100. Of the new stock, \$125,000 was issued to stockholders of record May 1 in the proportion of one share for each six shares now held. Rights expired May 21.

Stockholders of record Aug. 1 will have the right to subscribe at par for one share of new stock for each seven shares of stock then held. Rights to subscribe will expire Aug. 20 and such new stock must be paid for in full on or before Sept. 4.—V. 116, p. 2259.

Automobile Tire Co., N. Y. City.—Receivership.

See Beacon Tire Co. below.

Bassick-Alemite Corp.—Dividend No. 2.

A quarterly dividend of 50c. a share has been declared on the outstanding Common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20. An initial dividend of like amount was paid on the Common stock on April 1 last.—V. 116, p. 1897.

Beacon (N. Y.) Tire Co., Inc.—Receivership.

David Costuma has been appointed receiver for this company and the Automobile Tire Co., N. Y. City, by Judge Goddard upon the application of De Mattia Bros., a creditor.

The bill alleges that the Beacon Tire Co., Inc., has a stock issue outstanding of \$262,800; has a plant at Beacon, N. Y., worth \$298,000; accounts receivable, \$21,914, and stocks of tires on hand worth \$79,377. The assets aggregate in excess of \$400,000, while the liabilities amount to \$128,367. The Automobile Tire Co. owns a majority of the Beacon stock and is the distributing agent for the Beacon tires.

Becker Steel Co.—Resumes Operations.

This company, which was taken over by the Government during the war and which has since been closed, resumed operations last month at its plant in South Charleston, W. Va. F. H. Schoenfuss, General Manager, announces that the plant will continue to operate regularly with an increase in activities until capacity production is reached.—V. 116, p. 2134.

Belgo Canadian Paper Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.

Guaranty Co. of New York and Wood, Gundy & Co., Inc., New York, and Wood, Gundy & Co. in Canada, are offering \$8,000,000 1st Mtge. 20-Year 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds to mature July 1 1943 at 97 and int., to yield more than 6¼%. This financing, of which \$4,000,000 is being offered in New York and \$4,000,000 in Canada, is set up for an international market, principal and interest being payable in United States or Canadian dollars or in sterling at parity of exchange at the option of the holder. (See adv. pages.)

Dated July 1 1923. Due July 1 1943. Prin. and int. payable at the holder's option in U. S. gold coin at the agency of Royal Bank of Canada, New York, or in Canadian gold coin at any branch of Royal Bank of Canada, in Canada, or in sterling at Royal Bank of Canada, London, Eng., at the fixed rate of \$4 86 2-3 to the £ sterling. Int. payable J. & J. Denom. c* \$1,000 and \$500, and r* \$1,000 or multiples. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and int., less ¼ of 1% for each year or part of a year of the expired term of the bonds, but in no case at less than 102 and int. Montreal Trust Co., trustee.

Data From Letter of President H. Biermans, Montreal, June 1.

Company.—Is being incorporated under the laws of Province of Quebec to acquire the properties and business of Belgo Paper Co., Ltd. (V. 115, p. 1841), which is one of the largest and lowest-cost newsprint producers in Canada, owning and operating at Shawinigan Falls, P. Q., an efficient and well-balanced newsprint paper mill with present capacity of over 90,000 tons newsprint per annum, now in process of being increased to 115,000 tons per annum.

The business was founded with Belgian capital and commenced operations with the manufacture of groundwood pulp. The production of newsprint paper was begun in 1904, with an annual output of 7,500 tons. Company's predecessors have been in continuous and successful operation for the past 20 years.

Timber Limits.—Company will own 15,000 acres of freehold timber lands and control under lease from the Province of Quebec 1,800 sq. miles of leasehold timber limits on the St. Maurice River and tributaries, estimated by engineers to contain over 6,000,000 cords of spruce and balsam pulpwood, sufficient, without benefit of regrowth or reforestation, for 40 years' operations at the increased capacity. In addition, there are large supplies of pine and other wood suitable for lumber operations.

Net Earnings After Maintenance and Repairs, Available for Bond Interest, Depreciation and Income Taxes.

Period—	Output (Rate per Annum.)	Net Earnings (Rate per Annum.)	Equal to Int. on Present Issue Earned.
4 fiscal years ended Aug. 31 1922.	65,303 tons	\$1,742,570	Over 3½ times
8 months of current fiscal year (65,303 to (Sept. 1922 to Apr. 1923, incl.)	90,000 tons	1,989,054	Over 4 times

Water Power.—Under perpetually renewable contract, 14,000 hydraulic h. p. for the operation of the mills is secured from Shawinigan Water & Power Co. In addition, such electrical power as is required is purchased from Shawinigan Water & Power Co. under long-term and renewable contract.

Capitalization After Present Financing.

	Authorized.	Issued.
First Mortgage 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds	\$10,000,000	\$8,000,000
7% Cumulative Preferred shares	5,000,000	4,000,000
Common shares	8,500,000	8,500,000

Sinking Fund.—The trust deed will provide for an annual cumulative sinking fund, commencing July 1 1924, equal to 2% for the first five years, and 3% for the years commencing July 1 1929 to maturity, of all the issued 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, together with an amount equivalent to the annual interest on all bonds redeemed. These moneys are to be used for the purchase in the open market of 1st Mtge. bonds at or below the then redemption price, but failing such purchase, shall be used by the trustee for the redemption by lot of 1st Mtge. bonds at the then redemption price and accrued interest.

Balance Sheet April 30 1923 (After Giving Effect to This Financing).

Assets	Liabilities
Real estate, plant, build- ings & forest limits	7% Preferred stock
Cash on hand and at mill	Common stock
Cash in bank	First Mortgage 6s
Bills receivable	Sundry int. & dividends
Accounts receivable	Acc'ts pay., deposits, &c.
Inventories	Bills payable
Deferred charges to oper- ation	Exchange logs
	Accrued charges
	Provision for damages at Cyprus Creek
	Contingent reserve
	Res. for accidents, &c.
Total (each side)	

Belgo Paper Co., Ltd.—Sale to New Interests.

The shareholders will vote June 19 (1) on authorizing the sale and transfer of all the assets, undertakings and business of the company as a going concern to the Belgo Canadian Paper Co., Ltd.; (2) authorizing the distribution of the purchase price received for the sale of the assets and undertaking among the shareholders of the company, after providing for the payment of expenses. [Control of the company was recently acquired from Belgian interests by Canadian interests, who have formed the new company.]—V. 115, p. 1841.

Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

[As filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.]

1922.		1921.	1922.		1921.
\$		\$	\$		\$
<i>Assets—</i>			<i>Liabilities—</i>		
Real est., mach., &c.	25,406,086	26,035,838	Capital stock	20,910,000	20,910,000
Merchandise	6,817,801	5,686,005	Accts. & notes pay.	17,744,336	22,294,331
Cash & debts rec.	6,459,072	8,708,572	Mtges. & bonds	5,220,391	5,442,392
Investments	5,139,200	3,622,700	Reserves	957,275	1,114,899
Special funds in hands of trustee	3,692,662	6,078,000	Surplus	2,856,149	558,404
Deferred charges	173,330	208,911			
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Total	47,688,151	50,320,026	Total	47,688,151	50,320,026
—V. 115, p. 2162.					

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Blanchard-Zanesville Mining Co.—Pref. Stock Sold.

The Eddy-Hemphill Co., Pittsburgh, have sold at 100 and div. \$150,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock. Red. at \$110 on any div. date upon 60 days' notice.

Capitalization.—Preferred Stock, 7% Cumul. (par \$100), \$150,000, Common Stock (par \$100), \$300,000.

C. mpany.—Incorporated in Pennsylvania to engage in the production of coal, foundry sands, loam, potters clay and other minerals. Company owns in fee approximately 1,000 acres of surface lands with mineral rights thereto at Ellis, Ohio. The principal value of the property lies in the underlying Ohio No. 6 or middle Kittanning seam of coal which at this point is so situated as to be ideally adapted to recovery by the stripping method. Also contains heavy deposits of the well-known Zanesville foundry sands, loam and potters clay which will also be produced in quantity by the stripping process. Initial plant now being installed.

Purpose.—Funding of machinery and equipment purchases and working capital.

(H. C.) Bohack Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Registrar.

The Lawyers' Title & Tr. Co. has been appointed Registrar of \$3,000,000 1st Preferred stock and \$1,850,000 Common stock.

Bridgeport Machine Co., Wichita, Kan.—Initial Div.

An initial dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the 150,000 shares of Common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20. For offering of Common and Preferred stocks, see V. 116, p. 1536, 1653.

British-American Tobacco Co.—Interim Dividends.

The directors on May 29 decided to pay an interim dividend of 4%, free of British income tax on the Ordinary shares on June 30, to holders of record June 11. Coupon No. 96 must be used for the dividend.—V. 116, p. 725.

British Empire Steel Corp.—Coal Output.

Coal output for May 1923 was 475,125 tons, as compared with 308,439 tons in May 1922. The total output of the corporation for the five months ended May 31 1923 was 2,309,143 tons, compared with an output of 1,381,551 tons to May 31 1922.—V. 116, p. 1757.

Brompton Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.—Back Dividends.

The directors have declared another payment on account of arrears of Preferred dividends, making 4% in two months and reducing the arrears to 8%. The current payment of 2% is for the quarter ended April 30 1922, the payment made a month ago being for the preceding quarter.—V. 116, p. 1898.

Brooklyn Borough Gas Co.—Suit Against New \$1 Gas.

See Consolidated Gas Co. below.—V. 116, p. 2260, 2134.

Brooklyn Union Gas Co.—Suit Against \$1 Gas Law.

See Consolidated Gas Co. below.—V. 116, p. 2253, 619.

Brown Bros. Lumber Co.—Bonds Called.

The company has called for payment \$70,000 bonds, due Jan. 1 and July 1 1925, at 102 and int. See offering of bonds in V. 114, p. 1184.

Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co.—Sales.

Sales for the first quarter of 1923 were \$7,695,000, an increase of \$1,695,000, or 25%, compared with the corresponding quarter a year ago.—V. 116, p. 2011.

Burns Brothers.—95% of Proxies In.

It is stated that holders of 95% of the four issues of Burns Brothers stock have sent in proxies approving the recapitalization plan recommended by a special committee of directors. This assures favorable action on the plan June 14.—V. 116, p. 2392, 2519.

Butler Mill, New Bedford, Mass.—Capital Increase, &c.

The stockholders on June 1 increased the authorized capital stock from \$2,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$2,300,000, par \$100. The stockholders also authorized the company to acquire the Nemasket Mill of Taunton.

Mass. Stockholders of the latter company will receive in exchange for their holdings, one share of Butler stock for each share of Nemasket Common stock held and \$100 in cash for each share of Preferred stock held. The Nemasket Mills capital stock consists of \$300,000 Common and \$100,000 Preferred.—V. 111, p. 496.

Callahan Zinc-Lead Co.—Shipments.—

Month of—	May 1923.	April 1923.	Mar. 1923.	Feb. 1923.
Zinc concentrates (lbs.)	5,040,000	3,656,000	3,900,000	3,380,000
Lead concentrates (lbs.)	2,050,000	1,756,000	2,130,000	1,940,000
Silver (ozs.)	19,475	16,682	20,550	18,430

—V. 116, p. 2393; 2134.

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Production.—

Month of—	May 1923.	April 1923.	Mar. 1923.	Feb. 1923.
Copper production (lbs.)	2,868,000	3,520,000	3,506,000	2,998,000

—V. 116, p. 2392, 2134.

Calumet & Hecla Mining Co.—Capital Increase, &c.—

The stockholders on June 4 voted to increase the Capital stock from 100,000 shares to 300,000 shares, par \$25. The new stock will be distributed to shareholders in the ratio of 8 new shares for 1 of the old stock. The exchange of the new stock for the old will be to stock of record June 23.

It was voted also to declare the present stock (of which \$12 a share has been paid in) fully paid, and the new shares were declared fully paid. See also V. 116, p. 2134.

Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd.—New Director.—

Sir Henry Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railways, has been elected a director.—V. 116, p. 1272.

Central Indiana Gas Co.—To Issue Bonds.—

The company has applied to the Indiana P. S. Commission for authority to issue \$29,000 bonds at 75 and int., or to pledge them as security for obligations maturing in less than one year.—V. 114, p. 202.

Central Foundry Co.—Time Extended.—

See Iron Products Corp. below.—V. 116, p. 1653.

Central States Electric Corp.—Notes Offered.—Dillon, Read & Co., are offering, at 100 and interest, \$4,000,000 2-Year 7% Secured Gold Notes (with stock purchase warrants).

Dated June 1 1923. Due June 1 1925. Int. payable J. & D. in New York. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Red. as a whole or in part by lot on 30 days' notice at 101 and interest, to and including June 1 1924, and 100½ and int. thereafter. Central Union Trust Co. of New York, trustee.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund is provided available semi-annually to retire each year by purchase \$250,000 of these notes accompanied with stock purchase warrants if obtainable at or below 100 and interest, any unexpended balance reverting to the company.

Data from Letter of L. E. Kilmarx, Pres. Central States Elec. Corp.

Security.—Direct obligation of corporation and secured by pledge with the trustee of 400,000 shares of common stock of North American Co. having a present market value of more than 200% of the principal amount of these notes.

The North American Co. common stock pledged as security for these notes may be withdrawn upon payment, to the trustee of \$10 per share, together with the prevailing redemption premium on an equal principal amount of these notes (a) in cash to be used exclusively for retirement of notes of this issue, or (b) in notes at their prevailing redemption price, for cancellation.

Assets.—Net tangible assets of Central States Electric Corp., adjusted to give effect to this financing, consist almost entirely of cash and securities listed and actively traded in upon the New York Stock Exchange, having a market value June 1 1923 in excess of \$10,000,000, or at the rate of over \$2,500 for each \$1,000 note of this issue.

Purchase Warrants.—Each note will bear a detachable warrant entitling the holder to buy from the Corporation 20 shares of North American Co. common stock (par \$10) on or before June 1 1925, at prices determined by the order in which warrants are exercised; the holders of the first one-fourth exercised paying \$23 per share, of the second one-fourth exercised \$25 per share, of the third one-fourth exercised \$27 per share, and the remainder \$29 per share.

Income.—Net income of Central States Electric Corp., before interest charges, but after deducting all other expenses including Federal taxes, during recent calendar years has been as follows:

1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	x1923.
\$548,394	\$695,964	\$677,671	\$682,023	\$711,303	*\$798,146

x 12 months ended April 30. * Includes 9,292 shares North American com. stock received as a dividend April 2 1923, at \$20 per share, at which price such dividend stock was underwritten.

Net income for the 12 months ended April 30 1923 was nearly three times the maximum interest requirements of \$280,000 on this issue of notes. Since April 1922, when the corporation disposed of the common stock of Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. theretofore held, its principal assets have consisted of securities of North American Co. This change in holdings has resulted in a very substantial increase in income as indicated.—V. 114, p. 2583.

Centrifugal Cast Iron Pipe Co.—Transfer Agent.—

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for the Preferred and Common stocks.—See offering in V. 116, p. 300.

Chemical Foundation, Inc.—Hearings on Govt. Suit.—

The trial of the long-awaited suit by the Government to recover patents and chemical formulas valued by the Government at over \$100,000,000, and bought by the Foundation for \$250,000 from the Alien Property Custodian, were begun in the U. S. District Court at Wilmington June 4 before Judge Morris. Hearings are expected to last a month.—V. 115, p. 2050.

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co.—New Building.

A site has been purchased at the corner of St. Paul and Pleasant Sts., Baltimore, Md., on which the company proposes to erect a 20-story office building, which will cost from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. Construction is expected to begin early next spring and it is understood that consideration is being given to the removal of the executive offices from Washington to the new Baltimore building.—V. 115, p. 1214.

Chicago Nipple Mfg. Co.—Resumes Dividends.—

President Dixon C. Williams in a letter to stockholders in connection with the resumption of dividends on the Class "A" stock with the payment of 2% to be made on July 1 to holders of record June 10, says in part:

"As a result of conserving cash the company has been able to buy a pipe fabricating plant at about 50% of its value, which is now making satisfactory profits. The Richmond, Va., plant has been removed to Baltimore and its capacity has been doubled.

"We do not owe a dollar of funded debt or bank debts, nor any other debts except current debts necessary in the conduct of the business.

"The net earnings for the 4 months ending April 30 were about \$125,000 and sufficient orders are on hand to insure operation of all our plants to full capacity for the next 4 or 5 months. I believe we can afford to commence quarterly payments of 2% on our "A" stock July 1 next, and pay this much, or more, quarterly until the accumulated dividends have been liquidated, and unless very bad conditions overtake us thereafter, to pay indefinitely the regular quarterly dividend or more." See V. 116, p. 2261.

Chicoutimi (Quebec) Pulp Co.—Capital Decreased.—

The company has reduced its Common stock from \$4,100,000 to \$400,000 for tax purposes. The Saguenay Pulp & Power Co. owns the company through stock ownership.—V. 116, p. 519.

Childs Real Estate Co., N. Y.—Bonds Called.—

Fifty-eight, Series "A," and 20 Series "B," Investment Gold bonds, dated Sept. 1 1909, have been called for redemption Sept. 1 at 110 and int. at the Empire Trust Co., 120 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 114, p. 2721.

China Mail Steamship Co.—Suit.—

An action seeking recovery of promissory notes totaling \$164,478 27 from the company and an order for the immediate appointment of a receiver for the concern were filed in the Federal Court at San Francisco May 29 for the Government by Assistant United States Attorney J. Fred McDonald.

The complaint recites that the company on March 1 1922 delivered to the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corp. two promissory notes, one for \$82,753 and \$100,000, respectively. In Oct. 1922 a total of \$18,275 was paid. Since then, charges the complaint, "the company is and for some months past has been hopelessly insolvent."

The complaint charges that aside from its indebtedness to the Government the company is indebted to more than 200 other creditors in an aggregate amount exceeding \$900,000.

Libels already filed against the company include the vessels Nanking, China and Nile. The complaint charges that the combined creditors of the three vessels exceed 200 and the combined indebtedness of the vessels exceeds \$2,000,000.—V. 113, p. 74.

Citizens Gas Co. (of Indianapolis).—Gas Rate Cut.—

Effective May 1 1923, the rate charged for gas in Indianapolis was reduced 5 cents to \$1.15 per 1,000 cu. ft. The new rate, which is temporary, will continue until further order of the Indiana P. S. Commission or until the Commission completes a revaluation of the company's property, owned and leased.

See Indianapolis Water Co. below.—V. 116, p. 2012.

Cleveland Automobile Co.—Shipments.—

The company, in the first five months of 1923, shipped 6,800 cars, an increase of over 50% as compared with the corresponding period of 1922.—V. 116, p. 2261, V. 115 p. 649.

Colts Patent Fire Arms Mfg. Co., Hartford, Conn.—

The company's Meriden (Conn.) plant has been sold to George H. Wilcox, President of the International Silver Co. The price was reported to be \$150,000.—V. 116, p. 1280.

Columbia Gas & Electric Co.—Listing.—

The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has placed on the list 1,500,000 new shares of no par value of the capital stock, and has stricken from the list 500,000 shares (par \$100) of the capital stock of the company.—V. 116, p. 2261.

Columbian Carbon Co.—Earnings, 3 mos. end. Mar. 31 '23.

Gross income, \$2,243,909; oper. exp. & charges, \$824,901; net income	\$1,419,007
Deprec. & depl., \$285,132; res. for income taxes, \$140,000	425,132
Dividend paid (\$1 per share)	410,131

Credit to surplus

V. 116, p. 2393, 1272.

Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co.—Patent Suit.—

The decree of the U. S. Supreme Court awarding damages for infringement of patents against the Toledo Scale Co. in favor of the Computing company has been settled in full by the former company. The Computing company has received a certified check for \$513,818, representing the amount of damages awarded, plus interest to date. An additional sum, estimated at about \$40,000, will be paid by the Toledo Scale Co. under order of the Court on account of costs as soon as the total costs have been ascertained. The sum of this judgment represents about \$3 60 a share on Computing company's 150,688 outstanding shares of stock and brings the book value of the company's stock up to \$136 per share.—V. 116, p. 2135, 2012.

Consolidated Coke Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Bonds Offered.—

McLaughlin, MacAfee & Co. and Schibener, Boenning & Co., Pittsburgh, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,100,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 7% S. F. gold bonds. (See adv. pages.)

Dated June 1 1923. Due June 1 1933. Int. payable J. & D. without deduction of normal Federal income tax up to 2% at office of the trustee or at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. City. Tax free in Pennsylvania. Callable, all or part, on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 105 and int. Pennsylvania Co. for Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities, Phila., trustee.

Data from Letter of President George Whyel, May 28 1923.

Company.—Incorp. in Pennsylvania Sept. 28 1914. Has recently acquired the entire outstanding capital stock of the Pioneer Coal & Coke Co. Owns in fee simple 775 acres of unmined coal of the Pittsburgh vein and 253 acres of surface, located in Fayette County, Pa., on the east bank of the Monongahela River in what is known as the lower Connellsville region. The National Transportation Co., controlled by Consolidated Coke Co. interests, owns 3 steam boats and a fleet of 60 barges, and the car supply is supplemented by the ability of the company to take advantage of cheap water transportation in shipping coal and coke to the numerous large consumers along the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers in the great industrial district centering at Pittsburgh.

E. V. d'Inville, of Philadelphia, mining engineer and geologist, estimates that the property contains 8,292,500 tons of recoverable coal. Company operates 3 plants known as Mt. Sterling, Donald No. 2 and Donald No. 3. Owns and operates at the mines 862 standard beehive coke ovens having an annual capacity of 500,000 tons of coke.

Purpose.—To pay for the capital stock of the Pioneer Coal & Coke Co., recently acquired, to retire present outstanding bonds and to provide additional working capital.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
First Mortgage 7% bonds (this issue)	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
7% Preferred stock	1,000,000	350,000
Common stock	1,000,000	1,000,000

Sinking Fund.—Company agrees to deposit with the trustee semi-annually beginning Dec. 1 1923 an amount equal to 25 cents per ton of coal mined during the preceding 6 months with minimum annual payments as follows: \$75,000 per annum during first 2 years, \$100,000 per annum during next 5 years, \$150,000 per annum during next 3 years. Sinking fund is to be used to retire bonds by purchase or redemption at not more than 105 & int.

Earnings.—The earnings statement shows net sales for the period of 6 years and 3 months ended March 31 1923 of \$21,979,993, or an average of \$3,616,798 per annum. In the same period net earnings after charges of \$497,253 for depletion, but before interest, Federal taxes and depreciation, were \$2,826,947. This was at the average annual rate of \$452,311, or nearly 6 times annual interest requirements on this issue. For the first 3 months of 1923 net sales were \$920,684, and net earnings, after depletion but before interest, Federal taxes and depreciation, \$161,691, or at the annual rate of \$646,764, equivalent to over 8 times interest charges on this issue.

Directors.—George Whyel (Pres.), Charles F. Colbert Jr. (V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.), A. A. Potts (Sec. & Treas.), C. S. Newhall, R. E. Umbel, D. J. McLaughlin.

Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31 1923 (After Present Financing).

Assets.	Liabilities.
Current assets	Current liabilities
Other assets	Due affiliated companies
Permanent assets	1st Mtge. 7s, 1933
Deferred charges	Reserves
	7% Preferred stock
	Common stock
	Surplus

Total (each side) \$3,914,595

Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.—Injunctions

Against New \$1 Gas Rate.—Following the signing by Governor Smith on June 2 of the Walker "Dollar Gas Bill," fixing \$1 per 1,000 cu. ft. as the maximum price for illuminating gas in New York City and a gas standard of 650 B. T. U., the New York P. S. Commission on June 4 adopted the following order in connection with the new gas law:

"Ordered that each and every gas corporation engaged in the business of manufacturing, furnishing or selling illuminating gas in the City of New York be and hereby is required forthwith to comply with such statute and be and hereby is authorized to file and publish new schedule of rates for gas effective forthwith in accordance with said statute.

"Further ordered that Secretary serve by mail forthwith copy of this order on every such gas corporation."

As a result of the above new gas law and the Commission's order to comply with its terms, all the leading gas companies in New York City took immediate steps to obtain injunctions in the Federal courts against the enforcement of the law.

Judge William Bondy in the Federal Circuit Court in Manhattan on June 7, on the motion of counsel for the Consolidated Gas Co., granted restraining orders in the suits of the *Bronx Gas & Electric Co.* and the *New York & Queens Gas Co.*, which challenge the constitutionality of the \$1

Gas Law. Judge Bondy also granted the Consolidated Gas Co., a temporary injunction on June 8.

The orders signed by Judge Bondy require the Public Service Commission and Carl Sherman, State Attorney-General, not to interfere with the rates that were in effect before the signing of the \$1 Gas Bill. At the same time, Judge Bondy signed an order to show cause, directing the State officials to appear in Statutory Court June 18, to answer a motion for a preliminary injunction. Until that motion is disposed of, the order says, the old gas rate is to be continued.

Judge Marcus B. Campbell in the Federal District Court at Brooklyn, also has granted temporary restraining orders to the Brooklyn Union Gas Co. and its five subsidiaries, Brooklyn Borough Gas Co., Kings County Lighting Co., against the new \$1 gas law. The present rates and standard remain in force pending a hearing on June 18 before the statutory court.—V. 116, p. 2519, 1182.

Connecticut River Power Co.—Tenders.—

The Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., will until June 11 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% 30-Year Sinking Fund Gold bonds, due June 1 1937, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$45,291.—V. 107, p. 1749.

Consolidated Textile Corp.—Selling Agents' Accounts.—

Converse & Co., selling agents for the Consolidated Textile Corp. and B. B. & R. Knight, Inc., ended its fiscal year on May 31. A preliminary statement recently issued said that on May 1 only 6% of the accounts receivable were overdue and of these 80% were less than 30 days in arrears.—V. 116, p. 2261.

Consumers Co. of Chicago.—Earnings—New Directors.—

The surplus profits after preferred dividends for the first quarter of 1923, it is stated, were \$242,000, compared with a loss in the corresponding period of 1922 of \$104,000.

A. D. Lasker, D. F. Kelly and D. S. Boynton have been elected directors.—V. 116, p. 2135.

Consumers Gas Co., Toronto.—Stock Sold.—

The company recently sold 1,389 shares of capital stock at about \$154 60 a share, to the Canada Permanent Mortgage Co. This was the unsold balance of stock offered in February last to stockholders at \$135 per share.—See V. 116, p. 520.

Continental Motors Corp.—Dividend Outlook.—

Vice-President W. R. Angell says: "The corporation does not contemplate immediate resumption of dividends although business is of record proportions. Our volume of business the past six months has exceeded any other six months in the history of the company. Several new models have been brought into production, necessitating unusual expense and consequently profits will be somewhat reduced until the 'get ready' expense of producing these new models has been absorbed.

"We feel sanguine that the present rate of production will be maintained to a very large extent throughout the year, as our truck motor schedule indicates a growing demand for this class of work. From present indications monthly profits the balance of the fiscal year will be considerably in excess of what they have been up to date."—V. 116, p. 718.

Continental Portland Cement Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding \$250,000 1st Mtge. 8% Serial Gold bonds, and \$300,000 2d Mtge. 8% Serial Gold bonds, dated Jan. 1 1921, have been called for redemption July 1 at 102 and int. and 100 and int., respectively, at the Liberty Central Trust Co., trustee, Broadway and Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.—V. 115, p. 2797.

Continental Utilities Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds, dated Jan. 2 1913 have been called for redemption July 2 at 105 and int. at the Security Trust Co., trustee, Detroit, Mich.—V. 116, p. 1766.

Cosden & Co. (Del.)—Capital Increase, &c.—

The stockholders on June 6 increased the authorized Common stock from 1,400,000 shares to 3,000,000 shares, no par value. It is reported that the purpose of the increase is to have stock available in case the directors decide to declare a stock dividend later on.

A lease, involving 9,200 acres, located in Greenwood, Kan., has been closed by the company. The Atlantic Petroleum Co., a subsidiary, has an interest in the new acreage.—V. 116, p. 2519.

Cuyamel Fruit Co., New Orleans.—Initial Dividend.—

An initial dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the outstanding 250,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, payable June 28 to holders of record June 15. See offering in V. 116, p. 415, 1899.

Darling & Co., Inc., Chicago, Ill.—Bonds Offered.—

George H. Burr & Co. are offering at 97 and int., to yield over 6¾%, \$1,250,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 20-Year 6½% Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1923, due June 1 1943. Int. payable J. & D. in Chicago and New York without deduction of normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% Penn. and Conn. 4 mills tax and Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% refunded. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date prior to June 1 1933, at 102 and int., and on any int. date thereafter prior to June 1 1938 at 101 and int., and on any int. date thereafter until June 1 1942 at 100½ and int., and thereafter at par and int. National Bank of Republic of Chicago, trustee.

Data from Letter of Pres. C. A. Alling, Chicago, May 29.

Company.—Successor to the firm of Ira C. Darling & Co., a co-partnership which was organized in 1882 for the purpose of rendering fats for soap manufacture, and the manufacture of other by-products. In 1891 the company, as Darling & Co., was incorp. in Illinois. Company operates 4 plants in Chicago and one in East St. Louis, Ill. Plants cover an area of more than 5½ acres.

The company's largest customers include Procter & Gamble Co., Palmolive Co., Colgate & Co., Kirkman & Co., the N. K. Fairbank Co., and it also exports largely to Crusellas & Co., and Sabates S. en C. who are the largest manufacturers of soap on the Island of Cuba.

Net Sales & Net Profit Available for Interest, Deprec. & Federal Taxes Cal. Yrs.

Net Sales.	Net Profit.	Net Sales.	Net Profit.
1915 ----- \$3,743,009	\$540,734	1920 ----- \$10,815,114	\$370,346
1916 ----- 6,656,685	733,037	1921 ----- 4,356,794	73,114
1917 ----- 8,600,529	1,066,664	1922 ----- 5,581,714	372,140
1918 ----- 8,178,850	522,085	'23 (2 mos.) 1,197,649	91,838
1919 ----- 12,066,066	1,145,809		

Dividends, &c.—Company has paid cash dividends of \$1,140,000, Federal taxes amounting to \$962,196, and has set up a depreciation reserve of \$885,066 during this period. Owing to the nature of the business, there is no accumulation of inventory except in one small department, comprising less than 14% of company's sales.

Sinking Fund.—An annual sinking fund, payable semi-annually, commences Dec. 31 1923, and will provide a sum equal to 15% of the net earnings for the then preceding calendar year, but not less than \$37,500.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to reimburse treasury for capital expenditures including the construction of 2 modern plants completed in 1922.

Consolidated Balance Sheet March 3 1923 (After This Financing).

Assets	Liabilities
Inventories ----- \$1,309,322	Notes payable ----- \$288,500
Accounts receivable ----- 315,237	Trade acceptances payable ----- 3,330
Notes & trade accept. rec. ----- 26,891	Accounts payable ----- 214,013
Cash ----- 234,499	Due to empl. (loan accts.) ----- 6,100
Ld., bldgs., mach. & equip ----- 4,029,606	Accr. taxes, int. & wages ----- 43,689
Investments ----- 16,549	1st Mtge. 20-year 6½% ----- 1,250,000
Deferred charges ----- 151,074	Insurance reserve ----- 33,826
	Capital stock ----- 4,000,000
Total (each side) ----- \$5,973,088	Surplus ----- 133,629

Davis (Cotton) Mills, Fall River.—New President.—

Jonathan Thayer Lincoln has been elected President and director of the Davis and Lincoln mills to succeed the late Leontine Lincoln.—V. 112, p. 474.

Defiance (Ohio) Machine Works.—Reorganization.—

A plan to reorganize the company has been worked out by Receiver E. M. Hummer, and authority will be sought in Federal Court to issue \$600,000

10-Year 1st Mtge. 6% bonds, to be retired at the rate of \$25,000 the first year, \$50,000 the second and third years, \$75,000 the fourth year, and \$25,000 each for the following six years. ("Iron Age.")—V. 114, p. 1185.

Denver Gas & Electric Light Co.—Pays City \$592,333.—

The company on May 29 paid the city of Denver \$592,333, being one-half of an aggregate debt of \$1,184,666 due for excess gas charges since 1918. The balance will be paid in eight quarterly installments bearing 6% interest from the time of the agreement.

In return for the payment, made by the gas company, City Auditor George D. Begole will release \$537,000 in warrants payable to the company for street and municipal building lighting, which have been held up for the past year pending a settlement of other differences between the company and the city.—V. 116, p. 1537.

Depew & Lancaster Light, Power & Conduit Co.—

The East Aurora Electric Light Co., Aurora, N. Y., has merged with the above company.—V. 116, p. 520.

Dome Mines Co., Ltd.—Change in Stock—Output.—

The stockholders will vote June 12 on splitting the stock into four for one. The proposed by-law will empower the directors to transfer all the assets to the new corporation subject to the provision that "out of the rights, assets, credits and effects of this company there shall be reserved from said sale and transfer aforesaid cash and liquid securities to amount not exceeding \$2,000,000, which shall be retained by this company and paid and distributed from time to time as the directors of the new corporation shall decide in the same manner and proportions as dividends would be payable to shareholders of new corporation."

Month of— May '23. Apr. '23. Mar. '23. Feb. '23.
Gold production (value) ----- \$355,532 \$160,111 \$259,866 \$366,415
—V. 116, p. 2135.

Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.—\$1 Dividend.—

A dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the Common stock, no par value, payable July 3 to holders of record June 15. A like amount was paid April 2 last.—V. 116, p. 941.

Duquesne Light Co., Pittsburgh.—Capital Increased.—

The stockholders on June 4 increased the authorized capital stock by \$275,000,000, to consist of \$150,000,000 1st Pref. stock and \$125,000,000 Partic. (2d) Pref. stock. The authorized, \$25,000,000 Common stock remains unchanged. For details see V. 116, p. 1537, 2519.

East Ohio Gas Co.—Rate Controversy Ended.—

The 3-year rate dispute between the City Council of Cleveland, Ohio, and the company, which reached a point some time ago when it appeared certain the company would withdraw from Cleveland, has been settled by the enactment of a compromise bill in council. The Marshall ordinance was repealed. The Council in Feb. last enacted a 40-cent rate measure, while the company demanded 50 cents. The compromise places the initial rate at 45 cents. The new ordinance will remain in force until May 1 1928.—V. 116, p. 1057.

Eastman Kodak Co.—Listing.—

The London Stock Exchange has granted an official quotation to 13,350 shares of Common stock, no par value, making total Common stock listed at May 22 1922 2,016,350 shares.—V. 116, p. 2262.

Electric Auto-Lite Co.—Dividend No. 2.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the Common stock, no par value, payable July 2 to holders of record June 15. An initial dividend of like amount was paid on the Common stock on April 2 last.—V. 116, p. 2519, 1899.

Elliot Fisher Co., New York.—Larger Dividends.—

A quarterly dividend of \$1 a share has been declared on both the Common and Class "B" Common stocks, both payable July 2 to holders of record June 15. On April 2 last a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share was paid on both classes of Common stock. See V. 116, p. 1057.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp.—Foreign Business.—

The following statement is understood by the "Chronicle" to be substantially correct:

Gross revenue from film rentals in countries outside of the United States in 1922 aggregated nearly \$8,000,000, as compared with only \$600,000 in 1916, the year of the company's incorporation. Of last year's total film rental revenue of \$34,400,000, about \$26,500,000 came from American sources and the balance from foreign countries. Great Britain is the corporation's biggest customer, contributing \$3,560,000, with Australia \$1,270,000 and Canada \$1,000,000, the balance coming from other nations, including Japan and China.—V. 116, p. 2520.

Ford Collieries Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st Mtge. 5% gold coupon bonds, dated July 1 1909, have been called for redemption July 1 at 102 and interest at the Fidelity Title & Trust Co., 341 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.—V. 90, p. 773.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—Special Dividend of 5%.—

A special dividend of 5% has been declared in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 3%, both payable June 30 to employee investment certificate holders. In 1921 and 1922 dividends totaling 12% per annum were paid, while in 1920 16% was distributed.

The company, in the first four months of this year, produced 38,473 Fordson tractors, as against 15,467 last year.—V. 116, p. 2520, 2263.

Ford Motor Co. of Canada.—Production.—

Production for the first eight months of the current fiscal year which ends July 31, totaled 37,421 cars and trucks. This compares with approximately 45,000 cars and trucks produced for the year ended July 31 1922.—V. 116, p. 417.

Foster Creek Lumber & Mfg. Co.—Bonds Called.—

The company has called for payment \$45,000 bonds, due Jan. 1 1926, at 101½ and int. See offering of bonds in V. 115, p. 188.

Foundation Co., N. Y.—Building Contract Closed.—

The company has closed the contract for the construction of the New York Telephone Co.'s new building on Washington St., N. Y. City. Work is to commence during the current month and is to be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.—V. 116, p. 2520.

Gary Motor Truck Corp. of Canada, Ltd.—

Shareholders of the Gary Motor Truck Corp. of Canada, Ltd., and of Chase Tractors Corp., Ltd., will meet June 11 to decide what they will do with their property when a committee, consisting of R. J. Cluff, J. Y. Murdoch, F. Russell, D. M. Sanson and T. D. Wardlaw will report on the company. About 18 months ago Chase Tractors Corp., Ltd., agreed to sell out to Gary Motor Truck Corp., but the truck company did not either get into business or meet with success. Compare V. 113, p. 2189.

General Motors Corp.—Sales of General Motors Cars.—

Preliminary combined sales of American and Canadian passenger and commercial car manufacturing divisions of General Motors for May totaled 74,500 cars and trucks; this compares as follows:

Month of—	1923.	1922.	Month of—	1923.	1922.
January -----	49,162	16,088	April -----	75,851	40,474
February -----	55,560	20,869	May -----	74,500	46,736
March -----	71,598	34,074	June -----		48,541

* This preliminary figure includes Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Oakland, Oldsmobile passenger and commercial cars and GMC trucks.—V. 116, p. 2394, 2136.

General Petroleum Corp.—Oil Contract.—

See Atlantic Refining Co. above.—V. 116, p. 2014.

General Refractories Co.—To Increase Stock—Rights.—

The stockholders will vote July 7 on increasing the authorized capital stock from 180,000 shares, no par value, to 225,000 shares, no par value. If the increase is authorized, stockholders of record June 23 will be entitled to subscribe to such increase in the proportion of one share of the increased stock for each four shares held, at \$50 per share, payable in cash on or before July 19. See also V. 116, p. 2014.

Gorton Pew Fisheries Co.—Time Extended.

W. L. Putnam, one of the largest stockholders of the company, who has drawn up a reorganization plan, which has the approval of the directors and the Preferred shareholders' committee, notifies stockholders who have not deposited their shares that the time for making subscriptions has been extended to June 20. Compare V. 116, p. 2394.

Grant Motor Car Corporation.—Sale of Plant.

Joseph Hostetter, receiver, announced, May 31, that the plant of the company at Cleveland had been sold to the Lincoln Electric Co. for \$425,000. With the exception of the sale of the personal property, including parts, machinery, &c., this sale will mean the windup of the affairs of the company. Mr. Hostetter says that while all of the liabilities are not yet listed, they will run considerably in excess of \$2,000,000. Of the \$425,000 received by the plant sale, \$177,000 must be applied on the unpaid balance due on a land contract.

The company was incorporated Feb. 23 1916 in Richmond, Va. The capitalization was \$1,250,000 7% cumulative preferred stock, and \$3,250,000 common. Of the pref., \$1,035,000 was outstanding.—V. 115, p. 2800.

Great Western Sugar Co.—New Director.

See Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. below.—V. 116, p. 2014.

Guerin Mills, Inc., Woonsocket, R. I.—Acquisition.

The company has purchased the plant and interests of the French River Textile Co. at Mechanicville, Conn. The mill will be known as the Beechmont worsted mills and will be operated in the manufacture of worsted goods, employing about 450 workers.—V. 114, p. 633.

Harper Brothers, New York.—Capital Increased.

The stockholders on June 1 increased the capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$4,010,000, par \$100, by creating an issue of \$510,000 6% Cumul. Pref. stock and an issue of \$500,000 8% Cumul. Pref. stock. The \$1,000,000 6% Non-Cumul. Pref. stock will remain in existence but will be subordinate to both classes of new stock. The \$2,000,000 Common stock, all outstanding, remains unchanged.—V. 97, p. 525.

Hartford Electric Light Co.—New Subsidiary.

The Electric Transportation Co., Inc., of Hartford, has been organized in Connecticut with an authorized capital stock of \$200,000, par \$25, of which the Hartford Electric Light Co. will own \$83,800 of the \$84,000 to be presently issued.

The new corporation will take over the business of the battery and vehicle department of the Hartford Electric Light Co., which includes the rental and repair of batteries and the operation of vehicle service. Directors of the new corporation are: Samuel Ferguson, Chairman; R. M. Thayer, Pres.; E. S. Nutting, Sec.; & Treas.: A. D. Colvin; W. D. Cutler, C. M. Yale, D. C. Perkins and Grant U. Kierstead.—V. 116, p. 417.

Hartman Corp., Chicago.—May Sales.

1923—May—1922.	Increase.	1923—5 Mos.—1922.	Increase.
\$1,865,251	\$1,345,519	\$519,732	\$8,587,734
—V. 116, p. 2136.		\$5,701,405	\$2,886,329

Havana Docks Corp.—Bonds Called.

Certain 1st Coll. Lien 7% bonds, series "A" dated July 1 1921, aggregating \$109,000, have been called for redemption July 1, at par and int., at the Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass.—V. 116, p. 1902.

Hendee Manufacturing Co.—Shipments.

Shipments in April totaled 1,939 machines, compared with 1,634 in March, 1,118 in February and 1,078 in January.—V. 116, p. 2015.

Honolulu Consolidated Oil Co.—Oil Contract.

See Standard Oil Co. of California below.—V. 116, p. 82.

Hotel Hollenden Co., Cleveland.—Bonds Offered.

Hyney, Emerson & Co., Chicago, and the Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, are offering, at 100 and int., \$2,000,000 First (closed) Mtge. Leasehold 6½% Serial Gold Bonds. A circular shows:

Authorized and to be issued, \$2,000,000. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Dated June 1 1923. Due serially from June 1 1925 to June 1 1938, inclusive. Int. payable J. & D. at Guardian Savings & Trust Co., trustee, Cleveland, or at the State Bank of Chicago. Redeemable, all or part, on any interest date on 30 days' notice at 106 and interest up to and including June 1 1926, and thereafter at 106 and interest less ½ of 1% for each year, or fraction thereof, remaining between June 1 1926 and date of redemption. Free from normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%.

The Hollenden, one of the best known hotels in the United States, is situated in the heart of the downtown business and financial district of Cleveland. The Hotel Hollenden Co., recently incorporated in Ohio, has been organized by Herman Mack and associates for the purpose of purchasing the hotel property. The hotel buildings face an entire block (258 feet) on East Sixth St., 173 feet on Superior Ave., and 177 feet on Vincent St., and over half of the hotel property consists of a comparatively new structure 13 stories in height completed in 1916. The hotel is excellently furnished throughout and in addition to spacious lobbies, restaurants, and public parlors, contains 657 guest rooms and the largest hotel ball-room and banquet halls in Ohio. Occupying the ground floor are banking and brokerage offices and several stores and shops, and plans are under consideration for converting the entire Superior Ave. frontage into additional rentable store space, which will add substantially to the income from the property.

The proceeds of this bond issue, which will constitute the only lien or mortgage indebtedness of any nature on the property, will provide funds for completing the acquisition of The Hollenden by a new ownership and for the cost of various alterations and improvements.

Household Products, Inc.—Sales—Earnings, &c.

Sales and earnings in May, it is stated, were 10% in excess of May 1922. New machinery will be installed late this year, which will double potential capacity of the plant.—V. 116, p. 1902.

Humble Oil & Refining Co.—Oil Contract.

The company last month received a contract from the U. S. Government for 1,000,000 bbls. of grade "A" fuel oil at a price of \$1 67 a bbl.—V. 116, p. 1768.

Hydrox Corp., Chicago.—Capital Increase—Acquisition.

The stockholders on May 22 increased the authorized Common stock from 100,000 no par value shares to 200,000 no par value shares. The Preferred stock remains the same, viz.: \$2,000,000 auth. and \$1,250,000 outstanding.

Of the increased Common stock 10,000 shares have been issued in connection with the recent acquisition of the Shreve's Ice Cream Co. of New York.—V. 116, p. 1768.

Imperial Paper Mills, Ltd.—Listing.

The London Stock Exchange has granted an official quotation to 800,000 5% Cumul. Preference shares of 10s. each, fully paid.—V. 112, p. 263.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Great Britain & Ireland.—To Increase Capital Stock—Stock Dividend.

The shareholders will vote June 19: (a) on increasing the capital to £50,000,000 by the creation of 5,000,000 new Ordinary shares of £1 each, ranking in all respects pari passu with the existing Ordinary shares; and (b) on capitalizing the sum of £7,490,886, viz.: £6,404,554 of the general reserve account and £1,086,332 of the share premium account, such sum to be applied in making payment in full at par of 7,490,886 Ordinary shares of £1 each, to be distributed among the holders of Ordinary shares registered on June 19 1923, at the rate of one such Ordinary share of £1 for every three Ordinary shares of £1 each held.—V. 116, p. 2395.

Independent Breweries Co., St. Louis, Mo.—Tenders.

The American Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., will, until June 19, receive bids for the sale to it of 6% gold bonds, dated June 2 1913, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$75,965 at prices not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 115, p. 189.

Indianapolis Water Co.—New Officer.

Carleton E. Davis, who has been General Manager of the Philadelphia water works, has been elected Vice-President, and General Manager, succeeding Clarence L. Kirk, who has been elected General Manager and Secretary of the Citizens' Gas Co.—V. 116, p. 1282.

International Mercantile Marine Co.—To Defer Preferred Dividends—Annual Report.

Following the meeting of the directors held June 5, President P. A. S. Franklin said:

As was intimated at the stockholders' meeting June 4, the directors have decided that current earnings and the outlook at present do not justify the declaration of the dividend on the Preferred stock usually paid on Aug. 1. [The company on Feb. 1 last, paid a dividend of 1½% on the Pref. stock compared with 3% paid Aug. 1 1922. See V. 115, p. 2800. Unpaid Preferred amount to approximately 43½%.]

The general economic conditions in Europe and particularly the situation in the Ruhr, must improve before trade and commerce can be expected to resume anything like normal conditions. In view of the general situation and of the many factors which have discouraged travel and traffic, among them being the restriction of immigration, continued vexatious passport regulations and increased competition, including that of Government owned ships, it is felt that the company has done well to have earned during 1922 its expenses, taxes and bond interest, and in addition a substantial part of the yearly depreciation on its fleet.

It should be borne in mind that the fleet has been maintained at a high standard of efficiency and that with the approach of normal conditions we shall be in position to take immediate advantage of any increase in business. [For annual report see under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 115, p. 2800.]

International Nickel Co.—Annual Report.

March 31 Years—	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Earnings of all properties (mgf. and selling exp., &c. deducted).....	\$1,153,322	\$373,086	\$4,059,607	\$6,064,762
Other income.....	128,950	234,267	1,106,973	300,710
Total income.....	\$1,282,272	\$607,353	\$5,166,581	\$6,365,472
General expenses.....	370,328	442,075	487,351	555,848
Federal, franchise, &c., taxes (estimated).....	64,854	81,674	491,380	912,565
Depreciation of plants.....	394,728	437,721	1,577,313	1,592,583
Mineral exhaustion.....	—	—	569,838	533,743
Shut-down expenses.....	389,191	428,631	—	—
Foreign cos. not included.....	15,000	15,000	11,000	15,000
Preferred divs. (6%).....	534,756	534,756	534,756	534,756

Balance, sur. or def. ... def \$486,586 dr \$1,332,503 sr \$1,494,943 sr \$2,210,979
The profit and loss surplus March 31 1923 stood at \$10,036,667.—V. 116, p. 728, 622.

International Silver Co.—Accumulated Pref. Dividends.

The company has declared a dividend of ¼ of 1% on account of deferred cumulative dividends and the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the Preferred stock, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. Like amounts were paid April 2 last.

See also Colt's Patent Firearms Mfg. Co. above.—V. 116, p. 943, 829.

Iron Products Corp.—Time Extended.

The committee in charge of the plan with respect to the business and properties of Iron Products Corp. and Central Foundry Co. and subsidiaries announces that sufficient stock of Iron Products Corp. and of Central Foundry Co. has been deposited to permit of the plan being carried out when declared operative. The committee has decided, however, to extend to remaining stockholders who have not deposited their stock the opportunity to participate in the benefits of the plan. Accordingly, the committee has extended the time within which deposits may be received to and inclusive of July 1 1923.—V. 116, p. 1655, 2136, 2263.

Jefferson Union Co., Lexington, Mass.—Bonds Offered.

—Stanley & Bissell, Chicago, are offering, at par and int., \$300,000 First (closed) Mtge. 7% Gold Bonds. A circular shows:

Dated May 1 1923. Due May 1 1933. Int. payable M. & N. at Union Trust Co., Cleveland, without deduction for the Federal income tax up to 2%. Penn. 4-mill tax refunded. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100. c*. Callable on Nov. 1 1923 at 105 and int. and thereafter on any interest date at a price decreasing at the rate of ½ of 1% for each 12 months or part thereof plus interest. Union Trust Co., Cleveland, and W. H. Kinsey, Cleveland, trustees.

Company.—The largest manufacturer of unions in the world. Was established in 1905 and incorporated in Massachusetts. Is engaged in the manufacture and sale of malleable iron pipe unions under the trade name "Jefferson." The "Jefferson unions" are sold to over 650 of the most representative jobbers and dealers throughout the United States and Canada. Company also has a large foreign business. Company operates three well-equipped plants at Lexington, Mass., Providence, R. I., and Lockport, N. Y. Capacity, 19,000 unions per day.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used for additional working capital and the reduction of current liabilities.

Sinking Fund.—Company is required to deposit monthly, in advance, with the trustee, one-sixth of the next interest payment. Beginning March 1 1924, company is required each year to use 25% of net earnings of the preceding calendar year to purchase bonds of this issue in the open market at the lowest obtainable price or to call by lot those not so obtainable at the call figure.

Capitalization.—First Pref. stock, \$200,000; second pref. stock, \$100,000; common stock, \$200,000; first mtge. bonds, \$300,000.

Gross Sales and Net Earnings Available for Int. Charges & Deprec., Cal. Years.

	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
Gross sales.....	\$864,574	\$666,503	\$1,405,830	\$423,451	\$1,103,233
Net earnings.....	111,986	74,651	74,039	Loss 45,671	131,185

Jeffersonville (Ind.) Water, Light & Power Co.—

See Inter-State Public Service Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 90, p. 1681.

Jersey Central Power & Light Corp.—Earnings.

Consolidated Earnings (Corporation and Subsidiaries) for April 1923.

Gross earnings.....	\$2,797,845
Operating expenses, including taxes and maintenance.....	1,639,027
Net earnings.....	\$1,158,818

The corporation is a recent consolidation of several public utilities operating in central New Jersey. All of the companies included in the new corporation have shown satisfactory results over a period of years.

Growth of Business.—The business of the companies has practically doubled in the past five years, as shown by the following figures:

Calendar Years—	Gross Earnings	Net Earnings after Taxes	Cus-tomers.	Kilowatt Hours.	Miles Dis-tances
1918.....	\$1,370,057	\$403,376	15,756	22,436,676	53.1
1919.....	1,820,324	548,357	17,892	26,998,788	68.4
1920.....	2,180,694	660,977	20,903	31,991,294	72.5
1921.....	2,538,256	787,312	25,653	38,636,034	79.8
1922.....	2,681,932	1,101,636	29,294	43,924,637	90.1
1923 x.....	2,797,845	1,158,817	33,032	45,860,179	93.9

x 12 months ended April 30.

Dividend Record of Subsidiaries.—All of the controlled companies have been paying dividends annually on their respective Common stocks.

	7 Year Average.	Last Year.
Morris & Somerset Electric Co.....	8.14%	9%
Commonwealth Electric Co., Summit.....	9.71%	8%
Lakewood & Coast Electric Co.....	9.43%	8%
Lakewood Water Co.....	5.03%	6%
Toms River Electric Co.....	6.23%	8%
Tide Water Power Co.....	7%	7%

The securities of the new corporation have recently been underwritten by a group of banking concerns which included A. C. Allyn & Co., A. B. Larch & Co., R. E. Wilsey & Co., Hincks Bros. & Co. and A. E. Fitkin & Co. Compare V. 116, p. 2395, 2521.

Kennecott Copper Co.—Now Owns 75% of Utah Stock.

The company now owns about 75% of the capital stock of the Utah Copper Co., according to a statement made June 7, based upon a compilation of the returns made to the Kennecott Co., under its recent offer to take over the shares of the Utah Co. Kennecott's offer called for the issuance of 1¼ shares of its own capital stock in exchange for each share of Utah. Stockholders of the latter company were given until May 31 to accept.—V. 116, p. 2263, 2137.

Kings County Lighting Co.—Suit Against Gas Law.—See Consolidated Gas Co. above.—V. 115, p. 2164.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc., N. Y.—Sales—Business.—President E. H. Krom says:

Our sales are going ahead of last year in both the stores and factories: from present indications May store sales will be about 20% ahead. If present rate of increase in earnings, stores and factories, can be maintained for the whole year, the net earnings should be about 40% higher than they were in 1922. Present indications are good and plans are being perfected to make this the best year the company has ever had in both sales and earnings. The company operates 131 shoe stores.—V. 116, p. 1769.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—May Sales.—
—1923—May—1922—Increase—1923—5 Mos.—1922—Increase.
\$6,369,522 \$4,903,106 \$1,466,416 \$29,126,281 \$21,953,273 \$7,173,008
—V. 116, p. 2137, 1639.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—May Sales.—
—1923—May—1922—Increase—1923—5 Mos.—1922—Increase.
\$2,887,289 \$2,510,967 \$376,322 \$12,101,631 \$10,507,494 \$1,594,137
—V. 116, p. 2521, 2137.

Lee Rubber & Tire Corp.—Capital Increase—Acquisition of Republic Rubber Co.—

The stockholders on June 6 authorized an increase in the capital stock from 150,000 shares of no par value to 300,000 shares. John J. Watson Jr., Chairman, said:

"The corporation will issue 65,000 shares of increased capital to acquire the assets of the Republic Rubber Co. The balance of the stock will remain in the treasury. There will be no minority interest of Republic Rubber Co. outstanding. In acquiring the Republic Rubber Co., the Lee corporation is acquiring a plant with approximately three times its own capacity for less than 50% of the formerly outstanding stock of the Lee company. At the present time, Lee and Republic are each doing about the same volume of annual business, \$6,000,000 annually. In the past, Republic has done an annual business upwards of \$18,000,000 and the Lee plant is working at capacity. The combined plants are producing 3,500 tires daily. The acquisition of the Republic Rubber Co. will add greatly to the asset value of the Lee stock."—V. 116, p. 2395.

Liggett's International, Ltd., Inc.—Divs. Resumed.—The directors have declared a dividend of 1½% on the Class "A" and Class "B" Common stocks, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15. This is the first distribution on these issues since July 1 1921, when quarterly dividends of 2% were paid.—V. 114, p. 2123.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.—Complaint.—See American Tobacco Co. above.—V. 116, p. 1185.

Lincoln Mfg. Co., Fall River.—New President.—See Davis (Cotton) Mills above.—V. 115, p. 2912.

Lone Star Gas Co.—Extra Dividend—Earnings.—

An extra dividend of ½% of 1% has been declared on the stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1½%, both payable June 30 to holders of record June 20. Like amounts were paid March 31 last.

Net earnings for April were \$208,363, after all charges, compared with \$198,112 for April 1922. Net earnings for the 4 months ended April 30 were \$1,044,352, compared with \$766,961 in the corresponding period of 1922.—V. 116, p. 1420.

Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co.—Accumulated Dividends.—

A dividend of 7% on account of back dividends covering period from Feb. 1 1920 to Feb. 1 1921 has been declared on the 2d Pref. stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 18. Like amounts were paid on this issue Feb. 1 and May 1 last.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the 1st Pref. stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 16.—V. 116, p. 1058.

(P.) Lorillard Co.—Complaint.—See American Tobacco Co. above.—V. 116, p. 929.

(H. R.) Mallinson & Co., Inc.—Earnings, &c.—

Earnings six months ended April 30 1923.....\$1,005,540
Surplus, balance Nov. 1 1922.....2,491,548
Less dividends paid.....90,545

Profit and loss surplus April 30 1923.....\$3,406,543

Balance Sheet (Including Erie Silk Mills and Pussy Willow Co., Inc.).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Apr. 30 '23	Oct. 31 '22	Apr. 30 '23	Oct. 31 '22
Real estate, equipment, &c.....\$2,952,975	\$3,109,316	Pref. stock, 7%.....\$2,705,000	\$2,705,000
Cash.....258,113	223,296	Common stock (no par value).....z500,000	500,000
Notes receivable.....118,505	127,654	Notes payable.....1,440,000	1,290,000
Inventories.....3,573,141	3,283,164	Accts. pay., acsr.....	
Accts. receivable.....2,027,589	1,687,318	payrolls, &c.....	
Securities.....23,797	7,563	Foreign drafts, &c.....964,457	396,983
Insur., sur. value.....37,873	21,847	Federal taxes, estmated.....	1,064,148
Investments.....37,873	38,150		
Deferred charges.....24,007	39,375	Surplus.....3,406,543	2,491,548
Total.....\$9,015,999	\$8,537,679	Total.....\$9,015,999	\$8,537,679

x Real estate and mill buildings, machinery and equipment, \$3,638,394; less depreciation, \$777,864, leaving \$2,860,531; to which is added equity in apartment houses, \$92,384. y Authorized issue of Preferred stock, \$10,000,000; unissued, \$7,000,000; outstanding, \$3,000,000; acquired for sinking fund, held in treasury, \$295,000. z 200,000 shares, no par value.—V. 116, p. 2396, 830.

Marland Oil Co.—Stockholders Rights.—

The stockholders of record June 20 will be given the right to subscribe for about 235,000 additional shares at \$40 per share up to 25% of their present holdings. The stock subscribed for may be paid for in full on July 20 or \$15 a share on or before that date and \$25 on or before Sept. 1.

A part of the proceeds of the stock will be used to reimburse the treasury for capital expenditures in added facilities such as additional pipe lines, storage tanks and terminal facilities which have been necessitated by the big increase in production and accompanying large sales commitments. A part of the new money will also be used to retire the 8% participating bonds now outstanding in the amount of about \$3,500,000.—V. 116, p. 2264, 1656.

Marlin Firearms Corp., New Haven.—Receivership Order Vacated.—

An order vacating the appointment of a receiver for the company was issued May 29 by Judge Thomas in the U. S. District Court at New Haven. Judge Thomas appointed Louis H. Strouse receiver on May 22 on application of two stockholders. On further hearing he vacated the first order.—V. 113, p. 1778.

Massachusetts Oil Refining Co.—Bondholders Negotiating with Bidders.—

Charles E. Ober, Chairman of the bondholders protective committee, regarding the present situation between that committee and the bidders for the property, says:

"We have been negotiating with Mr. Leach as to the time and method when payment should be made of the bid which Mr. Ray, as the representative of A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and associates, made at the foreclosure sale of the property on May 12. We have reached a tentative agreement with Mr. Leach and his associates, the terms of which are in substance satisfactory to us. We have every expectation that a full agreement will be arrived at promptly and carried out. In that event, our only application to the court will be for the authority necessary to carry out that agreement."—V. 116, p. 2396, 2264, 2016.

Merck & Co.—Preferred Dividends Resumed.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 2% on the 8% Cumul. Pref. stock, payable July 2 to holders of record June 16. This is the first dividend on this issue since July 1 1921.—V. 116, p. 1283.

Maxwell Motor Corporation.—Notes Paid Off.—

All of the outstanding Series "B" 7% gold notes, due June 1 1923, were paid off at maturity.—V. 116, p. 2521.

Middle States Oil Corp.—Sub. Cos. Declare Dividends.—

The following subsidiaries have declared regular quarterly dividends as follows: Imperial Oil Preferred, 2%; Imperial Oil Common, 2½%; Ranger Texas Oil, 2%; Texas Chief Oil, 2%; Dominion Oil, 2%; all payable July 1 to holders of record June 10. Extras were paid by these companies on April 1 last (V. 116, p. 830).—V. 116, p. 2521.

Midwest Sugar Refining Co.—Par Value Changed.—

The company has filed a certificate changing its authorized Capital stock from 10,000 shares, par \$100, to 60,000 shares, no par value, and changing the location of the business to Riverdale, Ill.—V. 116, p. 1657.

Mountain Producers Corp.—Extra Dividend of 1%.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1% (10c. a share) and the usual quarterly dividend of 2% (20c. a share), both payable July 2 to holders of record June 15. Like amounts were paid April 2 last.—V. 116, p. 2138, 1060.

Narragansett Electric Lighting Co.—To Pay Off Notes.

The 3-year 7% Conv. gold coupon notes, dated July 1 1920, are due and payable on July 2 1923. These notes may be converted into Capital stock on July 2 1923, upon presentation and surrender in negotiable form at the office of the Treasurer, Turks Head Bldg., Providence, R. I., providing intention so to do is given the company on or before June 15 1923. Holders who do not wish to convert their notes into stock may present same at the above office for payment on or before July 2 1923.—V. 116, p. 1060.

National Conduit & Cable Co., Inc.—Over 70% of

1st Mtge. Bonds Deposited Under Offer.—The Committee for the 1st Mtge. 6% 10-year sinking fund gold bonds (Charles E. Mitchell) Chairman states:

Over 70% of the outstanding bonds have been deposited under the offer of 70c on the dollar of principal, without interest, payable on or before June 20 1923. (See V. 116, p. 2396.)

The purchaser has now agreed to accept and pay for at the same price all additional bonds which may be deposited under the terms of the offer up to and including June 18. Holders of any such additional bonds who desire to accept this offer should, therefore, deposit with the National City Bank, 55 Wall St., New York, on or before June 18, either their certificates of deposits representing bonds heretofore deposited under the Bondholders' Protective Agreement of April 1 1921, or, in the case of bonds not heretofore deposited under said agreement, the bonds themselves with the coupon due Oct. 1 1921, and all subsequent coupons attached.

The Committee is about to terminate the bondholders' Protective agreement of April 1 1921, and, as a provision for its expenses, will fix a sum of approximately, but not exceeding \$10 per bond, payable upon withdrawal of the same; but in order that the above mentioned offer may be net to the depositing bondholders who accept it, the committee has arranged to collect from the purchaser the amount necessary to cover such payment in respect of their bonds.

Stockholders' Protective Committee Opposed to Offer to Bond-

holders.—Charles R. Meston, Chairman of the Stockholders' Protective Committee, in a notice to minority bondholders inviting them to join with the Stockholders' Protective Committee to work out a reorganization "to save a reasonable value for your bonds and if possible some equity for the stock," says:

This stockholders' committee made an offer in Jan. 1923, to the bondholders' committee which would have given securities and cash of a face value of \$1.105 per bond, being principal and interest in full to Jan. 1 1923. These securities while having a face value of \$1.105 would be in the opinion of the Stockholders' Committee have had a present cash value of something over \$900. You are now asked to sell your bonds for \$700 per bond.

The last printed report (V. 116, p. 830) shows net quick assets of over \$2,000,000 on Jan. 1 1923. The plant according to this report, has a book value of over \$6,000,000. In order to realize only \$700 per bond, this plant would have to be sold at about \$1,000,000, which would appear to be an extremely low price. On the basis of this statement if the plant sold for from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, the bonds would pay from \$800 to about about \$950 per 1,000.

We ask the minority bondholders to join us in taking steps to see that a reasonable bid is made for the plant if it is put on sale so that their interests will be protected and if possible some equity obtained for the stockholders.

The plan under consideration by the stockholders' protective committee provides:

(a) Acquisition at foreclosure sale of the plant by a new company to be capitalized substantially as follows: (1) \$2,000,000 7% 1st Mtge. bonds; (2) \$2,000,000 7% Preferred stock, and (3) 300,000 shares of Common stock.
(b) An exchange by the present minority bondholders of their present bonds with coupons attached for new 7% 1st Mtge. bonds of equal amount, and an underwriting of any bonds not taken by the minority bondholders.
(c) An issue of 7% Preferred stock to provide working capital, and an underwriting of the issue.

(d) An issue of new Common stock share for share to the present Common stockholders on the payment of \$2 per share, cash subscription, and an underwriting of any Common stock not taken by the present stockholders.

This business is normally a profitable business. From its organization until 1917, it grew from an original investment of \$3,000 to a cash sale price of \$8,000,000. Even under the adverse conditions of the 1920 business depression the default on the bonds was merely technical. At the time of receivership, the company reported over \$500,000 cash and only nominal liabilities.—V. 116, p. 2396.

National Power & Light Co.—Interest on Income Bonds.

The directors have declared the regular 3¼% semi-annual distribution of interest on the (\$5,589,710) 50-Year 7% Income bonds for payment July 2 to holders of record April 30.

Description of Income Bonds, &c.—A circular dated May 1 affords the following:

The 50-Year 7% Income Bonds are dated Jan. 1 1922. Interest payable J. & J. to holders of record on Oct. 31 and April 30, respectively. Redeemable all or part at any time at 105 and interest. Denom. \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$10,000 c*. All bonds are registered and are transferable at the office of Central Union Trust Co., New York, trustee, or at the office of Interstate Trust & Banking Co., New Orleans, La.

The Income Bonds constitute the only funded debt of the company. They take precedence as to earnings and assets over both pref. and com. stk. A sinking fund for the retirement of the bonds is provided, equal to 1% for each calendar year of the maximum amount of bonds outstanding during such year, and no dividends may be paid unless the sinking fund payments for all prior years have been made.

Interest on the Income Bonds is cumulative and if the payment for any six months' period or any portion thereof is not made at the end thereof the amount not so paid shall be first paid from the surplus income of subsequent periods and at the rate of 7¼% per annum. Interest at the full rate of 7% per annum has been paid to date and the first sinking fund payment has been met.

Company.—Owns all, or substantially all, the common stock (and in some instances substantial amounts of bonds and preferred stock) of Houston Lighting & Power Co., Knoxville Power & Light Co., Arkansas Central Power Co. and Memphis Power & Light Co. (the latter controlling, through stock ownership, Memphis Street Ry. Co., and is also financially interested in Birmingham Railway, Light & Power Co.).

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
Cumul. Pref. stock, \$7 per share per annum, red. at 110 (initial div. of \$1 75 paid April 16 1923).....125,000 shs. \$39,562 shs.
Common stock.....375,000 shs. \$122,930.5 shs.
50-Year 7% Income Bonds, due Jan. 1 1972.....\$20,000,000 \$8,706,745

x Includes 548.5 shares in treasury. y Includes 770.5 shares in treasury. z Includes \$117,035 in treasury of the Income Bonds; \$96,700 additional have been retired by sinking fund.

Aggregate Gross and Net Earnings of All Operating Companies in Which National Power & Light Co. Is Interested.

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.
Gross earnings—	\$18,889,550	\$18,261,962
Net earnings—	6,025,027	5,467,114

The gross earnings for 1922, as shown above, were derived from various classes of business as follows: Electric power and light, 44.8%; railway, 44%; artificial gas, 10.3%; miscellaneous, 0.9%.

Property and Service of Operating Companies.

The operating companies in which National Power & Light Co. is interested, either directly or through controlled companies, serve a total of 45 communities. They supply electric power and light service to 42 communities, street railway service to 20 communities and artificial gas service to 4 communities. The total population served is in excess of 735,000.

Houston Lighting & Power Co. supplies electric power and light to Houston and 16 adjacent communities, including 2 served at wholesale.

Knoxville Power & Light Co. supplies electric power and light to Knoxville and 5 adjacent communities, and street railway service also to 3 of these communities.

Arkansas Central Power Co. supplies Little Rock, Ark., with electric power and light, and street railway service and, directly or indirectly, 2 other communities with electric power and light at wholesale, one of which is also served with street railway service.

Memphis Power & Light Co. does the entire central station power and light and gas business in the city of Memphis, Tenn., and certain suburbs.

Memphis Street Railway supplies the entire street railway service to the city of Memphis, Tenn., and to 2 adjacent communities.

Birmingham Railway, Light & Power Co. supplies Birmingham, Ala., with electric power and light, gas and street railway service and also supplies directly or indirectly electric power and light to 14 other communities, street railway service to 10 other communities and artificial gas to 2 other communities.

Supervision.—Electric Bond & Share Co. supervises the operations of properties in which the National Power & Light Co. is interested.—V. 116, p. 1284.

National Department Stores, Inc.—Sales Month of April

Net sales—	1923.	1922.
—V. 116, p. 2138, 1657.	\$3,368,603	\$2,976,085

Newaygo (Mich.) Portland Cement Co.—Bonds Offered.—Wm. L. Ross & Co., Inc., Chicago, A. E. Kusterer & Co., Grand Rapids, and Fenton, Davis & Boyle, Detroit, are offering at 96½ and int., to yield about 6½%, \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. and 1st Mtge. Coll. 15-Year S. F. 6½% gold bonds. (See advertising pages.)

Dated June 1 1923. Due June 1 1938. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Int. payable J. & D. at office of First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, or Grand Rapids Trust Co., co-trustee, without deduction for Federal income taxes not exceeding 2%. Red. on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 for first 5 years from date and thereafter at a premium of ¼% for each unexpired year or fraction thereof prior to maturity.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides that the company shall annually, beginning with 1924, devote 30% of its net earnings as therein defined to the redemption of these bonds by purchase at not exceeding the call price or by call. This sinking fund is estimated to retire the whole issue prior to maturity.

Data from Letter of Clay H. Hollister, President of Company.

Company.—Owns and operates a Portland cement plant completed in 1901 at Newaygo, Mich., recently enlarged to a rated production capacity of 3,000 barrels per day. It has its own stone quarries at Charlevoix and Ellsworth, Mich.

Purpose.—Present bond issue and sale of stock finances another plant of 3,000 barrels rated daily capacity to be built at once at Manitowoc, Wis., by a subsidiary—**Manitowoc Portland Cement Co.**—the only cement plant in Wisconsin. Strong Wisconsin interests have joined in this enterprise.

Security.—Direct 1st Mtge. upon the Newaygo plant and by pledge of all the 1st Mtge. bond issue of \$1,500,000 of the Manitowoc Portland Cement Co., the Wisconsin subsidiary, together with all the capital stock (other than directors' qualifying shares) and other securities of that company.

Earnings.—Average annual net earnings of the combined properties are conservatively estimated in excess of \$600,000, or over 6 times maximum interest charges on this issue. Net profits from operation of the Newaygo plant before enlargement, without taking into account profits from sale of assets and extraordinary income, for the past 6 years have averaged \$152,772 available for interest, depreciation, income taxes and dividends, or over 1½ times interest on this issue. In the past 10 years the company has paid \$772,271 in cash and \$64,416 in stock dividends from earnings and \$500,000 stock dividends from capital surplus.

New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.—Bids Invited.

The company invites sealed proposals for the purchase of \$1,145,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, due Jan. 1 1938, and alternate proposals for a like amount of similar bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5½% per annum. These bonds will be secured equally with \$3,434,000 1st Mtge. bonds now outstanding. All proposals must be received at the office of the company, No. 693 Purchase St., New Bedford, Mass., before Wednesday, June 20.—V. 116, p. 1284.

New Cornelia Copper Co.—Production.

Month of—	May 1923.	April 1923.	March 1923.	Feb. 1923.
Copper production (lbs.)	3,631,906	3,155,615	3,181,928	2,666,557

—V. 116, p. 2138, 1540.

New England Power Co.—New Financing.

The Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities has approved the sale by the company at 95.25 of \$1,800,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds recently awarded after competitive bidding to a syndicate headed by Baker, Young & Co., Blodgett & Co., Coffin & Burr, Inc., Arthur Perry & Co. and Tucker, Anthony & Co.—V. 116, p. 2396.

New York Transit Co.—Quarterly Dividends of 2%.

A quarterly dividend of 2% has been declared on the outstanding \$5,000,000 Capital stock, par \$100, payable July 14 to holders of record June 20. This compares with quarterly dividends of 3% each paid Jan. 15 and April 14 last. On Dec. 30 1922 the company paid a special cash dividend of 80%.

President D. S. Bushnell says: "The present situation in the production of crude oil in this country as a whole, and the consequent unsettled conditions in the oil industry which affect transportation of oil by this company, have materially curtailed its operations. Therefore, the directors have found it necessary to reduce the dividend."—V. 116, p. 1060.

Niagara Lockport & Ontario Power Co.—Notes

Sold.—Blair & Co., Inc., New York, and Schoelkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., Buffalo, have sold at 100 and int. \$3,000,000 3-Year 6% Conv. Gold notes (see adv. pages).

Dated June 1 1923. Due June 1 1926. Interest payable J. & D. at Buffalo Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y., trustee, and Blair & Co., N. Y. City, without deduction of Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Redeemable all or part in lots of not less than \$100,000 on June 1 1924 at 102 and int.; on Dec. 1 1924 at 101½ and int.; on June 1 1925 at 101 and int.; on Dec. 1 1925 at 100½ and int. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100c*.

Issuance.—Subject to approval by the New York P. S. Commission.

Conversion.—Notes are convertible, after June 1 1924, into 7% Cumul. Pref. stock on the basis of 10 shares of stock (par \$100) for each \$1,000 of notes. Company shall not be required to convert notes in excess of \$1,000,000 (exclusive of notes called for redemption) prior to June 1 1925, and not in excess of \$2,000,000 (exclusive of notes called for redemption) prior to Jan. 1 1926. Company may waive these limits. In the event that notes are called for redemption, they may be converted before the date set for redemption.

Date from Letter of Pres. Fred D. Corey, Buffalo, June 6 1923.

Company.—Is engaged in the production and distribution of electric energy, principally hydro-electric energy in Western and Central New York. Serves a highly developed and rapidly growing industrial territory extending from Niagara River to and beyond the city of Syracuse. The service of the company extends into 16 counties and the territory reached and supplied in whole or in part by the company embraces a population of more than 1,700,000.

Company owns in fee over 300 miles of private right-of-way. It is now acquiring a right-of-way in fee from Gardenville, just east of Buffalo, to the city of Olean. Upon its rights-of-way are located upwards of 696 miles of transmission lines, in the main steel-tower construction, carrying 936 miles of high-tension circuits. Further, the company owns a hydro-electric plant located on the Salmon River, with an installed capacity of 35,000 h. p.; steam plants located at Lyons, N. Y., and Olean, N. Y., having an installed capacity of approximately 50,000 h. p. It leases a hydro-electric plant on the Oswego River, near the city of Oswego, having an installed capacity of 12,000 h. p.; and it purchases from the Niagara Falls Power Co. and Ontario Power Co., under long-term contracts, 100,000 hydro-electric h. p., which will soon be increased to 130,000 h. p., giving company a total available capacity of 225,000 h. p. for delivering to its transmission and distributing systems.

During 1922 company acquired and now owns all of the issued and outstanding capital stock, except directors' shares, of the following companies: (a) Western New York Electric Co., (b) Bradford Electric Co., (c) Livingston-Niagara Power Co.

Growth of Business.—The growth of the company's business is indicated as follows:

	K. W. H. Delivered.	H. P. Sold.		K. W. H. Delivered.	H. P. Sold.
1908	96,575,110	25,500	1920	443,576,297	113,078
1910	177,722,627	44,834	1922	484,877,202	138,960
1915	250,778,898	62,466	1923 (4 mos.)	199,275,179	158,228

Earnings—Years ended Dec. 31.

	1920.	1921.	x1922.
Sales of electric energy	\$2,899,548	\$2,763,918	\$4,158,994
Cost of energy & operating expenses	1,710,187	1,325,692	2,111,824
Income from other sources	Cr. 139,379	Cr. 69,811	Cr. 46,476
Taxes, rentals, &c., deductions	379,709	393,535	502,270
Interest on funded debt	614,295	656,231	771,452

Balance	\$334,736	\$458,271	\$819,924
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x These earnings include the earnings of the three subsidiary companies from the date on which their respective operations were taken over by this company.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these notes will be used for:

- Acquisition of 70 miles of right-of-way and construction thereon of double circuit 110,000 volt transmission line from Gardenville (near Buffalo) to the city of Olean. \$825,000
- Sub-station at Olean with 15,000 K. V. A. transformer capacity and 10,000 K. V. A., 25 to 60 cycle frequency changer capacity. 300,000
- New double-circuit 110,000 volt transmission line, Lockport to Mortimer, 58 miles. 599,000
- New double-circuit 110,000 volt transmission line, Throop Junction to Solvay, 19½ miles. 201,000
- New double-circuit 110,000 volt transmission line, Amherst-Tonawanda Town Line, to Lake Shore tap at Lackawanna, 20 miles. 242,000
- Re-insulation No. 2 trunk transmission line Lockport to Mortimer, 58 miles, branch lines Oakfield to Batavia, Weedsport to Auburn; installation of increased capacity of distributing systems of the company's three subsidiaries and miscellaneous switching structures and circuit breakers for interconnection with all new circuits. 875,000

The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, up to May 28, received bids for the sale to it, of 1st Mtge. 5% 50-year gold bonds due Nov. 1 1954, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$43,302 and at a price not exceeding 120 and int.—V. 116, p. 1188.

Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd.—Dividend, Cash, &c.

The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividend of 3% on the outstanding \$6,000,000 capital stock, par \$5, payable July 20 to holders of record June 30. A like amount was paid April 20 last.

Financial Statement June 2 1923, Showing Total Cash, &c., \$4,676,196.

Cash in bank, incl. Canadian war bonds, &c.	June 2 1923. Mar. 19 1923
Bullion and ore in transit and on hand	\$3,977,343 \$3,941,873
—V. 116, p. 2138, 1770.	698,853 633,784

North Shaker Boulevard Co., Cleveland.—Receiver.

On petition of the Harriman National Bank, New York, Judge Samuel E. Kramer has appointed E. O. Peck receiver. The petition for a receiver states:

"On May 20 1922 this company took a first mortgage on the North Shaker Boulevard Co., calling for the issuance of 6% Serial Gold bonds to a total of \$3,000,000. We were to be paid interest twice yearly, Jan. 1 and July 1. The mortgage was made and executed to the Harriman Bank, New York, and was to constitute a 'trust estate'."

"The first deed was filed May 26 1922 and \$1,309,500 in bonds were issued and delivered to the Shaker Boulevard Co. by the Harriman Bank. These bonds were bought by various people."

Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.—New Control.

Interests connected with the Samuel Insull public utility properties have obtained control of the company from the United Gas Improvement Co., Philadelphia. The company will be operated by the Insull interests although the United Gas Improvement Co. will retain an interest in the property.—V. 115, p. 2694.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—Bon-

bright & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Spencer Trask & Co., Federal Securities Corp. and H. M. Byllesby & Co., are offering, at 94½ and int., to yield about 6½%, \$1,000,000 First & Ref. Mtge. Gold Bonds 6% Series "B," dated Feb. 1 1921, due Feb. 1 1941 (see description in V. 115, p. 552).

Data from Letter of J. J. O'Brien, Vice-President, Chicago, June 2. Company's system comprises modern and efficient electric generating plants and distributes electricity and natural gas, serving Oklahoma City, Muskogee, Sapulpa, El Reno, Enid, Drumright and other has recently acquired, through stock ownership, properties centering around Shawnee and Ada, Okla., which are being inter-connected with its main transmission systems (see V. 116, p. 2138).

Purpose of Issue.—Proceeds will provide funds for the payment of floating debt incurred for extensions and additions to the property.

Security.—Secured by a first lien on the entire property of the system, subject only to the lien of a closed mortgage on the property, securing \$2,788,000 bonds outstanding in the hands of the public and also \$1,800,000 of bonds pledged as additional security for First & Ref. Mtge. bonds.

Earnings for the Twelve Months Ended April 30 1923.

Gross earnings	\$5,693,398
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes (excl. depreciation)	4,064,598
Annual interest charges on First & Ref. Mtge. bonds (including this issue) and First Mtge. bonds require	795,650

Balance	\$833,240
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Capitalization Outstanding April 30 1923 Giving Immediate Effect to Present Financing.

First & Ref. 6%, Series "B," due Feb. 1 1941 (incl. this issue)	\$2,500,000
do 7½%, Series "A," due Feb. 1 1941	6,750,000
First Mortgage 5% Bonds, due Oct. 1 1929	2,788,000
Bond-Secured 8% Convertible Gold Notes, due Feb. 1 1931	2,301,100
Common Stock	4,500,000
Preferred Stock, 7% Cumulative	5,896,000

There are \$1,125,000 6% notes due April 1 1927 outstanding, owned by Oklahoma General Power Co., over 90% of whose capital stock is owned by the company.

x \$1,800,000 additional First Mtge. 5s, due Oct. 1 1929, are issued and pledged (as additional security) under the mortgage securing the First & Ref. Mtge. bonds. y In addition \$3,451,700 Gen. Mtge. bonds, due Feb. 1 1931, are issued and pledged to secure the \$2,301,100 Bond-Secured 8% Convertible Gold Notes.—V. 116, p. 2138, 1658.

Owens Bottle Co., Toledo, O.—Div. Rate Increased.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 3% on the outstanding Common stock, par \$25, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. On April 1 last an extra dividend of 1% was paid on the Common stock, in addition to the regular quarterly disbursement of 2%. (See V. 116, p. 524.)—V. 116, p. 2017.

Park Chambers, Inc., N. Y. City.—Bonds Offered.—Puritan Mortgage Corp. and Hambleton & Co. are offering at 100 and int. \$800,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 6% Serial Gold bonds. (See advertising pages).

Dated June 1 1923; due serially, 1925-1938. Int. payable without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 4% per annum. Penna. and Conn. 4-mills tax, Maryland 4½-mills securities tax and Mass. income tax of 6% per annum refunded. Callable at 105 and int. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Security.—Secured by direct closed first mortgage on the land at the southeast corner of 58th St. and 6th Ave., N. Y. City, being 95 ft. on 58th St. by 75 ft. 5 in. on 6th Ave., together with a 17-story non-housekeeping apartment building to be erected thereon, the total being valued at \$1,420,000.

Income and Operating Costs (as Estimated by Douglas L. Elliman & Co.)
Gross annual rental, apartments (298 rooms) and stores.....\$268,250
Expenses, taxes, allowance for vacancies, &c.....89,615

Net annual income.....\$178,635
Maximum annual interest charge on this issue.....\$48,000
Net estimated income will be, therefore, over 3½ times the maximum interest requirement on this issue and nearly 2½ times the maximum interest and amortization requirement.

Parke, Davis & Co.—Extra Dividend of 3%.—An extra dividend of 3% has been declared on the Capital stock, par \$25, in addition to a quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable June 30 to holders of record June 20. An extra of 5% was paid in March last, in addition to the quarterly of 2%. On Jan. 2 last a quarterly div. of 4%, together with an extra of 4%, was paid on the old capitalization outstanding before payment on Dec. 30 1922 of the 100% stock dividend. (Compare V. 115, p. 2695.)—V. 116, p. 1188.

Parker Mills of Fall River.—New President.—Israel Brayton has been elected President and a director to succeed the late Leontine Lincoln.—V. 114, p. 636.

Paterson (N. J.) Parchment Paper Co.—Bonds Offered.—Spencer Trask & Co., Townsend, Whelen & Co. and Edward B. Smith & Co. are offering at 96 and int., to yield over 6.40%, \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series A (see advertising pages).

Dated June 1 1923, due June 1 1938. Int. payable J. & D. at National Bank of Commerce, New York, or Passaic National Bank & Trust Co., Passaic, N. J., trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax, not exceeding 2%. Penn. 4 mills tax and Conn. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills per \$1 per annum refunded. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 c*. Red. all or part by lot on any int. date upon 60 days' notice as follows: On or before June 1 1926 at 105 and int., after June 1 1926 and on or before June 1 1929 at 104 and int., after June 1 1929 and on or before June 1 1932 at 103 and int., after June 1 1932 and on or before June 1 1935 at 102 and int., after June 1 1935 and on or before June 1 1937 at 101 and int., after June 1 1937 at 100 and int.

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage provides for a sinking fund which will retire, by purchase or call, \$100,000 of the bonds of series A annually beginning 1925.

Data from Letter of Wm. F. Brunner, June 5.

Company.—Was established at Paterson, N. J., in 1885, when it introduced into America the manufacture of genuine vegetable parchment. Company was incorp. in New Jersey in 1891. Paterson vegetable parchment is a clean, sanitary material made specially for wrapping moist food products, such as butter, meats, fish, cheese, lard, ice cream, &c. It is used extensively throughout the United States and Canada and in Central and South America, China, India, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Company has always maintained its leadership in the industry and to-day it produces about 60% of all the vegetable parchment manufactured in the United States.

Company owns a paper mill at Modena, Pa., where the paper is manufactured, and a parchmentizing and printing plant at Passaic, N. J., where the parchment is finished. Both plants are equipped throughout with the most modern machinery and appliances and have excellent transportation facilities. The combined floor area of the two plants is over 6 acres. Company now has under construction near Bristol, Pa., at tide-water, a paper plant with a floor area of nearly 5 acres, which will cost approximately \$2,000,000. It is estimated that when this new paper plant is in operation, the company will be in a position to nearly double its output of parchment.

Capitalization after this financing.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold bonds.....	\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000
Capital stock (par value \$100).....	5,000,000	3,000,000

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to defray part of the cost of building the new paper plant now under construction at Bristol, Pa., to cost approximately \$2,000,000, the balance to be furnished by the company from its accumulated earnings.

Net Earnings Available for the Payment of Interest, After Depreciation for the Past 15 Calendar Years.

1908.....	\$221,348	1914.....	\$180,330	1919.....	\$270,217
1909.....	197,871	1915.....	271,975	1920.....	807,084
1910.....	208,573	1916.....	758,710	1921.....	569,106
1911.....	177,424	1917.....	460,801	1922.....	878,779
1912.....	170,236	1918.....	283,871	1923 (4 mos.).....	300,831
1913.....	165,195				

In the 32 years since its incorporation in 1891, the company has operated at a profit every year.

Condensed Balance Sheet April 30 1923 (After This Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$1,146,054	Accounts payable.....	\$198,560
Marketable securities.....	600,602	Accrued taxes.....	141,237
Accounts receivable.....	670,884	Dividends payable.....	75,000
Inventories.....	576,059	1st Mtge. 6s.....	1,500,000
Deferred charges.....	24,383	Capital stock.....	3,000,000
Plants, mach. & equip.....	2,511,998	Surplus.....	615,182
Total.....	\$5,529,981	Total.....	\$5,529,981

Penn Central Light & Power Co.—Extra Dividend.—The company has declared the usual quarterly dividend of \$1 and an extra dividend of 10c. per share on the Preferred stock, both payable July 2 to holders of record June 15.—V. 116, p. 1770.

Phoenix Mfg. Co., Eau Claire, Wis.—New Receiver.—Joseph G. Worker, Vice-President and General Manager, who was appointed receiver upon voluntary bankruptcy proceedings several months ago, has resigned. John B. Fleming has been appointed receiver to succeed Mr. Worker.—V. 112, p. 1624.

Philadelphia Suburban Gas & Electric Co.—Merger Plans.—

Application has been made to the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission for authority to merge the following companies: Philadelphia Suburban Gas & Electric Co., East Pennsylvania Gas & Electric Co., Berks County Electric Co., Towaner Electric Co., Plumstead Township Bucks Electric Co., Dublin Borough Bucks Electric Co., and Bedminster Township Bucks Electric Co.—V. 116, p. 1061.

Porto Rican American Tobacco Co.—Hearing Adjourned.—

The hearing on the order to show cause why the injunction should not be issued preventing action on the recapitalization plan, obtained by Phillip Grausman, a shareholder, before Vice-Chancellor Backes at Newark has been adjourned to June 19. The hearing on a similar order was set for yesterday before Vice-Chancellor Bentley. It was expected the company would ask for the consolidation of the two actions.—V. 116, p. 2522.

Postum Cereal Co., Inc.—100% Stock Dividend.—Dividends on New Common Stock on \$3 Annual Basis—Capital Increase.—

The directors have declared a 100% stock dividend on the Common stock, payable June 19 to holders of record June 18.

The directors have also declared a quarterly dividend of 75c. per share on the Common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on the Preferred stock, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20.

The stockholders on June 6 increased the authorized Common stock from 200,000 shares (all outstanding) to 400,000 shares, no par value.—V. 116, p. 2522, 2397.

Public Service Corp. of Quebec.—Capital Increase.—The stockholders on May 29 created a new issue of \$2,600,000 Pref. stock, of which \$1,400,000 is to be presently issued. The present capital is approximately as follows:

	Authorized.	Issued.
Preferred stock.....	\$2,500,000	\$1,400,000
Common stock.....	3,000,000	1,600,000
Bonds.....	2,000,000	500,000

It is stated that part of the new Pref. issue will be issued to retire the \$500,000 bonds now held by the Shawinigan Water & Power Co.—V. 112, p. 2544.

Pure Oil Co.—Plans to Reduce Dividend on Common Stock—Earnings.—At the annual meeting of stockholders on June 5 President B. G. Dawes stated that it is his intention at the next dividend period for the Common stock to recommend to the board of directors a change in the dividend rate from 8 to 6% per annum. President Dawes further says in substance:

For the first 4 months of the year 1923 the company shows a decided increase in earnings as compared with the same period in the last two preceding years. In addition to this the company's proportion of earnings of companies in which it is interested (exclusive of subsidiaries) is growing each year until at the present time the earnings accruing to the Pure Oil Co. from such companies, and not paid in dividends, are equivalent to at least 4½% on the Common stock of the Pure Oil Co.

For the last 2 years in gradually increasing degree there have been unfavorable predictions as to the earnings of the company. Whether these predictions have been from ulterior motives or not is of no consequence. Nevertheless they have brought forth inquiries from a large number of stockholders as to the ability of the Pure Oil Co. to continue its high rate of dividends. Attention is called to the fact that during the last week regular dividend No. 38 was paid on the Common stock.

"We have paid our stockholders in the last 10 years more than \$43,500,000 in cash dividends, a larger dividend with but few exceptions than any of the great oil companies of the United States. As President of the company since its inception I fully believe that during the next 10 years the dividends will be as regular as they have been in the last 10 years. This belief is founded on the theory that the requirements for oil will be continuous and increasing and the knowledge that your company is basically as well founded as any of the great oil companies in the world."

"There are at the present time 28,000 Common stockholders and 9,000 Preferred stockholders. The stockholders have become so diversified that it seems impossible now to arrive at any consensus of opinion as to dividends. Therefore, it is my intention at the next dividend period for the Common stock to recommend to the board of directors a change in the dividend rate from 8 to 6% per annum."

The following board of directors was elected for the ensuing year: W. F. Burdell, J. L. Bushnell, H. N. Cole, B. G. Dawes, W. C. Fairbanks, F. S. Heath, A. E. Humphreys, W. E. Hutton, R. W. McIlvain, W. W. Mills and N. H. Weber.—V. 116, p. 2523, 2513.

Republic Motor Truck Co., Inc.—New Directors.—

M. N. Buckner, Chairman of the board of directors of the New York Trust Co. of N. Y., has been elected Chairman of the board. Other members of the board are J. A. Bowers, Vice-President of the New York Trust Co.; Maurice Rothschild, of Chicago; George W. Morgan, of Breed, Abbott & Morgan, of N. Y., and President O. W. Hayes.

The company, it is stated, is the largest exclusive truck manufacturer in the world, with over 70,000 trucks in service. The plant at Alma, Mich., with 600,000 feet of floor space, has a monthly capacity of 3,250 trucks.—V. 116, p. 2523.

Republic Rubber Corporation.—Sale.—

A. A. Garthwaite, V.-Pres. of the Lee Rubber & Tire Corp., on June 7 bought the Republic Rubber Corp. at public auction at Youngstown, O. The nominal purchase price was \$5,523,410, representing creditors' claims, plus \$11,100 cash and assumption of \$2,000,000 in receiver's obligations. Mr. Garthwaite announced that he was buying for a new company, the Republic Rubber Co. of Ohio, now in process of incorporation. See also Lee Rubber & Tire Corp. above, and V. 116, p. 2397.

Richland Coal Co.—Bonds Offered.—Cassatt & Co., Otis & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co. are offering at prices to yield from 6½ to 7%, according to maturity, \$1,200,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½% Serial Gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1923. Due \$60,000 annually June 1 1924 to 1943 incl. Int. payable J. & D. at Philadelphia Trust Co., trustee. Penna. 4-mills tax refunded. Company agrees to pay normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Red. as a whole at 102, or in part at 102½ and int. on any int. date.

Data From Letter of Pres. J. C. McKinley, Dated June 2 1923.

Security.—The property on which these bonds will be secured by a closed first mortgage has been appraised by E. V. d'Inville at \$2,738,224, without assigning any value to the leased coal.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to reimburse the company for capital expenditures and to provide additional working capital.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide a sinking fund of 10 cents per ton on all coal mined from the property in which the company owns the mineral rights in fee. An additional sinking fund will be created if in any year net earnings, after depletion, depreciation, royalties, interest and Federal taxes, exceed \$600,000.

Property.—Property of company is located in Ohio and Brooke counties, W. Va., and consists of 7,951 acres of unmined coal lands, of which the entire mineral rights of 4,920 acres are owned in fee, and the balance held under favorable lease. Property is developed by four drift mine plants having a mining capacity in excess of 750,000 tons per annum. For the last five years the average annual output has been 485,000 tons, not including the Clifton plant, which operates solely on leased coal. The recoverable coal from the mortgaged property owned in fee, based on 70% average recovery, has been estimated to be 29,500,000 tons, and from the entire property, including leaseholds, 49,800,000 tons. Based on an average annual production of 600,000 tons, the estimated life of the property, including leaseholds, would be approximately 80 years, and that production would not exhaust the fee property for 50 years.

Earnings.—Net earnings available for depreciation, depletion, interest and Federal taxes for the five years ended Dec. 31 1922 have averaged \$406,298. These average net earnings are in excess of five times the maximum annual interest charges on this issue and approximately three times the total of the maximum annual interest charges and annual principal payments.

Rickenbacker Motor Co., Detroit.—2% Cash Div.—

The directors have declared a 2% cash dividend on the Capital stock, par \$10, payable July 15 to holders of record June 30. A like amount was paid April 15 last. See V. 116, p. 1062.

Royal Dutch Co.—Dividend of 26½% for 1922.—

The Equitable Trust Co. has received the following cable from the company: "The board will propose to the general meeting of shareholders to be held June 29, to fix the dividend for 1922 at 26½%, of which in January last an interim dividend of 10% has been paid." Further announcement as to the rate of dividend and date of payment will be given by the Equitable Trust Co. at a later date.—V. 116, p. 421.

Russell Mfg. Co., Middletown, Conn.—Omits Dividend.—The directors have voted to omit payment of the dividend usually paid about the middle of May.—V. 110, p. 2298.

Sagunay Pulp & Power Co.—Sub. Co. Stock Reduced.—See Chicoutimi Pulp Co. above.—V. 116, p. 1062.

Sapulpa Refining Co. of Oklahoma.—Annual Report.— Income and Profit and Loss Statement for Calendar Years.

1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Net sales.....\$3,638,883	\$3,846,523	Deprec. & depln.....\$100,000	\$400,000
Net prof. on sales.....251,780	289,993	Balance, surplus.....\$155,579	\$153,549
Gross income.....438,594	842,940	Previous surplus.....642,710	804,446
Int. on fund. debt.....96,800	42,733	Credits.....42,948	36,062
Int. on unfunded debt.....46,368	58,942	Total surplus.....\$841,236	\$994,057
Cash discount on sales.....32,734		Stock dividend.....150,000	
Miscellaneous.....39,847	154,982	Cash dividend.....75,000	
Net income.....\$255,579	\$553,549	Other charges.....45,633	126,347
—V. 116, p. 1906.		P. & L. surplus.....\$795,604	\$642,710

Scott-Powell-Daries, Inc.—New Control, &c.— See United States Dairy Products Corp. below.—V. 111, p. 1478.

Seneca Copper Corp.—New Financing.—

The company has authorized \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund 7% 10-Year bonds convertible into stock at \$15 per share, of which issue \$500,000 bonds will remain in its treasury to retire the \$500,000 8% Debentures due in October 1925. Of the remaining \$1,000,000, \$500,000 will be offered to stockholders at 98 and any bonds not taken by them will be taken by a syndicate of bankers who have underwritten the issue, with an option on the remaining \$500,000 bonds.

On account of the purchase of the Gratiot property, there remains to be paid in December 1924 \$410,000. As the note covering this payment carries no interest, the directors have decided to reserve the remaining \$500,000 bonds to meet this obligation.

The stockholders will be asked to increase the capital by 100,000 shares to 450,000 shares to provide stock to take care of the conversion of the bonds.

The management, it is said, plans to begin production on a commercial basis early in July and it estimates that an output of 15,000,000 pounds can be made in 1924, with a gradual increase to 30,000,000 pounds annually at a cost estimated at not over 10½ cents.

With all payments for property and equipment thus provided for, the directors are confident that production—even on a moderate scale—will more than take care of development costs and that this is the final financing.—V. 116, p. 947.

Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.—Dividend.—

The Equitable Trust Co. has received information from its London office that the "Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd., has announced a dividend of 2s. 6d. per British Ordinary share, payable in London on July 5 1923. This is equivalent to 5s. per "American share."

Further notice of the rate and date of payment of the dividend in New York will be given out by the Equitable Trust Co. at a later date.—V. 116, p. 188.

Silver Dyke Mining Co.—Guaranteed Debentures So'd.—

E. M. Hamlin & Co., Boston, have sold at 100 and int. \$600,000 5-year 7% Sinking Fund Debentures. Guaranteed, principal, interest and sinking fund, by the American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co., which company owns a controlling stock interest in the Silver Dyke Mining Co.

Dated June 1 1923. Due June 1 1928. Exchangeable for Silver Dyke Mining Co. stock at \$5 per share. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c. Interest payable J. & D. without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 105 and int. National Shawmut Bank, Boston, trustee.

Sinking Fund.—Sinking fund beginning Sept. 1 1923 of \$10,000 per month to be deposited with trustee to purchase notes at not exceeding 105 and int., or for redemption by lot on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 105 and int. Right to exchange notes for stock continues until redemption date.

Data from Letter of William A. Ogg, President, Boston, June 1.

Company.—Incorp. in 1921 to take over the silver-lead-copper property, located near Neilhart, Mont., known as the Silver Dyke Mine. It was developed during 1920 and 1921 by the American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co., which company now owns 344,412 shares of its total authorized and outstanding capitalization of 500,000 shares.

The property comprises 6 patented mining claims and 17 unpatented mining claims, covering an area of approximately 300 acres. In addition, it owns in part one other mining claim, and has options upon 6 other claims aggregating approximately 100 acres. A mill with a rated capacity of 450 tons per day has been built upon the property and is now in operation. The mine has been fully equipped and proper housing facilities for the employees have been provided.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used by the company to repay advances made to it by the American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co. for the purpose of erecting the mill, developing the property and providing it with working capital.

Earnings.—The report made to the company in July 1922 by C. O. Lindberg, consulting mining engineer, indicated 500,000 tons of ore, from which he estimated the operating profit would be over \$1,000,000 to be earned during a period of 5 years. Since this report further developments have indicated 500,000 tons additional ore of a higher grade than that reported on by Mr. Lindberg in 1922, and further developments will probably add to these reserves.

Irrespective of the expected earnings from the Silver Dyke property, the American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co. earned for the first quarter of 1923 at the rate of about \$600,000 per annum after all charges, except depreciation and depletion, and the price of the Pref. and Common stocks of the company at the present time indicate a market value of approximately \$7,000,000. The American Zinc company's only fixed obligation as of June 1 1923 other than the \$600,000 guaranty of these notes is that of \$1,152,600 Grady Mining & Smelting Co. 5% bonds, due June 1 1926.

Listing.—Application will be made to list debentures on Boston Stk. Exch. Capitalization—
Five-Year 7% Conv. Deb. notes (this issue).....\$600,000
Authorized.....\$600,000
Outstanding.....500,000 shs. 500,000 shs.

Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.—To Increase Capital.

The shareholders will vote June 14 on increasing the capital stock. It is proposed to change the common stock from \$5,000,000 par value to 100,000 shares of no par value, and to increase the preferred from \$1,500,000 to \$5,000,000. It is understood that the proceeds of the increased capitalization, as well as of a proposed issue of bonds, will be used to finance the installation of three units at Hemmings Falls to develop 30,000 h. p.—V. 115, p. 2804.

Southern New England Telephone Co.—Increase.—

The stockholders will vote June 25 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$20,000,000 (\$18,000,000 outstanding) to \$40,000,000 and on authorizing the directors to issue additional capital stock up to \$30,000,000.

Pres. James T. Moran states that the directors will probably in the fall of this year offer \$3,000,000 of stock for subscription to stockholders, payable in full on Jan. 3 1924, or in two installments, viz., not less than 50% on Jan. 3 1924 and the balance on April 3 1924. The proceeds will be used to pay off bank loans incurred for new construction.—V. 116, p. 731.

Southwestern Utilities Co., Independence, Kan.—Notes Offered.—

Chandler & Co., Inc., New York; Lumbermans Trust Co.-Bank, Seattle; Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., San Francisco, and Mark C. Steinberg & Co., St. Louis, are offering, at 98½ and interest, yielding over 7½%, \$1,700,000 First (Closed) Lien Coll. Conv. 7% Gold Notes (see advertising pages).

Dated June 1 1923. Due June 1 1926. Callable, all or part, on 30 days' notice at 105 and interest during first year, 103 and int. second year, and 101 and int. thereafter to maturity. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Interest payable J. & D. in New York and Portland, Ore., without deduction for Federal normal income tax not in excess of 2%. Corporation agrees to refund Penn. 4 mills tax, Mass. income tax on interest not exceeding 6%, New York income tax on interest not exceeding 3% per annum, and any income tax on interest that may be imposed by the States of California and Oregon, not exceeding in either case 2% per annum. Empire Trust Co., New York, trustee; Lumbermans Trust Co., Portland, Ore., paying agent.

Data from Letter of Vice-President Paul R. Johnson, June 4 1923. Capitalization After This Financing.

First Mtge. 8% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series "A," Convertible, due Nov. 1 1936.....	\$824,500
First Lien Coll. Conv. 7% Gold Notes, due June 1 1926 (closed).....	1,700,000
8-10% Profit-Sharing Preferred Stock (par \$100).....	500,000
Second Preferred Stock (par \$100).....	760,000
Common Stock (without par value).....	50,000 shs.

x As of June 1 1923, \$851,100 of these bonds are outstanding, but \$26,672 cash has been deposited with the trustee for the sinking fund and tenders of bonds have been requested to exhaust this amount.

Company.—Incorporated in 1921 in Delaware. Company and its predecessor has been engaged since 1915 in the production, purchase, pipe line transportation and sale of gas. Supplies the wholesale and retail consumers in the communities of Independence, Cherryvale, Elk City, Sycamore and surrounding territory in Southeastern Kansas, and through pipe line connections to the Fredonia Gas Co. and the Union Gas & Fuel Co., which serve Fredonia, Yates Center, Burlington, Neodesha and other communities. Distribution is carried on by means of a pipe line system 256 miles in length connected with 265 producing gas wells, either owned or under gas purchase contracts, with an aggregate open flow capacity of over 200,000,000 cu. ft. of gas per day. The system includes three compressor stations, together with all necessary accessories and equipment.

In addition to the natural gas produced by the company, it also owns oil rights underlying 33,106 acres in Kansas and Oklahoma, from which the company is taking oil at the rate of 40,000 bbls. per year.

The company serves public utility companies, including electric light plants, street railway power plants, ice plants and municipal water plants. For 1921, 4,275,791,000 cu. ft. of gas were delivered and for 1922, 4,494,463,000 cu. ft. of gas were delivered. Deliveries for the first quarter of 1923 were 1,401,854,000 cu. ft., and the management estimates that total deliveries for 1923 will be in excess of 6,000,000,000 cu. ft.

Company will control, through stock ownership, gas and oil rights underlying 50,000 acres in the Viking gas field of Northern Alberta, Can., located about 80 miles from the city of Edmonton. The Viking gas field covers 200 square miles. The gas and oil rights owned cover over 77 sq. miles and 27 miles of this area are proven territory. The property has already 9 producing wells with an open flow capacity of 36,000,000 cu. ft. per day. Showings of oil in certain of these wells indicate future oil production.

Conversion.—Notes are convertible at any time prior to maturity, or if called for redemption, up to the redemption date, into the bonds deposited as collateral security at the rate of \$1,000 First Mtge. 7% bond and 2 shares common stock of Canadian Utilities, Ltd., for each \$1,000 note.

Security.—Subject to \$824,500 First Mtge. bonds, the notes are a first lien, by deposit with the trustee, of \$2,000,000 First Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds due 1938 of the Northwestern Utilities, Ltd. Further secured by a deposit of the majority of the Common stock of the Canadian Utilities, Ltd. This company will own the entire capital stock of Northwestern Utilities, Ltd., and Princeton Petroleum Co., Ltd. (which will own 50,000 acres of oil leases in the same territory), and guarantees the payment of principal and interest of the \$2,000,000 bonds. These \$2,000,000 First Mtge. 7% Bonds of the Northwestern Utilities, Ltd., are part of an authorized issue of \$4,000,000, of which \$3,250,000 have been sold and will be a first mortgage on property valued by the Utilities Commission of Alberta, upon completion of the construction program, at \$4,181,406. The remaining \$750,000 of First Mtge. 7% Bonds can be issued only for new property acquisitions, additions or betterments and only to the extent of 80% of the cost thereof.

Earnings.—Total income and net earnings available for interest, sinking fund, taxes and reserves, are as follows:

Calendar Years—	1921.	1922.	1923 (4 Mos)
Total income.....	\$815,936	\$954,788	\$374,829
Net earnings.....	168,738	262,734	113,568

Net earnings for 1923, available for interest, sinking fund, taxes and reserves, estimated by the management, will be over \$350,000, and will be further increased by the income at the annual rate of \$140,000 from the \$2,000,000 First Mtge. 7% Bonds deposited as collateral.—V. 115, p. 2695.

Spanish-American Iron Co.—Bonds Called.—

One hundred thirty-seven (\$137,000) 1st Mtge. 20-year sinking fund gold coupon bonds, due 1927, have been called for redemption July 1 at par and int. at the Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa.

The following bonds remain unpaid. Called for July 1 1922: Nos. 159, 4435, 4520, 4728; Jan. 1 1923, Nos. 171, 174, 334, 1290, 2033, 2134, 2984, 2998, 3078, 3171, 3894, 4031, 4600.—V. 115, p. 2592.

Spicer Mfg. Corp.—Bonds Called.—

Certain 10-Year 8% Gold bonds dated July 1 1921, aggregating \$71,200, have been called for redemption July 2 at 107½ and int. at the Commercial Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 116, p. 1772.

Standard Oil Co. of California.—Oil Contract.—

The company has contracted to purchase the entire output of the Honolulu Consolidated Oil Co. The output was formerly sold to the General Petroleum Corp.—V. 116, p. 2125.

Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana.—Valuation Reduced.—

The Louisiana P. S. Commission has reduced the valuation of the company's pipeline properties, on which tariffs are based, from approximately \$21,000,000 to \$12,500,000 and prescribed 7 cents as a maximum gathering charge and 25 cents as a maximum transportation rate within the State of Louisiana. The company, however, admitted itself a common carrier before the Commission could hold a hearing and declare it such. The date for a hearing on the Commission's case to declare the company's Baton Rouge refinery a public utility has not been fixed.—V. 116, p. 2018.

Standard Oil Co. (N. J.).—Oil Tax Evasion Denied.—

The company on June 4 issued a statement saying that its Argentine subsidiary, the West India Oil Co., had in no way evaded its tax obligations with the South American Republic, as reported in a dispatch from Buenos Aires. F. D. Asche, Vice-Pres. in charge of foreign properties, said the company had not "committed any irregular act or defrauded the Government," and it was said that the charges against the company were based upon a decision of the lower courts and that an appeal would be taken from this decision. Mr. Asche's statement said in part:

"(1) With respect to the West India Oil Co., that during the period between 1917 and 1922 it has imported as fuel oil, which would be duty free, a Mexican crude oil which contains light products that are dutiable. The West India Oil Co. denies it has committed any irregular act or defrauded the Government in these transactions.

"(2) With respect to the Compania Nacional de Petroleos, Ltd., that it has obtained a greater amount of kerosene and naphtha from the crude oil imported than would ordinarily be obtained from crude oil by the usual processes of refining, and therefore, that the crude thus imported was not a straight natural crude oil. All of the crude oil thus referred to came from the Texas and Louisiana fields in the United States, and from Peru. Mr. Asche states that on every barrel of this crude oil imported into Argentina the import duty fixed by the Argentine law was paid and that this was natural crude oil as produced and did not contain any admixture of kerosene or naphtha."—V. 116, p. 2398.

Standard Parts Co., Cleveland.—Another Plant Sold.—

The Cincinnati plant of the company has been sold at auction for \$136,000 to Albert J. Mayer, Cincinnati realtor. The plant in its entirety was offered by Frank A. Scott, receiver. The plant was the Hess Spring & Axle division of the company.—V. 116, p. 2523.

Studebaker Corp.—Sale of Cars on Weekly Payments.—

The company's Newark, N. J., agency announces a \$10 weekly payment plan for Studebaker cars. In general the plan is similar to the Ford \$5 weekly payment plan, announced in April last, which secures purchase of a car by small weekly payments deposited through the dealer at the local bank. The Studebaker Corp., it is stated, has not officially adopted the \$10 plan although it has been under consideration for some time.—V. 116, p. 2398.

Suffolk Anthracite Collieries, Scranton, Pa.—Bonds Offered.—

Warren A. Tyson & Co., Phila., are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds (see advertising pages).

Dated June 1 1923. Due June 1 1938. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Callable, all or part, on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 107½ and int. Int. payable J. & D. without deduction of normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Free of Penna. personal property tax. Pennsylvania Co. for Ins. on Lives & Granting Annuities, and George M. Clarke, trustees.

Data From Letter of Pres. J. E. Crass Jr., Scranton, Pa., May 24.
Business.—Suffolk Anthracite Collieries, which is being organized in Pennsylvania for the purpose of acquiring the property and assets of the Suffolk Coal Co., will own and control the operation of approximately 525 acres of anthracite coal lands, a part of which is owned in fee, the balance under perpetual leases on advantageous royalty. The colliery, modern in every respect, is electrically equipped and comprises breaker, separator, washery, power house, machine shop, electric locomotives, narrow-gauge railway lines, pumps, compressors, &c. The property is located in the counties of Lackawanna and Luzerne at Avoca, near Scranton. Is shipping at present at the rate of over 300,000 tons annually. Charles Enzian, C.E., M.Sc., mining engineer, estimates that the property contains a total of more than 6,400,000 tons of recoverable anthracite coal.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for the payment to the trustee of a sum equal to 30c. per ton on all coal mined and shipped, with minimum payments at the rate of \$16,750 every 3 months, to be used to retire bonds quarterly at not to exceed 107½ and int. Bonds will be callable all or part on any int. date on 60 days' notice at not to exceed 107½ and int.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue and of the two classes of capital stock will provide funds for the purchase of the property, the installation of improvements to the mining plant, and adequate working capital.

Capitalization After Financing.—

	Authorized	Issued.
1st Mtge. Sinking Fund 7% Gold bonds (this issue)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
8% Cumulative Preferred stock (par \$100)	1,000,000	750,000
Common stock (no par value)	10,000 shs.	10,000 shs.

Earnings.—The report upon the operations of the properties for the three years and four months ended April 30 1923, made by Price, Waterhouse & Co., public accountants, indicated that net earnings for this period, before provision for depreciation, depletion, Federal income and profits taxes, were at the annual rate of considerably more than three times the sinking fund and maximum interest requirements of this issue.

Contract.—The Coal Sales Co. of Scranton, Pa., has contracted to purchase the entire output of the company for a period of 10 years at a price based upon the average price received by five of the largest independent anthracite mining companies in the district.

Sugar Estates of Oriente, Inc.—Registrar.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for the 50,000 shares of Pref. stock, par \$100.—V. 116, p. 1907.

Syracuse Lighting Co.—Capital Increased.—

The stockholders on June 4 increased the authorized capital from 30,000 shares Pref. (par \$100) and 30,000 shares Common (par \$100) to 100,000 shares Pref. and 100,000 shares Common, par of both \$100. All the present Common is outstanding and \$1,500,000 Pref. Of the increased stock, \$1,500,000 will be offered to the public.—V. 116, p. 2399.

Tennessee Copper & Chemical Co.—Obituary.—

Horace M. Kilborn, a director, died May 31.—V. 116, p. 1907.

Thompson-Starrett Co., New York.—Dividend.—

The company has declared a dividend of \$4 a share on the Common stock, payable July 2 to holders of record June 20. A dividend of like amount was paid on July 1 1922.—V. 112, p. 2421.

Tonopah Extension Mining Co.—No Extra Dividend.—

The regular quarterly dividend of 5% has been declared payable July 2 to holders of record June 9. On Jan. 2 and April 2 last, extra of 5% were paid in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 5%.—V. 116, p. 2523.

Tonopah Mining Co.—Acquisition.—

The shareholders of the King Kirkland Gold Mines, Ltd., recently ratified an agreement with the Tonopah Mining Co., under the terms of which the latter company will operate the property.—V. 116, p. 1772.

Transue & Williams Steel Forging Corp.—Earnings.—

The following has been pronounced substantially correct for the "Chronicle": Actual net earnings in the 4 months ended April 30 last were in excess of dividend requirements for the entire year. The company's plants are operating 100%. The company has a large amount of business on its books and operations will continue at a high rate for some months.—V. 116, p. 626.

Tuckett Tobacco Co., Ltd.—New Directors.—

Gray Miller and James M. Dixon, both of New York, have been elected directors.—V. 116, p. 2399.

Underwood Typewriter Company.—Stock Sold.—Lehman Brothers, Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Hallgarten & Co. have sold when, as and if issued, a block of new Common stock at \$45 a share.

The company has called a meeting of its stockholders for June 12, at which meeting the stockholders will be asked to authorize the change in the par value of the Common stock from \$100 to \$25 per share and authorize the creation and issue of an additional \$1,000,000 Common stock (the offer of which stock to existing stockholders has been underwritten by the above-named bankers). Subject to approval by stockholders, the company will have outstanding \$3,700,000 7% Preferred stock (par \$100) and \$10,000,000 Common stock (par \$25).

In a letter to the bankers, President John T. Underwood calls attention to the fact that since the organization of the company in 1910, the gross sales have increased considerably over 100% and the company has, in no year failed to earn a substantial profit. The sales for the first four months of 1923 are reported to be over 20% in excess of sales for the corresponding period of last year, and earnings on the Preferred and Common stocks for the first four months of 1923, after all charges, depreciation and taxes, including Federal taxes, are estimated to be approximately \$975,000.

Mr. Underwood further states that it is his expectation that the new \$25 stock will be placed on a \$3 per share per annum dividend basis.—V. 116, p. 2523.

United Gas & Electric Corp.—Earnings (Incl. Subs.).—

Period	1923.	1922.	12 Mos. end. Apr. 30—1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$1,174,590	\$1,018,840	\$1,135,644	\$1,171,184
Oper. exp., maintenance & taxes	\$766,974	\$669,237	\$8,647,019	\$7,752,317
Net earnings	\$407,617	\$349,602	\$4,488,625	\$3,998,867
Non-oper. income	11,055	7,104	109,094	89,135
Total gross income	\$418,672	\$356,707	\$4,597,719	\$4,088,002
Interest on funded debt	\$100,833	\$104,274	\$1,223,691	\$1,225,164
Other fixed charges	43,096	41,060	487,096	495,895
Res. for renewals & replacements	76,135	59,868	790,312	621,712
Add—Def. ded. above	—	—	—	C73,320
Less—Inter-co. divs.	1,312	1,312	19,214	19,214
Bal. avail. for divs.	\$197,295	\$150,194	\$2,077,406	\$1,729,337
Proport. not appl. to holding companies	\$40,833	\$35,030	\$465,084	\$406,477
Holding cos.'s propor.	\$156,462	\$115,164	\$1,612,322	\$1,322,861

United Oil Co. of California.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 3 cents per share has been declared on the outstanding \$2,000,000 capital stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2 cents per share, both payable July 15 to holders of record June 9.—V. 108, p. 85.

United Retail Stores Corp.—Votes to Dissolve.—

The stockholders on June 7 approved the dissolution of the company and authorized the directors to take the necessary steps to distribute the assets to stockholders on a pro rata basis. See V. 116, p. 2286.

United Shoe Machinery Co.—Admitted to List.—

The Boston Stock Exchange has added to the list 554,723 additional shares of common stock, bringing the total number listed to 1,941,529 shares (par \$25).—V. 116, p. 2387, 2399.

United States Dairy Products Corp.—Notes and Pref. Stock Offered.—Chandler & Co., Inc., in January last offered at 98½ and int. \$550,000 10-Year Conv. 6½% Sinking Fund Gold notes, Series "A."

Dated Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1933. Int. payable J. & J. at American Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for the Federal normal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 110 and int. up to and incl. Dec. 31 1923, and decreasing thereafter by 1% for each year of expired life of the notes. Penna. 4-mills tax, Mass. income tax on int. not exceeding 6% per annum and New York income tax on int. not exceeding 3% per annum refunded.

Sinking Fund.—Notes will be retired by a sinking fund of 10% of the net profits after deduction of reserve for depreciation, amortization, taxes and interest; but with a minimum payment equal to 3% of the greatest amount of notes of this Series "A" at any time outstanding.

Conversion Privilege.—Notes will be convertible at any time prior to maturity, or if called, then prior to the redemption date, into the 7% Conv. 1st Pref. Cumulative stock in the ratio of 10 shares of stock for each \$1,000 note; and into the 8% Conv. 2d Pref. Cumulative stock on the same basis. The notes are also convertible into the Class "A" or Class "B" Common stock in the ratio of 15 shares of Class "A" or Class "B" Common stock for each \$1,000 note.

Offering of Pref. Stock.—The same bankers offered at 95 and div. \$600,000 7% Convertible 1st Pref. (a. & d.) Cumulative stock, par \$100.

Transfer agents, Metropolitan Trust Co., New York, and Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia. Registrars, Empire Trust Co., New York, and Franklin Trust Co., Philadelphia. Dividends payable Q.-M. Convertible at any time prior to Dec. 1 1932 into 8% Conv. 2d Pref. Cumul. stock, share for share, or into either Class "A" or Class "B" Common stock in the ratio of 1½ shares of Common for 1 share of Pref. stock. Red. on 60 days' notice at 112½ and divs.

Data From Letter of Harry W. Scott, Vice-President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in Maryland. Has acquired control of the Scott-Powell Dairies, Inc., which company is the consolidation of the business founded by the Scott family in 1835 and by R. E. Powell in 1875. This company serves milk and kindred dairy products in Philadelphia and vicinity and is one of the largest dairy companies operating in Philadelphia. [Under date of June 4 the "Chronicle" was informed that the corporation owned stock in the following companies: (a) Scott-Powell Dairies, Inc., 100% of Common, 75% of 1st Pref. and 100% of 2d Pref.; (b) Kelly-Lester Milk Co., Common, 100%; 1st Pref., 60%; 2d Pref., 100%; (c) Stanton Park Dairies, 100% owned.]

Capitalization.—

	Authorized.	Issued.
7% Conv. 1st Pref. Cum. stock, par \$100	\$5,000,000	\$600,000
8% Conv. 2d Pref. Cumul. stock, par \$100	5,000,000	533,000
x Common stock, Class "A" and "B"	200,000 shs.	25,000 shs.
10-Year Conv. 6½% Sk. Fd. notes, Series "A"	\$2,500,000	\$550,000

x Class "A" Common stock is entitled to receive \$6 per share in each year after payment of dividends on the Preferred stocks, before any dividends shall be paid in that year on Class "B" Common stock, the balance of earnings after such payment being applicable to Class "B" Common stock. Class "A" Common stock may be converted into Class "B" Common stock, share for share, at any time prior to Dec. 1 1932.—V. 116, p. 1191.

United States Rubber Co.—Resignation.—

J. N. Gunn has resigned his positions both as Vice-President of the United States Rubber Co. and as President of the United States Tire Co., a subsidiary.—V. 116, p. 1907.

United States Worsted Co.—Initial Dividend.—

A quarterly dividend of \$1 50 a share has been declared on 6% 1st Pref. stock, payable in 6% scrip July 1 to holders of record June 15. Dividends are not cumulative on the Preferred stock until Jan. 1 1925. This company was recently reorganized (see plan in V. 115, p. 2696).—V. 116, p. 732, 806.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Production.—

Month of—

	May 1923.	April 1923.	Mar. 1923.	Feb. 1923.
Copper output (lbs.)	3,759,012	3,759,160	3,621,074	3,220,306

—V. 116, p. 2156, 2019.

United Zinc Smelting Corp.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—

	1922.	1921.
Total sales	\$1,738,965	\$765,208
Operating profit after costs and expenses	\$153,914	loss \$45,862

—V. 114, p. 2836.

Universal Leaf Tobacco Co., Inc.—New President, &c.—

Oscar C. Gregory has been elected a Vice-President succeeding W. A. Willingham, who has been elected President, succeeding Thomas B. Yuille. Mr. Yuille will remain as a director.—V. 115, p. 1953.

Utah-Idaho Sugar Co.—New Director.—

Reports and Documents.

THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

Kansas City, Mo., May 25 1923.

To the Stockholders of

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company:

The twenty-third annual report of the affairs of your Company, being for the year ended December 31 1922, is herewith presented.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

That portion of the system lying within the State of Texas, the mileage of which is included in the operated mileage of your Company, is operated separately by its owner, the Tex-

arkana & Fort Smith Railway Company, which maintains its own general offices and books of account at Texarkana, Texas, in accordance with the State law. The reports of that company are, however, combined with those of the parent Company in so far as necessary to enable a comprehensive survey of operations for the entire line from Kansas City to the Gulf.

The succeeding statement shows the results of operation for the year, compared with such results for the preceding year:

	1922.		1921.		Increase.	Decrease.
Mileage Operated	841.55		841.64			.09
Operating Revenues:						
Freight	\$16,336,124 86	80.23%	\$17,674,399 84	81.19%		\$1,338,274 98
Passenger	2,201,623 92	10.81	2,477,395 17	11.38		275,771 25
Excess Baggage	20,461 68	.10	20,676 69	.10		215 01
Mail	217,124 56	1.07	282,033 82	1.30		64,909 26
Express	441,599 16	2.17	303,835 10	1.40	\$137,764 06	
Other Passenger-train	3,282 58	.02	6,706 52	.03		3,423 94
Switching	755,715 12	3.71	854,373 62	3.92		98,658 50
Special Service Train	5,884 60	.03	8,947 34	.04		3,062 74
Other Freight-train	3,372 38	.02	2,768 63	.01	603 75	
Incidental and Joint Facility	375,990 73	1.84	137,003 65	.63	238,987 08	
Gross Revenues	\$20,361,179 59	100.00%	\$21,768,140 38	100.00%		\$1,406,960 79
Operating Expenses:						
Maintenance of Way and Structures	\$2,562,345 79	12.58%	\$3,033,548 17	13.94%		\$471,202 38
Maintenance of Equipment	4,100,872 45	20.14	3,899,867 16	17.92	\$201,005 29	
Traffic	502,350 45	2.47	519,999 95	2.39		17,649 50
Transportation	7,023,098 56	34.49	7,673,980 95	35.25		650,882 39
Miscellaneous Operations	5,120 72	.03			5,120 72	
General	902,220 32	4.43	991,033 35	4.55		88,813 03
Transportation for Investment—Cr	12,548 48	.06	14,437 37	.07		1,888 89
Total Operating Expenses	\$15,083,459 81	74.08%	\$16,103,992 21	73.98%		\$1,020,532 40
Net Revenue	\$5,277,719 78	25.92%	\$5,664,148 17	26.02%		\$386,428 39
Taxes	\$1,315,676 19	6.46%	\$1,072,693 39	4.93%	\$242,982 80	
Uncollectible Revenues	5,523 56	.03	10,405 17	.05		\$4,881 61
Total Taxes and Uncollectible Revenues	\$1,321,199 75	6.49%	\$1,083,098 56	4.98%	\$238,101 19	
Operating Income	\$3,956,520 03	19.43%	\$4,581,049 61	21.04%		\$624,529 58
Ratio of Operating Expenses and Taxes to Gross Revenues		80.54%		78.91%	1.63%	

OPERATING REVENUES.

General reductions were made in freight rates by order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, as follows:

I. C. C. Docket No. 12929, dated November 21 1921 and effective January 1 1922 reducing rates on wheat, hay, straw and articles taking the same rates, approximately 13 per cent; on corn, approximately 21.5 per cent; on rice and rice products, fruits, melons, vegetables, cotton, cotton linters and cotton seed, approximately 10 per cent; and rates on live stock less than 50 cents per cwt., approximately 10 per cent.

I. C. C. Docket No. 12995, dated January 16 1922, reducing rates on hardwood lumber approximately 6 per cent., effective April 13 1922; and on yellow pine lumber when destined to certain points in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, Ohio, West Virginia and Wisconsin, approximately 6 per cent., effective May 16 1922.

I. C. C. Docket No. 13293, dated June 9 1922, and effective July 1 1922, reducing rates, including switching rates, on all other classes of freight not previously covered, approximately 10 per cent. This order also increased to 10 per cent the reductions made under Docket No. 12995.

In addition to the general reductions made pursuant to the above-mentioned orders, there were many reductions in specific rates which materially affected the revenues of your Company.

The estimated changes in gross revenues, produced by these rate adjustments and other causes, are set forth below:

DECREASES IN GROSS REVENUES.

Freight Revenue:	
Due to reduction in rates	\$1,555,666 31
Net increase due to less long haul traffic, principally wheat and pine lumber, and more short haul traffic yielding higher rates	217,391 33
Passenger Revenue:	
Due to decline in traffic caused by general business depression during the early part of the year	275,771 25
Mail Revenue:	
Due principally to credit allowed in the previous year for services applicable prior to Jan. 1 1918	64,909 26
Switching Revenue:	
Due to reduction in rates	\$40,117 63
Due mainly to decline in switching under contract at Kansas City	58,540 87
Miscellaneous net decreases	98,658 50
	6,097 94

Express Revenue:

Increase due to more traffic and greater proportion of earnings accruing to the Company under express contract	137,764 06
Incidental and Joint Facility:	
Increase due to including in the revenues of the Company, as a joint owner, a proportion of the gross revenues of the Kansas City Terminal Ry. Co. for the current and previous year, by direction of the Inter-State Commerce Commission	238,987 08
Net decrease in Gross Revenues	\$1,406,960 79

OPERATING EXPENSES.

The decrease of \$1,020,532 40 in Operating Expenses resulted from the following causes:

DECREASE IN OPERATING EXPENSES.

Maintenance of Way and Structures:	
Due to fewer cross ties used in renewals, made possible by improved conditions resulting from the use of treated ties	\$136,939 74
Due to lower price of cross ties	77,668 06
Net increase due to credit in the previous year on account of an adjustment in the value of cross ties on hand	74,304 38
Due to decrease in the cost of track labor	\$140,303 42
Due to heavy repairs of telegraph lines in the previous year	52,328 96
Due mainly to heavy repairs to wooden trestles in the previous year	23,003 32
Due to decrease in rail and other track material, by reason of heavy rail renewals in the previous year	98,879 23
Due to decrease in track labor on account of heavy rail renewals in the previous year and decrease in number of cross ties placed	68,168 04
Miscellaneous net decreases	112,115 29
Increase due to including in the operating expenses of the Company, as a joint owner, a proportion of the expenses of the Kansas City Terminal Ry. Co., by direction of the Inter-State Commerce Commission	8,106 42
	31,702 30
Maintenance of Equipment:	
Increase due to miscellaneous expenses incurred by reason of the shopmen's strike	\$471,202 38
Increased cost of locomotive repairs on account of conditions growing out of the strike	\$547,472 55
Increase due to including in the operating expenses of the Company, as a joint owner, a proportion of the expenses of the Kansas City Terminal Ry. Co., by direction of the Inter-State Commerce Commission	143,782 29
Miscellaneous net increases	39,661 94
Due to shortage of labor following the strike, viz.: Freight car repairmen	4,866 37
Passenger car repairmen	482,975 87
	51,801 99
Traffic:	
Due to expenditures in the previous year for the reissuance of tariffs following rate adjustments in 1920	201,005 29
Due to rearrangement of soliciting forces	\$12,766 17
Miscellaneous net increase	12,777 65
	7,894 32
	17,649 50

Transportation:

Due to reduction in wages and curtailment of station service during the early part of the year	\$133,547 24
Due to curtailment of yard service	58,803 65
Due to curtailment of train service	104,936 74
Due to decrease in the price of fuel	\$416,185 36
Net increase due to greater consumption of fuel brought about by conditions growing out of the shopmen's strike	161,811 68
Due to decrease in casualties	254,373 68
Due to decrease in cost of insurance	151,943 10
Miscellaneous net decreases	35,007 96
Increase due to including in the operating expenses of the Company, as a joint owner, a proportion of the expenses of the Kansas City Terminal Ry. Co., by direction of the Inter-State Commerce Commission	7,969 07
	95,699 05

650,882 39

Miscellaneous Operations:

Increase due to including in the operating expenses of the Company, as a joint owner, a proportion of the expenses of the Kansas City Terminal Ry. Co., by direction of the Inter-State Commerce Commission	5,120 72
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General:

Due to lower wages and reduction of general office forces	\$64,881 85
Due to decrease in valuation expenses	35,432 48
Increase due to including in the operating expenses of the Company, as a joint owner, a proportion of the expenses of the Kansas City Terminal Ry. Co., by direction of the Inter-State Commerce Commission	8,381 85
Miscellaneous net increases	3,119 45

88,813 03

Transportation for Investment—Cr.:

Due to decrease in material conveyed in revenue trains for construction purposes	1,888 89
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Net decrease in Operating Expenses \$1,020,532 40

The regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in effect July 1 1914, require that when men or materials employed in construction are conveyed in revenue trains, the estimated cost of their transportation shall be credited to operating expenses and charged to the appropriate investment account. No revenue charge was made by the companies against material used in their own operations.

TAXES.

Following is a statement of charges on account of taxes, compared with the preceding year:

	1922.	1921.	Increase.
State, county and municipal taxes	\$917,402 28	\$919,941 16	\$2,538 88
Federal income and excess profits taxes	379,773 91	135,992 23	243,781 68
Federal capital stock tax	18,500 00	16,760 00	1,740 00
Totals	\$1,315,676 19	\$1,072,693 39	\$242,982 80

The increase in Federal income, and excess profits taxes consists of additional accruals for the year amounting to \$104,327 77, and charges made on account of adjustments in assessments for previous years aggregating \$139,453 91.

REVENUE TONNAGE.

The revenue tonnage movement for the year, as compared with that of the year preceding, was as follows:

For the year ended Dec. 31 1921:	
Revenue Tons one mile—North	804,342,048
Revenue Tons one mile—South	749,166,553
	1,553,508,601
For the year ended Dec. 31 1922:	
Revenue Tons one mile—North	883,332,642
Revenue Tons one mile—South	624,382,886
	1,507,715,528
Decrease in Revenue Tons one mile	45,793,073

WAGE ADJUSTMENTS.

Decisions ordering adjustments in wages were rendered by the United States Railroad Labor Board, as below stated:

On May 25 1923, Decision No. 1028, covering a decrease in wages effective July 1 1922, of maintenance of way and structures mechanics and helpers (except those coming within the scope of shop craft agreements), track laborers, other maintenance of way and structures employees and shop laborers, amounting on the average approximately to 12.72 per cent. The decreases ordered under this decision were restored in part, however, by Decision No. 1267, issued on October 21 1922, effective October 16 1922, ordering an increase in wages of track and other maintenance of way and structures laborers, amounting on the average approximately to 6.14 per cent. It is estimated that, due to these two decisions, the pay rolls of your Company for the year were reduced to the extent of \$61,268 00.

On June 5 1922, Decision No. 1036, covering a decrease in wages effective July 1 1922, applicable to all mechanical department craftsmen. This decrease amounted approximately to 11.28 per cent., and the extent of the resultant decrease in your Company's pay rolls is estimated at \$195,276 00 per annum. This decision was not accepted by mechanical department employees, resulting in a nation-wide strike of those employees which is mentioned elsewhere in this report.

On June 10 1922, Decision No. 1074, covering a decrease in

wages effective July 1 1922, of clerical and station forces, stationary engine and boiler room employees, and employees in the signal department, amounting approximately to 5.17 per cent. It is estimated that this decision, as applied on your lines, reduced the pay rolls for the year to the extent of \$22,140 00.

COST OF SUPPLIES.

There was a continued recession in the prices of supplies consumed in operation and of materials used in construction and maintenance. The price of coal underwent a decline of 3.17 per cent., while that of fuel oil declined 27.41 per cent. The appended exhibit shows the approximate average changes in the costs of principal materials in comparison with the preceding year:

DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL.

Maintenance of Way and Structures	Decrease.	Maintenance of Equipment (Continued)	Decrease.
Angle Bars	11.6%	Brick—Fire	6.6
Anti-Creepers—Rail		Brooms	16.4
Bolts—Treated Track	11.9	Brushes	*6.6
Cattle Guards—Steel	7.5	Car & Locomotive Replacers	7.5
Cross Ties—White Oak	13.7	Castings—Grey Iron	25.5
Frogs, Crossings and Switch Material	5.1	Castings—Malleable Iron	5.6
Hand Cars	5.2	Castings—Steel	15.4
Lumber—White Oak	28.0	Copper—Sheet	9.4
Lumber—Yellow Pine	20.0	Copper—Ferrules	25.8
Paint—Bridge and Metal	12.1	Couplers	16.9
Paint—Depot and Building	1.3	Flues	11.0
Push Cars	5.2	Iron—Merchants Bar	13.8
Rail—Standard Open Hearth	13.2	Iron—Staybolt	20.0
Roofing—Texaco	11.9	Journal Boxes	9.7
Shingles—Cypress	24.5	Lumber—White Oak	28.1
Shovels—Track		Lumber—Yellow Pine	20.0
Spikes—Track	13.8	Nails—Common Wire	21.4
Tie Plates	.4	Nuts—Hot Pressed	12.2
Tools—Roadway	28.5	Paint—Freight Car	9.5
Wire—Barbed	10.2	Pipe—Merchants Black Steel	5.0
Wire—Woven	8.5	Rivets	2.0
		Roofing—Galvanized Car	5.7
Maintenance of Equipment		Springs—Elliptical	10.5
Air Brake Hose	22.6%	Springs—Helical	17.6
Air Brake Material	22.6	Steel—Fire Box Sheet	5.8
Asbestos & Magnesite Material	39.4	Steel—Tank Sheet	20.6
Axles—Engine	18.8	Tires—Locomotive Driving	12.6
Babbitt	.1	Tools—Shop	8.0
Belt—Leather	12.0	Upholstering Material	7.5
Bolts—Machine	15.7	Waste—Cotton Colored No. 1	24.7
Brake Beams—Metal, Freight	17.6	Wheels—Cast	1.9

* Increase.

CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT.

The program for the rehabilitation of freight car equipment mentioned in the preceding annual report was carried forward. Although this work was interrupted by the strike of mechanical department employees on July 1 1922, within the year 1,108 cars were put into good condition, while 80 were retired and their value was written out of the property account.

The condition of the passenger and freight car equipment was on December 31 1922 substantially as good as on July 1, but in the locomotive equipment it is estimated there remains some \$110,000 00 of deferred maintenance, which will be taken care of as the engines come in for general repairs and will be entirely overcome by October 1 1923.

The use of water-treating plants installed on the first district between Kansas City and Pittsburg the previous year, and the heavy firebox repair work done in the first half year, were of inestimable value in locomotive and train operation during the strike period.

MILES OF RAILROAD.

The track mileage of your Company at the end of the year was as below stated:

Main Line—	
Kansas City, Mo., to Belt Junction, Mo.	12.01
Grandview, Mo., to Port Arthur, Tex.	765.05
	777.06 miles
Second Track	
Between Second and Wyandotte Streets, Kansas City, Mo., and Air Line Junction, Mo.	5.41
Pittsburg Yards	1.32
Between DeQueen, Ark., and Neal Springs, Ark.	8.45
	15.18 "
Branches—	
Spiro, Okla., to Fort Smith, Ark.	16.44
Jenson, Ark., to Bonanza Mine	2.83
Lockport Junction, La., to Lockport, La.	4.03
DeQuincy, La., to Lake Charles, La.	22.59
Asbury, Mo., to Lawton, Kan.	5.16
	51.05 "
Yard, Terminal and Side Tracks—	
North of Belt Junction, Mo., and in and about Kansas City	85.95
All other Yard, Terminal and Side Tracks	348.82
	434.77 "
Total owned or controlled	1,278.06 miles
Operated Under Trackage Rights—	
Tracks of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co., between Belt Junction, Mo., and Grandview, Mo., used under contract:	
Main Line	10.96
Side Tracks	2.33
Tracks of the Kansas City Terminal Railway Co., between Union Station at Kansas City, Mo., and Sheffield, Mo., used under joint contract:	
First Main Track	5.31
Second Main Track	5.11
Tracks of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co., between Troost Avenue and Santa Fe Street, Kansas City, Mo., used under contract	1.55
	25.26 "
Total in System	1,303.32 miles

MILEAGE BY STATES.

State.	Owned by the K. C. S. Ry. Co. and Subsidiary Companies.				Under Trackage Rights.	Total Mileage
	Main Line.	Second Main Track.	Branches.	Yard Track & Sidings.		
Missouri	174.58	5.41	3.29	122.37	25.26	330.91
Kansas	18.38	1.32	1.87	52.95	---	74.52
Arkansas	152.32	8.45	4.23	51.06	---	216.66
Oklahoma	127.64	---	15.04	48.94	---	191.62
Louisiana	222.46	---	26.62	89.01	---	338.09
Texas	81.08	---	---	70.44	---	151.52
Totals	777.06	15.18	51.05	434.77	25.26	1,303.32

The total track mileage of the system was reduced from 1,307.83 to 1,303.32, making a net change of 4.51 miles, which consists of the following items:

Deductions—	
Yards, Terminal and Side Tracks (net)	.67 miles
Account relocation of headblock, Second Main Track between Mile Posts 159 and 163	.03 "
Account retirement of old Main Line between Mile Posts 159 and 163	3.81 "
Total decrease	4.51 miles

EQUIPMENT.

The Rolling Equipment owned or otherwise controlled on December 31 1922 consisted of:

Locomotives—	Owned.	Under Trust.	Total.
Passenger	24	3	27
Freight	110	15	125
Switching	29	5	34
Totals	163	23	186
Passenger-Train Cars—			
Coaches	29	---	29
Chair Cars	25	---	25
Coach and Baggage	2	---	2
Coach and Mail	1	---	1
Baggage	17	---	17
Baggage, Coach and Mail	1	---	1
Express and Mail	10	---	10
Totals	85	---	85
Freight-Train Cars—			
In Commercial Service:			
Box Cars	1,758	100	1,858
Furniture	211	96	307
Stock	---	272	272
Tank	225	---	225
Coal	102	1,190	1,292
Flat	161	197	358
Vinegar Tank	---	2	2
Totals	2,729	1,585	4,314
In Work Service:			
Box Cars	294	---	294
Coal	1	---	1
Flat	82	---	82
Ballast	40	---	40
Convertible Coal and Ballast	195	---	195
Totals	612	---	612
Cabooses	78	---	78
Work Equipment—			
Business Cars	4	---	4
Wrecker Bunk	1	---	1
Outfit Coaches	1	---	1
Derricks	8	---	8
Steam Shovels	10	---	10
Slope Levelers	2	---	2
Ditchers	2	---	2
Pile Drivers	2	---	2
Lidgerwoods	3	---	3
Totals	34	---	34

In addition to this railroad property, its rights of way, real estate, buildings, equipment and appurtenances, the Company controls by virtue of its ownership of securities, all the property of the following corporations, viz:

THE ARKANSAS WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

A standard-gauge line from Heavener, Oklahoma, to Waldron, Arkansas, 32.33 miles, together with rights of way, buildings and appurtenances; controlled by your Company through ownership of all the capital stock and bonds.

THE POTEAU VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY.

A standard-gauge line from Shady Point, Oklahoma, to Calhoun, Oklahoma, 6.67 miles, together with rights of way, buildings and appurtenances; controlled by your Company through ownership of all the capital stock. No bonds have been issued or authorized.

THE KANSAS CITY, SHREVEPORT & GULF TERMINAL COMPANY.

Union depot property at Shreveport, Louisiana, including its real estate, buildings and 1.66 miles of yard and terminal track; controlled by your Company through ownership of all the capital stock and \$24,000 00 face amount of bonds.

PORT ARTHUR CANAL & DOCK COMPANY.

Lands, slips, docks, wharves, warehouses, one grain elevator (capacity 500,000 bushels), etc., all at Port Arthur, Texas; controlled by your Company through ownership of all the capital stock and bonds.

THE K. C. S. ELEVATOR COMPANY.

One grain elevator, of capacity 650,000 bushels, situated at Kansas City, Missouri; controlled by your Company through

ownership of all the capital stock. No bonds have been issued or authorized.

During the year work was commenced on the construction of additional storage tanks of 420,000 bushels capacity, estimated to cost \$123,036 40, increasing the total capacity to 1,070,000 bushels. The construction is to be financed by the lessee of the elevator, and refund will be made as earnings accrue from the business handled, which is expected to increase considerably.

ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS.

Net expenditures were made from current funds for Additions and Betterments to road and equipment in the amounts following:

For Road	\$739,907 09
For Equipment	193,561 69
For Miscellaneous	874 17
	\$934,342 95

A classified schedule of such expenditures is presented in the statistical section of this [pamphlet] report.

The bridges, trestles and culverts of your road were improved by reducing the length of trestles from 64,443 feet to 64,092 feet; increasing the number of cast iron pipe culverts from 607 to 609, and by increasing the number of concrete pipe culverts from 149 to 164. A table showing the progressive improvements made in bridges and culverts from June 30 1900 to December 31 1922 appears in the statistical section [pamphlet report].

The ballasting was reinforced in various locations at a cost of \$19,427 02. The condition of your main line with respect to ballast at the end of the year is shown by the succeeding tabulation.

Section of 6 inches or more under ties	697.76 miles
Section of less than 6 inches under ties	79.30 "
Total main line mileage owned	777.06 miles

Rail was laid in substitution for lighter sections, viz: between Air Line Junction and Belt Junction, Missouri, laid with new 85-pound rail to replace 80-pound steel, 6.42 miles; at Shreveport, Louisiana, laid with 85-pound rail to replace 60-pound steel, .62 mile. The weights of rail in your main line at the end of the year are shown by the succeeding tabulation:

Rail weighing 85 pounds per yard	739.41 miles
Rail weighing 80 pounds per yard	34.18 "
Rail weighing less than 80 pounds per yard	3.47 "
Total main line mileage owned	777.06 miles

Work upon the schedule for the reinforcement of track through the application of tie plates, with a view to stability, permanence and economy of maintenance, was continued, the sum expended for this purpose being \$44,961 66.

New station buildings, required by public authority or made necessary by the demands of traffic, have been erected at the following locations. The expenditures for these facilities were as below stated:

Worland, Mo.	\$53 31
Neosho, Mo.	23,519 56
Noel, Mo.	13,646 96
Florien, La.	6,549 71
Pickering, La.	4,969 75
	\$48,739 29

The shop improvements at Pittsburg, Kansas, mentioned in the preceding annual report, were carried forward, the expenditures for these improved facilities being as below stated.

Land for enlarged facilities	\$32,115 24
Improvements to power plant, including new 350 H.P. boiler, coal-pulverizing equipment, 500 K.W. generator, air compressor, foundations, &c.	85,013 92
New machinery and tools	943 29
Extension to machine shop	9,779 65
Extension to blacksmith shop	4,760 44
New buildings for Bridges and Buildings and Road Departments	1,317 96
Additional tracks in shop yards	1,774 49
Sewers	139 25
	\$135,844 24

The expenditures for additions and betterments include the cost of a number of new sidings to serve industries not heretofore reached by your tracks, and to accommodate new industries in process of establishment.

The following is a list of such industry tracks, some of which have been completed, and others are in course of construction:

NEW TRACKS TO SERVE NEW INDUSTRIES.

Completed:	
Singer Commission Co.	Kansas City, Mo.
George J. Miller and others	Kansas City, Mo.
Nichols Wire & Sheet Co.	Joplin, Mo.
Sevier County Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association	DeQueen, Ark.
R. A. Gibson	Neal Springs, Ark.
The Texas Co.	Texarkana, Tex.
Caddo Parish	Mile 518.
D'Artois Refining Co.	Cedar Grove, La.
Various Industries	Beaumont, Tex.
Uncompleted:	
Kansas City Cold Storage & Warehouse Co.	Kansas City, Mo.
Mechanics' Lumber Co.	Fort Smith, Ark.
Ferd Brenner Lumber Co.	Mile 632.

NEW TRACKS TO SERVE EXISTING INDUSTRIES.

Completed:	
Centropolis Fuel, Iron & Metal Co.	Kansas City, Mo.
Hoyland Flour Mills Co.	Kansas City, Mo.
N. & S. Coal Co.	Mill 78.
Mulberry Coal Co.	Ardath, Mo.
Bates Smokeless Coal Co.	Bates, Ark.
Red River State Co.	Christman Spur, Ark.
City Ice & Storage Co.	Sheffield, Mo.

In addition to the foregoing, these new industries have located on existing tracks of the Company:

Producers Coal Co.	Kansas City, Mo.
Harlan & Harlan Machine Works.	Kansas City, Mo.
Adams Transfer Co.	Kansas City, Mo.
U. S. Rubber Co.	Kansas City, Mo.
Missouri Walnut Lumber Co.	Kansas City, Mo.
Raven Block Coal Co.	Mulberry, Mo.
Crane Co.	Fort Smith, Ark.
Twin City Glass Co.	Fort Smith, Ark.
Hatfield Lumber & Mill Co.	Hatfield, Ark.
H. P. Greer	Neal Springs, Ark.
Nichols Wire & Sheet Co.	Texarkana, Tex.
Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co.	Shreveport, La.
O. F. Moore	Noble, La.
Shreveport Mill & Elevator Co.	DeRidder, La.

The following new industries included in the above list, are worthy of special mention:

Singer Commission Company, Kansas City, Missouri:

The Commission Company erected a modern cold storage building 80 x 100 feet, five stories and basement, upon the property it owns at Second Street and Grand Avenue. The building will accommodate 250 carloads, and it is estimated that the total business will amount to 1,000 cars per year. The industry track which was installed will hold 4 cars.

Kansas City Cold Storage & Warehouse Company, Kansas City, Missouri:

The Cold Storage Company purchased a piece of property one block wide by a block and a half long in the vicinity of Third and Oak Streets on your tracks, at a cost approximating \$250,000. Upon this property it has erected the first unit of the plant, at a cost of about \$1,500,000. The location was selected after a most careful consideration of all available sites in the city.

The first unit has a capacity of 30,000,000 pounds, or 4,000,000 cubic feet. Incident to the cold storage process, the company has an ice plant of 100,000 tons capacity per year and ice storage of 11,000 tons. The building is eight stories high, and all floors are refrigerated. The capacity of your tracks serving the plant is 18 cars. The docks of the plant will accommodate 50 teams at one time. The new plant was opened for business November 23 1922.

Improvements to existing equipment, made at a cost of \$55,214 87, consisted mainly in the following:

Locomotives—Application of piston valve cylinders, superheaters, universal valve chests and cabs for front brakemen.	
Freight-train Cars—Application of metal draft arms, metal carlines, improved draft gear and end reinforcement.	
Passenger-train Cars—Application of steel underframes and rolled steel wheels.	
Work Cars—Heavier bolsters and improved draft gear.	

REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT MORTGAGE BONDS.

There was no change in the situation with respect to the Refunding and Improvement Mortgage Bonds authorized by the stockholders June 29 1909. The status in that regard at the end of the year was as follows:

Total authorized issue	\$21,000,000 00
Issued and sold	18,000,000 00
Unissued December 31 1922	\$3,000,000 00

EQUIPMENT TRUSTS.

The aggregate face amount of Equipment Trust Notes outstanding December 31 1922 was as below set forth:

Series "D," dated December 15 1912.	
Balance last reported	\$372,000 00
Paid during the year	124,000 00
	\$248,000 00
Trust No. 34, dated January 15 1920.	
Balance last reported	\$890,400 00
Paid during the year	63,600 00
	\$26,800 00
Total	\$1,074,800 00

DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND.

Moneys equalling the amount of charges to operating expenses, representing the so-called depreciation of equipment, and for the amortization of equipment retired and of property abandoned in connection with improvements, together with proceeds from the sale of obsolete equipment, are deposited in a special fund set aside for additions to and betterments of your property. The total amount so deposited, and withdrawals therefrom, are shown by the statement following:

DEPOSITS.

Charges for Depreciation of Equipment:	
From June 1 1916 to Dec. 31 1917	\$215,923 27
From Mar. 1 1920 to Dec. 31 1921	400,086 09
From Jan. 1 1922 to Dec. 31 1922	229,550 67
	\$845,560 03
Charges for Amortization of Retired Equipment:	
From Mar. 1 1920 to Dec. 31 1921	\$79,251 98
From Jan. 1 1922 to Dec. 31 1922	59,957 72
	139,209 70
Charges for Amortization of Abandoned Property:	
From Mar. 1 1920 to Dec. 31 1921	\$164,987 90
From Jan. 1 1922 to Dec. 31 1922	89,993 40
	254,981 30
Proceeds from Sale of Obsolete Equipment	165,926 00
Interest on Bank Balances and Loans from Fund:	
From June 1 1916 to Dec. 31 1921	\$9,681 33
From Jan. 1 1922 to Dec. 31 1922	5,789 68
	15,471 01
Total	\$1,421,148 04

WITHDRAWALS.

Payments for New Equipment:	
From June 1 1916 to Dec. 31 1921	\$391,530 60
Improvements to Existing Equipment:	
From June 1 1916 to Dec. 31 1921	\$120,440 29
From Jan. 1 1922 to Dec. 31 1922	302,396 38
	422,836 67
Shop Improvements:	
From Jan. 1 1922 to Dec. 31 1922	103,822 11
	918,189 38
Balance Dec. 31 1922	\$502,958 66

The above statement excludes the depreciation reserve created by the Federal management through charges to maintenance during Federal control. That reserve at the termination of Federal control, including adjustments to December 31 1922, was as below stated:

Steam Locomotives	\$184,674 38
Freight-train Cars	151,397 30
Passenger-train Cars	18,115 84
Work Equipment	8,935 05
	\$363,122 57

This amount stands in the corporate accounts as a charge against the Railroad Administration.

SHOPMEN'S STRIKE.

During the period of Federal control, the Director-General of Railroads actively promoted the organization of the employees into labor unions, and negotiated contracts with them covering wages and rules governing working conditions.

In the shops these organizations included:

International Association of Machinists;	
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers of America;	
International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers;	
Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' International Alliance;	
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers;	
Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America.	

These were associated as the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, with Mr. A. O. Wharton as President. Upon Mr. Wharton's appointment as a member of the United States Railroad Labor Board, he was succeeded by Mr. B. M. Jewell.

The agreements providing for rules governing working conditions were entered into on September 20 1919. These expired with the return of the roads, but the Labor Board ordered their continuance until it could look into the matter; and finally, on November 29 1921, the Board approved 186 rules, including substantially all provisions of the original agreements, the number being slightly reduced by some consolidations.

At the time the roads were returned, the Director-General was in negotiation with these organizations upon the question of wages, and they immediately brought the matter before the Labor Board, which, on July 20 1920 handed down its decision increasing their wages approximately 20 per cent, retroactive to May 1 1920.

In the spring of 1921, business having sharply fallen off and there being a general decline in wages and prices of material, the railroads filed petitions with the Labor Board for a general reduction in wages, and on June 1 1921 the Board rendered a decision reducing wages about 10.6 per cent. The decline continuing, further applications were made in the latter part of 1921, which the Labor Board decided to hear at intervals, dividing the employees into three groups and taking up first the shop crafts. After preliminary hearing, it rendered its decision on June 5 1922, effective July 1 1922, reducing wages about 10 per cent, whereupon these labor organizations served the following notice on the Labor Board:

Your decisions have been submitted to a strike vote of our members and we are awaiting the results of their action. Should our members decide not to accept your decision, or, in other words, to strike, we shall sanction their action, and advise you accordingly.

The Railroad Labor Board called a public hearing on June 29 1922 and cited to appear thereat Mr. Jewell and the Presidents of the Shop Crafts' organizations, as well as the Presidents of various railroads. Mr. Jewell refused to respond to this citation and at the hearing Governor Hooper, Chairman of the Board, stated as follows:

So far as Mr. Jewell is concerned, let his blood be on his own head. Mr. Jewell has flouted a Government tribunal, charged with the duty and responsibility to investigate this matter, not only in the interests of the public, but in the interests of his own organizations, and the interests of the carriers of the railway transportation system of this country. He has shouldered the responsibility of his own volition, and the Board desires to pursue the matter no further.

At 10.00 a. m., on July 1 1922, without notice to this Company, the shopmen quit its service. Subsequently, on July 3 1922, the Labor Board adopted a resolution in which it stated:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that it be communicated to the carriers and the employees remaining in the service and the new employees succeeding those who have left the service to take steps as soon as practicable to perfect on each carrier such organizations as may be deemed necessary for the purposes above mentioned (to function in the representation of said employees before the Railroad Labor Board, in order that the effectiveness of the Transportation Act may be maintained); and

Be it further resolved, that, on any carrier, where either of the above named organizations, by reason of its membership severing their connection with the carriers, ceases to represent its class of employees, procedure similar to that above suggested in the case of the shop crafts is recommended; and

Be it further resolved, that the employees remaining in the service and the new ones entering same be accorded the application and benefit of the outstanding wage and rule decisions of the Railroad Labor Board, until they are amended or modified by agreements with said employees, arrived at in conformity with the Transportation Act, or by decision of this Board; and

Be it further resolved, that, if it be assumed that the employees who leave the service of the carrier because of their dissatisfaction with any decisions of the Labor Board are within their rights in so doing, it must likewise be conceded that the men who remain in the service and those who enter it anew are within their rights in accepting such employment, that they are not strikebreakers seeking to impose the arbitrary will of an employer on employees; that they have the moral as well as the legal right to engage in such service of the American public to avoid interruption of indispensable railway transportation, and that they are entitled to the protection of every department and branch of the Government, State and National.

On July 11 1922 President Harding issued a proclamation in which he said:

Whereas, The United States Railroad Labor Board is an agency of the Government, created by law and charged with the duty of adjusting disputes between railroad operators and employees engaged in inter-State commerce; and

Now, Therefore, I, Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, Do hereby make proclamation, directing all persons to refrain from all interference with the lawful efforts to maintain inter-State transportation and the carrying of the United States mails.

These activities and the maintained supremacy of the law are the first obligation of the Government and all the citizens of our country. Therefore, I invite the co-operation of all public authorities, State and municipal, and the aid of all good citizens to uphold the laws and to preserve the public peace, and to facilitate those operations in safety which are essential to life and liberty, and the security of property and our common public welfare.

There were prior to July 1 1922 on the Company's rolls in these occupations 61 foremen and 1,098 men. Of these 41 foremen and 11 men remained loyal and continued in the service. Other shop employees, numbering approximately 240, belonging to organizations which did not call a strike, also left the service on July 1 on a sympathetic strike. The vacancies were filled as rapidly as possible and by November 15 1922 a full quota of men had been engaged.

The strike was accompanied by the usual turbulence and violence, it being necessary for their protection to house the men in temporary barracks, similar to those used by the troops being assembled for the late war, and located within the shop grounds. The police force of the Company was largely augmented and supplemented by United States Marshals. In connection with his application of September 1 1922 for an injunction restraining these organizations and their members from illegal acts, the Attorney-General alleged:

Since the commencement of the present railroad strike acts of depredation have been committed in practically every State and judicial district in the United States. The efforts of the perpetrators are concentrated upon two ends—destruction and intimidation. The means to attain these ends are almost indescribable. In fact, one must believe that anything suggested to the imagination of the vandals or their conspirators was immediately put into effect.

The venom of the participants in the strike has not ceased with ordinary assaults, bombing, dynamiting, wrecking of trains or minor depredations, but has been in many instances satisfied only with taking of human life.

At least twenty-five murders have been reported. Many have indirectly met their death or been fatally injured through strike causes, and these results were not confined solely to those opposing the views of the shopmen now on strike. Many were men, women and children whose only purpose was to travel from one point to another, sometimes because of necessity and sometimes for pleasure, but always with no thought of entering into the controversy. Dynamiting, bombing, setting fire to railroad property and bridges are a few of the most dangerous means adopted against the railroad companies.

Many derailments have occurred. The general scheme adopted has been to remove spikes from the tracks, often on curves, causing them to spread when subject to the pressure of a train.

The throwing of sticks of dynamite and bombs has come to be more than daily occurrences. At least 100 sticks of dynamite have been used and over thirty bombs thrown. Many of these were not destined for railroad property, some being thrown at workers and others have exploded on and about their homes and sleeping quarters.

Switches have been tampered with several times, with a clear track showing, trains have run into cars on sidings, blocking tracks and causing considerable damage.

It would be almost impossible to enumerate the various assaults which have been perpetrated. Whippings were resorted to in practically every instance where strikers were able to lay their hands upon those whom the railroads have secured to take their places. When they could not be apprehended stones were thrown at them. Pepper was sometimes thrown in the faces of women accompanying them. Shots were fired and other acts, equally as detestable, were indulged in. Tarring and feathering are included in the list, and in many cases men have been kidnapped, forced into machines, taken a long distance from town, stripped of their clothing and left in outlying points.

These acts were not committed against workers alone. Their families have suffered with them.

The following table gives the estimated increased cost to the Company in carrying on its business under these trying circumstances from the beginning of the strike on July 1 1922 to December 31 1922:

Expenses and wages of watchmen, guards and secret service	\$157,402 36
Legal expenses	3,093 17
Advertising	10,419 26
Wages of men in employment offices	6,894 27
Expenses of employment offices	4,409 75
Tickets for new employees over foreign lines	8,251 75
Traveling time allowed new employees	2,105 19
Expenses of commissary, including personal supplies and clothing furnished	251,012 18
Temporary barracks	40,000 00
Traveling expenses	7,423 64
Entertainment	3,000 62
Maintenance of quarters	10,993 54
Rental of tourist cars	7,647 50
Proportion of store and shop expenses	5,168 87
Miscellaneous	24,475 30
Bonus	52,500 00
Total	\$594,797 40

As against these losses there are to be set off the reduction in wages ordered by the Labor Board, effective July 1 1922, which will amount annually to about \$178,500.00, and the greatly increased efficiency of the forces due to the improved disciplinary control and the avoidance of union devices having for their object the limitation of output, the making of jobs, etc., which added largely to the expense. A rough estimate of these total savings indicates that they will amount to about \$165,000 00 annually, which, together with the saving in wages, amounts to a total saving of \$343,500 00.

It is with great regret that we contemplate the condition of our former employees, many of whom had been with the property during a long service and with whom our relations generally had been cordial and satisfactory. So far as their

relations with the Company are concerned, their annual loss in wages may be put at \$1,800,000 00. Some have found employment with other railroads; some are employed in other occupations, generally at greatly reduced wages; and some are still out of employment. No prudent man would have put so much at hazard for so small a gain, but the lamentable fact is that the organization which these men sought to build up, for what they were led to believe to be necessary protection, had grown into a Frankenstein that had passed out of their control, and had become their master. Its salaried officers had created a political machine, in which a small inner group, under conditions of voting that made no discrimination between the employee of long service and high technical skill, and the mere apprentice, that afforded no protection to the voter through secrecy of the ballot, nor the protection of a supervised count to secure its accurate determination, had fastened themselves as inexorably upon their followers as had the "Old Man of the Sea" upon the neck of Sinbad the Sailor.

From conditions such as these, it seems impossible that the members of these organizations can now, through their unaided efforts, free themselves. The Company, due to the loss which it has sustained, and the Government, due to the breaches of the law which it has endured, as well as because of the duties that the one owes to its employees, and the other to its citizens, are alike interested in bringing about a more healthy and tolerable condition. The Company has always been willing to consider applications for employment from men who left the service, on the merits of their individual character and craftsmanship. Men entering the service must, as a matter of equity, find their place in the logical order of their employment.

This Company has never in any way objected to the principle of collective bargaining, but has been perfectly willing, acting upon the recommendation of the United States Railroad Labor Board of July 3 1922, posted immediately after the strike, at all times to meet with its employees, either in individual or organized capacity, in promoting the organization of its new employees in their craft occupations. It negotiated with these organizations agreements covering wages and rules governing working conditions and filed them with the Labor Board, and business is being conducted thereunder.

It is the fixed purpose of the Company to promote in every way possible the permanent employment of its new employees, and their convenience and comfort in their working relations.

FEDERAL CONTROL.

Final certification of the standard return in compensation for the use of your property during Federal control is yet deferred. A hearing was had before Division 4 of the Interstate Commerce Commission relative to certain questions of accounting, but the issues have not been definitely settled.

The annual standard return for the properties owned or controlled by the Company, as tentatively certified by the Commission, has been stated in previous reports but is here repeated for convenience:

The Kansas City Southern Railway Co.	\$3,216,697 65
Texarkan & Fort Smith Railway Co.	318,729 68
The Kansas City Shreveport & Gulf Terminal Co.	6,014 66
Glenn-Pool Tank Line Co.	\$11,592 22
Less accrued to Midland Valley Railroad Co.	2,898 05
	8,694 17
The Poteau Valley Railroad Co.	Deficit
The Arkansas Western Railway Co.	\$3,232 19
Port Arthur Canal & Dock Co.	6,575 51
	36,049 44
	45,657 14
Total	\$3,504,279 02

The consolidated account of your Company and the Texarkana & Fort Smith Railway Company with the United States Railroad Administration stood thus at December 31 1922:

CORPORATION DR.	
Liabilities Dec. 31 1917 paid	\$2,771,845 19
Additions and Betterments	1,909,374 50
Cash Advanced:	
For interest payments	983,856 28
For dividend payments	420,000 00
For payment of Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness	360,840 11
Expenses Prior to Jan. 1 1918	658,995 68
Agents and Conductors balances, Federal, Feb. 29 1920	Cr. 366 02
Material and Supplies, Federal, Feb. 29 1920	1,816,933 72
Leased Rail and Fixtures, Federal, Feb. 29 1920	11,638 33
Miscellaneous Debits	106,647 34
	\$9,039,765 13
Cash advanced from Washington:	
For interest payments	\$3,105,800 00
For dividend payments	1,260,000 00
For Equipment Trust payments	178,850 00
For Miscellaneous payments	213,350 00
	4,758,000 00
	\$13,797,765 13

CORPORATION CR.	
Cash on hand and in transit Dec. 31 1917	\$1,950,965 36
Material and Supplies Dec. 31 1917	1,146,290 11
Assets Dec. 31 1917	1,254,736 33
Agents and Conductors balances Dec. 31 1917	338,631 18
Equipment retired	492,202 44
Revenues Prior to Jan. 1 1918	147,361 10
Accrued Depreciation—Equipment	363,122 57
	5,693,309 09

Balance in favor of U. S. Railroad Administration (Standard Return omitted)

The above statement excludes the standard return for the twenty-six months of Federal control due from the Railroad

Administration and amounting (as tentatively certified) to \$7,660,092 54, interest due to or by the companies on open account balances, interest due the companies on additions and betterments completed subsequent to January 1 1918, and the value of roadway property retired without replacement. The account is also subject to revision with respect to the quantity of material and supplies returned by the Director-General as compared with that delivered to him at the beginning of Federal control.

As heretofore stated, your management contends that the standard return of the several companies for the Federal control period should be measured by the railway operating income, not of the test period, but of the year ended December 31 1917. The aggregate standard return, if ascertained in accordance with this contention, including interest on additions and betterments completed subsequent to January 1 1918 and including an adjustment for war taxes, would amount to \$9,606,037 96.

There has been no important development in the status of the claim on account of Federal control since the last annual report. Due to the great number of such claims and the time required for investigation, the claim of your Company has not been reached.

GUARANTY PERIOD.

Settlement of the claim filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission on account of the Guaranty period, under Section 209 of the Transportation Act, 1920, has been delayed pending determination of the standard return. It is understood that, when the standard compensation has been definitely fixed, there will be no further cause for delay in negotiation looking to a settlement.

FEDERAL VALUATION.

There is no change in the status, as reported last year, of the valuation by the Interstate Commerce Commission of your Company's property. The matter is still awaiting the decision, by the Interstate Commerce Commission, of our protest against the tentative final valuation. During the year, however, Congress amended the Valuation Act by providing that it was not incumbent upon the Commission to ascertain and state separately the excess cost of acquisition of lands, by purchase or condemnation, over and above the so-called present value of lands. The amendment was passed, at the request of the Commission, on account of the decision of the Supreme Court in the mandamus suit brought by your Company to compel the Commission to ascertain such excess cost of acquisition, and which was fully explained in the Company's Twenty-Second Annual Report, at page 18. Notwithstanding this change in the Valuation Act, the question still remains to be settled by the courts as to whether, if the value of property is based in whole or in part on the cost of reproduction, this excess cost of acquisition can be excluded.

A vigorous protest is being made against the effort of the Bureau of Valuation to base the value of railway property substantially upon cost of reproduction less depreciation. This formula wholly ignores intangible values, made up of certain elements, such as good-will, going concern value, appreciation, etc., which are ordinarily reflected in the earning capacity of a property. Every one knows that a large proportion of the wealth of the country consists of intangible values, and yet it is proposed to omit them from railroad valuations. Good-will is defined as "the favor which the management of a business wins from the public and the probability that old customers will continue their patronage." It is a valuable asset, and may be mortgaged, sold or leased in connection with the business, or may descend by the laws of inheritance. The established reputation of a common carrier for efficient and satisfactory service is no less a part of its value than its equipment and fixed property. Going concern value arises in part from the combination and use of units of property into an organized whole in successful operation. With respect to railroad property it means that its valuation is not limited to the mere value of the items of property considered separately, but may include also the special value attributable to their organic relation to the entire system. It is the system, therefore, that should be valued, rather than its separate units. Appreciation includes the increase in value due to impact, adaptation and solidification of roadbed. Every one knows, also, that a seasoned roadbed is more valuable than one newly constructed. The expense of maintenance is less, and trains may be operated safely with greater tonnage and at a higher speed.

None of these elements of intangible value is included in a valuation based upon cost of reproduction less depreciation, and yet they are "private property" within the meaning of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution, and cannot rightfully be taken for public use without just compensation. The protection of the Amendment is not limited to physical property, but extends to intangible as well as tangible property.

A vigorous protest is also being made against the Bureau's practice of deducting so-called depreciation from cost of reproduction new in determining value. We contend that in determining the physical value of a composite railroad property, no deduction for depreciation should be made from its cost of reproduction new, where the loss of service life of its individual units or members is constantly made good by current repairs and renewals, so that, considered as a transportation plant, its efficiency is at all times 100 per cent.

COST OF FEDERAL VALUATION.

	Prior to 1922.	1922.	Total.
Field work.....	\$68,824 72		\$68,824 72
Valuation orders, Inter-State Commerce Commission.....	39,543 09	\$10,442 46	49,985 55
Contributions to Presidents' Conference Committee.....	2,311 17	215 70	2,526 87
Appraisal of real estate.....	22,024 88		22,024 88
General and miscellaneous.....	232,638 30	9,050 25	241,688 55
Totals.....	\$365,342 16	\$19,708 41	\$385,050 57

CONSOLIDATION OF RAILROADS.

The Transportation Act, 1920, amended the Interstate Commerce Act by adding the following as paragraph (4) to Section 5 of the Act:

The Commission shall as soon as practicable prepare and adopt a plan for the consolidation of the railway properties of the continental United States into a limited number of systems. In the division of such railways into such systems under such plan, competition shall be preserved as fully as possible and wherever practicable the existing routes and channels of trade and commerce shall be maintained. Subject to the foregoing requirements, the several systems shall be so arranged that the cost of transportation as between competitive systems and as related to the values of the properties through which the service is rendered shall be the same, so far as practicable, so that these systems can employ uniform rates in the movement of competitive traffic and under efficient management earn substantially the same rate of return upon the value of their respective railway properties.

In pursuance of this legislation, the Commission, on August 3 1921, issued its tentative plan for the consolidation of the railroads into a limited number of systems, and placed the lines of your Company in System No. 19, which is termed the Chicago-Missouri Pacific System and is made up of the following carriers:

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway Company.
Missouri Pacific Railroad Company.
The Kansas City Southern Railway Company.
Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad Company.
Kansas, Oklahoma & Gulf Railway Company.
The Texas & Pacific Railway Company.
Fort Smith & Western Railroad Company.
Louisiana & Arkansas Railway Company.
Gulf Coast Lines.
International-Great Northern Railway Company.

Hearings are being held with regard to this tentative plan of the Commission. It is the purpose of your Company to oppose the inclusion of its lines in the above system, and in fact, to oppose any plan for consolidation such as that set forth in the Commission's tentative plan. Your Company intends to show that the plan will not accomplish its main purpose of securing systems of substantially equal strength and earning power, but on the contrary that there will be practically as wide variations in the earning power of these various systems as there is at present between that of the different railroad companies.

Your management is of opinion that the plan now proposed will, in many communities, entirely destroy railroad competition, and in others will very substantially reduce it; that it will disrupt long established transportation relationships between various communities, and that it involves questions of fully as great importance to the country as to the railroads. The scheme is so socialistic and so revolutionary, and may involve such grave consequences to investors in railroad securities, to shippers and to the general public, that it is extremely doubtful whether any ready-made plan of consolidation should be adopted, or in fact, any consolidations, except those which are gradually worked out in the natural development of transportation systems.

OTHER LEGAL MATTERS.

Mention was made in the last two annual reports of a question pending before the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with regard to the liability of the Company for excess profits taxes under its income tax return for the year 1917. This matter was adjusted upon what appeared to be a fair basis, and the additional tax has been paid.

The Company has been engaged for some time in contesting, especially in the State of Arkansas, very heavy discriminatory assessments against it, as compared with other property owners, for the construction of roads, levees and other public improvements. In some cases, more than 50 per cent of the cost of the public improvement was assessed against your Company, although it was very questionable whether your Company would receive any direct benefit from the improvement, and in any event, the benefit was very small. In the case of The Kansas City Southern Railway Company vs. Road Improvement District No. 6, 256 U. S. 658, the Supreme Court of the United States held such an assessment void on account of the discrimination against your Company. Other cases involving similar questions are pending in the courts.

During the shopmen's strike, your Company found it necessary to file injunction suits against the striking shopmen in the States of Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, in order to prevent them from interfering with the operations of the Company and to protect its new employees and property from violence.

(An address delivered by Chairman L. F. Loree before the Knife and Fork Club at Kansas City on March 8 1923, and appearing in this report at this juncture, is omitted.)

The appended balance sheets and statistical statements give full detailed information concerning expenditures for improvements, and the results of operation.

A report, including balance sheet, income account and other pertinent matter, in form prescribed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, has been filed with that body at Washington.

By order of the Board of Directors.

J. A. EDSON, President.

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922

San Francisco, Cal., April 1 1923.

To the Stockholders:

Your Board of Directors submits herewith a statement of the affairs of the Company for the year 1922. Operations of the Mt. Shasta Power Corporation, all of whose capital stock is owned, are included.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT.

	1922.	1921.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross Operating Revenue.....	38,593,562	36,939,474	1,654,088	
Deduct Operating Expenses—				
Operating and Administrative				
Expenses.....	15,946,068	17,045,516		1,099,448
Taxes.....	3,690,213	3,265,895	424,318	
Maintenance.....	3,117,531	3,437,673		320,142
Uncollectible Accounts and Cas-				
ualties Reserves.....	663,064	530,000	133,064	
Total Deductions.....	23,416,876	24,279,084		862,208
Net Earnings from Operation.....	15,176,686	12,660,390	2,516,296	
Add—Miscellaneous Income.....	611,043	570,232	40,811	
Total.....	15,787,729	13,230,622	2,557,107	
Bond and Other Interest.....	5,148,614	4,797,782	350,832	
Balance.....	10,639,115	8,432,840	2,206,275	
Bond Discount and Expense.....	449,757	394,532	55,225	
Balance.....	10,189,358	8,038,308	2,151,050	
Reserve for Depreciation.....	3,602,199	3,069,078	533,121	
Surplus.....	6,587,159	4,969,230	1,617,929	
Dividends Paid on Preferred				
Stock.....	2,574,157	2,132,283	441,874	
Balance.....	4,013,002	2,836,947	1,176,055	
Dividends Paid on Common				
Stock (5¼% in cash and 2%				
in stock in 1922).....	2,500,407	1,700,883	799,524	
Balance.....	1,512,595	1,136,064	376,531	

Income and Surplus Accounts and Balance Sheet certified by Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co. appear on a subsequent page.

CUSTOMERS.

The total number of customers at the close of 1922 was 645,410. Of these 316,268 were users of Gas, 311,615 of Electricity and 17,527 of Water and Steam. The net gain during the year of 46,297 was the largest in any single year of the Company's history. During the past 15 years the net addition of customers to the Company's distribution system was 462,795 (253%) as shown by the following summary:

	No. of Customers at Dec. 31.			Net Gain.	
	1907.	1921.	1922.	In 1922.	In 15 Yrs.
Gas Customers.....	122,304	297,270	316,268	18,998	193,964
Electric Customers.....	54,772	285,206	311,615	26,409	256,843
Water Customers.....	5,539	16,162	16,985	823	11,446
Steam Customers.....	—	475	542	67	542
Total Customers.....	182,615	599,113	645,410	46,297	462,795

ANALYSIS OF INCOME ACCOUNT.

(1) GROSS OPERATING REVENUE.

Gross operating revenue, the money measure of the volume of the Company's business, reached a new peak of \$38,593,562 in 1922, an increase of \$1,654,088 or 4.5% in comparison with 1921. Other measures of growth bearing directly on gross revenues were an increase of 46,297, or 7.7% in the number of customers, an increase of 76,301,870 kilowatt-hours, or 7.47%, in the sales of electric energy, and 870,297, 900 cu. ft., or 7.58%, in sales of gas. These results were attained in the face of somewhat depressed general business conditions in the earlier months followed, however, by a steady improvement which continued to the close of the year, and was characterized chiefly by an increasingly large volume of building construction. Building activity has held its accelerated pace into the current year, with a correspondingly increasing demand for gas and electric services.

Gas and electric sales, measured in physical units, show a somewhat greater increase than the money return. This is accounted for by rate revisions. In the Electric Department, rate schedules remained practically unchanged throughout the year, but the average rate per k.w.hr. was less in 1922 than for the entire year 1921. In the Gas Department a surcharge of 2 cents per thousand cubic feet, the final fraction of the emergency rates granted during the war, was removed as of May 24. Following cuts in the price of crude oil, two additional reductions in gas rates, averaging 5.22 cents per thousand cubic feet each, became effective on August 15 and 25, respectively, this being in accordance with the plan instituted by the Railroad Commission under which gas rates are automatically adjusted either upward or downward to conform to the cost of oil to the Company. Since this plan was adopted about sixteen months ago, our custom-

ers have had the benefit of four reductions, ranging in the aggregate from 17 cents to 25 cents per thousand cubic feet, depending upon the locality, and gas rates at this time are well below pre-war levels. This arrangement insures fair rates to our customers, and gives a very desirable stability to the net returns to the Company from its gas business.

The following tables extend over a five year period the comparison of gross revenues by departments and of sales of electric power to the various industrial groups.

GROSS OPERATING REVENUE—FIVE YEAR COMPARISON.

Year—	Sources of Gross Operating Revenue					Total.
	Electricity.	Gas.	St. Ry.	Water	Steam.	
1917.....	10,859,785	7,771,058	491,021	475,333	216,184	19,813,381
1918.....	12,384,499	8,923,484	534,068	509,273	244,193	22,595,517
1919.....	14,474,884	9,933,334	671,105	540,607	318,442	25,938,372
1920.....	21,577,909	11,161,682	753,028	638,336	351,005	34,481,960
1921.....	22,502,192	12,570,042	779,009	699,198	389,033	36,939,474
1922.....	23,774,223	12,861,214	798,430	730,043	429,652	38,593,562

Gain in 5 years 12,914,488 5,090,156 307,409 254,710 213,468 18,780,181

SALES OF ELECTRIC POWER—FIVE YEAR COMPARISON.

Industry Supplied with Power—	Power Sales		Increase	
	1922.	1921.	Amount.	Per Ct.
Agriculture.....	\$1,965,736	\$861,117	\$1,104,619	127.3
Mining.....	1,009,342	849,775	159,567	18.8
Transportation.....	2,536,878	867,891	1,668,987	192.3
Manufacturing.....	3,852,975	2,152,836	1,700,139	78.9
Commercial and Miscellaneous				
Power.....	1,562,431	642,575	919,856	143.2
	\$10,927,362	\$5,174,194	\$5,753,168	111.2

(3) OPERATING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, (4) TAXES, (5) MAINTENANCE, AND (6) UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS AND CASUALTIES RESERVE.

These items aggregating \$23,416,876, and showing a net decrease of \$862,208 compared with 1921, constitute the direct expenses of conducting the business, and are exclusive of depreciation reserves or interest and dividends paid on the capital employed. These costs absorbed 60 cents of every dollar of gross operating revenue in 1922, as against 65.7 cents in 1921.

In the following table is presented an analysis of the major influences on operating costs in 1922, as compared with 1921:

LABOR EMPLOYED IN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION.

The increase in this item, amounting to 6.2%, was due to the growth of business as indicated by the net addition of 46,297, or 7.7%, in the number of customers, and by other measures of growth already referred to. The average monthly wage per employee in 1922 was \$139.32, or 55% above the pre-war level. The average rate in 1921 was \$139.35.

OIL USED IN GAS PLANTS, STEAM ELECTRIC STATIONS, ETC.

Compared with 1921, the average cost of oil in 1922 decreased by 54 cents per barrel, or about 30%, and the present outlook favors the expectation of the continuance of a reasonable price level for oil. California has produced crude oil in large quantities for more than thirty-five years, and the State's output has risen steadily from 678,572 barrels in 1887, to 138,236,490 barrels in 1922. New fields of unprecedented richness and with a thickness of oil sand hitherto unknown, have been opened up within the year, and future production promises to run far ahead of past performances, with large areas still awaiting development.

During the past year 1,270,660 barrels of oil were used for the production of electric energy in steam stations. Owing to the large additional amount of hydro-electric energy now available from Pit River Plant No. 1, with an installed capacity of 93,834 H.P., this item of expense will undoubtedly show a large reduction in the coming year.

CURRENT PURCHASED FROM OTHER COMPANIES.

During 1922, 14.5% of the entire input of electric energy into the system was purchased from other companies. While this policy has been advantageous to the Company from the standpoint of cost, convenient points of delivery, saving of investment, and in other respects, and will be continued to the extent that the Company's interest can best be served, there will, nevertheless, be a substantial reduction in this item during the coming year owing to the larger amount of hydro-electric energy now available from its own plants on the Pit River.

RENTAL OF LEASED PROPERTIES.

The leased properties, the entire revenues from which accrue to the Company were operated at a profit during the past year.

OTHER EXPENSES, CHIEFLY MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES, OTHER THAN OIL.

The Company's index number of material costs shows an average decline of 12.3% in prices during the year, the average price level being, however, still 52.2% above pre-war levels. The completion, in the early part of 1922, of the valuation of the Company's properties upon which a large force had been engaged for almost three years, also stopped a very considerable expense.

TAXES.

This item comprises \$868,487 of Federal taxes, \$12,676,412 of State taxes, and \$145,314 of other taxes. Federal taxes are based on a percentage of net taxable income, and State taxes on percentages of gross operating revenues from all except water and non-operative properties, which are assessed on an ad valorem basis. The increase in taxes is explainable to the extent of 92% by the larger gross and net revenues of the Company during 1922.

(5) MAINTENANCE AND (15) DEPRECIATION.

The term "Maintenance," as used in our accounting practice, covers, broadly speaking, repairs to the physical properties short of the renewal or replacement of a complete unit of plant or equipment. "Depreciation" covers the cost of renewing or replacing entire units, which may be an entire plant or individual pieces of machinery, apparatus, etc., when ordinary repairs no longer suffice or are too costly to keep them in economical operating condition, or when the advance of the art or the demands of the service have rendered them inadequate or uneconomical. Both the immediate expense of maintenance and the deferred expense of depreciation must be adequately provided for from current earnings if the best possible service is to be given to the public, and sound values under the Company's securities are to be maintained. That the Company has pursued a consistently sound policy in this respect for many years may be inferred from the following statements:

Year—	Maintenance Expenditures.	Depreciation Reserve.	Total Upkeep Provision.	% of Operating Gross.
1917	\$1,207,121	\$2,250,000	\$3,457,121	17.4%
1918	1,170,841	2,700,000	3,870,841	17.1%
1919	1,748,483	2,500,000	4,248,483	16.3%
1920	2,740,639	2,788,302	5,528,941	16.0%
1921	3,437,673	3,069,078	6,506,751	17.6%
1922	3,117,530	3,602,199	6,719,729	17.4%

More than fifty-nine and one-quarter millions of dollars have been expended for maintenance or appropriated for depreciation in the past seventeen years, as indicated by the following table:

Expended for Maintenance	\$25,502,170
Appropriated for Depreciation	33,767,088
Total	\$59,269,258
Average per year	\$3,486,427

(8) NET EARNINGS FROM OPERATION. (9) MISCELLANEOUS INCOME.

The sum of these two items is the net revenue against which bond interest is the first charge and, as set up in the Income Account, conforms to the California Bank Act governing the bond investments of California savings banks, and also to the terms of the indentures securing the Company's bond issues. Net earnings from the operation of our public utility properties were \$15,176,686 in 1922, an increase of \$2,516,296, or 19.8%, compared with 1921. Miscellaneous income, made up of profits on merchandise sales, income from investments, rentals from non-operative properties, etc., amounted to \$611,043, an increase of \$40,811. Combin-

ing these two classes of net revenue, the total sum available for the payment of fixed charges and depreciation was \$15,787,729, an increase of \$2,557,107 over 1921.

(11) BOND INTEREST.

Bond interest chargeable to operating account was \$5,148,614, and was earned three and one-tenth times. The increase of \$350,832 in this item may be contrasted with the increase of \$2,557,107 in net revenues available for its payment. In the ten years to December 31 1922 interest expense was earned an average of 2.47 times, and whereas 61% of net was required for the payment of interest on all outstanding bonds in 1912, only 38% was required in 1922. These comparisons are indicative of the exceptionally strong position now held by the Company's secured obligations.

(13) BOND DISCOUNT AND EXPENSE.

This item of \$499,757 is the portion of our 1922 net income permanently re-invested or retained in the business for the purpose of restoring the parity between the cost of assets created from the proceeds of bonds sold for less than par and the par value at which such bonds must be paid at maturity. It constitutes part of the cost of funds secured from the sale of bonds. In the ten years to December 31 1922 the total so re-invested was \$2,779,999.

(16) SURPLUS. (17) AND (19) DIVIDENDS.

Surplus available for the payment of dividends, after providing from current revenues for all expenses, taxes, interest and discount, and reserves for depreciation and other purposes, was \$6,587,159, an increase of \$1,617,929, or 32.6%. Of this amount, preferred stock dividends paid at the rate of 6% absorbed \$2,574,157, leaving a balance or protective margin of \$4,013,002. Dividends on the preferred stock were earned more than two and one-half times, and required less than 40% of the surplus against which they constitute a first charge. The increase in these dividends of \$441,873 was due to additional preferred stock sold directly to our customers and others during the year. The proceeds from the sale of this stock were devoted to the construction of additional income producing facilities necessary to meet the growth of business.

The balance remaining for the payment of dividends on common stock was \$4,013,002, an increase of 29.3% over 1921 and equivalent to 11.5% on all common stock outstanding December 31 1922. Cash dividends were paid on the common stock at the rate of \$1 25 per share for each of the first three quarters, and \$1 50 per share for the fourth quarter, the latter rate establishing the cash dividends on this stock on a 6% basis. Following similar action in 1921, the Board declared an additional 2% dividend for the fourth quarter payable in common stock issued at par. The dividends paid in 1922, aggregating 7 1/4%, absorbed \$2,500,407 of the surplus, leaving a balance of \$1,512,595.

CONSERVATION OF ASSETS.

Of the aggregate gross revenue of \$341,652,765 received in the past seventeen years, as shown in the first of the two following tables, \$80,083,009 represents the balance remaining after the payment of interest charges. Of this amount \$28,511,000, or about 36%, was paid out in cash dividends, the remainder being retained in the business as indicated in the second of the tables given below:

Year.	Gross Revenue, Including Miscellaneous Income.	Maintenance, Operating Expenses and Reserves.	Taxes.	Net Earnings Before Depreciation.	Interest	Balance.
1906	\$8,947,162	\$4,139,233	\$283,886	\$4,524,043	\$2,784,908	\$1,739,135
1907	11,342,140	5,978,967	247,262	5,115,911	2,854,264	2,261,647
1908	12,657,305	6,517,930	274,789	5,864,586	3,021,722	2,842,864
1909	13,491,288	7,211,517	320,059	5,959,712	2,988,521	2,971,191
1910	14,044,596	7,538,461	382,880	6,123,255	3,006,256	3,116,999
1911	14,604,809	7,697,370	516,702	6,390,537	3,254,133	3,136,404
1912	14,651,786	7,808,592	622,969	6,220,225	3,476,078	2,744,147
1913	16,094,514	8,655,044	676,163	6,763,307	3,794,222	2,969,085
1914	17,100,534	8,170,874	743,047	8,186,613	4,071,432	4,155,181
1915	18,778,446	8,356,148	849,445	9,572,853	3,819,676	5,753,177
1916	18,941,427	8,586,318	972,565	9,382,544	3,660,976	5,721,568
1917	20,118,990	10,351,452	1,253,239	8,514,299	3,898,169	4,616,130
1918	22,870,194	11,247,391	1,782,939	9,839,864	3,881,542	5,958,322
1919	26,309,671	14,287,089	1,962,038	10,060,544	4,012,240	6,048,304
1920	34,985,791	20,898,531	2,559,109	11,528,151	4,511,251	7,016,900
1921	37,509,707	21,013,190	3,265,895	13,230,622	4,797,782	8,432,840
1922	39,204,605	19,726,663	3,690,213	15,787,729	5,148,614	10,639,115
	\$341,652,765	\$178,184,770	\$20,403,200	\$143,064,795	\$62,981,786	\$80,083,009

To Retire Bonds	\$14,685,000
Reinvested in Property (Surplus and Reserves)	18,421,000
For Replacements and Rehabilitation	16,757,000
Cash Dividends	28,511,000
Other Purposes	1,709,000
Total	\$80,083,000

RESERVES.

Reserves at December 31 1922, after charging off realized losses, stood as follows, compared with December 31 1921:

Description of Reserves—	Dec. 31 1922.	Dec. 31 1921.	+ Increase — Decrease.
For Depreciation	\$13,049,320 57	\$11,048,954 15	+\$2,000,366 42
Insur. and Casualty Funds	341,410 88	172,704 00	+168,706 88
Uncollectible Accts Reserve	191,875 10	161,750 46	+30,124 64
Res. for Earn. in Litigation.	1,820,134 09	1,820,134 09	—
Reserve for Northern California Power Company Consolidated Plant Adjustments and Accrued Depreciation	1,648,265 73	1,648,136 94	+128 79
	\$17,051,006 37	\$14,851,679 64	+\$2,199,326 73

NOTES ON BALANCE SHEET. PLANTS AND PROPERTIES.

This account, which stood at \$200,250,877 54 at the close of the year, covers the cost of the Company's lands, reservoirs, water rights, power houses, gas plants, transmission and distribution systems, buildings and other tangible assets. For many years it has been the policy of the Company to provide from its current revenues, through the medium of its depreciation reserves, for the cost of all renewals and replacements and to eliminate from its property schedules all obsolete, abandoned and unused plant, the net amount so written off from the plants and properties account since 1906 being \$16,757,000. This account, therefore, includes only properties in actual operation or of undoubted present day worth and places a conservative value on the Company's properties. Based upon an exhaustive appraisal, it would cost to-day to purchase its real estate and reproduce its structures and equipment largely in excess of \$240,000,000.

The first stage of the Company's major construction program in the Pit River region, upon which it had been actively engaged for a period of two and one-half years, culminated with the placing in operation on September 30 1922 of Pit Plant No. 1, with an installed capacity of 93,834 H. P. This plant, the third of the Pit River series, was the largest hydro-electric unit installed in the United States in the year 1922, and the thirty-third water power plant built by the Company or its predecessors. Our total installed capacity in this watershed is now 127,346 H. P., with more than three times this amount still available for future development. Coincident with the completion of Pit Plant No. 1, there was also placed in service a comprehensive system of steel tower transmission lines and substations of large capacity and of the most permanent character of construction to convey this additional power and make it available for distribution in the large commercial and industrial centres served by the Company. Other items of important construction work are referred to on page 23 [pamphlet report].

There was expended for construction during the year in all departments and for all purposes, including the ordinary extensions of facilities necessary to supply service to 46,297 new customers, the net sum of \$17,554,860 06.

The Plants and Properties Account, at the close of the previous fiscal year, stood at.....\$182,696,017 48

Gross Expenditures for additions, betterments and improvements during the year 1922 amounted to.....\$19,092,172 23

Of which there was charged to Operating Expenses through the medium of Depreciation Reserve.....1,537,312 17

Leaving Balance carried to Plants and Properties Account... 17,554,860 06

The total of which at December 31 1922 stood at.....\$200,250,877 54

In the seventeen years since its organization, at which time the Company took over extensive properties already in existence, it has increased its plant account by \$127,471,043 82 through construction and the acquisition of additional properties. Detailed statement by years follows:

Year—	Construction.	Other Properties Acquired.	Total.
1906.....	\$3,860,243 84	\$13,820,125 00	\$17,680,368 84
1907.....	3,674,474 69	47,861 17	3,722,335 86
1908.....	2,099,996 91	—	2,099,996 91
1909.....	1,746,705 64	90,632 46	1,837,338 10
1910.....	2,879,158 45	593,766 29	3,472,924 74
1911.....	2,248,521 31	4,768,949 31	7,017,470 62
1912.....	2,495,763 69	404,285 15	2,900,048 84
1913.....	7,406,415 80	389,208 36	7,795,624 16
1914.....	2,733,949 35	4,181 50	2,738,130 85
1915.....	2,089,447 17	120,478 44	2,209,925 61
1916.....	3,658,426 33	12,681 31	3,671,107 64
1917.....	2,778,535 82	1,800,055 76	4,578,591 58
1918.....	1,555,578 93	256,719 48	1,812,298 41
1919.....	3,106,667 71	11,631,540 89	14,738,208 60
1920.....	10,600,208 89	1,210 60	10,601,419 49
1921.....	18,040,060 51	333 00	18,040,393 51
1922.....	16,422,278 07	1,132,581 99	17,554,860 06

Total.....\$92,396,433 11 \$35,074,610 71 \$127,471,043 82

CAPITALIZATION.

This item covers the Company's stock and bond issues, aggregating \$197,600,107 at the close of 1922, and owned on that date by upwards of 58,000 investors, of whom more than 40,000 resided in California.

Increasing capitalization is the inevitable accompaniment of business growth, or more widespread and adequate service to the public and, as in the case of the major portion of the large capital expenditures made by your Company within recent years, of the creation of facilities for production and distribution on a large and economical scale. It evidences sound progress and greater security to the stockholders and bondholders if the result is to better the relationship between property values and the amount of securities outstanding; and between interest and dividends, constituting the cost of the capital employed in the business, and the net income available for their payment. In the last ten years, as shown in the following table, the net cost of additions to your Company's properties, after writing off \$12,542,168 for abandoned and obsolete units, amounted to \$83,740,560. Cash and other net working assets during the same period increased \$6,925,007, making the total increase in net tangible assets \$90,665,567. In these ten years the amount of outstanding securities, without deducting stock discounts or \$5,734,200 of bond discount still to be amortized out of future earnings, increased by only \$79,702,457.

Net Cost of Additions to Plants and Properties, after deduction of all realized depreciation, 1912-1922.....	\$83,740,560
Increase in Net Current Assets.....	6,925,007
Total Increase in Net Tangible Assets.....	\$90,665,567
Increase in par value of Funded Debt.....	35,801,900
Excess of Cost of Added Tangible Assets over increase in par value of Funded Debt.....	\$54,863,667
Increase in par value of Preferred Stock.....	41,215,273
Excess of Cost of Added Tangible Assets over increase in par value of Funded Debt and Preferred Stock.....	\$13,648,394
Increase in par value of Common Stock.....	2,685,284

Excess of Cost of Added Tangible Assets over increase in par value of Total Capitalization, created through reinvestment of Surplus and Reserves.....\$10,963,110

With respect to the relationship between revenues and interest and dividends the following comparisons covering the past ten years indicate an even sounder condition now than existed at the beginning of this period:

	1922.	1912.	Increase in Ten Years.
Net Income available for Bond Interest.....	\$15,787,730	\$6,220,226	\$9,567,504
Bond Interest Expense.....	5,148,614	3,476,079	1,672,535
Margin over Bond Interest.....	\$10,639,116	\$2,744,147	\$7,894,969
Per Cent earned on all Bonds outstanding at close of respective years.....	14.1%	8.2%	5.9%
Net Income available for Preferred Stock Dividends, after depreciation.....	\$6,587,159	\$1,216,276	\$5,370,883
Preferred Stock Dividends paid.....	2,574,157	600,000	1,974,157
Margin over Preferred Stock Dividends.....	\$4,013,002	\$616,276	\$3,396,726
Per Cent earned on all Preferred stock outstanding at close of respective years.....	12.9%	12.2%	.7%
Net Income available for Common Stock Dividends, after depreciation.....	\$4,013,002	\$616,276	\$3,396,726
Per Cent earned on all Common Stock outstanding at close of respective years.....	11.5%	1.9%	9.6%
Per Cent earned on Total Capitalization outstanding at close of respective years, before depreciation.....	8.0%	5.3%	2.7%

In conformity with its policy of maintaining a well balanced financial structure, conducive to securing capital funds at the lowest cost, a large proportion of the new capital required during the past ten years has been obtained through the sale of stock. This has resulted in reducing the ratio of funded debt to gross capitalization from 64.38% at the end of 1912 to 56.53% at December 31 1922, while in the same period the annual interest on all bonds outstanding has been reduced from 25.9% of gross revenue to 15.3%, and from 61.0% of net income to 38.0%. In 1912 bond interest expense was earned 1.79 times and in 1922, 3.07 times. The following tabulation, condensed for the sake of brevity into five year periods, epitomizes the steady improvement in the status of the Company's secured obligations:

Year.	Total Bonds Outstanding with Public.	Per Cent of Total Capitalization.	Annual Interest on All Outstanding Bonds.		No. of Times Bond Interest Expense Earned.
			Per Cent Gross.	Per Cent Net.	
1912.....	\$75,989,800	64.38%	25.9%	61.0%	1.79
1917.....	79,403,800	57.43%	19.7%	46.6%	2.18
1922.....	111,700,700	56.53%	15.3%	38.0%	3.07

FUNDED DEBT.

Improved conditions in the money market made it possible to call for redemption at 101 on May 1 1922 our entire outstanding issue of \$10,000,000 par value of 7% secured 5-year Gold Notes due May 1 1925, and to finance this operation through the sale of a like amount of First and Refunding Mortgage Series "B" 6% Bonds, with a resultant saving in interest and the elimination of all short term obligations.

The large cash balance carried over from 1921, supplemented by the sale of First Preferred Stock throughout the year, enabled the Company to carry on its extensive 1922 construction program without the issuance of additional bonds. Bonds of the par value of \$1,795,000, including the entire amount of three small issues aggregating \$41,500, were paid at maturity or retired through the operation of sinking funds, resulting in an equivalent decrease in the total of bonds outstanding.

CAPITAL STOCK.

The policy of the direct sale of stock to local investors is becoming increasingly popular. In 1922 your Company disposed of \$10,038,700 par value of its First Preferred 6% Stock to 9,314 purchasers, constituting a record both with respect to the number and volume of sales. Approximately one-third of these sales were "repeat orders" from previous purchasers.

In the eight and one-half years since its initiation of the "customer-ownership" plan, your Company has made 26,344 individual sales of First Preferred Stock, representing \$35,956,300 par value. The record of sales by years follows, the table also showing the number of stockholders at the close of each year, eliminating all duplications due to the ownership of more than one class of stock by the same individual:

Year—	No. of Sales.	Par Value of Stock Sold.	No. of Stockholders Dec. 31.
1914.....	3,739	\$8,801,300	4,128
1915.....	1,712	3,785,100	7,226
1916.....	617	1,123,100	7,880
1917.....	650	890,000	8,141
1918.....	192	War 156,000	8,242
1919.....	52	Period 35,900	8,813
1920.....	3,669	3,634,650	14,020
1921.....	6,399	7,491,550	18,204
1922.....	9,314	10,038,700	25,265
Total.....	26,344	\$35,956,300	

Particular satisfaction is felt over the very moderate expense incurred in disposing of this large volume of securities. The average cost of selling approximately \$36,000,000 worth of stock in the entire period covered by the above tabulation was 85.5 cents per share, and last year amounted to only 72 cents per share. This compares with an average selling cost in 1922, as reported by 74 utilities operating in all parts of the United States, of \$4.42 per share, or six times the expense incurred by your Company. In this connection, it should be emphasized that your management has never deemed it desirable nor expedient to endeavor to increase the amount of its sales by means either of high pressure sales methods, extravagant advertising, or the payment of large commissions. The stock has been sold solely on its merits as a safe medium of investment and at a price yielding a return to the investor commensurate with the exceptional quality of the security. Credit for the economical dissemination of this stock among thousands of local investors is in a substantial measure due to the loyal and enthusiastic support accorded your management by the Company's employees, thousands of whom are also stockholders.

An excellent distribution of ownership has been achieved, 11,017 stockholders, or 42.55% of the total owning less than 10 shares each; and 24,180 individuals, or 93.39% owning less than 100 shares each. Over eighty per cent of all stockholders reside in the Company's field of operations.

During the year \$10,500 par value of Original Preferred Stock was exchanged for First Preferred Stock, leaving only \$37,100 of the former still outstanding, and \$679,976 par value of Common Stock was issued to stockholders at par by way of a 2% stock dividend in addition to the 5¼% cash dividend paid on this issue in 1922. The following table shows the status of stock outstanding in the hands of the public at December 31:

	Dec. 31 1922.	Dec. 31 1921.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)
Capital Stock—			
First Preferred Stock, 6% Cumulative	\$51,178,273	\$41,128,810	+\$10,049,463
Original Preferred Stock, 6% Cumulative	37,100	47,600	—10,500
Common Stock	34,684,034	34,004,058	+\$679,976
Total	\$85,899,407	\$75,180,468	+\$10,718,939

* Includes stock subscribed for but not fully paid.

SINKING FUNDS.

Bonds of underlying issues aggregating \$1,784,500 were purchased during the year for sinking fund investments at a cost of \$36,648 less than their redemption price at maturity. The \$364,400 par value of Liberty Loan Bonds in sinking funds at the close of 1921 were sold during the year, underlying bonds of the Company being purchased with the proceeds and deposited in lieu thereof. These Liberty Loan Bonds constituted the remainder of \$935,000 par value of United States Government issues purchased during the war, all of which have now been disposed of at a small net profit to the Company.

As in preceding years, all payments into sinking funds during the year have been treated as a part of the Company's depreciation reserve, and are included in the revenue deduction made for that purpose. The condition of sinking funds is summarized in the following table:

Character of Sinking Fund	Dec. 31 1922.	Dec. 31 1921.	Additions During 1922.
Bonds of Company—at par	\$17,028,290 00	\$15,343,290 00	\$1,685,000 00
Liberty Loan Bonds—at par	—	364,400 00	*364,400 00
Cash and Accrued Interest—not yet invested	128,903 37	114,457 54	14,445 83
Total Assets	\$17,157,193 37	\$15,822,147 54	\$1,335,045 83
Net Annual Interest Saving	\$821,926 50	\$769,423 50	\$52,503 00

* Decrease.

Of the \$17,028,290 par value of bonds held in sinking funds at the close of 1922, only \$493,000 were acquired in exchange for other bonds, the funded debt having thus been reduced by \$16,535,290 par value, against which no additional bonds have been issued. \$15,494,090 of the bonds held in sinking funds were purchased from the Company's revenues and \$1,041,200 from the proceeds of sale of Common Stock, as shown by the following table:

Purchased from Revenues	\$15,494,090
Acquired in exchange for overlying bonds	493,000
Purchased from proceeds of sale of Common Stock	1,041,200
Total	\$17,028,290

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

The Company's business was conducted on a cash basis throughout the year, and a saving of \$50,550 in cash discounts effected by the prompt payment of bills. At the close of the year there were no unpaid obligations except current liabilities.

The cash balance at December 31 1922, including \$383,496 held by the Trustee under the First and Refunding Mortgage and available for construction expenditures, was \$5,684,212. Net working assets, computed on the basis indicated in the following table, amounted to \$16,912,029. Against these assets there was a contingent liability representing revenues involved in rate litigation which has been pending for several years, against which a reserve of \$1,820,134 has been set up. It is anticipated that this litigation will be finally disposed of during 1923.

	Dec. 31 1922.	Dec. 31 1921.	Inc. (+) or Decrease (—).
Current Assets:			
Materials and Supplies	\$3,709,041	\$4,092,745	—\$383,704
Bills and Accounts Receivable (Less Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts)	3,881,792	3,642,551	+239,241
Due on First Preferred Stock Subscriptions	1,155,696	512,170	+643,526
Underlying Bonds bought in advance for Sinking Funds	541,500	605,500	—64,000
General and Refunding 5% Bonds issued against Construction	1,000,000	1,000,000	—
Cash	5,300,716	8,044,270	—2,743,554
Due on Employees' Liberty Loan Subscriptions	—	6,543	—6,543
Interest Accrued on Investments	6,143	9,777	—3,634
Liberty Loan Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness	—	129,400	—129,400
Other Investments	1,680,344	1,840,278	—159,934
Funds Available for Construction	383,496	2,446,432	—2,062,936
Advances to Construction Account including Construction Materials and Supplies	6,956,589	1,868,062	+5,088,527
Total Assets	\$24,615,317	\$24,197,728	+\$417,589
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$1,886,976	\$2,076,619	—\$189,643
Drafts Outstanding	592,011	643,545	—51,534
Meter and Line Deposits	699,092	751,206	—52,114
Unpaid Coupons	303,265	201,630	+101,635
Interest Accrued, out not due	1,600,106	1,672,729	—72,623
Taxes Accrued, but not due	2,101,630	1,796,363	+305,267
Dividends Declared	520,208	425,222	+94,986
Total Liabilities	\$7,703,288	\$7,567,314	+\$135,974
Net Working Assets	\$16,912,029	\$16,630,414	+\$281,615

OPERATING DEPARTMENTS.

Matters relating to the operating departments are more fully dealt with in the following abstract of report presented at the annual meeting of stockholders by Mr. John A. Britton, First Vice-President and General Manager.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

Following are some of the more important items of new construction completed and placed in operation during the year:

March 1 1922—As of this date Company acquired a one-half interest in Universal Electric & Gas Company, San Francisco.

April 20 1922—A third unit of 16,756 horsepower capacity placed in service in Drum Power House, increasing the total installation to 50,268 horsepower.

June 4 1922—A 12,500 K. V. A. synchronous condenser placed in service in Newark Substation.

August 5 1922—New Martin Substation with a capacity of 30,000 K. V. A. placed in service.

September 22 1922—New Vaca-Dixon Substation, with two synchronous condensers and three banks of 220 K. V. transformers having a capacity of 45,000 K. V. A., placed in service.

September 28 1922—New 6,000,000 cubic foot gas holder at Gas Station "B," Oakland, completed and placed in operation.

September 30 1922—First unit of Pit Power House No. 1 placed in operation and electric energy transmitted to Vaca-Dixon Substation over a 220,000 volt double circuit steel tower line 202 miles long.

September 30 1922—Corte Madera supplied with gas through high pressure distribution system from San Rafael, a distance of four miles.

October 11 1922—Additional 12,500 K. V. A. synchronous condenser placed in service in Newark Substation.

October 23 1922—New 110,000 volt steel tower line completed between Vaca-Dixon Substation and Claremont Substation; also a 110,000 volt steel tower line loop between Vaca-Dixon Substation and the Drum-Cordelia line, having a length of 48 and 18½ miles, respectively.

October 23 1922—Claremont Substation with an installed capacity of 50,000 K. V. A. placed in service.

October 23 1922—New transformer bank with a capacity of 20,000 K. V. A. placed in service at South Tower Substation.

December 15 1922—Mill Valley and Sausalito supplied with gas through high pressure distribution system from San Rafael, a distance of six miles, and eleven miles, respectively.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT.

Your Company last year ranked second in the United States in its output of hydro-electric energy and fourth in the output of power generated in both hydro-electric and steam electric stations. It now operates 28 hydro-electric plants with a combined capacity of 417,829 horsepower, and 4 modern steam electric generating plants with an installed capacity of 173,592 horsepower, the aggregate installed capacity of all plants, as detailed in the following table, being 591,421 horsepower:

HYDRO PLANTS.

	H.P.		H.P.
Alta, Placer County	2,681	Halsey, Placer County	16,756
Centerville, Butte County	8,579	Inskip, Tehama County	8,043
Coal Canyon, Butte County	1,340	Kilare, Shasta County	4,021
Coleman, Shasta County	20,107	*La Grange, Stanislaus Co.	1,207
Colgate, Yuba County	20,878	Lime Saddle, Butte County	2,681
Cow Creek, Shasta County	2,011	*Phoenix, Tuolumne County	2,513
De Saba, Butte County	17,426	Pit No. 1, Shasta County	93,834
Deer Creek, Nevada County	7,373	South, Tehama County	5,362
Drum, Placer County	50,268	Spaulding No. 1, Nevada Co.	5,027
Electra, Amador County	26,810	Spaulding No. 2, Nevada Co.	1,340
Fall River Mills, Shasta Co.	1,274	*Spring Gap, Tuolumne Co.	10,054
Folsom, Sacramento County	4,022	*Stanislaus, Tuolumne Co.	45,576
Hat Creek No. 1, Shasta Co.	16,756	Volta, Shasta County	8,378
Hat Creek No. 2, Shasta Co.	16,756	Wise, Placer County	16,756
Total Hydro			417,829

STEAM PLANTS.

	H.P.		H.P.
San Francisco	85,791	Sacramento	6,702
Oakland	44,906	*North Beach	36,193
Total Steam			173,592
Total Hydro and Steam			591,421
* Leased properties.			

In its electrical business the Company serves 89 incorporated cities, 142 villages and towns and a suburban area of 35,000 square miles, with a population in excess of a million and a half, occupying approximately 278,000 houses, of which less than 2,000 are unwired. In this territory there are 1,500 manufacturing and industrial plants, virtually all of which are operated by electric power. During 1922 the Company supplied 296,054 residential and commercial lighting consumers with a total connected load of 402,063 horsepower, an increase of 34,900 horsepower of connected load during the year. In 1922 the Company extended service to more than 1,000 new agricultural consumers, with a total of 7,586

horsepower of connected load, and during the year supplied service to a total of 12,500 agricultural consumers, with a total connected load of 156,814 horsepower, using 108,000,000 kilowatt hours of electric energy. This service to the agricultural industry has involved the construction and operation of a total of 2,400 miles of electric distribution circuits, of which 136 miles were installed in the year 1922, and has contributed largely to a marked increase in agricultural productiveness and profit and the development and reclamation of lands that could not otherwise be profitably cultivated.

The Company's electric distribution facilities for supplying the 311,615 consumers connected to the system include 770 miles of 110,000 volt line, 1,956 miles of 60,000 volt line and 228 miles of 24,000 volt line, or a total of 2,954 miles of high tension lines. There are 7,356 miles of overhead distribution lines of less than 20,000 volt capacity and 148.89 miles of underground distribution. The number of transformers connected with the distribution system is 36,889, having an aggregate capacity of 602,806 horsepower. These are supplied from 1,038,645 horsepower in transformers installed in primary sub-stations.

The total output of electric energy during 1922 was 1,608,940,735 kilowatt hours, an increase over 1921 of about 120,000,000 kilowatt hours. Of this, 69.9 per cent represents the output of the Company's hydro-electric plants, 15.6 per cent was produced in steam electric plants, and 14.5 per cent represents power purchased from other concerns. The following table gives the connected load as of December 31 1922:

	Total H.P.
Commercial and Residential lighting	376,322
Street lighting	6,842
Cooking and Heating	25,741
Other electric corporations	70,005
Mining motors	36,996
Agricultural motors	156,814
Electric railway motors	104,375
Manufacturing motors	229,873
Miscellaneous power	103,711
Total 1922	1,110,679
Total 1921	1,044,217
Increase	66,462

GAS DEPARTMENT.

The most important forward step of the year in our gas manufacturing processes was the installation at our principal gas works of liquid purification plants, the first of the kind to be installed in the West. These installations, ranging from a capacity of three to thirty million cubic feet per day, have either been completed, or were well under way at the close of the year, in San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and Fresno, with plans completed for an installation at San Jose. This improved process will result in better operating conditions, in lengthening the life of mains, services and meters, and giving our customers an even cleaner and better gas than heretofore.

Progress was also made during the year in the execution of the policy of centralizing the manufacture of gas at our larger and, therefore, more economical plants, discontinuing smaller and less efficient plants, and supplying the territory served from these plants by means of high-pressure mains from the central plants. Reference was made in last year's report to the dismantling of small gas works at Los Gatos and Woodland. These cities and intervening territory have since then been successfully served from San Jose and Sacramento, respectively. This year work was begun on the enlargement and conversion into a central plant of the existing gas works at San Rafael, and of the construction of an eight-inch high-pressure main from San Rafael to Petaluma, a distance of approximately twenty-three miles, to connect with an existing four-inch high pressure main from Santa Rosa to Petaluma. This will permit of the abandonment of the present generating plant at Santa Rosa to make San Rafael the central point for the manufacture and distribution of gas in a territory extending eleven miles south to Sausalito and forty miles north to Santa Rosa. Plans have also been made for the extension of a high-pressure line from Vallejo to Napa, a distance of seventeen miles, which will permit of closing down the small plant at Napa. These changes will result in higher operating efficiencies and better service to our customers and will also, to an even greater extent than heretofore, bring the advantages of metropolitan gas service to many suburban and rural communities.

From a commercial standpoint, the outstanding feature of the year was the constantly enlarging demand for gas for house-heating and industrial purposes. The industrial installations of the year ranged from single customers using as high as twelve million cubic feet per annum, downward. At the present time industrial installations definitely in prospect approximate 580,000,000 cubic feet. Service was extended during the year to Campbell, Corte Madera, Mayfield, Mill Valley and Sausalito, with a total population of 7,678. Aside from the gain of 18,998 gas customers during the year, the satisfactory activity in this department, stimulated by intelligent and effective sales effort on the part of the Commercial Department, may be judged from the fact that during the year approximately 15,000 cabinet gas ranges, 12,000 tank water heaters, 7,000 automatic water heaters and 2,000 warm air furnaces for the heating of homes and buildings were sold in the Company's territory.

Eighteen gas plants are now in service with a total daily generating capacity of 73,410,000 cubic feet. The location of these plants, the territory served, and sales of cubic feet from each during the year are shown in the following table:

Plant—	Territory Served.	Sales in Cubic Feet
San Francisco, 2 plants	10 cities and suburbs	6,422,408,300
Oakland	10 cities and suburbs	3,724,198,100
San Jose	3 cities and suburbs	477,837,900
Fresno	Fresno	517,159,200
San Rafael	7 cities and suburbs	131,621,000
Santa Rosa	3 cities and suburbs	151,509,500
Napa	Napa	41,996,600
Vallejo	Vallejo	116,941,900
Chico	Chico and suburbs	51,187,400
Grass Valley	2 cities and suburbs	21,996,700
Sacramento	3 cities and suburbs	557,789,000
Marysville	2 cities and suburbs	52,966,800
Colusa	Colusa	17,616,600
Oroville	Oroville	23,692,400
Red Bluff	Red Bluff	12,060,700
Redding	Redding	16,780,200
Willows	Willows	16,056,700

Total Sales in Cubic Feet 1922.....12,353,849,000

ENLARGED SALES ACTIVITIES.

During the year the Company's commercial and new business activities were consolidated into a Sales Department under the direction of a vice-president. This significant development of administrative policy has already demonstrated its value and its still greater possibilities of future usefulness in the expansion of electric and gas sales. The new department immediately began an active campaign of co-operation and education among present and prospective consumers of both gas and electricity, this work being carried on through a personal advisory service staff made up of sales engineers, trained and experienced in their particular fields.

Coincident with the widening of the scope of the Company's Sales Department and effectively supplementing the activities of its service and sales staffs, a systematic advertising campaign was inaugurated and carried out vigorously throughout the year through the medium of 175 newspapers and other publications issued in the territory served by the Company. Eighty-six pieces of regular copy were prepared by advertising experts and published throughout the territory and over 200 special advertisements were prepared and published in trade papers and other mediums. A large part of this sales advertising was designed to develop and encourage the greater uses of current and gas-consuming devices operating at off-peak times, thus serving to fill up the valleys in our load curve and making for better plant operation and better service. The results obtained during the year through this centrally directed and more vigorous and effective sales policy have fully come up to expectations, and still greater results are anticipated in the future.

NEW CONSTRUCTION IN 1923.

The most important single item of new construction to be undertaken during the coming year is Pit Power House No. 3, with an installed capacity exceeding 100,000 horsepower. This plant will be completed during 1925. Its entire output will be brought to our consuming centres over the new double circuit steel tower transmission line already built and in operation from Pit Power House No. 1 to the Vaca-Dixon Substation, and over the high tension transmission lines radiating from that substation to the Claremont and Newark Substations, the former being located on the immediate outskirts of the City of Oakland, from which point, by means of underground cables, it is made available for distribution in all of the cities embraced in the Company's East Bay Division. From Newark, a double circuit steel tower transmission line will be built on the west side of San Francisco Bay to Martin Station, enabling us to bring into the City of San Francisco a very much larger volume of hydro-electric energy from the Pit River and other plants than has heretofore been possible, and this entirely by means of land lines, instead of adding to the submarine cable capacity across San Francisco Bay.

Another important piece of work to be undertaken in the coming year is the raising of the present dam at Lake For-dyce, one of the upper reservoirs in the South Yuba-Bear River system. This will increase the water storage at that point by 26,700 acre feet, and by increasing the canal and penstock capacity supplying Drum Power House, and by making other alterations below this power house on Bear River, will add more than 13,000 horsepower of electrical energy to the present capacity of the system. When this work has been completed, the twenty-one lakes and storage reservoirs embraced in our South Yuba-Bear River developments will have a total capacity of 142,593 acre feet of water, which will be utilized five times in the operation of 90,147 horsepower of installed generating units in our Drum, Hal-sey, Wise and Spaulding No. 1 and No. 2 power houses and will thereafter be available to a large extent for irrigation.

Property was purchased during the year at the southeast corner of Beale and Market Streets, San Francisco, which will be followed in 1923 by the erection of a seventeen-story general office building, having an effective floor space of 183,985 square feet. The present general office building of the Company will be retained as headquarters for the local organization of the San Francisco Division. A new eight-story office building in Oakland, now under construction, will be completed in 1923.

EMPLOYEES AND WELFARE WORK.

The total amount expended for labor during the year in both the operating and construction departments was \$14,368,541.43, an increase over 1921 of \$1,163,103.54. The average number of employees was 8,595. There are now 1,083 employees of the Company in possession of service badges, 523 of these having been with the Company from ten to fourteen years, 327 from fifteen to nineteen years, 113 from twenty to twenty-four years, 48 from twenty-five to twenty-

nine years, 51 from thirty to thirty-four years, 13 from thirty-five to thirty-nine years, and 8 over forty years.

The welfare of the Company's employees has received continued consideration, largely through the agency of the Employees' Welfare Committee, composed of executives of the Company and members representing the employees. The Pacific Service Employees' Association, a social, educational and beneficial organization, now numbering approximately 5,500 employees as members, receives the active support and co-operation of the management. The educational activities of this Association among its members are especially worthy of commendation. The various classes organized by the Association and devoted to the study of subjects bearing directly upon the daily work of its members have an aggregate enrollment of 611 students.

The Company's first pension plan was adopted on June 1 1913. A more formal plan was adopted on February 1 1916, and this plan was further revised and liberalized on October 1 1921, since which date it has stood without modification. In the nine and one-half years since the pension system was adopted, ninety-four employees have been pensioned, and of these, sixty-six, with an average age of seventy years, were on the roll at the close of 1922. The amount of pensions paid in 1922 was \$42,795 29, an average per pensioner for the year of \$676 07. Payments made from the beginning aggregate \$224,548 83, an average \$553 64 per pensioner per annum. The average pension period of those on the roll at the close of the year was four years and five months.

The Personnel Department, whose business it is to keep a record of all the employees of the Company, showing the special training, fitness and adaptability of each, has continued to prove itself a most efficient method of finding those employees entitled to promotion and bringing about transfers of employees to positions to which they are best adapted.

New club houses for employees were completed at our Electra, Drum and Pit Power Houses. Cottages for employees were erected at Hat Creek Power House No. 1 and at our South Tower, Dixon and Newark Substations.

PUBLIC RELATIONS.

Reflecting in a large degree the cumulative effort of many years of frank and fair dealing with the public and its patrons, our public relations during the year have continued to be most satisfactory. Concrete evidence of this is the fact that 96%, or 126,455 columnar inches, of all the references made during the year to the Company and its activities in the newspapers published within its territory, were of a favorable character. Informal complaint to the State Railroad Commission alleging unsatisfactory service have almost reached the vanishing point. As a matter of fact, only two such complaints were filed during the last three months of the year, which is worthy of note when account is taken of the fact that at the close of 1922 the Company had 645,410 active service connections.

It is a pleasure to me again to express my sincere appreciation of the loyal and effective work rendered by all officers and employees during the year.

For the Board of Directors,

W. E. CREED, *President.*

ACCOUNTANTS' CERTIFICATES.

Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., certified public accountants, have made the usual audit of the Company's books and their certified statements covering Income and Surplus Accounts for the year 1922 and Balance Sheet at December 31 1922 follow:

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND MOUNT SHASTA POWER CORPORATION.	
CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDING DEC. 31 1922.	
Gross Revenue.....	\$38,593,562 28
Deduct:	
Maintenance.....	\$3,117,530 45
Operating, Distribution and Administration Expenses.....	16,609,132 17
Taxes.....	3,690,213 10
Depreciation.....	3,602,199 23
	27,019,074 95
Add:	
Miscellaneous Income.....	611,042 98
	\$12,185,530 31
Deduct:	
Interest on Bonds Outstanding.....	\$6,149,331 52
Miscellaneous Interest Payable.....	32,279 76
	\$6,181,611 28
Less:	
Interest charged to Construction.....	1,032,997 27
	\$5,148,614 01
Proportion for year 1922 of Discount and Expenses on Funded Debt.....	449,756 95
	5,598,370 96
Net Income carried down.....	\$6,587,159 35
SURPLUS ACCOUNT.	
Balance Jan. 1 1922.....	\$7,946,336 11
Net Income from above.....	\$6,587,159 35
Deduct—Miscellaneous Adjustments:	
Premium and Unamortized Discount on 7% Gold Notes retired before maturity.....	\$456,574 82
Expense of Exploration for Natural Gas.....	250,400 17
Other Adjustments (Net).....	158,568 44
	865,543 43
	5,721,615 92
Deduct—Dividends:	
On Preferred Stocks (6%).....	\$2,574,156 56
On Common Stock:	
5 1/4 % paid in Cash.....	\$1,820,431 41
2 % paid in Stock.....	679,976 00
	2,500,407 41
	5,074,563 97
Balance to Balance Sheet.....	\$8,593,388 06
Represented by—	
Amount invested in Sinking Funds.....	\$1,077,914 26
Balance Unappropriated.....	7,515,473 80
	\$8,593,388 06

We have audited the books of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Mount Shasta Power Corporation for the year ending December 31 1922, and certify that in our opinion the above income account and surplus account are fair and correct statements of the operations of the companies for the year.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

San Francisco, Cal., March 31 1923.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1922.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Capital Assets:		Capital Stock of Pacific Gas & Electric Company:	
Plants and Properties.....	\$200,250,877 54	Common—Issued.....	\$66,380,900 66
Discount and Expenses on Capital Stock Issued.....	8,326,097 24	Less—Owned by Subsidiary Companies..	31,696,866 66
Investments	1,680,343 53		
Trustees of Sinking Funds:			
Cash.....	\$60,747 28	First Preferred.....	\$34,684,034 00
Interest accrued on Bonds held in Sinking Funds.....	115,323 59	On Common Stock.....	**51,178,272 50
	176,070 87	Original Preferred.....	37,100 00
			\$85,899,406 50
Cash in Hands of Trustees—For redemption of Pacific Gas & Electric Company 5 year 7% Collateral Trust Convertible Gold Notes.....	78,780 00	Capital Stock of Subsidiary Companies not held by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Unpaid Dividends thereon.....	20,583 54
Current Assets:		Funded Debt:	
Materials and Supplies on hand and in transit.....	\$3,709,041 49	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Bonds.....	\$66,542,000 00
Installments receivable from Subscribers to First Preferred Stock.....	1,155,695 66	Bonds of Subsidiary Companies.....	45,158,700 00
Bills receivable.....	\$268,472 16		111,700,700 00
Accounts receivable.....	3,805,194 71	Current Liabilities:	
	\$4,073,666 87	Accounts Payable and Unaudited Bills....	\$1,886,976 17
Less—Reserve for bad Debts	191,875 10	Drafts Outstanding.....	592,011 19
	3,881,791 77	Meter and Line Deposits.....	699,091 40
Cash.....	5,300,715 85	Unpaid Coupons.....	303,265 00
Construction Funds in hands of trustees of First and Refunding Mortgage.....	383,496 20	Interest accrued but not Due.....	1,600,105 98
Interest accrued on Investments.....	6,143 46	Taxes accrued but not Due.....	2,101,629 88
	14,436,884 43	Dividends Declared.....	520,208 05
Deferred Charges:			7,703,287 67
Discount and expenses on Funded Debt..	\$5,734,200 25	Reserves:	
Unexpired Taxes and Undistributed Suspense Items.....	93,243 18	For Northern California Power Company Consolidated Plant Adjustments and accrued Depreciation.....	\$1,648,265 73
	5,827,443 43	Depreciation.....	13,049,320 57
Treasury Bonds, not included in Assets or Liabilities:		Insurance and Casualty Funds.....	341,410 88
General and Refunding Bonds.....	*\$25,462,000 00	Reserve for amounts charged during 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917 to Consumers in excess of rates allowed by City Ordinances.....	1,820,134 09
Bonds of Subsidiary Companies.....	541,500 00		16,859,131 27
	\$26,003,500 00	Surplus:	
		Invested in Sinking Funds.....	\$1,077,914 26
		Balance Unappropriated.....	7,515,473 80
			8,593,388 06
	\$230,776,497 04		\$230,776,497 04

* \$875,000 00 General and Refunding Bonds pledged in San Francisco Rate Cases.

\$300,000 00 pledged as Collateral under P. G. & E. Co., 5 year 7% Collateral Trust Convertible Gold Notes, Trust Agreement and Mortgage.

\$24,162,000 00 deposited with Trustee of First and Refunding Mortgage.

** Includes stock subscribed for but not fully paid and issued.

We have audited the books of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Mount Shasta Power Corporation for the year ending December 31 1922, and certify that in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the

true financial position of the companies at December 31 1922.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

San Francisco, Cal., March 31 1923.

PACIFIC OIL COMPANY AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT—YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

To the Stockholders of the Pacific Oil Company:

Your directors submit herewith the annual report of the Pacific Oil Company and its affiliated companies, for the year ended December 31 1922.

The books and accounts of your Company have been audited by Price, Waterhouse & Company, a public accounting firm of the highest repute, whose certification of the correctness of the accounts appears below.

Below appears a statement of the General Balance Sheet and also a statement of the Income Account together with a statement of the Profit and Loss Account, showing a net profit for the year of \$11,792,225 84 (equivalent to \$3 37 per share of stock of your Company issued and outstanding).

Dividends on the capital stock of your Company were declared during the year, payable as follows:

(No. 3) \$1 50 per share, paid July 20 1922.....	\$5,250,000 00
(No. 4) \$1 50 per share, payable January 20 1923.....	5,250,000 00
	<u>\$10,500,000 00</u>

EARNINGS.

The decrease in gross earnings is due to the reduction in the market price of oil. The base field price for oil at the wells of gravity ranging from 14 degrees to 17.9 degrees Baume, is now and was during the last part of 1922, 60 cents per barrel, against a price of \$1 60 per barrel in May 1921.

This reduction in price is not the result of decrease in business, but of large overproduction in California arising from the intensive drilling under town-lot conditions of three new Southern California fields, viz.: Santa Fe Springs, Long Beach and Huntington, Beach. The result was an increase of 21.65% in production in 1922 as compared with 1921.

During this period of overproduction, your management has deemed it wise to restrict its production of oil, so far as possible, to the quantity necessary to meet the market demands, at the same time guarding its properties from any depletion by adjoining owners.

OPERATING EXPENSES.

The decrease in operating expenses is due chiefly to curtailment of general drilling program, and also production costs.

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS.

In Texas and Alaska during the year your Company has acquired an interest in a number of oil leases equally with the Associated Oil Company. No drilling is being undertaken in Texas. One well is being drilled for joint account in Alaska.

A concrete storage reservoir, 750,000 barrels capacity, is being constructed at Tracy, Calif., for storage purposes in connection with supply of fuel oil to the Southern Pacific Company.

On July 1 1922 your Company acquired a one-half interest in the Associated Supply Company from the Associated Oil Company (the other one-half being owned by that Company) by the purchase for \$250,000 of 2,500 shares of stock of the Associated Supply Company, at par (\$100 per share), each of the two equal owners supplying other funds to the Associated Supply Company as needed, for working capital. The Associated Supply Company, in addition to caring for the needs of the Pacific Oil and Associated Oil Companies and their subsidiaries, in large part, also engaged in extensive merchandise business in general oil well supplies.

The Associated Supply Company has on hand 541,465 barrels of fuel oil in storage in the Kern River fields, your Company having a beneficial one-half interest therein as stockholder of the Associated Supply Company.

OIL WELLS AND FIELD IMPROVEMENTS.

There were 739 wells in operation on December 31 1922; 18 new wells were being drilled, and 7 wells were being redrilled on that date.

During the year 1922 your Company expended in construction of field improvements, principally new wells, \$3,724,933 32. Of this amount \$1,910,823 78 were charged to income, and \$1,814,109 54 to investment accounts.

PRODUCTION.

The total production for the year 1922 amounted to 12,838,466 barrels, compared with 14,047,293 barrels for the year 1921. The decrease is due to the shut-down of a number of wells producing heavy fuel oil, this policy having been dictated by the large and steady increase in fuel oil stocks resulting from the heavy production of crude oil in Southern California fields. Detail of production follows:

Field—	Barrels—		+ Increase — Decrease
	1922.	1921.	
Coalinga.....	1,322,142	2,072,050	-749,908
Kern River.....	412,227	376,995	+35,232
McKittrick.....	370,528	315,864	+54,664
Sunset.....	10,733,569	11,282,384	-548,815
Total.....	12,838,466	14,047,293	-1,208,827

The production of your Company in chiefly light oil having a considerable value for refining purposes, which is sold to other companies, payment being made in fuel oil, which in turn is disposed of to the Southern Pacific Company and other consumers. In these exchanges, the Company earns a premium, also received in fuel oil.

SALES.

Sales during 1922, of fuel oil, totaled 16,250,002 barrels, against 15,345,666 barrels in 1921, an increase of 904,336 barrels. The increase was due to the additional requirements of the Southern Pacific Company.

Oil on hand and due from other companies as of December 31 1922 amounted to 3,332,563 barrels, compared with 1,294,941 barrels on hand as of December 31 1921, reflecting an increase of 2,037,622 barrels.

GENERAL.

The demand for both crude and fuel oil is materially increasing. At the same time the production is Southern California from the new fields has not as yet passed its peak. Your Company's holdings are situated in the San Joaquin Valley, but it is interested in Southern California through its ownership in the Associated Oil Company, which in turn also owns major interests in subsidiary companies operating in that field. These companies have very substantial holdings in Southern California.

Your Company, as of December 31 1922, owned interests in affiliated enterprises as shown in the following schedule:

Affiliated Companies	Par Value per Share	Capitalization		Owned by Pacific Oil Company
		Authorized	Outstanding	
Associated Oil Co.	\$100.00	\$40,000,000 00	\$39,755,723 50	\$23,032,000 00
Associated Pipe Line Company	100.00	10,500,000 00	*10,500,000 00	3,500,000 00
Associated Supply Company	100.00	500,000 00	x500,000 00	250,000 00

* Associated Oil Company owns 33 1-3% of outstanding capital stock.

x Associated Oil Company owns 50% of outstanding capital stock.

The Board announces with sorrow the death on September 24 1922 of Mr. Burns D. Caldwell, a Director of your Company from shortly after its organization in December 1920. A copy of the resolution adopted by the Board, and entered in its minutes, as a tribute to the memory of Mr. Caldwell, is appended to this pamphlet report.

The annual report of the Associated Oil Company and proprietary and affiliated companies is reproduced as Appendix A to this pamphlet report, for your further information.

By order of the Board of Directors,

PAUL SHOUP, President.

May 21 1923.

PACIFIC OIL COMPANY.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31 1922.

ASSETS.

Capital Assets—		
Original purchase of oil lands and 200,690 shares of capital stock of Associated Oil Company.....	\$32,214,972 79	
Other investments in and advances to affiliated companies.....	10,277,926 18	
Oil lands and leases acquired since organization, field improvements, equipment and organization expenses.....	23,422,467 23	\$65,915,366 20
Current Assets—		
Inventories at cost:		
Crude oil on hand.....	*\$411,680 60	
Exchange oil receivable.....	**26,705 98	
Materials and supplies.....	242,059 78	\$680,446 36
Accounts and notes receivable.....	3,273,684 69	
Marketable securities.....	6,131,966 54	
Call loan.....	1,400,000 00	
Cash in bank.....	3,899,775 47	15,385,873 06
Deferred Charges to Operations—		
Prepaid taxes.....	\$648,728 46	
Miscellaneous.....	46,799 62	695,528 08
		<u>\$81,996,767 34</u>

* Barrels 3,018,248.11

** Barrels 314,314.88.

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock—		
Authorized and issued—3,500,000 shares of no par value....	\$52,500,00000	
Deferred Liability—		
To co-owners of stock of Associated Pipe Line Company....	30,538 84	
Current Liabilities—		
Accounts payable.....	\$718,456 00	
Accrued taxes.....	649,791 10	
Dividend declared payable January 20 1923....	5,250,000 00	6,618,247 10
Reserves—		
For depreciation and depletion.....	\$15,191,408 29	
For insurance.....	73,273 50	
For possible Federal taxes and contingencies.....	976,532 66	16,241,214 45
Profit and loss, as per annexed statement.....		6,606,766 95
		<u>\$81,996,767 34</u>

INCOME ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

Gross earnings from operations	\$21,422,003 94
Deduct—	
Operating expenses	\$7,222,670 50
Taxes	990,151 73
	8,212,822 23
Net earnings from operations	\$13,209,181 71
Add Other Income—	
Dividends from affiliated companies	\$1,431,920 00
Interest earned	532,470 95
Royalties and rentals	188,387 60
Miscellaneous	64,419 44
	2,217,197 99
Total income	\$15,426,379 70
Deduct miscellaneous charges	29,872 94
Net profit before providing for depreciation and depletion and possible Federal income taxes	\$15,396,506 76
Deduct—	
Provision for depreciation and depletion	\$3,094,974 79
Provision for possible Federal income taxes	509,306 13
	3,604,280 92
Net profit carried to profit and loss account	\$11,792,225 84

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Balance at December 31 1921	\$5,384,534 16
Income for year ended December 31 1922, as above	11,792,225 84
	\$17,176,760 00
Add—Net profit on properties and securities sold	19,879 96
	\$17,196,639 96
Deduct—Loss on properties abandoned	89,873 01
	\$17,106,766 95
Deduct—Dividends declared	10,500,000 00
Balance at Dec. 31 1922, carried to general balance sheet	\$6,606,766 95

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.,
United States, Canada, Mexico, Great Britain.

56 Pine Street, New York, May 1 1923.

To the Stockholders of the Pacific Oil Company:

We have examined the books and accounts of the Pacific Oil Company for the year ending December 31 1922, and certify that the general balance sheet at that date and the relative profit and loss account and income account are correctly prepared therefrom.

The properties acquired from the Southern Pacific Land Company have been dealt with on the basis of the consideration actually paid in respect thereof, which was substantially less than the full value of the properties. We have satisfied ourselves that the additions to the property account comprise only proper charges thereto, and that adequate provision has been made for the amortization of the property account through depreciation and depletion charges.

Provision has been made for all ascertained liabilities and a reserve for Federal taxes has been provided, although the allowances for invested capital and depletion have not yet been finally determined by the Internal Revenue Department.

We certify that on the foregoing basis the general balance sheet and relative profit and loss and income account, in our opinion, fairly set forth the financial position of the company on December 31 1922 and the results of the operations for the year ending on that date.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

Western States Gas & Electric Co. of Calif.—Bonds Sold.—Blyth, Witter & Co., H. M. Byllesby & Co. and Cyrus Peirce & Co. have sold at 96 and int., to yield over 6.30%, \$2,000,000 additional 1st & Unified Mtge. Gold bonds 6% Series "A." Dated Mar. 1 1922. Due Mar. 1 1947. (See advertising pages and compare V. 114, p. 1073.)

Data From Letter of Vice-President J. J. O'Brien of Byllesby Engineering & Management Corp., Chicago, June 4.

Company.—Incorp. in California in 1910 and acquired electric and gas utilities in Central and Northern California, some of which had been in existence since 1888. Company is at present serving 34 communities, with principal centres at Stockton, Richmond and Eureka. Population estimated 111,000. Company operates 2 hydro-electric plants of a combined installed capacity of 6,500 k. w., located on the American and Trinity rivers, and modern steam turbine plants of a combined installed capacity of 4,250 k. w., located in Stockton and Eureka. Artificial gas plants are operated in Stockton and Eureka, operations in Stockton being in conjunction with natural gas wells.

Construction is now nearing completion of a hydro-electric plant on the South Fork of the American River, with an initial capacity of 20,000 k. w. This additional capacity will enable the company to provide for immediate and future power demands and to replace the power purchased from other companies, amounting in 1922 to about 60% of the company's total output during that year.

Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of Present Financing.

First and Refunding (now First) Mortgage 5s. 1941 (closed)	\$4,308,800
First & Unified Mtge. bonds, 6% Series "A" (incl. this issue)	7,000,000
15-Year 6% Gold notes, Series "A"	5,000,000
7% Cumulative stock	3,248,000
Common stock	3,231,500
x Additional 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5s amounting to \$1,724,000 are deposited as additional security for the 1st & Unified Mtge. bonds.	

Earnings for Calendar Years.

Year—	Gross Earnings.	Oper. Exps., Maint. & Tax.	Net Earnings.	Total Actual Int. Chgs
1914	\$1,117,867	\$594,039	\$523,828	\$275,600
1916	1,239,337	637,708	601,629	292,144
1918	1,628,995	979,380	649,615	357,488
1919	1,901,303	1,115,555	785,748	378,860
1921	2,547,164	1,685,981	861,183	420,376
1922	2,697,383	1,775,853	921,530	464,706

Sinking Fund.—Present sinking fund of the 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5s requires cash payments of approximately \$260,000 annually, and will practically retire those bonds by maturity; this cash sinking fund being over 2% of the total bonds outstanding, including the new issue.

The First & Unified Mtge. provides for an annual sinking fund commencing March 1 1928 in an amount equal to 2% of the total outstanding bonds, including the underlying bonds, as provided in the mortgage, which sinking fund will be credited with the cash payments to the sinking fund of the 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds.

Cash deposited for the sinking fund of the 1st & Unified Mtge. bonds may be withdrawn by the company for permanent extensions and additions, for which no bonds may be issued, or for the redemption of bonds.

Purpose.—To provide funds which, together with cash now on special deposit, will be used to complete the 20,000 k. w. hydro-electric plant,

together with adequate reservoir and canal capacity, in the construction of a new transmission line and for normal expenditures for additions and betterments to the existing property. 16.

[The Girard Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa., will until July 5 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, due June 1 1941, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$134,964 and at a price not exceeding 105 and int.]—V. 116, p. 838.

White Rock Mineral Springs Co., N. Y.—Rights, &c.—

Chairman R. A. C. Smith, New York, June 2, in a notice to stockholders and holders of Voting Trust certificates therefor, says:

The company has acquired \$1,750,000 5% 2d Pref. stock (being entire issue) for the sum of \$875,000. Of this amount, \$750,000 will be held in the treasury and the remaining \$1,000,000 is offered to the stockholders of record June 11 at the cost price (\$50 per share), to the extent of 16 2-3% of their holdings. Rights expire June 20 and payment for the stock must be made on or before July 10.

The 2d Pref. stock is entitled to receive dividends at the rate of 5% per annum, after 7% per annum has been paid or set aside on the 1st Pref. stock. After payment of 5% dividends on the Common stock, the 2d Pref. stock participates with the Common stock ratably in any further dividends. Company has set aside and carries in its reserves the 7% dividend requirements on its 1st Pref. stock for 1923.

Dividends on the 2d Pref. stock for the quarters ended Jan. 31 and April 30 have been paid and the board has set aside and placed in its reserves the amount necessary to pay the 2d Pref. dividends payable July 31 and Oct. 31.

The net earnings for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31 1922, after payment of Federal taxes, were \$677,746.

Balance Sheet as of April 30 1923.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Property investment	\$7,311,767
Cash	99,210
Investment securities	649,297
Accounts receivable	283,962
Other current assets	21,195
Stock in warehouse	87,942
Raw materials	97,524
Deferred charges	5,234
	1st Preferred stock
	2d Preferred stock
	Common stock
	Current liabilities
	Reserves (incl. dividend)
	Surplus
	Total (each side)

(C. H.) Wills Co.—Sale Postponed.—

The receiver's sale scheduled for June 6 has been postponed to June 20.—V. 116, p. 2156.

Winton Co., Cleveland.—Approves Merger.—

The stockholders on June 4 approved the plan to merge the company with the Haynes Automobile Co. and Dorris Motor Co. under the name of Consolidated Motors Corp.

The Winton Co. it is said, will receive \$1,000,000 for its automobile plant and equipment in cash and \$250,000 of debentures and 93,000 shares of common stock, the cash to be used in liquidating present indebtedness, leaving the debentures and securities to be disposed of in some way to be determined in due time. Present capitalization consists of \$1,350,000 7% cum. pref. stock and \$1,000,000 common stock.—V. 116, p. 2532.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—May Sales.—Lease.—

1923—May—1922.	Increase.	1923—5 Mos.—1922.	Increase.
\$14,798,615	\$12,880,654	\$1,917,961	\$66,788,524
			\$57,781,360
			\$9,007,164

The increase of \$1,917,960, or 14.89%, for May, stores operating one year or more were responsible for \$1,635,607, which was 12.70% over sales for the same stores in May 1922. In the five months' period old stores were responsible for \$7,626,464 of the gain or 13.30% gain over sales for the same stores in the first five months of 1922.

The company has leased from Aaron Kuhn, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Spokane & Eastern Trust Co. of Spokane, Wash., the Kuhn Bldg., 711 to 719 Riverside Ave., Spokane, for a period of 50 years and 7 months, at a total rental of \$1,382,083. In addition the tenant will pay the taxes, insurance premiums, &c. The rental is at the rate of \$25,000 for the first 18 years and 7 months, \$27,500 for the next 17 years and \$30,000 a year for the remaining 15 years.

Although the lease becomes effective June 1 of this year, the company will not be able to secure possession of the ground floor until 1928 on account of existing leases.—V. 116, p. 2156, 166.

Wright Aeronautical Corp.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31—	1923.	1922.
Net sales	\$419,721	
Net earnings after taxes	41,578	\$173,177

The earnings for the quarter are somewhat below the average experienced during prior periods, due to the fact that during this period the corporation's factory was changing over to the production of its

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 now be found in an earlier part of the paper, immediately following the editorial matter, in the department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."]

Friday Night, June 8 1923.

COFFEE on the spot in moderate demand and steady; No. 7, Rio 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; No. 4 Santos 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@15¢; fair to good Cucuta 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢@15 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. Futures fell here with Brazilian prices despite bullish statistics. Laneville estimated the world's visible on June 1 at 5,442,000 bags, representing a decrease of 662,000 bags during May. According to G. Duuring & Zoon the decrease for May was 662,000 bags. The New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange figures indicated a decrease in the world's visible on June 1 as compared with May 1 of 653,477 bags. Duuring reported the arrival in Europe of all kinds of coffee during May as 698,000 bags with total deliveries of 580,000 bags in that month and made the total European stock on June 1, 2,018,000. It mattered little, however, what the statistics showed. Speculation was quiet. Wall St. selling struck an unwilling market. Prices fell on the 4th inst. after some early advance on the monthly figures and pretty good early cables. Later the demand died out. Liquidation then told. There was a rise on the 5th inst. after an early decline. Trade buying braced up the price. Santos advanced 50 to 225 reis if Rio dropped 70 to 200. There is said to be a very large short interest here in July far beyond the available supply at present. To-day futures declined 8 to 10 points net in a dull market. Rio advanced, it is true, 100 to 200 reis, but Santos was unchanged to 150 reis lower. The dollar rate was 80 reis lower. No. 7 Rio was said to have sold for June shipment at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ c. & f., or a drop recently of $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢. Spot trade was slow. Brazilian receipts are light, those at Santos thus far this month being only 51,000 bags, and at Rio 36,000 bags or only about half the permissible rate per day. Closing prices show a decline for the week of 12 points.

Spot (unofficial) 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ July 9.58 @ 9.59 December 8.15 @ 8.16 September 8.58 @ 8.59 March 8.09 @ 8.10

SUGAR.—Cuban raws sold early in the week at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ c. & f. from operators' hands. Others asked 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. Refiners were supposed to be carrying considerable stocks of refined and disinclined to buy much raw until their product should sell better. The season of large consumption is just ahead. At the opening of the week London reported business dull in the United Kingdom with a resale of a part of a cargo of Cuba in port at 31s. c. i. f. United Kingdom equal to about 6.25¢ f. o. b. Cuba. British granulated was 1s. lower for prompt and June delivery at 36s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; July delivery fell 6d., due, it is said, to the competition of a New York refiner who was said to be offering granulated to the United Kingdom and France at a price about equivalent to the English basis. Refiners on the 5th inst. paid 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ for Cuba June shipment. About 30,000 bags of sugar are reported to have been taken by a refiner at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ on the 5th inst. and Cuban connections bought about 2,000 tons of December. Some contend that whether or not the boycott on sugar is reflected in the sugar market, continuous talk and publicity have driven many traders out of the market. It is argued in some quarters that what the "futures" market chiefly lacks is not incentive, but interest in outside professional circles.

On Tuesday the sales, including Cubas and Porto Ricos on the 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ c. & f. basis, it figured out later, were up to about 150,000 bags. In other words, the market showed unmistakable signs of waking up. The hot wave indicated the approach of a large popular consumption of sugar as usual in the summer months. On the 6th inst. trade interests bought futures freely. Cuban raws moved up $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢, 25,000 bags being sold at 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. Outside speculative interest, however, was rather small. Cuba later on was quoted at 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢, though the market was not entirely indifferent to the fact that English refiners cut prices sharply, namely prompt 2s., August 1s. 9d. and September 3s. 3d. This was the way they tried to trump the fact that several cargoes of American sugar have been shipped to England to take advantage of the lower import duty. This unsettled the English markets. Raw sugar was not quoted there on the 7th inst. There is keen competition among American, Canadian and British refiners in English markets. Some exporters here, it is intimated, have shown some disposition to cancel their purchases in consequence of the state of affairs across the water. One refinery offered to-day to sell granulated for account of whom it may concern at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Regular prices for granulated were 9.75 to 9.90¢. To-day prices declined 30 points on futures, the loss being partly attributable to a rather unsettled spot market for raws. It was hinted that 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ would be shaded to 6 5-16¢ and perhaps to 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ from operators, though importers were

supposed to be maintaining prices on the basis of 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. San Domingos for prompt shipment have latterly sold at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ c. i. f., Montreal. Final prices for futures show a decline for the week of 23 to 26 points. Prices follow:

Spot (unofficial) 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ September 6.05 @ 6.06 March 4.20 @ nom. July 5.98 @ 5.99 December 5.50 @ 5.52 May 4.25 @ nom.

LARD firmer; prime western, 12.10@12.20¢; refined to Continent, 13¢; South America, 13.25¢; Brazil in kegs, 14.25¢. Futures declined with big receipts and lower prices for hogs, cables irregular, a sharp decrease in exports and domestic and foreign demand small. Now and then, when corn rallied and hedge selling proved to be small, lard prices turned upward, spurred by short covering for the time. But early in the week the tone was not confident on the buying side. The effect of lower quotations for hogs was somewhat neutralized by the largest May reduction in Western stocks of meat since 1915, and later on prices advanced. At one time this week there was some selling of July by the larger carriers. Europe bought ribs. Clearances of lard were still small. Stocks of lard tend to increase rapidly from now on. To-day futures dropped 15 to 20 points. The cash trade has been slow. Hog news has favored shorts. The cables have latterly been rather weak. It is true there has been considerable covering in July and September. And on the 7th inst. New York cleared 5,250,000 lbs. of lard. But in general export and domestic trade has been light and latterly the Ruhr news has been less favorable, all of which for the time being neutralized the effect of the smallness of supplies on this side of the water. Last prices show a rise or the week, however, of 7 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	11.22	11.12	11.25	11.35	11.47	11.27
September delivery	11.47	11.35	11.47	11.55	11.67	11.52

PORK dull; mess, \$26 to \$26 50; family, \$30 to \$32; short clear, \$23 50 to \$26. Beef quiet; mess, \$15; packet, \$15 to \$15 50; family, \$16 50 to \$18; extra India mess, \$28 to \$30; No. 1 canned roast beef, \$2 35; No. 2, \$4 05; 6 lbs., \$15; sweet pickled tongues, \$55 to \$65 nom. per bbl. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 24 lbs., 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 14¢. Butter, creamery seconds to high scoring, 36 to 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Cheese, flats, 20 to 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢. Eggs, fresh-gathered trade eggs to extra, 21 to 30¢.

OILS.—Linseed has been lifeless. Business has been largely of a hand-to-mouth character. Offerings of foreign oil have been rather more liberal. A carload of English oil was reported to have been offered at 98¢ per gallon. Most importers are asking around \$1 03 to \$1 04 per gallon. Later it was said a distressed carload of English oil sold at 95¢. Here spot carloads were quoted at \$1 14; tanks, \$1 09; less than carloads, \$1 17; less than 5 bbls., \$1 20; boiled tanks, \$1 11; carloads, \$1 16; 5 bbl. lots, \$1 19; less than 5 bbls., \$1 22; refined bbls., car lots, \$1 18; varnish type bbls., \$1 18. Coconut oil, Ceylon, bbls., 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢@9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Cochin, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. Corn, crude, tanks, mills, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; spot N. Y., 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢; refined, 100 bbl. lots, 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. Olive, \$1 15. Lard, strained winter, New York, 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; extra, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Cod, domestic, 68 to 70¢. Newfoundland, 71 to 74¢. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 04 to \$1 05. Rosin, \$5 90 to \$7 50. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 5,900 bbls., including switches; crude, S. E., 10.00¢. Prices closed as follows:

	Spot	August	September	October	November	December
July	11.50 @	11.44 @	11.24 @	10.06 @	9.07 @	8.85 @
June	11.50 @	11.20 @	11.24 @	10.06 @	9.07 @	8.85 @
July	11.55 @	11.65 @	11.24 @	10.06 @	9.07 @	8.85 @

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline is in only fair demand and prices are described as easier. Stocks of gasoline are very large. Export business is very light. Kerosene dull and weak. Bunker oil steady at \$1 70 per barrel f. o. b. New York Harbor refinery. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, 28.65¢; U. S. Navy specifications, bulk, per gallon, 15¢; export naphtha in cargo lots, 17.50¢; 63-66 degrees, 19.50¢; 66-68 degrees, 20.50¢; kerosene, cargo lots, cases, 15.90¢; petroleum, refined, tank wagon to store, 14¢; motor gasoline, garages (steel barrels), 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Receipts of crude oil by pipe lines of Oklahoma and Kansas during April according to the Oil City "Derrick" were 16,455,610 barrels, an increase of 337,046 barrels, as compared with the previous month. Deliveries by the same lines amounted to 15,286,289 barrels, a decrease of 583,157 barrels. Stocks of crude oil held by the pipe lines of Oklahoma, Kansas and Illinois and the territory east of the Mississippi River at the close of April amounted to 108,508,066 barrels, an increase of 1,317,732 barrels during April.

	Penn.	Cornberg	Cabell	Somerseset	Somerseset, light	Ragland	Wooster	Lima	Indiana	Princeton	Illinois	Crichton	Currie	Plymouth	Mexia
	\$3 25	1 85	1 91	1 75	2 10	\$1 00	2 05	2 18	1 98	1 97	\$1 97	1 45	2 00	1 35	1 60

RUBBER declined in sympathy with a reaction in London. Business is very quiet here. Factory interests are

still out of the market. Smoked ribbed sheets and first latex crepe, spot and June, 28½¢; July, 28½¢; July-September, 28½¢; October-December, 29½¢. Lower grades of plantation are dull and lower in sympathy with standards. Up-River Para lower, fine being quoted at 28½¢. On June 4 rubber advanced in London on better speculative demand, based partly on a further reduction of 862 tons in the stock, to-day's return being 53,627 tons, against 54,489 tons last week, 70,621 tons last year and 70,563 tons two years ago, at the corresponding time. For plantation standard on the spot 14½¢d. was paid, an advance of ½¢d. In London on June 5 rubber rose ¼¢d. to 15½¢d. for plantation standard on the spot; on the 7th it was back to 14½¢d.

HIDES were dull and lower. Bogotas were quoted at 21c. for interior. Reports from the River Plate section stated that frigorifico steers fell. A sale was reported of 2,000 Swift Montevideo steers at \$44 25, or equal to 17½¢ c. & f. United States buyers are not buying frigorificos ahead. Domestic hides were dull. The drift of prices seemed to be unmistakably downward. Savanilla later were about 19½¢; Santa Marta, 20c.; 5,000 Swift La Plata sold at \$33, or 13c. c. & f., a decline. Chicago was dull. Branded bulls were nominally 10c. Skins dull. Bids are below the market. City calf were 18c. asked. Side leather in only moderate demand at 15 to 16c. for boarded stock. Later 25,000 salted Chicago city calf sold at 16c., a drop of 2c. Good buff weights of hides were 11 to 12c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been quiet and rather weak, with tonnage plentiful.

CHARTERS included grain from Montreal to Bordeaux-Hamburg range, 13c. June; from Montreal to Greece, 21½¢, June 10; coal from Atlantic range to Sax, \$2 60 June 12; from Atlantic range to Antwerp, \$2 prompt; lumber from Gulf to River Plate, \$16 July; one round trip in West India trade, 850-ton steamer, \$1 60 June; ore from Huelva to New York, Philadelphia or Baltimore, 11s. prompt; ore from Lulea to Baltimore, 11s. prompt; coal from Hampton Roads to West Italy, \$3 June; coal from Virginia to Rio Janeiro, \$3 10 June; from Atlantic range to west Italy, \$3 10 prompt; nine months' time charter in Gulf-West India trade, 1,184-ton steamer, \$1 80 June; grain from Montreal to west Italy, 4s. June; grain from Montreal to Antwerp, 2s. 10½¢d.; option oats, 2s. 7½¢d. June; coal from Virginia to Santos, \$3 30 June; coal from Atlantic range to west Italy, \$3 25 June; coal from Virginia to Rio Janeiro, \$3 June; sugar from West Indies to New York or Philadelphia, 16c., Boston, 18c., Montreal, 22½¢, prompt; coal from Virginia to Barbados, \$2 prompt; nine months' time charter, 1,401-ton steamer, in West India trade, \$1 30 prompt; one round trip, 1,922-ton steamer, 85c., prompt; grain from Montreal to Antwerp, 14c. June; grain from North Pacific to United Kingdom or Continent, 37s. 6d. September; 125,000 cases of oil from Port Arthur to Far East, basis 26c. June; nitrate from Chile to Jacksonville-Boston range, \$4 50 June; phosphate from Curacao to west Italy, \$3 25 prompt; coal from Baltimore to Dunkirk, \$2 25 June; coal from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg range, \$2 15 prompt; grain from Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 2s. 10½¢d.; option oats, 2s. 7½¢d. June; grain from Montreal to Continent, 14c. June; grain from Montreal to Mediterranean, 3s. 10½¢d. June; grain from Montreal to United Kingdom, 2s. 9d. @ 3s. June; oil from Gulf to North Atlantic port, 50c. prompt; kaint from Hamburg to Jacksonville, \$3 prompt; one round trip, 1,867-ton steamer, in United States-west coast South America trade, 90c. June; one round trip in West Indies trade, 2,084-ton steamer, 80c. prompt.

TOBACCO has been in somewhat better demand, though actual business has reached only a fair amount in any instance. For the most part, indeed, buyers continued to pursue a waiting policy so that really important trading is out of the question. Yet for both wrappers and fillers there is some demand, whereas recently there seemed to be scarcely any. And prices have been in the main reported steady.

COAL trade was hit by a hot wave. Prices fell on Hampton Roads high volatiles to below \$5, even, it was said, to \$4 75. Pool 12, \$2 45; Pool 9 at tide water, \$5 35; Pool 10, \$5. The better grades of bituminous were rather firmer early in the week, especially on pools 1, 7 and 9. Later Pool 1, \$6 50; Pool 2, \$6 25. Coke was depressed. Best standard grades of Connellsville in cars at Pittsburgh were \$6 00 for best foundry, with \$5 50 for best furnace early in the week. Heating coke, \$4. Contract coke for third quarter was something above spot prices. Anthracite was firm, with most of the independent domestic sizes \$10 50 to \$11 50, though some of the largest companies were selling at as low as \$9 00. Later Hampton Roads coals were slow, with New England doing little. Pool 1 was quoted at \$6 50 to \$6 75, and Pool 2 at \$6 25 to \$6 40. High volatiles were inclined to sag with it seems some distress coal offered. Prices were \$4 85 to \$5.

COPPER.—A rather better business is being done and prices are firmer. Sales ranging up to 500 lots have been made recently. And export business has improved. The Copper Export Association, it is said, has begun selling again and is quoting 15½¢ c. i. f. European ports. Less than a fortnight ago independent exporters were shading the Association's price by as much as ½¢. France has taken most of the copper shipped, while a fair quantity is going to Great Britain and Germany. July and August delivery meet with the most demand, while for June delivery there is a fair inquiry. Consumers of unwrought copper show more inclination to buy now, owing, it is said, to the belief that the bottom has been reached. Their supplies are very small. Imports of copper in March totaled about 54,000,000 lbs., against 40,000,000 lbs. in February and 37,000,000 in January. Exports were 63,000,000 lbs., against 52,000,000 lbs. in February and 77,000,000 lbs. in January. Boston, Mass., wired June 2 that compared with shipments of copper to foreign countries in the last quarter of 1922, the exports for the first quarter of this year show an increase of 30,748,480 lbs.

Tin quiet and easy. For Straits 42c. is quoted and 41¾ for futures. These prices, it is said, however, could be shaded. There are some inquiries from can makers for tin plate, but deliveries in time for the canning season cannot be promised. Recent hot weather has curtailed production. The

total visible supply at the end of May was 22,187 tons against 22,116 tons in the previous month. During the previous month there had been a decline of 2,506 tons. The U. S. visible supply amounted to 11,305 tons consisting of 2,282 tons in warehouses, 850 tons landing and 8,173 tons afloat. Total shipments in May to all countries were 8,157 tons, of which 5,535 tons were Straits, of which 3,150 tons came to the U. S. Business in tin remained very quiet. Only 450 tons changed hands in London and the only recorded sale here was 25 tons of June-July shipments from the Straits. The visible supply increased 71 tons whereas a decrease of about 1,000 tons had been expected.

LEAD rather quiet and slightly lower. Spot, New York, 7.25@7.30c.; East St. Louis, 7@7.05c.

ZINC quiet and rather easier of late. Spot, New York, 6.70@6.75c.; East St. Louis, 6.35@6.40c. Stocks of slab zinc are mounting. London has latterly declined. Belgian smelters are placing new contracts for zinc concentrates, which has naturally kept the price down. Production in Belgium will soon be curtailed, it is said, owing to the lowness of prices. Consumption in Great Britain and the Continent has recently fallen off.

STEEL has been quiet and sheet prices, it is said, have been shaded at Pittsburgh. The output is still very large, although, owing to the hot weather, the production of sheet and tin plate has latterly fallen off. In the Mahoning Valley there is said to be a decrease of 10%, owing to the weather. The structural requirements are said to be large, for school work in New York City, pipe work at Cleveland and oil and gas lines in different parts of the country, as well as freight vessels for the Great Lakes. Quite a good business is reported in merchant pipe at Pittsburgh. Billet and sheet bars there are reported down to about \$42 50 base, with billets, slabs and bars for the third quarter also \$42 50. Buyers are very cautious. It is believed that the steel ingot output in May was something beyond precedent. But with the advent of hot weather, a decrease in production is naturally expected. At the same time there is a disposition among buyers to purchase on a conservative scale. The Pennsylvania RR. has, it is stated, ordered 20,000 tons of steel rails. The Carnegie Steel Co. will roll half of the rails called for in the order, while the other half has been granted to an independent company. Several other Eastern roads it is reported, are feeling out the market for delivery before long.

PIG IRON output is large but the demand is even smaller than recently. The May total reached the peak for the year. Hot weather is now cutting down the production. The total for May, however, was 3,867,694 gross tons, or 124,764 tons a day, as against 3,549,736 tons in April, or 118,324 tons a day. The hot wave for the past week has had its natural effect at the mills. Not improbably the June total will show a decrease compared with May. New business is slow. Eastern Pennsylvania iron is quoted as a rule on a basis of \$29, though some believe that this price would be shaded on a good-sized order. But foundry iron sold to a Massachusetts consumer at \$29. That was a decline of \$2 from the recent price. Virginia and Buffalo iron are said to be selling at \$28 furnace base. Furnace coke has been quoted at \$4 50 to \$5 spot and \$5 50 to \$6 contract; foundry coke, \$6 and upward.

WOOL has recently been quite here and prices have been falling generally, not excepting domestic, but especially on foreign clothing wool. Mills hold aloof, fearing a further decline, especially as woolens sell rather slowly. There is some business in Western domestic stocks in Arizona and Texas. A supers scoured basis from \$1 22 to \$1 26; fine 10 months' Texas wools, clean basis, \$1 38 to \$1 43. It is said that prices in some cases have been reduced 3c. or more. Many wool dealers, it is stated, have found mills unwilling to pay the high prices asked and have been forced to sell some of their holdings. Also there is to be borne in mind the reduced consumption in April compared with March and the tendency of some woolen goods mills to lessen their output. Some are predicting lower prices for wool on a larger clip than the last one. Prices are considered 65 to 150% higher than in 1913.

At Brisbane, Australia, on May 31, prices ended firm with the exception of good greasy merino, which declined. France and Germany were the chief buyers. Bradford held aloof. At Wanganui, N. Z., 7,200 bales of wool were offered on June 1, but only 4,400 bales sold. Selection good in cross-breeds, but demand was not satisfactory. Prices were about the same as at the sales of March 20. At Auckland, N. Z., 2,600 bales were offered on June 1 and 1,600 sold. It was mostly of inferior wools. Prices fell slightly. The Boston "Commercial Bulletin" in its issue of Saturday, June 9, will say:

A sluggish, irregular market prevails in wool and prices, except for the finer staple qualities, are on the easy side. Further shipments of low wools are being made to Europe, which offers a better market for some types than does the home trade. At the mills the situation has changed little, if any.

In the West the dealers have lowered their limits in many sections and are getting some wool at the lower levels. Wool is moving rather more briskly in some of the bright wool States.

Bradford reports a decline of a penny a pound for tops grading 46s. and above for the week. Prices are down fully 10% in the Liverpool, East India sales. The Continental markets are steady, however; offerings from the River Plate show no easing. Mohair is in light demand here but firm. The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1 1923 to June 27 1923, inclusive, were 69,200,000. The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1 1923 to June 7 1923, inclusive, were 272,873,100 pounds, against 171,174,150 pounds for the same period last year.

COTTON.

Friday Night, June 8 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 25,060 bales, against 28,322 bales last week and 36,894 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August, 1922, 5,546,798 bales, against 5,701,833 bales for the same period of 1921-22, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1922 of 155,035 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	2,257	614	2,019	411	1,149	2,564	9,014
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Houston	---	---	---	---	1,410	504	1,914
New Orleans	556	22	584	804	2,907	1,092	5,965
Mobile	---	---	---	---	---	64	64
Savannah	2	619	629	234	554	366	2,404
Charleston	831	290	315	163	365	63	2,027
Wilmington	57	21	30	33	27	138	306
Norfolk	498	548	206	105	10	536	1,903
New York	471	10	---	---	---	---	481
Boston	428	---	---	363	72	118	981
Totals this week	5,100	2,124	3,783	2,113	6,494	5,446	25,060

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 June 8.	1922-23.		1921-22.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1922.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1921.	1923.	1922.
Galveston	9,014	2,295,894	30,844	2,401,743	61,561	197,251
Texas City	---	89,796	---	30,246	---	3,348
Houston	1,914	718,823	10,750	454,091	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Orleans	5,965	1,324,791	27,536	1,169,555	89,768	182,988
Gulfport	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mobile	64	86,027	3,418	149,279	1,086	4,817
Pensacola	---	8,820	---	3,350	---	---
Jacksonville	---	9,153	83	3,760	---	1,427
Savannah	2,404	416,670	8,210	700,381	20,285	77,452
Brunswick	---	28,020	740	27,491	152	1,819
Charleston	2,027	12				

of curtailment by 15 different North Carolina mills. Yarn mills are cutting down their output in different parts of the country, it is said. For many weeks past Fall River's business has been poor. Whether this means that a silent buyers' strike is in progress, or whether trade has been held up by a backward spring, is in the last resort immaterial. The trade has suffered noticeably. And now the South is also beginning to feel dulness of trade. There are even intimations that unless business improves greatly there will be a very general curtailment in output among the Southern mills by July 1. And as regards Manchester, it is not forgotten that although the inquiry has undoubtedly been larger, it is openly questioned whether its actual business has very greatly improved. Oriental bids have often been below the admissible limits. And as regards the crop, June is apt to be a favorable month. In 1920, for instance, although the May 25 condition was only 62.4%, that of June 25 showed a rise of 8.3% and the condition kept on improving, so that the crop in that season surprised everybody by considerably exceeding 13,000,000 bales. That was an extreme case. It does not happen very often, to say the least. But June often does see a noteworthy improvement in the condition of the crop. That is matter of cotton history. If it occurs this year it is reasoned that it may easily have a noticeable effect on prices, especially if general trade in this country should continue quiet. And for the most part speculation here is not of a broad universal character; far from it. The gigantic swings of prices since the middle of March have to a very great extent eliminated the small trader whose transactions in the aggregate are wont to make up the really big trading. In any case not a few look upon it as a trading market largely under the domination of the weather. Today prices declined, with the cables a trifle weak, or at any rate, disappointing, the weather somewhat better, stocks and exchange lower, a big curb failure—said to be for \$1,750,000, after a recent one of \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000—less favorable Ruhr news and a tendency in any case to react after the recent sharp advance. Profit taking was very general. The technical position, too, had been weakened somewhat. But prices for the week show a rise of 140 points on June, 167 on July, and 40 to 90 on the rest of the list, the latter on October. Spot cotton closed at 28.85c., a rise of 130 points since last Friday.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the June 7 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 June 14.

Middling fair.....	.92 on	Middling "yellow" tinged.....	.93 off
Strict good middling.....	.69 on	*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged.....	1.38 off
Good middling.....	.48 on	*Low middling "yellow" tinged.....	1.38 off
Strict middling.....	.28 on	Good middling "yellow" stained.....	.66 off
Strict low middling.....	.27 off	*Strict mid. "yellow" stained.....	1.24 off
Low middling.....	.66 off	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	1.71 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	1.16 off	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	.95 off
*Good ordinary.....	1.70 off	*Strict middling "blue" stained.....	1.33 off
*Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.....	.40 on	*Middling "blue" stained.....	1.73 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged.....	Even	* These ten grades are not deliverable upon future contracts.	
Strict middling "yellow" tinged.....	.33 off		

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

June 6 to June 8—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands.....	27.40	27.25	28.00	28.45	29.05	28.85

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on June 8 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1923.....	28.85c.	1915.....	.98c.	1907.....	13.25c.	1899.....	6.31c.
1922.....	22.05c.	1914.....	13.65c.	1906.....	11.20c.	1898.....	6.50c.
1921.....	12.80c.	1913.....	12.10c.	1905.....	8.50c.	18	

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot. Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Firm			
Monday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Steady			
Tuesday	Steady, 75 pts. adv.	Firm			
Wednesday	Steady, 45 pts. adv.	Steady			
Thursday	Steady, 60 pts. adv.	Firm			
Friday	Quiet, 20 pts. dec.	Very Steady			
Total			Nil	Nil	Nil

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:

June 8— Shipped—	1922-23		1921-22	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	4,905	683,747	12,601	764,319
Via Mounds, &c.	2,040	231,248	5,760	350,261
Via Rock Island		7,726	37	7,955
Via Louisville	400	54,653	1,517	78,156
Via Virginia points	3,368	164,491	4,109	235,548
Via other routes, &c.	14,780	434,672	15,422	398,824
Total gross overland	25,493	1,576,537	39,446	1,835,003
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	1,462	104,446	1,233	164,213
Between interior towns	532	25,701	502	26,232
Inland, &c., from South	3,313	465,909	10,116	362,200
Total to be deducted	5,307	596,056	11,851	552,645
Leaving total net overland*	20,186	980,481	27,595	1,282,358

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 20,186 bales, against 11,851 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 301,877 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1922-23		1921-22	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to June 8	25,060	5,546,798	94,570	5,701,833
Net overland to June 8	20,186	980,481	27,595	1,282,358
South'n consump'n to June 8	95,000	3,741,000	72,000	3,130,000
Total marketed	140,246	10,268,279	194,165	10,114,191
Interior stocks in excess	*24,927	65,906	*48,803	*449,971
Came into sight during week				

to put prices down. It drives away the speculative buyer. The farmer's situation is rendered worse. He is in a position to echo the old sentiment, "Save me from my friends"—if the Washington officials pose as his friends. Meantime it is a matter of widespread comment that there is a lack of buying power. But for the Grain Act some other things might have told favorably on the market, especially a report by the International Institute of Agriculture, which declared that the world's demand for wheat is outrunning the supply, and that even if Russia offers wheat it will all be wanted. A leading crop expert estimated the spring wheat yield in Canada at 300,000,000 bushels, or nearly 75,000,000 under last year's big crop and said that the June forecast for all of North America is about 123,000,000 bushels less than last year. There were complaints of hessian fly in the winter wheat belt. The visible supply decreased last week 1,211,000 bushels, against an actual increase last year of 509,000 bushels. The total is now 32,980,000 bushels, against 2,634,000 bushels last year. An official announcement stated that commission houses must notify the Secretary of Agriculture when any account is long or short 1,000,000 bushels or more. It was suggested that this announcement implied that accounts under 1,000,000 bushels would be unobjectionable. The general judgment is that fooling with the intricate mechanism of the system of trading in futures is sure to do more harm than good. It will drive out the speculator who wishes to buy. And since when has it been considered a sound business proposition to drive away a buyer—the speculator—and elect to sell to only one man, the consumer? There are in the last resort only these two buyers. There is no bar on buying a house or a lot on speculation or in buying of iron, steel, or anything else. To many it looks at once invidious and unwise to single out the grain exchanges for an offensive surveillance when so many other branches of trade are not hampered in this way. The decline of 2c. on the 4th inst. was largely due to hedge selling, favorable prospects of harvesting Texas wheat this week, fears of Washington interference with trading, large primary receipts taking the edge off a big decrease in the visible supply, a rise in corn and estimates that the total crop of wheat in North America this season would be 125,000,000 bushels less than last year. Meantime foreign demand was light. Trading has been restricted by the interference of Government officials in the trading. A Chicago dispatch quoted a letter from Dr. Duval, Government Grain Exchange Supervisor, as follows: "From returns received as a result of our inquiry, the opinion seems to prevail in some instances that the Grain Futures Act places a limit on trading in futures. This is not the case. The purpose of the Act and our administration aim is to build up and improve our marketing system and not to destroy it." A Chicago authority, commenting on the letter, said: "The bulletin from Dr. Duval harmonizes with what those who have been in touch with the situation have been saying rather than with the scare stuff which others have been putting out without sufficient basis of actual information. If trade in general will get back to normal and trade as though no reports were being called for, the whole market will be benefited as well as those whom the market serves. Any sane Administration would have to be constructive rather than destructive." Others simply ask to be let alone. But there came a rise of 2 to 2½c. on Tuesday on covering due largely to the jump of nearly 3c. in corn. All the bearish points were for the time forgotten. Corn led the way and wheat followed. London cabled Winnipeg: "World demand for wheat is outrunning the supply, according to a preliminary report on consumption by the International Institute of Agriculture. The report indicates that even if Russia re-enters the market this year Canadian wheat growers may look with confidence to the future. The consumption statistics cover only European countries, but the conclusions are reinforced by the general law of diminishing returns which is in operation in Canada, the United States and Argentina. Twenty European countries are shown to have a prospective yield of 23,000,000 tons and eating 45,000,000 tons, leaving a deficit of 22,000,000 tons." Export sales recently have apparently been small, though more is being done, it is believed, than is reported. The foreign business has been stated at some 300,000 to 500,000 bushels daily, mostly Manitoba. On the 5th inst. the export buying included 160,000 bushels new crop winter via the Gulf at 10c. over July. Canada, India and Argentina stand in the way of the United States in the European market, it was insisted. It would appear, however, that some exporters had been buying under a pledge of temporary secrecy from the sellers. An advance came on the 6th inst., when it was found that the export business on the 5th inst. had reached some 1,000,000 bushels, to say nothing of 800,000 bushels on the 6th inst. And while most of this was Manitoba wheat, a gratifying circumstance was that exporters were buying the new crop wheat of the United States more freely, i. e. to the amount of some 250,000 to 300,000 bushels via the Gulf of Mexico. Also, 150,000 bushels of durum were sold, with the price situation strong. Current premiums suggested that prominent interests were in control of the Northwestern supply, and some exporters, it is suspected, are not covered on their engagements. To-day prices showed little net change, declining early, but rallying later, and ending at a small net decline, with Ruhr news considered less favorable and trading light. Final prices show a rise for the week of about ¼c. on July and a decline of ⅞c. on September.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.						
No. 2 red.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	141½	141	141½	141½	141	141½

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.						
	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator	cts. 110½	108½	109½	110½	110½	110½
September delivery in elevator	110½	108½	109	109½	109½	108½
December delivery in elevator	112½	110½	111	111½	111½	111½

Indian corn advanced early in the week on good buying coincident with a sharp fall in the supply in Chicago and a decrease in the visible supply in the United States last week of 2,660,000 bushels. It has decreased very sharply in recent weeks. It is now down to only 6,734,000 bushels, or about a quarter of the total of a year ago, when it was 27,046,000 bushels. The decrease in the corresponding week of 1922 was only 921,000 bushels. The decrease in three weeks is some 8,500,000 bushels, against 4,850,000 bushels in the same time in 1922. Evidently corn is passing with noteworthy rapidity into consumption. The strength of the statistical position impresses not a few. The old crop has been bought more freely. On the 5th inst. prices advanced nearly 3c. on light receipts, falling stocks and a strong cash situation. But later in the week corn failed to move up with other grain, that is an advance encountered heavy sales to secure profits and then came a reaction. Wet weather, tending to delay planting, had little effect. The country seemed rather more disposed to sell. Also, the short interest had been reduced to a point that sensibly weakened the technical position. To-day prices advanced ½ to 1¼c., the latter on July, with further covering of shorts and primary receipts small. But there has been quite a little selling of corn during the week against purchases of other grain. Some think that corn is relatively too high in contrast with some other items on the list, notably rye. Last prices for corn show an advance for the week, however, of 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.						
No. 2 yellow.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	99½	101½	100	103	102	102

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.						
	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator	cts. 79½	80½	82½	82½	80½	81½
September delivery in elevator	76½	76½	78½	78½	77½	77½
December delivery in elevator	66½	66½	67	67½	66½	66½

Oats acted steadier early in the week and later advanced more noticeably, without, however, any evidence of an important demand. The American visible supply decreased only 97,000 bushels last week, against 1,445,000 last year. But the total is now down to 13,514,000 bushels, against 47,952,000 a year ago. The market, to put it mildly, lacked striking features. On the 5th inst. prices advanced with those for corn and on covering of shorts. Some bought later on a fear that the marketing of the new crop may be backward after a late season. July advanced 1¼c. on Wednesday with a good demand from the shorts. Later prices wavered somewhat when corn weakened, even though July shorts in oats continued to buy quite freely. But July did stand up better than other months, even if it could not advance more than a small fraction, for instance on the 7th inst., with so much selling going on. Hesitancy in the wheat market also affected oats. To-day prices were lower at one time, but rallied somewhat in the later trading and ended with very slight net changes. For the week there is an advance, however, of 2c. on July and ½c. on September. There has been quite a good deal of covering in July oats during the week, as already intimated. This feature, indeed, has stood out very clearly against the background of listless trading in other deliveries. There have been no striking features in the cash situation. Oats for the most part simply follow other grain, whether upward or downward. But the technical position for nearby delivery has plainly improved within a short time, owing to the fact that there was too great a tendency to sell the market. It naturally caused a considerable increase in the short interest.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.						
No. 2 white.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	54	54	55	56	56	56

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.						
	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery in elevator	cts. 40½	40½	41½	42½	42½	42½
September delivery in elevator	38½	38½	38½	39	38½	38½
December delivery in elevator	39½	39½	40½	40½	40½	40½

Rye declined for a time on the distant months, though July stood up very well. The cash market took on a steadier tone, even though no great amount of business was done. There seemed to be some foreign inquiry. For Hamburg freight room was taken for 300,000 bushels. The American visible supply decreased last week 149,000 bushels, against a decrease last year of 436,000 bushels. The total is still 16,545,000 bushels, however, against 4,338,000 a year ago. The low price of rye is attributed in some quarters largely to the liquidation of a line of May and July, said to have been held for German account, that at the maximum exceeded 10,000,000 bushels. The French invasion of the Ruhr caused the holders to start to sell out, and with speculative interest at a minimum, rye has gone to a very sharp discount under wheat. The cheapness of a competing grain like rye has in turn affected wheat. On Tuesday came an advance, but it was mostly a mere reflex of the rise in other grain and not a complete reflex, at that. Minneapolis wired that the reports on the rye crop are discouraging, that complaints are of heading out six inches and a foot high; too thin to harvest and many sections plowing it up; North Dakota seems worse than other sections. There was export business later to the amount of 300,000 bushels, including a cargo for Norway. A rise of 1 to 1¼c. on the 6th inst. was

partly due to an advance in other grain, but also to growing hopes of a Ruhr settlement, which it is supposed would help the American grain trade. To-day prices advanced about $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Not a few people all through the week have been buying rye against sales of corn. To-night the changes for the week are seen to be a rise of $2\frac{3}{4}$ c. on July and $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. on September.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.					
	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs. Fri.
July delivery in elevator.....cts.	69 $\frac{1}{2}$	69 $\frac{1}{4}$	69 $\frac{3}{4}$	70 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$ 72
September delivery in elevator.....	70 $\frac{1}{2}$	70 $\frac{3}{4}$	71 $\frac{1}{4}$	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$ 75 $\frac{1}{2}$
December delivery in elevator.....				74 $\frac{1}{2}$	

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN		GRAIN	
Wheat—		Oats—	
No. 2 red.....	\$1 41 $\frac{3}{4}$	No. 2 white.....	56
No. 2 hard winter.....	1 28 $\frac{3}{4}$	No. 3 white.....	54 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn—		Barley.....	
No. 2 yellow.....	1 02	Feeding.....	Nom.
Rye—No. 2.....	82	Malting.....	79 $\frac{1}{2}$ @80 $\frac{1}{2}$
FLOUR		FLOUR	
Spring patents.....	\$6 00@56 50	Barley goods—	
Winter straights, soft.....	5 55@5 85	No. 1, 1-0, 2-0.....	\$5 75
Hard winter straights.....	5 65@6 00	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl.....	6 50
First spring clears.....	5 00@5 75	Nos. 3-0.....	5 90
Rye flour.....	4 25@4 75	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0.....	6 00
Corn goods, 100 lbs.:.....		Oats goods—carload:	
Yellow meal.....	2 10@2 20	Spot delivery.....	2 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ @277 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn flour.....	2 15@2 20		

For other tables usually given here, see page 2605.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON CEREALS, &c.—Complete Official Report.—The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture last night (June 8) made public its forecasts and estimates of the grain crops of the United States as of June 1, based on reports of its correspondents and field statisticians. The report was issued at a very late hour, and it will be found in nearly complete form on an earlier page in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 6.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending June 6, is as follows:

The weather for the week ended June 5 was characterized by wide variation in precipitation and in temperature conditions in different sections of the country. It was unseasonably warm from the Ohio and lower Missouri Valleys northward, and high temperatures prevailed in the Middle Atlantic coast section the last half of the week.

On the other hand, it was too cool and wet for warm weather crops in the Southeast, and unseasonably cool weather prevailed in nearly all sections west of the Rocky Mountains. Frost was reported locally in exposed places in some interior northwestern sections, and at many places in the more Western States. There was some damage from frost in western Colorado, locally in Utah, parts of Washington and many places in Nevada.

It continued too wet for field work in much of the Southeast, especially in Georgia and Florida, but less rainfall than during the preceding week was favorable in the lower Mississippi Valley which permitted much needed cultivation of raw crops. Showers in Texas, where it had been too dry, were very helpful in many localities, while general and beneficial rains occurred between the Western Lake region and the Rocky Mountains. The week was especially favorable in Northern and Northwestern Great Plains, but dry weather was needed in the Central Plains area. Rainfall was particularly timely and favorable in the Northwestern States, especially in Idaho and eastern Washington and Oregon and the northern portion of Nevada and Utah.

COTTON.—In general the weather during the week was more favorable in much of the cotton belt than for several preceding weeks, although it continued decidedly unfavorable in some sections. Beneficial showers occurred in Texas and less rainfall was helpful in the central portion of belt which permitted of better progress in field

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN MAY.

The aggregate of bonds disposed of by States and municipalities throughout the United States during May was considerably larger than during April. But when comparison is made with May of last year it is seen that the tendency towards more moderate totals, noticeable the past few months, is still in evidence. The disposals in May were \$91,873,006, in April \$78,131,220 and in May 1922 \$106,878,872.

The State of Illinois made the largest contribution toward the month's total in the form of two issues of bonds aggregating \$17,000,000. One block, issued to raise funds for payment of a bonus to war veterans, was in the amount of \$10,000,000, bearing 4½%, and was awarded at 100.08, a basis of about 4.492%, to a syndicate headed by the Guaranty Co. of New York, and including the Equitable Trust Co., Bankers Trust Co., Estabrook & Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., all of New York; R. L. Day & Co., Boston; Ames, Emerich & Co., Chicago; Stacy & Braun, Eldredge & Co., Kountze Bros., Lehman Bros., all of New York; First National Co., Detroit; Northern Trust Co., A. G. Becker & Co., both of Chicago; Keane, Higbie & Co., Detroit; National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis; Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, F. E. Calkin & Co., both of New York; Detroit Trust Co., Detroit; Kaufmann-Smith-Emert & Co., Inc., St. Louis; Minton, Lampert & Co., Union Trust Co. and the National Bank of the Republic, all of Chicago. The other block, \$7,000,000 4s, issued for road purpose, went to the same syndicate, the price being 97, a basis of about 4.41%.

There were also a number of issues ranging in amount from \$4,000,000 down to \$2,000,000 placed during the month. They included: Atlanta, Ga., bonds, \$4,000,000 in amount, comprising \$1,400,000 for water works, \$2,101,000 for schools, \$324,000 for sewers and \$175,000 for a viaduct, all bearing 5%, awarded to J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta and Stacy & Braun of Toledo at 104.44, a basis of about 4.59%; \$4,000,000 5% bonds of Harris County Navigation District, Tex., which went to the National Bank of Commerce of Houston at 100.75; an issue of \$2,730,000 5s of Miami, Fla., awarded to a group of New York, Cincinnati and Toledo bankers at 98 and interest; seven issues of Winston-Salem, No. Caro., bonds, aggregating \$2,465,000, awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co., Bankers Trust Co., National City Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chas. D. Barney & Co., all of New York, on a bid of par for \$1,120,000 5½s, \$445,000 5s and \$900,000 4½s; Kansas City, Mo., water works 4½s, \$2,500,000 in amount, taken by a syndicate composed of Blodgett & Co., Barr Bros. & Co., Inc., Dillon, Read & Co., Curtis & Sanger, and Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., all of New York, and the Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City and the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis, at 102.089, a basis of about 4.34%; and \$2,000,000 5% sea-wall and breakwater construction bonds of Corpus Christi, Tex., purchased by J. L. Arlitt & Co. of Austin. Other large issues of the month included \$1,970,000 4½s of Cleveland, Ohio, awarded to Otis & Co., of Cleveland, and Blake Bros. & Co., of Boston, at 100.28, a basis of about 4.46%; \$1,900,000 5% bonds of the School District of Oklahoma City, purchased by A. J. McMahon and C. Edgar Honnold, of Oklahoma City, at 102.06; nine issues of 4½% bonds of Flint, Mich., amounting to \$1,875,075, awarded to Seipp, Princell & Co., of Chicago, at 100.01, a basis of about 4.49%; \$1,500,000 St. Louis County, Minn., road 5s, awarded to a syndicate composed of Redmond & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. and Hamilton A. Gill & Co., of New York, and the Metropolitan National Bank, of Minneapolis, at 101.40, a basis of about 4.78%; two issues of Multnomah County, Ore., School District No. 1, 4¾s, amounting to \$1,424,000, which went to Clark, Kendall & Co., of Portland, Halsey, Stuart & Co. and the William R. Compton Co. at 100.18; and \$1,000,000 4¾% road and bridge bonds of Ramsey County, Minn., awarded to Estabrook & Co. and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee of New York, the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, and the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis, at 101.44, a basis of about 4.60%.

There was a total of \$16,265,987 municipal bonds offered but not sold during May. Included in this figure are \$5,000,000 State of California 4¼s, \$3,700,000 State of North Dakota 5s and \$3,000,000 4½s of Alabama. The California bonds are being re-offered on June 14 and the North Dakota bonds on June 28.

In addition to the long term securities disposed of during May, various municipalities engaged in temporary borrowings to an aggregate of no less than \$27,205,000. This includes \$17,540,000 short term securities placed by New York City.

The municipality of Manati, Porto Rico, issued a block of \$135,000 5½s to John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago, at 103.67, a basis of about 5.12%. This is the third disposal made by the U. S. Possessions this year. The total of this class of bonds placed on the market to date is only \$381,000, compared with \$5,250,000 sold during the same period last year.

Canadian provinces and municipalities found a market for \$5,914,650 long term bonds during May. This includes \$1,575,000 5½s placed by Victoria, B. C., and \$1,000,000 5s by Winnipeg, Man. A block of \$10,000,000 5% 6 months Treasury bills was issued by the Province of Ontario.

In the following table we publish a comparison of all the various forms of obligations put out in May for the last five years:

	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Permanent loans (U.S.)	91,873,006	106,878,872	63,442,294	37,280,635	46,319,625
*Temporary loans (US)	27,205,000	15,435,000	78,162,000	18,492,000	8,913,000
Canadian l'ns (perm't)—					
Placed in Canada	4,914,650	10,675,337	16,099,286	9,630,526	7,071,649
Placed in U. S.	1,000,000	6,234,000	2,000,000	5,800,000	4,500,000
Bonds of U. S. Poss'ns	135,000	None	None	None	None
Gen. Fund bds. N.Y.C	None	None	5,500,000	5,000,000	None
Total	125,127,656	139,223,209	165,203,580	76,203,161	66,804,274

* Including temporary securities issued by New York City, \$17,540,000 in May 1923, \$3,950,000 in May 1922, \$67,622,000 in May 1921, \$11,735,000 in May 1920 and \$3,190,000 in May 1919.

The number of municipalities emitting permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during May 1923 were 541 and 373, respectively. This contrasts with 448 and 632 for April 1923 and with 647 and 868 for May 1922.

For comparative purposes, we add the following table, showing the aggregates of long term issues for May and the five months for a series of years:

	Month of May.	For the Five Months.		Month of May.	For the Five Months.
1923	\$91,873,006	\$413,543,077	1907	\$15,722,336	\$93,957,403
1922	106,878,872	536,116,865	1906	14,895,937	80,651,623
1921	63,442,294	356,003,428	1905	16,569,066	92,706,300
1920	37,280,635	277,548,512	1904	55,110,016	113,443,246
1919	46,319,625	205,272,378	1903	14,846,227	62,649,815
1918	33,814,730	123,945,201	1902	20,956,404	59,211,223
1917	23,743,493	193,068,268	1901	14,562,340	47,754,962
1916	29,006,488	235,908,881	1900	9,623,264	58,273,539
1915	42,691,129	213,952,380	1899	7,807,642	33,996,634
1914	34,166,614	303,153,440	1898	7,036,926	34,373,622
1913	83,234,579	179,493,040	1897	8,258,927	56,890,312
1912	98,852,064	196,803,486	1896	10,712,538	30,384,656
1911	33,765,245	195,791,550	1895	11,587,766	41,084,172
1910	18,767,754	143,476,335	1894	14,349,410	50,067,615
1909	27,597,869	145,000,867	1893	4,063,969	30,774,180
1908	25,280,431	137,476,515	1892	7,856,860	36,844,291

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

NEWS ITEMS

New York State.—Legal Investments for Savings Banks.—The State Banking Department has compiled a new list of bonds, considered legal investments for savings bank funds, this new list being of date Jan. 1 1923. Some municipalities whose bonds were considered eligible for investment on Jan. 1 1922 are missing from the new list, but this, it is pointed out by the Superintendent of Banks, may be due to the failure of these municipalities to file reports of their financial condition with the Department.

We again call attention to the fact that the absence of the names of suburbs and annexed districts of the different cities is not necessarily an indication of the illegality of their obligations for investment. A statement by the Superintendent of Banks, which accompanies the list, follows:

STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT

Albany, N. Y.
The following list of securities considered legal investments for savings banks on the first day of January, 1923, has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of section 52 of the Banking Law, and I think it necessary to call attention to the purpose of the list as therein stated.

The conditions under which municipal and railroad bonds are legal investments for savings banks are contained in section 239 of the Banking Law. The provisions with reference to these investments are in some cases quite complicated and the legality of the investments, of course, depends entirely upon the condition of the corporation or municipality issuing the bonds under consideration which may vary so greatly from time to time that a bond which was a legal investment on a fixed date may not be a legal investment upon the following day. No one can state positively that a particular bond is a legal investment on a certain date, unless he has exact knowledge of the facts on the day with reference to which the statement is made, and, in these days of rapidly changing conditions, it will be obviously improper for the trustees of a savings bank to rely solely upon this list, the list being issued only for their protection and not with the intent that they shall place their sole reliance upon it.

As stated, the list is prepared for the protection of trustees of savings banks and should not be considered a guide by executors, administrators or trustees generally; neither is it designed for the use of dealers in securities. As the cost of preparing and printing the list is assessed upon the savings banks, sufficient copies have not been printed to enable us to make a general

have since become legal investments. It is believed, however, that the list is substantially correct, although, as has been already intimated, it does not relieve the trustees of savings banks from the duty of making a careful investigation of their own in every doubtful case, thereby supplementing the work of the Department.

In arranging the list, the numbering of the different subdivisions of section 239 of the Banking Law has been followed, specific issues being expressly named only when this course is made necessary by the phraseology used in the statute.

The omission from this list of several municipalities may not be due to their illegality, but to the failure of such municipalities to respond to the several communications that have been sent to them by this Department, asking for the necessary information relative to their indebtedness. However, wherever this information could be obtained from a reliable source, regardless of the fact that no answer was received to our questionnaire, we have availed ourselves of same and included the municipalities in the accompanying list.

This list is prepared after a thorough investigation and exhaustive examination into the legality of the bonds listed herein, and reliable supporting information in all cases is on file with this Department.

If you are desirous of any information, communicate with this Department.

GEORGE V. McLAUGHLIN, Superintendent of Banks.

The complete list, as compiled by the Superintendent, is given below. The bonds added to the list since last year are italicized while the issues which do not appear this year are placed in black-faced brackets:

Securities Considered Legal Investments for Savings Banks Jan. 1 1923 under Sub-divisions of Section 239 of the Banking Law as Numbered.

Sub-division 1. All interest-bearing obligations of the United States or those for which the faith of the United States is pledged to provide payment of interest and principal, including bonds of the District of Columbia.

Sub-division 2. All interest-bearing obligations of New York State.

Sub-division 3. Certain interest-bearing obligations of the following States and Territories:

Alabama,	Indiana,	Montana,	Rhode Island,
Arizona,	Iowa,	Nebraska,	South Carolina,
Arkansas,	Kansas,	Nevada,	South Dakota,
California,	Kentucky,	New Hampshire,	Tennessee,
Colorado,	Louisiana,	New Jersey,	Texas,
Connecticut,	Maine,	New Mexico,	Utah,
Delaware,	Maryland,	North Carolina,	Vermont,
Florida,	Massachusetts,	North Dakota,	Virginia,
Georgia,	Michigan,	Ohio,	Washington,
Hawaii,	Minnesota,	Oklahoma,	West Virginia,
Idaho,	Mississippi,	Oregon,	Wisconsin,
Illinois,	Missouri,	Pennsylvania,	Wyoming,

Sub-division 4. All interest-bearing obligations or revenue notes sold at a discount, of any city, county, town, village, school district, union free school district, or poor district in New York State, provided that they were issued pursuant to law and that the faith and credit of the municipality or district that issued them is pledged for their payment.

Sub-division 5a. Certain stocks and bonds of the following incorporated cities, counties, villages and towns in adjoining States:

Ansonia, Conn.	Ashford, Mass.	Maynard, Mass.	Wellesley, Mass.
Berlin, Conn.	Barnstable, Mass.	Medway, Mass.	West Springfield, Mass.
Bloomfield, Conn.	Barnstable County, Mass.	Melrose, Mass.	Weymouth, Mass.
Bridgeport, Conn.	Berkshire County, Mass.	Middlesex County, Mass.	Weymouth, Mass.
Bristol, Conn.	Beverly, Mass.	Milton, Mass.	Williamstown, Mass.
Bozrah, Conn.	Boston, Mass.	Millbury, Mass.	Wrentham, Mass.
Canton, Conn.	Boxford, Mass.	Monroe, Mass.	Worcester, Mass.
Chester, Conn.	Boxborough, Mass.	Natick, Mass.	Worcester County, Mass.
Colchester, Conn.	Boylston, Mass.	New Bedford, Mass.	Winchester, Mass.
Cromwell, Conn.	Brookton, Mass.	New Salem, Mass.	Woburn, Mass.
Cornwall, Conn.	Bristol County, Mass.	Newburyport, Mass.	Yarmouth, Mass.
Danbury, Conn.	Brookfield, Mass.	Norfolk, Mass.	Atlantic County, N. J.
Darien, Conn.	Brookline, Mass.	Norwood, Mass.	Atlantic City, N. J.
Dunham, Conn.	Bellingham, Mass.	North Brookfield, Mass.	Bayonne, N. J.
Eastford, Conn.	Berlin, Mass.	Northbridge, Mass.	Bergen County, N. J.
East Hampton, Conn.	Braintree, Mass.	North Attleborough, Mass.	Bloomfield, N. J.
E. Hartford, Conn.	Canton, Mass.	North Attleborough, Mass.	Burlington County, N. J.
East Windsor, Conn.	Concord, Mass.	Northborough, Mass.	Camden, N. J.
Ellington, Conn.	Clarksburg, Mass.	Orleans, Mass.	Camden County, N. J.
Enfield, Conn.	Cheochee, Mass.	Palmer, Mass.	Cape May, N. J.
Essex, Conn.	Cambridge, Mass.	Provincetown, Mass.	Cape May County, N. J.
Glastonbury, Conn.	Carver, Mass.	Peperel, Mass.	Cumberland County, N. J.
Greenwich, Ct.	Chelsea, Mass.	Petersham, Mass.	Elizabeth, N. J.
Hartford, Conn.	Clinton, Mass.	Pittsfield, Mass.	Englewood, N. J.
Kent, Conn.	Chatham, Mass.	Quincy, Mass.	Essex County, N. J.
Killingly, Conn.	Cummington, Mass.	Rutland, Mass.	Gloucester County, N. J.
Ledyard, Conn.	Dartmouth, Mass.	Reading, Mass.	Hackensack, N. J.
Lisbon, Conn.	Deerfield, Mass.	Revere, Mass.	Harrison, N. J.
Litchfield, Conn.	Dennis, Mass.	Randolph, Mass.	Hunterdon County, N. J.
Meriden City, Conn.	Dudley, Mass.	Raynham, Mass.	Jersey City, N. J.
Middlesex County, Conn.	Duxbury, Mass.	Rowe, Mass.	Kearney, N. J.
Middletown City, Conn.	Dana, Mass.	Salem, Mass.	Long Branch, N. J.
Middletown Town, Conn.	East Brookfield, Mass.	Sandwich, Mass.	Mercer County, N. J.
Millford, Conn.	East Hampton, Mass.	Seabrook, Mass.	Middlesex County, N. J.
Montville, Conn.	Essex, Mass.	Shefford, Mass.	Monmouth County, N. J.
New Hartford, Conn.	Easthampton, Mass.	Somerset, Mass.	Monmouth County, N. J.
New Britain, Conn.	Easton, Mass.	Somerville, Mass.	Morris County, N. J.
New Haven, Conn.	Everett, Mass.	South Hadley, Mass.	Morris County, N. J.
New Haven County, Conn.	Fair Haven, Mass.	Spencer, Mass.	Newark, N. J.
Norwalk, Conn.	Fall River, Mass.	Springfield, Mass.	North Wildwood, N. J.
Newington, Conn.	Fitchburg, Mass.	Sunderland, Mass.	Ocean City, N. J.
New London, Conn.	Florida, Mass.	Sudbury, Mass.	Orange, N. J.
Newtown, Conn.	Freorgetown, Mass.	Southampton, Mass.	Passaic, N. J.
Norfolk, Conn.	Gardner, Mass.	Shirley, Mass.	Passaic County, N. J.
North Canaan, Conn.	Gloucester, Mass.	Taunton, Mass.	Paterson, N. J.
North Stonington, Conn.	Granby, Mass.	Tolland, Mass.	Plainfield, N. J.
Putnam, Conn.	Great Barrington, Mass.	Tewksbury, Mass.	Salem County, N. J.
Salem, Conn.	Greenfield Town, Mass.	Truro, Mass.	Summit, N. J.
Scotland, Conn.	Gill, Mass.	Tyringham, Mass.	Trenton, N. J.
Seymour, Conn.	Hawley, Mass.	Uxbridge, Mass.	West New York, N. J.
Shelton, Conn.	Hamilton, Mass.	Ware, Mass.	Westfield, N. J.
Southington, Conn.	Haverhill, Mass.	Westhampton, Mass.	West Hoboken, N. J.
South Windsor, Conn.	Hampshire County, Mass.	Waketfield, Mass.	Woodbury, N. J.
Salisbury, Conn.	Hampden Co., Mass.	Walpole, Mass.	Bristol, R. I.
Stonington, Conn.	Hampshire County, Mass.	Ware, Mass.	Central Falls, R. I.
Sprague, Conn.	Hingham, Mass.	Westbury, Mass.	Cranston, R. I.
Thomaston, Conn.	Holyoke, Mass.	Westfield, Mass.	Cumberland, R. I.
Torrington, Ct.	Lancaster, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	East Providence, R. I.
Union, Conn.	Lawrence, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	Lincoln, R. I.
Waterbury, Conn.	Leverett, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	Little Compton, R. I.
Watertown, Conn.	Ludlow, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	Newport, R. I.
Westbrook, Conn.	Ludlow, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	Narragansett, R. I.
West Hartford, Conn.	Lynn, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	North Kingstown, R. I.
West Haven, Conn.	Marblehead, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	North Providence, R. I.
Westport, Conn.	Marion, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	North Smithfield, R. I.
Williamantic, Conn.	Marlborough, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	
Winchester, Conn.	Marlborough, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	
Windsor, Conn.	Marlborough, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	
Wolcott, Conn.	Marlborough, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	
Abington, Mass.	Marlborough, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	
Adams, Mass.	Marlborough, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	
Agawam, Mass.	Marlborough, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	
Attol, Mass.	Marlborough, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	
Ayer, Mass.	Marlborough, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	
Ashby, Mass.	Marlborough, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	
Amesbury, Mass.	Marlborough, Mass.	Weston, Mass.	

Pawtucket, R. I.	Erle, Pa.	Montour County, Pa.	Burlington, Vt.
Providence, R. I.	Erle County, Pa.	New Castle, Pa.	Bristol, Vt.
Scituate, R. I.	Forest County, Pa.	Northumberland County, Pa.	Calais, Vt.
Smithfield, R. I.	Fulton County, Pa.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Cambridge, Vt.
Tiverton, R. I.	Harrisburg, Pa.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Danville, Vt.

N. Y. Central RR. Co.—
 Carthage & Adirondack Ry. 1st 4s, 1931.
 Carthage Watertown & Sacketts Harbor cons. 5s, 1931.
 Chicago Indiana & So. 1st 4s, 1956.
 Cleveland Short Line 1st 4½s, 1961.
 1st Mtge. on Spuyten Duyvil & Port Morris 3½s, 1959.
 Gouverneur & Oswegatchie RR. 1st 5s, 1942.
 Indiana Illinois & Iowa 1st 4s, 1950.
 Jamestown Frank. & Cl. 1st 4s, 1959.
 Kalamazoo & White Pigeon 1st 6s, '40.
 Lake Shore & M. S. Ry. 1st 3½s, 1997.
 Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Deb. 4s, 1928.
 Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Deb. 4s, 1931.
 Lake Shore collateral 3½s, 1993.
 Little Falls & Dolgeville 1st 3s, 1932.
 Mahoning Coal RR. 1st 5s, 1934.
 Michigan Central collateral 3½s, 1993.
 Mohawk & Malone Ry. 1st 4s, 1991.
 Mohawk & Malone Ry. cons. 3½s, 2002.
 N. Y. Central & Hudson River RR. 1st 3½s, 1997.
 New York Central & Hudson River Ref. & Imp. 4½s & 5s, 2013.
 N. Y. Central Deb. 4s, 1934 and 1942.
 N. Y. Central cons. series A, 4s, 1993.
 N. Y. & Northern Ry. 1st 5s, 1927.
 N. Y. & Putnam RR. cons. 4s, 1993.
 Pine Creek Ry. 1st 6s, 1932.
 Sturgis Goshen & St. Louis 1st 3s, 1939.
 Oregon Short Line RR.—
 1st cons. 5s, 1946.
 Utah & Northern Ry. ext. 4s, 1933.
 Utah & Northern Ry. cons. 5s, 1926.
 Pitts. & Lake Erie RR. 1st M. 6s, 1923

Pennsylvania Railroad Co.—
 General 6s, 1968.
 General Mtge. 4½s, 1965.
 Consol. Mtge. 3½s, 4s, 4½s & 5s of 1873.
 Allegheny Valley Ry. Gen. 4s, 1942.
 Cambria & Clearfield 1st 6s, 1941.
 Cambria & Clearfield Gen. 4s, 1955.
 Clearfield & Jefferson 1st 6s, 1927.
 Cleveland & Pittsburgh RR. gen. 3½s & 4½s, 1942-1950.
 Delaware River RR. & Bridge Co. 1st 4s, 1936.
 Erie & Pittsburgh RR. gen. 3½s, 1940.
 Harrisburg Portsmouth Mt. Joy & Lancaster 1st 4s, 1943.
 Hollidaysb. Bedf. & Cum. 1st 4s, 1951.
 Junction RR. Gen. 3½s, 1930.
 Penn. & N. W. RR. gen. 5s, 1930.
 Penn. RR., real estate 4s, 1923.
 Pitts. Va. & Charleston 1st 4s, 1943.
 Sunbury & Lewistown 1st 4s, 1936.
 Sunbury Haz. & Wilkes-B. 1st 5s, 1928.
 Sunbury Haz. & Wilkes-B. 2d 6s, 1938.
 Western Penna. Cons. 4s, 1928.
 Phila. Balt. & Washington RR.—
 First mtge. 4s, 1943.
 Phila. Wilm. & Balt. deb. 4s, 1923-37.
 Rensselaer & Saratoga RR. 1st 6s, 1941.
 Schoharie Valley Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1929.
 Southern Pacific RR. Co.—
 First & retdg. 4s, 1955.
 First consol. 5s, 1937.
 Southern Pacific Branch 1st 6s, 1937.
 Northern Ry. Consol. 5s, 1938.
 Northern California 1st 5s, 1929.
 Union Pacific RR. Co.—
 First lien & retdg. 4s, 2008.
 1st M. railway & land grant 4s, 1947.
 United New Jersey RR. & Canal Co.—
 Gen. M. 3½s & 4s, 1923-1951.

The list of bonds considered legal investments on Jan. 1 1922 will be found on pages 2503 and 2504 of the "Chronicle" of June 3 1922.

Montana (State of).—New County Being Formed.—Negotiations are now under way for the organization of a new county, to be formed from territory taken from Flathead and Missoula counties. The name of the proposed county will be Lake. An adjustment of the indebtedness of the three counties is to be made by a commission of three to be appointed by Governor Dixon.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ABINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Abington), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$350,000 4½% coupon school bonds offered on June 4—V. 116, p. 2419—were awarded to Janney & Co. of Phila. at 102.596, a basis of about 4.05%. Date June 1 1924. Due on June 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1933; \$60,000, 1938; \$70,000, 1943; \$80,000, 1948, and \$90,000, 1953. Other bidders were:
 Jenkintown Bank & Trust Co. 101.57 [Biddle & Henry] 101.61
 R. Glendenning & Co. 102.24 [Stroud & Co.] 101.686
 M. M. Freeman & Co. 101.79

ADAMS, Jefferson County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Donald Kenyon, Village Clerk, until 7:30 p. m. June 11 for \$8,100 6% registered refunding bonds. Denom. \$500 and 1 for \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$500, 1927 to 1942, incl., and \$100, 1943. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$300, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer.

ADRIAN, Lenawee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$58,500, offered on May 28 (V. 116, p. 2419) were awarded to the Security Trust Co. of Detroit at 103.87, a basis of about 4.68%. They are described as follows:
 \$45,000 paving bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on June 1 from 1937 to 1945 incl.
 13,500 armory site bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly on June 1 from 1924 to 1930 incl., excepting the year 1926, and \$1,500 June 1 1931.
 This item was incorrectly reported under the caption of "Adrian School District" in last week's issue, on page 2547.

ALABAMA (State of).—BIDS REJECTED.—It is unofficially reported that all bids received for the \$3,000,000 4½% Series "B" highway-construction bonds offered on May 31—V. 116, p. 1923—were rejected.

ALCOA, Blount County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 5% coupon (registerable as to principal only) school bonds offered on June 1, V. 116, p. 2299—were awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co. Inc. of Chicago for \$53,780 (97.98), a basis of about 5.24%. Date June 1 1923. Due on June 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1928, incl., and \$3,000, 1929 to 1943, incl.

AMADAR VALLEY JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oakland), Alameda County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$110,000 5% school bonds offered on May 28—V. 116, p. 2420—were awarded to Wm. Cavalier & Co. of Los Angeles and the American National Bank jointly. Date May 1 1923. Due on May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1958 incl., and \$4,000, 1959 to 1963 incl.

ANDERSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Palestine), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. June 12 by W. C. Quick, County Judge, for \$266,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 10 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A-O) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on April 10 as follows: \$9,000, 1924 to 1933 incl., and \$5,000, 1954. A certified check for \$5,000 required. The official notice of offering states that Anderson County has never defaulted in payment of principal or interest. There is no litigation or controversy pending or threatened affecting this issue of bonds.

BALTIMORE COUNTY (P. O. Towson), Md.—BOND SALE.—On May 22 an issue of \$31,000 4½% sewage bonds was awarded to J. A. W. Iglehart & Co. of Baltimore at 102.4517. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Int. J. & D. Due serially until June 1 1948.

BENTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Prosser), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,000 school bonds offered on May 26 (V. 166, p. 2169) were awarded to the Western Bond & Mtge. Co. of Portland, as 5½s at 101.09, a basis of about 5.13%. Date June 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on June 1 from 1932 to 1938, inclusive.

BERNALILLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Rancos de Albuquerque), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until June 11 for \$6,000 6% school-building bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1923. Due June 1 1933. A certified check for \$100 required. These bonds were voted at the election held on May 24 (V. 116, p. 2040).

BERNALILLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Rancho de Atrisco), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Until June 11 bids will be received for \$8,500 6% school-building bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1923. Due June 1 1933. A certified check for \$1,000 required. These bonds were voted at the election held on May 24 (V. 116, p. 2040).

BERNALILLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Pajarito), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Until June 11 bids will be received for the purchase of \$8,000 6% school-building bonds. Date June 1 1923. Denom. \$500. A certified check for \$1,000 required. These bonds were voted at the election held on May 24 (V. 116, p. 2040).

BERNALILLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Los Grijos), N. Mex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$7,000 school bldg. bonds submitted to a vote of the people at the election held on May 24 (V. 116, p. 2040) failed to carry.

BERNALILLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61 (P. O. Los Padillos), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until June 11 for the purchase of \$4,000 6% school-building bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1923. Due June 1 1933. A certified check for \$1,000 required. These bonds were voted at the election held on May 24 (V. 116, p. 2040).

BESSEMER CITY, Gaston County, No. Caro.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on May 29 a bond issue of \$150,000 for school purposes carried by a vote of 251 "for" to 199 "against."

BISMARCK, Burleigh County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—M. H. Atkinson, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. June 11 for the following coupon bonds:
 \$225,000 5% water works bonds. Due \$11,250 in 1 to 20 years.
 \$275,000 6% water main and water works bonds. Due \$23,750 in 1 to 20 years.
 Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for \$2,500, payable to A. P. Lenhart, President of Board of City Commissioners, required.

BLACKFOOT, Bingham County, Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on May 29 (V. 116, p. 2040), the proposition to issue \$6,000 city improvement bonds carried.

BOULDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$15,000 5½% serial school

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT, III.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Harry E. Wallace, Clerk of the Finance Committee, until 12 m. June 21 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued int. of \$5,000,000 4% bonds (registered as to prin. at option of the owner) to defray part of the cost of permanent impts. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$263,000, 1925 to 1942, incl., and \$266,000, 1943. The district may award all or any part of the issue. Each bid must be accompanied by a cert. check for 3% of the amount bid for, drawn on some Chicago bank. An opinion by Wood & Oakley will be furnished certifying the legality of this issue.

Financial Statement.

Equalized value of property, 1922	\$1,784,466,315 00
Authorized indebtedness, 3%	53,533,989 45
Outstanding bonds, July 1 1923	29,929,000 00
Amount of present issue	5,000,000 00
Total bonded debt, including present issue	34,929,000 00
Fixed contract liabilities	3,264,000 00

Total	\$38,193,000 00
Unexercised debt incurring power	\$15,340,989 45

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4½% coupon bonds offered on June 4—V. 116, p. 2548—were awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston at 101.517, a basis of about 4.16%. They are described as follows:
\$18,000 water main extension bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Payable \$4,000 June 1 1924, \$3,500 June 1 1925 to 1928 inclusive.
175,000 permanent paving bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Payable \$17,500 June 1 1924 to 1933 inclusive.
Date June 1 1923. Other bidders were:

Name	Bid.	Name	Bid.
R. L. Day & Co., Boston	101.39	Blodgett & Co., Boston	101.26
Arthur Perry & Co., Boston	101.351	Curtis & Sanger, Boston	101.21
Esterbrook & Co., Boston	101.31	Merrill, Oldham & Co., Bos.	101.079
Harris, Forbes & Co., Bos.	101.27		

CLARE, Clare County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$41,000 paving and sewer bonds voted at a special election held on April 20 were awarded on May 20 to the Citizens State Bank of Clare as 5½%. The bonds are in coupon form of \$1,000 each. Date May 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Due on May 1 from 1924 to 1928 inclusive.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ind.—BONDS SOLD IN PART.—Of the two issues of 4½% coupon road bonds offered on June 1 (V. 116, p. 2421), the \$10,000 James Helzer road in Oregon Twp. bonds were awarded to J. R. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis at 101.11, a basis of about 4.27%. Date May 7 1923. Due \$500 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

The \$18,000 Harry H. Bean road issue was not sold, as no bids were received.

CLAY AND CICERO (TOWNS) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. North Syracuse), Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Education until 1 p. m. June 9 (to-day) for the purchase of \$78,000 4½% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in New York exchange at the Salt Springs National Bank. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926 and 1927; \$2,000, 1928 to 1938 incl.; \$3,000, 1939 to 1942 incl.; \$4,000, 1943 to 1950 incl., and \$5,000, 1951 and 1952. Bidders are required to deposit a certified check for 10% of the amount bid for with each bid.

CLEARWATER, Pinellas County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. R. Thomas, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids for \$20,000 6% park improvement bonds until 8-30 p. m. July 6. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, N. Y. City. Due in 30 years. A cert. check for 5% of amount of bid required.

COLFAX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (P. O. Raton), N. Mex.—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.—The sale of the \$20,000 6% 10-30-year (opt.) school building bonds to the International Trust Co. of Denver, which was reported in V. 116, p. 2422, was not completed, due to the disapproval by the attorneys for the purchasers, as to the legality of the bonds.

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbia), Richland County, So. Caro.—BIDS.—The following is a list of the bids received for the \$150,000 5% school bonds on May 28:

Lewis S. Rosenstiel & Co., Cincinnati	\$154,521 50	Provident Sav. Bk., Cin.	\$151,950 00
Cruden & Co., Toledo	153,100 20	Hanchett Bond Co., Inc., Chicago	151,890 00
Palmetto Tr. Co., Colum.	153,015 00	Fifth-Third Nat. Bk., Cin	151,710 00
Robinson-Humphrey Co., Atlanta	152,475 00	Taylor, Ewart & Co., Chicago	151,584 00
Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati	152,440 00	St. Nicholas & Co., St. Louis	151,545 00
Lowry Bk. & Tr. Co., Atl	152,422 50	Stacy & Braun, Toledo	151,256 00
N. S. Hill & Co., Cin.	152,310 00	Keane, Higbie & Co., Det	151,465 00

Lewis S. Rosenstiel & Co. were the successful bidders, as stated in V. 116, p. 2549.

CORSICANA, Navarro County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The State National Bank and the Corsicana National Bank of Corsicana, were awarded the \$600,000 5% school bonds offered on June 5 (V. 116, p. 2422) at a premium of \$16,500 equal to 102.75 (with banking arrangement). Date Feb. 1 1923. Due as follows: \$25,000, Feb. 1 1928 and from \$6,000 to \$50,000 being due each year thereafter until 1963.

CROWLEY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Crowley), Crowley County, Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on June 16 to vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 6% drainage bonds. A like amount was voted during March.—V. 116, p. 1327.

CUSTER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. West Cliff), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—Subject to being voted at a new election to be held soon, \$25,000 5% school building bonds have again been awarded to the International Trust Co. of Denver. These bonds were voted and awarded to the same company during May, as stated in V. 116, p. 2170, but owing to legal technicalities the sale was not completed and the bonds have to be revoted upon.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. J. Hieber, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) June 23 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$20,000 5% coupon bonds, issued in anticipation of special assessments to be levied against the property specially benefited in Sewer District No. 1, and under the authority of Section 6602-20 of the General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl. All bids shall be accompanied by a certified check on some solvent bank other than the one making the bid, payable to the County Treasurer, for 1% of the amount of the bonds bid for, the purchaser to pay for bonds at the office of the County Treasurer within ten days from and after the time of the award or as soon thereafter as notice is given that bonds are ready for delivery.

BOND SALE.—The 2 issues of 5% coupon bonds offered on June 2 (V. 116, p. 2422) were awarded to Hayden Miller & Co. of Cleveland, as follows:
\$23,972 40 assessment Snow road in Parma Township bonds for \$24,051 40, equal to 100.329, a basis of about 4.93%. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,972 40, 1924; \$2,000, 1925; \$3,000, 1926 to 1930, incl.; \$2,000, 1931, and \$3,000, 1932.

71,917 17 County's share Snow road in Parma Township bonds for \$72,154 17, equal to 100.329, a basis of about 4.93%. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,917 17, 1924, and \$8,000, 1925 to 1932, inclusive.

Date June 1 1923.
DADE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Miami, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. M. Fisher, Secretary Board of Public Instruction, until 12 m. June 12 will receive sealed bids for \$17,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. Due June 1 1943. A cert. check for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the Board of Public Instruction, required.

DANNEMORA (Town), Clinton County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$8,000 5% road bonds has been sold to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of N. Y., at 101.21, a basis of about 4.73%. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1923. Int. annually Feb. 1. Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1925 to 1932, incl.

DECATUR, Dekalb County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—J. H. Hillsman & Co. of Atlanta have purchased \$150,000 water and sewer bonds.

DONORA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Donora), Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by R. E. Koehler, Secretary Board of Directors, until 7 p. m. (Standard time) June 15 for \$25,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$3,000 1933 to 1935, incl.; \$6,000 1936, \$4,000 1938 and \$3,000 1939 and 1940. Each bid to be accompanied by a certified check for \$1,000.

DOYLESTOWN, Bucks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 4½% (free State tax) coupon or registered bonds offered on June 4—V. 116, p. 2549—were awarded to Mackie, Crouse & Co., of Philadelphia, at 102.073, a basis of about 4.11%. Date April 1 1923. Due April 1 1943.

BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 5% coupon J. E. Joyce et al. road in Pagola Township bonds, offered on June 2—V. 116, p. 2423—were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$16,160, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 4.99%. Date May 15 1923. Due \$800 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

GRAND FORKS, Grand Forks County, No. Dak.—**NO BIDS.**—There were no bids received for the refunding bonds amounting to not less than \$105,000 nor more than \$125,000, offered on May 31—V. 116, p. 2423.

GRAND JUNCTION, Mesa County, Colo.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received by Fred A. Peck, City Auditor, until June 20 for \$6,750 Combination Sewer District No. 1 bonds. Date July 1 1923. Interest rate not to exceed 6%.

BOND OFFERING.—At the same time the above City Auditor will also receive bids for \$95,000 Paving District No. 8 bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. A certified check for 2% of bid required.

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS (P. O. Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Elmer A. J. Gross, Village Clerk, will receive sealed proposals at 36 West Gay St., Columbus, until 12 m. (Central standard time) July 2 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following issues of 5½% coupon special assessment street construction bonds, aggregating \$253,100, issued under Secs. 3814, 3835, 3836, and 2295 of the General Code:

\$11,500 Parkway Drive bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.
16,500 Mulford Road bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.
103,000 Northwest Blvd. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.
5,400 Holly Ave. bonds. Denom. \$600.
11,500 Parkway North bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.
10,500 Timberman Road bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.
12,500 Norton Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.
6,000 Dover Ave. bonds. Denom. \$500.
22,200 Second Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100.
8,500 Ridgway Place bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.
29,500 Glenn Ave. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.
Date June 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$27,100, 1924; \$28,100, 1925; \$28,600, 1926; \$28,100, 1927; \$28,600, 1928; \$28,100, 1929 and 1930; \$28,600, 1931, and \$27,800, 1932. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for. Purchaser to pay and take said bonds within 10 days of the date of award.

GRANVILLE COUNTY (P. O. Oxford), No. Caro.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by C. G. Powell, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 12 m. July 9 for \$300,000 5% coupon public road improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 15 1943. A certified check for \$500 required.

GRATIOT COUNTY ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS NOS. 2 AND 5 (P. O. Ithaca), Mich.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$99,000 Emerson, Lafayette, Bethany, Wheeler and Pine River Townships, road bonds, offered on June 2—V. 116, p. 2550—were awarded to Bumpus, Hull & Co., of Detroit, on a bid of \$99,037, equal to 100.373, for 5½s. Bonds are to mature from 1 to 10 years.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—**BOND SALE.**—Of the six issues of 5% coupon road bonds, offered on June 2—V. 116, p. 2301—the following five issues, aggregating \$144,000, were awarded to the First National Bank of Linton at 101 and int., a basis of about 4.80%:

\$52,000 Geo. W. Ferguson et al. road in Greene County bonds.
13,000 Wm. Kramer et al. road in Stockton Township bonds.
11,500 Asberry Hitchcock et al. road in Jackson Township bonds.
8,500 Theodore Carmichael et al. road in Center Township bonds.
59,000 H. V. Hoke et al. road in Greene County bonds.
Date May 15 1923. Due one-twentieth of each issue every six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

GREENWOOD SPRINGS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenwood Springs), Monroe County, Miss.—**BOND SALE.**—A. K. Tigrett & Co. of Memphis have purchased \$10,000 6% school bonds.

GUNNISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Somerset), Colo.—**BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election \$40,000 5½% 1-20-year serial school bldg. bonds were voted. These bonds were awarded to the International Trust Co. of Denver, subject to being voted at said election. Notice of this election and sale was given in V. 116, p. 2171.

HAMILTON SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hamilton), Monroe County, Miss.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$15,000 school bonds offered on May 7—V. 116, p. 1925—were awarded to A. K. Tigrett & Co. of Memphis.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Greenfield), Ind.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$13,860 4½% coupon Clarence Milbourne et al. road in Brandywine Township bonds, offered on May 31—V. 116, p. 2424—were awarded to the Peoples State Bank of Indianapolis at par plus a premium of \$6, equal to 100.04, a basis of about 4.74%. Date May 15 1923. Due \$693 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

HANFORD, Kings County, Calif.—**BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held on June 20 to vote on the question of issuing \$190,000 city auditorium bonds.

HARTINGTON, Cedar County, Nebr.—**BONDS VOTED.**—At the election held on May 22 (V. 116, p. 2301) the \$5,000 water extension bond issue was sanctioned by the voters.

HASTINGS SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 95 (P. O. Hastings), Barnes County, No. Dak.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$10,000 5% school bonds offered on May 25—V. 116, p. 2424—were awarded to the N. B. De Nault Co. at par, plus a premium of \$325, equal to 103.25, a basis of about 4.75%. Date July 1 1923. Due July 1 1943.

HENDRICKS COUNTY (P. O. Danville), Ind.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Wm. H. Wall, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. June 15 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$11,500 4½% H. C. Jordan et al. road in Eel River Township coupon bonds. Denom. \$575. Date May 15 1923. Interest M. & N. 15. Due \$575 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

HENNEPIN COUNTY (P. O. Minneapolis), Minn.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$2,000,000 road bonds offered on June 4 (V. 116, p. 2424), were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, Estabrook & Co. and Eldredge & Co., all of New York, as 4½s at 101.47—a basis of about 4.52%. Date June 1 1923. Due on June 1 as follows

LAIRD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stanislaus County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—C. O. Eastin Jr., Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Modesto), will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. June 12 for \$15,500 5½% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on June 12 as follows: \$500, 1925 to 1945 incl., and \$1,000, 1946 to 1950 incl. A certified check for 10% of bid, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, required.

LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. O. Guild, Director of Finance, will receive bids until 12 m. June 18 for the following three issues of bonds:

\$31,122 5% Lewis Drive paving bonds. Denom. \$3,458. Due \$3,458 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1924 to 1932 inclusive.
4,720 5½% West Adams Ave. sewer bonds. Denom. \$944. Due \$944 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1924 to 1928 inclusive.
6,785 5½% West Adams Ave. water bonds. Denom. \$1,357. Due \$1,357 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1924 to 1928 inclusive.

Date day of sale. Interest payable April 1 and Oct. 1 at the office of Director of Finance. Bids must be sealed and accompanied with certified check payable to city of Lakewood for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for. The official circular states that there is no litigation pending or threatened, nor has the city ever defaulted.

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% road bonds offered on May 31—V. 116, p. 2425—were awarded as follows:

\$3,300 Edgar Earlston et al. road construction and impt. bonds to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$3,327 70, equal to 100.83, a basis of about 4.83%. Denom. \$165.
\$2,000 Jacob Wozniak et al. road bonds to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis for \$2,795 87, equal to 100.97, a basis of about 4.80%. Denom. \$410.

Date May 15 1923. Due one-twentieth of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

LARAMIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Cheyenne), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$115,000 5% school-building bonds offered on May 31 (V. 116, p. 2043) were awarded to the State of Wyoming at par plus expenses. Date July 1 1923. Due \$15,000 on July 1 1926 and \$10,000 yearly thereafter.

LA SALLE, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,500 coupon general impt bonds offered on June 4—V. 116, p. 2551—were awarded as 4½s to Sherwood & Merrifield of N. Y. at 103.13.

LATHROP, Clinton County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until June 19 by F. L. Porter, City Clerk, for \$22,000 public sewer and \$60,000 water works 5% bonds, maturing 1943, the city having the option of redeeming all or any part after May 1928. Int. M. & N.

The official advertisement of the offering of these bonds may be found on a subsequent page.

LEBANON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lebanon), Potter County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—C. R. Jackson, Clerk Board of Education, received bids until 8 p. m. yesterday (June 8) for \$23,000 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Int. rate not to exceed 5½%. Int. J.-D. Due June 1 1933. The blank bonds and legal opinion of Lancaster, Simpson, Junell & Dorsey of Minneapolis were furnished by the Board.

LEMMON, Perkins County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 water bonds offered on May 28—V. 116, p. 2312—were awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo as 5½s. Date May 1 1923. Due May 1 1943.

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, Geauga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$23,626 6% coupon bonds offered on June 4—V. 116, p. 2303—were awarded to the Chagrin Falls Banking Co. of Chagrin Falls for \$24,040, equal to 101.75, a basis of about 5.62%. Date April 1 1923. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,626, 1924; \$2,500, 1926, 1928, 1930 and 1932, and \$3,000, 1925, 1927, 1929 and 1931.

MT. AIRY, Surry County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Stacy & Braun of Toledo, were the successful bidders for the two issues of 5 1/4% bonds, offered on June 5—V. 116, p. 2552—paying a premium of \$678, equal to 101.04, a basis of about 5.39%.
\$35,000 street improvement bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1942, inclusive, and \$1,000 1943.
30,000 funding bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$1,000 1926 to 1951, inclusive, and \$2,000 1952 and 1953.
Date May 1 192

Second National Bank; O. D. McConnel, attorney, Phillipsburg Trust Co., that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the Town of Phillipsburg.

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 1 p. m. (standard time), June 14 by Frank Dorsey, City Treasurer, for the purchase of each of the following issues of 4½% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal and int., or as to principal only) bonds, the amount of the issue stated in each case being the maximum amount of bonds which may be issued, and the amount which is required to be obtained, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount bid for:

\$250,000 4½% school bonds of the denomination of \$1,000, dated July 1 1923 and to mature \$6,000 July 1 1925 to 1957, incl., \$7,000 1958 and \$9,000 1959 to 1963, inclusive.

49,500 4½% general improvement bonds of the denomination of \$1,000 (except last bonds, which is for \$500), dated July 1 1923 and to mature \$3,000 July 1 1925 to 1930, inclusive, and \$4,000 1931 to 1938, inclusive.

Interest is payable semi-annually Jan. 1 and July 1, and both principal and interest are payable at the office of the City Treasurer of the City of Perth Amboy.

Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mgt. & Trust Co., N. Y., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the city officials and the seal impressed thereon. Approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York as to legality will be furnished to the purchaser or purchasers without charge.

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General bonded debt, not including these issues.....

Date May 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. of New York. Other bidders, all of New York, were:

Name	Price Bid.
Union National Corporation	\$221,914 50
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co.	224,620 94
Lampert, Barker & Jennings, Inc.	223,911 95
Sherwood, Merrifield, Inc.	223,955 85
H. L. Allen & Co.	223,099 80
Farson, Son & Co.	222,460 95

SCHENECTADY, Schenectady County, N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William A. Wick, City Comptroller, until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) June 13 for \$401,000 6% bridge notes. Date June 15 1923. Principal payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due Dec. 15 1923. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Comptroller.

SCHLEICHER COUNTY (P. O. Eldorado), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 166 "for" to 59 "against" the voters approved the issuance of \$60,000 5½% court house bonds at the election held on May 26—V. 116, p. 2046.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Caledonia R. D.), Marion, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On May 31 the \$10,000 5½% school bonds, offered on that date (V. 116, p. 2174) were awarded to Tucker, Robison & Co., of Toledo, at 100.0635 and interest, a basis of about 5.49%. Date March 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on March 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The Union National Bank and the Seattle National Bank, both of Seattle, have jointly purchased \$220,883 43 6% L. I. D. 3382 paving bonds. Date May 31 1923. Due on or before May 31 1935.

SOUTH PASADENA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5% impt. bonds offered on May 28 (V. 116, p. 2428) were awarded to the Wm. R. Staats Co. of Los Angeles, at a premium of \$288, equal to 100.18.

SPRINGDALE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Harwick), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—H. H. Kelly, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. June 26 for \$20,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1948; and \$15,000, 1953. Purchaser to pay costs of printing bonds. Enclose a cert. check for \$1,000.

STILLWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stillwater), Payne County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6 p. m. July 2 by C. E. Donart, Clerk, Board of Education, for \$110,000 5% coupon school bonds. Date July 1 1923. Due July 1 1943. A cert. check for 10% of bid required.

STOKES COUNTY (P. O. Danbury), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Sidney Spitzer & Co., of Toledo, have purchased the \$60,000 6% coupon bonds offered on June 5 (V. 116, p. 2305) at a premium of \$3,666 55, equal

Trustee, will receive bids until 2 p. m. June 15 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$89,500 5½% school building 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 Pierceton. Legality approved by Smith, Remster, Hornbrook & Smith of Indianapolis. This issue was offered on May 18 (V. 116, p. 1811), and is now re-offered for the reason that one of the papers in which the first offering was advertised failed to publish the notice of sale for two weeks, as required by law.

WATERBURY, New Haven County, Conn.—BIDS RETURNED UNOPENED—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—Thomas P. Kelley, City Clerk, informs us that the \$350,000 4½% coupon (registerable) water bonds offered on May 31—V. 116, p. 2429—were not sold. All bids received were returned unopened because of a question as to the legal time for advertising the bonds.

These bonds are now being re-offered, as two issues and under different maturity conditions. Sealed bids will be received by Thomas P. Kelley, City Clerk, until 7 p. m. (standard time) June 18, for the purchase of the two issues of 4½% coupon (registerable) water bonds as described below: \$200,000 water bonds (13th series) of a denomination of \$1,000 each, dated July 1 1922, and payable \$10,000 on July 1 from 1923 to 1972 incl. 150,000 water bonds (14th series) of a denomination of \$1,000 each, dated Jan. 1 1923, and payable \$10,000 on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1938 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. will be payable in lawful money of the United States at the First National Bank of Boston. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 1% of the amount bid for. The bonds will be engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston, and their legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, whose legal 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 June 22 at the First National Bank of Boston.

WEEPING WATER, Cass County, Nebr.—BONDS VOTED.—On May 21 a proposition to issue \$15,000 bonds (purpose not stated) carried by a vote of 132 "for" to 61 "against."

WESTCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Westchester), Chester County, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that an issue of \$50,000 new school house bonds was voted at a recent election.

WEST ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ronald C. Alford, Town Clerk, until 8:15 p. m. June 12 for the purchase of an issue of 4½% coupon or registered sewer and street improvement bonds, not to exceed \$83,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$83,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the First National Bank of West Orange. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1925 to 1936 incl., and \$5,000, 1937 to 1943 incl. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of the amount bid for. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. of New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures impressed thereon. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York.

WHITESBORO, Grayson County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$50,000 6% serial sewer bonds on May 28.

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CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALLISTON, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Bird, Harris & Co. have purchased \$29,890 6½% debentures, maturing from 1923 to 1947 at a price of 108.96, the money costing the town about 5.60%. The bonds are guaranteed by the County of Simcoe. Tenders were as follows: Bird, Harris & Co., 108.96; Wood, Gundy & Co., 108.875; A. E. Ames & Co., 108.752; Home Bank, 108.75; A. Jarvis & Co., 108; and Mackay-Mackay, 106.

BRANTFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The Roman Catholic Separate School Board has passed a by-law authorizing the issuance of \$75,000 5½% 30-annual installment debentures.

CHICOUTIMI, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—The Trustees of the Parish of St. Francois Xavier du Chicoutimi will receive tenders until 10 a. m. June 26 for the purchase of \$400,000 bonds bearing either interest at 5% or 5½% and repayable by series in 27 years.

Tenders are also sought by the Church and Ward of St. Francois Xavier of Chicoutimi for the purchase of \$250,000 bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5% or 5½% and redeemable by series in 30 years on the 1st of December each year, starting on the 1st of December, 1923.

CORNWALL, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Reports state that an issue of bonds amounting to \$100,000 5½% and repayable in 30 installments has been awarded to Gairdner, Clarke & Co. at a price of 101.833, an equivalent cost basis of 5.34%. Other bids were: Dymont, Anderson & Co., 101.618; A. E. Ames & Co., 101.33; Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., 101.32; A. Jarvis & Co., 101.31; Bain, Snowball & Co., 101.082; R. A. Daly & Co., 101.039; Royal Securities Corp., 101.039; Wood, Gundy & Co., 100.787; C. H. Burgess & Co., 100.62; and Municipal Bankers' Corp., 100.367.

DUNCAN, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Issues of \$50,000 6% 30-year water-works and \$4,200 6% 15-year fire-hall debentures have been purchased by Gilles

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