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The Financial Situation.

As the week closes the security markets show a tendency towards recovery, after a further slump the early part of the week which carried virtually all the leading stocks to new low records in the prolonged downward movement. Granting that high production costs are bound to cause a reaction in trade, liquidation on the Stock Exchange has been so general and so pronounced, and the decline in prices has reached such huge proportions, it would seem to have more than discounted the very worst that may happen. If this be a correct view, then we may now look for a period of relative steadiness in values until it becomes possible to gauge current tendencies in the industrial world with greater definiteness.

In the financial world, the distinctive event of the week has been the advance in the Bank of England rate of discount from 3% to 4%. This has had little or no influence on the markets here, and yet, curiously enough, the step is directed against us. There has been no attempt to conceal the purpose behind the move. We are told the advance was made necessary by the fact that the cheapness of money in London has been acting to the detriment of Great Britain's financial position. On the one hand the low rates prevailing in London induced considerable borrowing by "overseas borrowers," and in particular by borrowers in the United States, and on the other hand, the better remuneration to be obtained on this

side for money led to extensive investment of British funds here. The result has been that rates for sterling in this market have been growing steadily weaker. When it is considered that in addition Great Britain had to make provision for a payment of \$69,000,000 here on June 15, representing the semi-annual interest on the British war debt to the United States, the sharp decline in sterling exchange rates on London, to the lowest figures of the year, is divested of all elements of mystery.

The advance in the discount rate of the Bank of England is an attempt to apply a corrective. In the pre-war days the success of such measures was a foregone conclusion. Whether they will act with equal celerity now that Great Britain has a large volume of "Bradbury's" out and is on only a quasi-gold basis, is to be doubted. In any event the tendency will be in that direction, but it may be the screws will have to be applied stronger, that is the discount rate may have to be moved still higher. We may be sure, though, the decline in exchange rates will be arrested—unless, indeed, the Ruhr situation should produce general calamity.

Insolvencies during June this year in the United States were the smallest in number of any month since June two years ago—in fact, going back to December 1920, the number of insolvencies has been considerably higher each month than that given for June this year, with the exception of only three months, and for these three months the difference was only trifling, March, May and June 1921 being the months referred to. Likewise, as to the amount of defaulted indebtedness, the heavy monthly losses during the past three years, in most instances far exceeding any previous record, are now changed in the month just closed. Commercial failures during June number 1,358 and the amount involved is \$28,678,276. These figures contrast with 1,530 similar defaults in May this year with \$41,022,277 liabilities and 1,740 insolvencies June a year ago, when the indebtedness was \$38,242,450. During the past 30 months, or since December 1920, the amount of defaulted indebtedness reported in any month has been under \$40,000,000 only seven times, the lowest other than last month being \$34,639,375 for the month of June 1921; between \$40,000,000 and to \$50,000,000 ten times, and between \$50,000,000 and \$87,500,000, the latter for December 1921, 13 different months. These are enormous sums, and as stated above, in most instances far in excess of previous defaults. At times there was serious strain to the commercial structure, but it is felt now that all of this has passed, and while

the losses in June must still be considered large it is gratifying to find that at length there is improvement.

The above remarks relate to strictly commercial failures as distinguished from the defaults of banking and other fiduciary concerns. Our figures are taken from the records of R. G. Dun & Co., and this mercantile agency also subdivides the figures so as to show the amounts for the different departments of trade. During June there was improvement in the three leading divisions, especially in manufacturing, where 348 insolvencies occurred, with a total indebtedness of \$11,660,051. These figures contrast with 409 manufacturing defaults in June 1922 owing a total of \$11,575,842. In the trading division, during June this year, the insolvencies numbered 970 and the liabilities were \$12,412,517, the figures for the corresponding month last year being 1,259 defaults, with an indebtedness of \$20,837,492. There is likewise a marked improvement to be noted as to agents and brokers (other than brokers in the stock and bond markets, which are included in the quarterly returns among banking defaults); the June report shows 40 such insolvencies, with an indebtedness of \$4,605,708, these figures contrasting with 60 similar defaults in June last year, having liabilities of \$5,376,224.

In reference to the large failures last month, those where the indebtedness in each instance exceeds \$100,000, especially the larger manufacturing defaults, there were 26 insolvencies of manufacturing concerns, with total liabilities of \$7,052,376. These figures contrast with 21 similar defaults in the preceding month, with an indebtedness of \$10,832,944, and with 30 in April of this year for more than \$27,000,000 of liabilities. The large manufacturing defaults in the first three months of the current year were for nearly as big sums as for April and May. Large trading defaults during June were also less numerous than in the earlier months this year, there being only 15 defaults in June this year, with a total indebtedness of \$2,919,928. Among agents and brokers (excluding the Wall Street defaults) there were only six of the larger failures during June this year and the indebtedness amounted to only \$3,776,156. This makes a total of 47 commercial failures in the United States during June this year, having \$100,000 of liabilities or more in each instance, with an indebtedness of \$13,748,460. This is considerably smaller, both as to number and amount, than for any preceding month this year, and contrasts with 61 similar defaults for \$16,166,970 of indebtedness in June 1922; 56, for \$18,777,019 in June 1921, and 26, for \$25,929,551 in June 1920. The remaining insolvencies for June this year, where the indebtedness for each failure was less than \$100,000, numbered 1,311, with liabilities of \$14,929,816, an average for each default of \$11,390, the corresponding figures for June last year being \$13,148; June 1921, \$12,549, and June 1920, \$10,897.

Commercial defaults during the second quarter of this year, which closes with June, and in which the insolvencies by geographical divisions are enumerated, reflect the improvement over the preceding 10 quarterly periods, going back to the third quarter of 1920, since which time failures have been so numerous and for such large amounts. During the second quarter of this year the number of defaults in strictly commercial lines was 4,408 and the amount of indebtedness \$121,192,494. These figures contrast

with 5,316 similar defaults in the first quarter of this year, having liabilities of \$138,231,574; 5,867 defaults and an indebtedness of \$155,703,973 during the second quarter of 1922; and 4,163 defaults in the corresponding period of 1921, with \$130,273,613 of liabilities. In the New England and Middle Atlantic States, noteworthy improvement appears in the latest reports, especially for Massachusetts and Connecticut, and for New York, where a very considerable reduction both as to the number of insolvencies and the indebtedness appears. For New York, liabilities are about one-half of what they were a year ago. There is one less failure in New Jersey this year than a year ago, and 12 less in Pennsylvania, but the defaulted indebtedness reported in New Jersey for the second quarter of this year is practically the same as it was during the corresponding period of 1922, while in Pennsylvania losses are very much heavier this year, the increase being quite noteworthy as to both manufacturing and trading divisions in the last mentioned State. In the South, where losses were exceptionally heavy during the previous two years, owing to cotton crop conditions, there is a marked improvement this year, although in three or four of the large Southern and Southwestern States, where some large failures have occurred during the last three months, failures which had no bearing on the local or cotton crop situation, caused a considerable increase in the defaulted indebtedness. In practically every Southern State a considerable decrease appears in the number of insolvencies during the second quarter of this year as contrasted with the corresponding three months of 1922, but a single heavy failure in Oklahoma caused a very large increase in the amount of liabilities reported by that State this year. The indebtedness shown in the quarterly report this year was also larger in Arkansas; likewise, for North and South Carolina, but there was a decided reduction in the liabilities reported for Virginia, Georgia and Florida and in practically all of the other Southern States for this year.

In the Central section, some large manufacturing defaults during the second quarter of this year have the effect of adding to the losses in some of the States there, notably in Ohio and Indiana, and some large failures in Missouri and Minnesota, classified as agents, raised the liabilities reported in those two States for the second quarter of 1923 very materially above the amount reported for the corresponding period of 1922. With these exceptions, both losses and the number of defaults in practically all of the Central States show a very considerable reduction for the second quarter of this year, as contrasted with a year ago. As to the mountain district and Pacific Coast, there is a marked improvement this year. Colorado reports three more failures in the second quarter the present year than last, but with this exception: insolvencies in the other States of the Far West are generally fewer in number than for the corresponding period of last year. In the State of Washington liabilities this year are somewhat larger than they were a year ago, but in the other States of the Pacific Coast a reduction appears.

It is almost superfluous to say in view of the failure of Knauth, Nachod & Kuhne and Zimmermann & Forshay, and a number of others of the same class, that banking failures make unfavorable comparisons with the immediate past. According to the figures of R. G. Dun & Co., banking defaults in the United

States during the second quarter of 1923 numbered 64, with a total indebtedness of \$36,699,644. These figures contrast with 65 suspensions during the first quarter of 1923, having liabilities \$12,052,023, and with 58 defaults with \$14,825,348 of indebtedness during the second quarter of 1922. Nearly 45% of the banking indebtedness for the second quarter of this year comes from the New York financial district.

The Government's estimate of cotton acreage this year, issued on Monday last, took the trade by surprise. Some increase in acreage over last year was of course expected, variously indicated at from 6% to 9%, but a gain of 12.6%, which the Government's report shows, was not looked for. A later revision of the figures downward, as was necessary in previous years, seems therefore not unlikely. As a matter of fact it is explained by the Department that it has not been the practice of the Department since 1919 to take cognizance, in its July estimate, of acreage planted to cotton in the first instance and then abandoned. The Secretary of the Board is quoted as saying, "Our studies have shown us that the correspondents make allowance for this factor in their condition figures." On this basis the Department's figures would necessarily show a much larger increase than the estimates of other parties, made up on a different basis, since an unusually large amount of acreage, after having been seeded down to cotton, had to be abandoned the present year because of long continued rain and floods, and this counted as an offset to the increase in acreage brought under cultivation. Our estimate of acreage, published in the "Chronicle" of June 23, took both factors into consideration, as perusal of the summaries for the different States will show, and we accordingly found a net increase of only 8.57%. We imagine other investigators also took abandoned acreage into consideration. The Department's figures are to be accepted therefore with this qualification in mind. Without allowing for abandoned acreage, the area of cotton in cultivation this year is fixed by the Department at 38,287,000 acres. These figures contrast with 34,016,000 acres, the revised estimate of acreage in cultivation a year ago, being an increase for the current year of 4,271,000 acres, or 12.6%, as already stated. The area for this year, as thus given, is the largest on record. A year ago the 1922 area was originally placed at 34,852,000 acres, but the revised figures later reduced this by 836,000 acres to 34,016,000 acres. Furthermore, only 33,036,000 acres of cotton were picked in 1922, so that there was an additional reduction in the area for that year of 980,000 acres.

The condition of the growing crop of cotton on June 25 this year is placed at 69.9% of normal in the report of Monday, which contrasts with 71.0% on May 25 last and with 71.2% the condition of last year's cotton crop on June 25 1922. The average condition for the past ten years on June 25 is 76%. The larger acreage this year, however, gives promise of a larger crop. The June condition this year forecasts a yield of 142.6 pounds to the acre, the Department says, which, applied to its figures of acreage, would mean a total production of 11,412,000 bales. This is considerably higher than any of the recent estimates of cotton production for this year. As is generally known, conditions developing during the remainder of the growing season, especially during the vital month of August, may mean much to the final yield

either for an increase or decrease. Last year the production was 9,761,817 bales; two years ago 7,953,641. In 1920 the yield of cotton was 13,439,603, and in the preceding year 11,420,763 bales. Previous June 25 forecasts were on six occasions in the past eight years higher than the final yields per acre, the average for the six times being 14.8% higher. Twice in these same years the estimate of June 25 of the yield per acre was below the final yield, on one occasion 3% lower and on the other 13%. For the past eight years the June 25 forecast has averaged 9.1% higher than the final yield.

Naturally, much interest centres in the indicated condition for the different States. The big area for Texas, 14,077,000 acres this year, promises much with a condition of 77% on June 25. We have had frequent occasion to direct attention to the fact that a variation of 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 bales in the yield of cotton in Texas on the long side is one of the possibilities in that great State. Last year the area planted to cotton in Texas was 12,241,000 acres and the condition on June 25 1922 was 72%. The other States where the area is large are Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma, these six States, including Texas, having 81.1% of the total area in cultivation to cotton this year. For Georgia there are 3,927,000 acres this year, but the condition on June 25 was only 56%; for the crop of 1922 the area in Georgia was 3,636,000 acres and the condition on June 25 1922 was 58%. Alabama, Mississippi and Oklahoma all report more than 3,300,000 acres this year, the total of these three States being 10,022,000 acres; last year the total for these three States was only 8,935,000 acres. The condition on June 25 this year is for the three respectively, 68%, 67% and 64%. As to the first two, a slight deterioration appears in condition in the comparison with a month earlier, but for Oklahoma the condition June 25 is one point better than on May 25 last. For Arkansas, the area this year is 3,025,000 acres and the condition on June 25 last 66%, the same as in May; last year the area for Arkansas was 2,827,000 acres. Both of the Carolinas are given as showing a larger acreage this year, but this is without allowing anything for abandonment and it does not seem worth while going into the details of the minor States.

Peace in the building trades and in coal mining is still to come, and not even a temporary truce is surely attained. At the close of last week the feeling was that little improvement could be soon expected; only about one-half the bricklayers had returned to work since the supposed settlement, and the head of the governing board of the Building Trades Employers' Association said that before the strike only about 60% of the bricklayers needed for construction already under way was available and now the available ratio was only about one-half of that 60%. There was nothing for it, he thought, but for the employers to wait until the men were ready to return or more men were to be had.

The mischievous operation of "the same as" continues. On Thursday it was announced that the old "sympathetic" strike is with us again, such a strike having been called on seven factory and loft buildings by members of the Master League of Cement Workers; metallic lathers, ironworkers, carpenters and hoisting engineers are quitting to assist the concrete strikers. The contractors ventured to put on some non-union men, and that brought a halt. The

engineers say they will not hoist, the carpenters will not build forms for pouring concrete, and the lathers and ironworkers will not do anything until the strikers are satisfied, this being under the tacit understanding that no union man will work with non-union.

The Secretary of the Builders' Exchange in St. Paul writes encouragingly of the training school for bricklayers which the general contractors of St. Paul and Minneapolis have been conducting since March of 1921. A fund was subscribed for it, and a competent bricklayer hired as instructor. The response to public notices given has been quite ample, and the school is expected to be permanent. The course is for six months, at a tuition charge of \$5, which is refunded to those who attend 75% of the sessions. There are no age restrictions, and the best students are found to be from 25 to 35. The cost of training a man is about \$350; the average time required is five months, at an average cost of \$7 a month; and 100 students are now enrolled. It is charged that the union restrictions—such as barring all over 21 and requiring a three years' apprenticeship—are the cause of the decline of about one-fourth in the number of bricklayers in the country during the last census decennium.

In procuring from Judge Anderson of the Federal District Court in Indianapolis, dismissal of a batch of indictments obtained in February of 1921 against coal operators, United Mine Workers' officials and others for conspiring in violation of the Sherman law, Attorney-General Daugherty makes the remarkable assertion that many apparent controversies were "faked," being deliberately concocted as a cover for extortionate prices exacted from consumers. The head of the Fact-Finding Coal Commission has warned the anthracite miners' convention against any strike in this coming autumn and urged that demands for wage increases should be held in abeyance until the Commission's report is available; yet the 20% wage boost, a two years' contract on it as a basis, and the adoption of the "check-off" abuse stand as some of the demands to be made upon the conference now opening. An interesting reminder of the massacre in Williamson County in southern Illinois last summer is given by the announcement that the Illinois Mine Workers' Union has bought the Herrin mine for \$726,000, the purchase being understood to be as a means of satisfying the damage suits intended by the owner.

Per aspera ad astra; through struggle and murder and bloodshed and injustice to permanent triumph of reason and right—apparently this is the course. No further wage reductions will be accepted by labor, said Mr. Gompers in Baltimore, a few days ago, declaring once more that in our national life since the Civil War the long series of strikes whereby wages were prevented from being forced to the starvation level were "the greatest thing that has happened." The struggles of labor, he added, are only just beginning, and the movement for the open shop "is really a blow aimed at the vitals of labor, having for its end the crushing of organized workingmen." The same old plaint; but the labor union itself is aiming this "blow," and the freeing of enslaved labor will be its result. Again and again it must be said—for in this fact is our best assurance of future industrial peace—that the unions are pushing on the cause of the open shop.

The more the French considered the Pope's note relative to the Ruhr occupation the less they liked it, according to Paris cable advices. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" said that the note was "resented by all parties, even the leaders of the Catholic Right Wing." The French Senate, following spirited speeches by Premier Poincare and several prominent Senators, "registered its disapproval" by a formal vote. At the same session, "with unanimity," the Senate "voted the credits for the Ruhr occupation," amounting to 307,000,000 francs. The Chicago "Tribune" correspondent at Rome cabled that "in Vatican circles it is affirmed that the Pope is painfully impressed with the 'misinterpretation' of his letter in some quarters, especially in France and Belgium." The correspondent added that "it is pointed out that it is his desire to bring on peace and return to moral and economic well-being for suffering humanity. To accomplish this it is necessary to solve the reparations problem. It is said that he felt that there was not sufficient determination shown on the part of responsible statesmen to smooth out the difficulties and come to the desired solution, and it was this impression that induced him to write the letter."

That the French had no intention of lessening their hold on the occupied area of the Ruhr was shown by a dispatch from Coblenz June 29, which stated that "the French to-day extended their occupation in the Mayence bridgehead to Langen, on the Darmstadt-Frankfort railroad line eight miles south of Frankfort, and to Eschborn, on the Frankfort Kronberg line, seven and one-half miles northwest of Frankfort. The operation is a penalty for recent sabotage on the railroads." From Mayence came word under date of June 29 that "seven Germans were to-day sentenced to death by a French court-martial for sabotage. The court condemned another man to penal servitude for life and still another to five years' imprisonment on the same charge."

Little of a definite character came to light early in the week relative to the secret negotiations over the Ruhr situation supposed to be going on between Great Britain and France. The New York "Tribune" correspondent cabled June 29 that "though the British Government is honestly endeavoring to bring its influence to bear on France to answer the questions recently submitted to it by England and prevail upon Premier Poincare to agree to a formula for a solution of the Franco-German conflict, which the Cuno Government could accept without making its position at home untenable, M. Poincare remains intransigent and still insists on Germany's unconditional surrender. In fact, so far as it can be judged here, it is declared that there is not the smallest gleam of hope from France, for M. Poincare still believes he can calmly await Germany's collapse and dictate peace." The correspondent added, however, that "despite M. Poincare's intransigent position, it still is hoped that the factors now at work for a settlement may succeed in forcing a compromise. The chief of these factors are summarized as follows: First, the increased activity by the British Government; second, the visit of the Queen of Holland to London, which, it is declared, is not without political importance, especially if it is remembered that shortly before it the Kings of Sweden and Norway paid visits to The Hague; third, the Pope's letter to Cardinal Gasparri, which the 'Tribune' can say on the highest authority was written in agreement with

the British and Italian Governments; fourth, the solution of the Belgian Cabinet crisis, due probably to English pressure."

An untoward incident, such as might be expected under the circumstances, occurred at or near Duisberg on the morning of June 30. According to the cable dispatches from that centre, a bomb was exploded on a Belgian troop train crossing the Rhine bridge there. The Associated Press account stated that "nine Belgian soldiers were killed outright by the explosion, one died later of his wounds and 43 persons were injured, nine of them Germans. The latter, who were on their way to work, were in a car adjoining that occupied by the troops and were hit by splinters of wood and metal. Army surgeons tonight said three of the wounded would probably die." The Belgian military authorities took prompt action, not only closing all public gathering places, but arresting "the Burgomaster of Duisburg, 12 other city officials and four prominent citizens as hostages in connection with the explosion." In Duesseldorf the same day General Degoutte, Commander of Occupation Forces, issued a decree by the terms of which "German towns near which sabotage occurs in the future will be held responsible for the damage in every way."

Word came from Paris Sunday morning that "the French and Belgian Governments will answer on Monday the British reparations questionnaire. After the successes of Premier Poincare before both houses of Parliament, no backdown on his part is considered to be within the probabilities. If anything was needed to key the Belgians up to the right point the dispatches from Brussels, this afternoon [June 30], indicate that it has been supplied by the German killing of 10 Belgian soldiers on the eve of the Allied reparations negotiations." The correspondent further asserted that "M. Poincare's reply to the British key questions as to cessation of German resistance and continued occupation of the Ruhr will, his supporters say, undoubtedly be, as has been indicated often, first, that German resistance must cease before France will enter into discussion with Germany, and, secondly, that there must be preliminary recognition by all the Allies of the right of France and Belgium to continue the Ruhr occupation."

Following a conference of French and Belgian military authorities on June 30 an order was issued, "which from midnight to-night [July 1] until July 15 completely severs occupied from unoccupied Germany. During that period all passenger traffic and all transport in any kind of vehicle are forbidden across the whole frontier under control of the Rhineland Commission. No visas will be delivered and no permits given for goods or freight other than food supplies needed for the population. A previous order issued by General Degoutte will close the Ruhr border simultaneously." It was also stated that "the latest decree of General Degoutte issued this afternoon [July 1] may also be regarded as a result of the Duisburg outrage. The decree says that interurban street car traffic must be reduced to what it was in 1922. The increased number of street cars run since the occupation between various Ruhr towns has enabled the population to circulate fairly freely without using French-run trains to any great extent, as the street car network completely duplicates the railroad lines through the whole Ruhr."

Commenting upon these measures, the Paris representative of the New York "Herald" said: "Instead of trying to appease British feelings, which, according to London newspapers, are on the verge of favoring a separate agreement with Germany, the French and Belgian Governments are determined to put new screws into the Ruhr without delay. For the next 15 days the Rhineland and the Ruhr will be virtually separated from the remainder of Germany. Not a single German will be allowed to cross the frontiers of the occupied region in either direction save in rare cases, on special permits from Allied headquarters. In every town the theatres are to be closed at sundown, and the most stringent measures are to be taken against any one violating the edicts of Generals Degoutte and Rucquoy."

London heard on Monday that "the whole of the Krupp plant in Essen was occupied to-day and work in the plant ceased." It was reported also that "the big city of Frankfurt, on the edge of the Mayence bridgehead, now is surrounded by occupied territory through French military moves, being completely cut off from unoccupied Germany." The advices further stated that "to the north, in the Ruhr, French infantry and cavalry have occupied Schwerte, near Arnsberg, on the Ruhr, and other troops are on their way to Hagen in the same neighborhood." The advices the next day indicated that the seizures were not as comprehensive as at first reported. Still, the Berlin correspondent of the New York "Herald" cabled July 2 that, "after 24 hours under the new French reprisal act, by which all Germans traveling into and out of the occupied zone, save for food transportation, is prohibited for two weeks. Berlin began to see to-day what a far-reaching effect this will have. Aside from cutting off all supplies which trickled out of the Ruhr and the Rhineland, scores of big German business men find it impossible to travel one way or the other to attend directorate meetings or business conferences, or to do their banking." He also asserted that "the Ruhr to-night is absolutely isolated, and industrialists like Hugo Stinnes, who has been rushing about all over central Europe, are virtually prisoners and cut off from all connections, as no telephone or telegraph is available."

According to cable dispatches from Rome Tuesday morning the Pope was continuing his efforts with respect to the Ruhr situation. It was stated that His Holiness had "instructed the Papal Nuncio in Munich to protest strongly against the acts of sabotage which have been committed in connection with German passive resistance, special mention being made of the outrage at Duisburg." The Associated Press representative at Rome cabled that "the Pope's message to the Nuncio makes reference to the Duisburg outrage and says: 'While the Holy Father by his letter is endeavoring to induce the Powers to arrive at a friendly understanding, he begs them to suspend any action which may prevent it and deeply regrets to hear of acts of sabotage in the occupied territories and other crimes, under the pretext of passive resistance.'"

In a special Brussels cablegram to the New York "Times" under date of July 2 it was said that "an important Council of Ministers was held this afternoon under the presidency of Premier Theunis. After dealing with the Ministerial declaration which is to

be read to Parliament to-morrow, the Council considered the international situation." Continuing his account of the situation, the correspondent said that "Foreign Minister Jaspar made statements on the situation in occupied Germany, which he declared had become worse from the standpoint of the people's state of mind than it was two months ago. The orders of Berlin were being obeyed. The Belgian Government is at present occupied with an endeavor to facilitate Franco-English agreement on the question of the Ruhr and reparations." He further added that "the Belgian Government agrees with the broad outline of the note, but is understood to be about to take active steps to get London and Paris to accept the idea of restricted conferences, in which two French, two British and two Belgian Ministers would take part, to examine the whole question of the Ruhr and reparations. The Government has decided to request the Belgian Ambassador at Rome to put certain observations verbally before the Vatican in connection with the Pope's letter. The Belgian Government is gratified to remark that Premier Baldwin and his colleagues of the British Cabinet are animated with the desire to facilitate an inter-Allied agreement on the Ruhr question."

Considerable apprehension was said to have been caused by "the threats addressed to France from London through newspapers which are known to receive the official confidence of the British Cabinet." This was on last Monday. The statements were to the effect, at least they were so construed, that "England was planning separate negotiations with Germany if the French stood on their position." Premier Poincaré, the next day, "sent Lord Curzon a note stating that France could not enter negotiations under menace and asking the British Cabinet to deny the reports of its attitude." The Reuter Agency issued a statement in London saying that "it was incorrect to state that the British Government was making any plans before the receipt of the French reply to the British questionnaire." The New York "Times" correspondent in Paris observed that the Reuter statement "indicates some clearing of the atmosphere or in any event it shows London is not taking any headlong step. As the Reuter statement says all depends on the French answer, Paris now feels all depends on the British reception of the French statement. Paris insists that Berlin withdraw its resistance orders before reparations negotiations begin."

It became known here Wednesday morning that the day before in London "both the French and Belgian Ambassadors were received by Lord Curzon at the Foreign Office, but so far as can be ascertained their visits passed off without anything in the nature of a development in the relations between this country, France and Belgium." The New York "Times" correspondent added that "it is not known to what extent the French and Belgian Governments have replied to the British questionnaire, but it is believed no written note was left by the French Ambassador." According to a Brussels dispatch, however, "Baron Moncheur, the Belgian Ambassador to London, was to-day [July 3] instructed by the Government to deliver to Lord Curzon the reply of Belgium to the questions asked by the British Government on the occupation of the Ruhr and passive resistance." In presenting the communication to the Chamber Premier Theunis was reported to have said: "One thing dom-

inates our policy, and that is the economic and financial situation, which is itself governed by the necessity of obtaining from Germany the reparations she owes us. Any Government with a sense of its responsibility must take that situation into account." He added that "the legitimacy of reparations has never ceased to be recognized, alike by the Allies and by the Germans themselves. We have been obliged to resort to pressure to compel Germany to carry out her just obligations. We shall continue that pressure so long as we have not received satisfaction. The Ruhr policy is not a policy of aggression. It is founded on the reparations problem, which is a burden on Europe. It is important that an acceptable and practical formula should be found. It is not possible to enter into negotiations with Germany so long as she encourages, excites and remunerates criminal agitation." According to a London cablegram Wednesday morning, "through her Ambassador, Count de Saint Aulaire, France replied orally this afternoon [July 3] to the recent British questionnaire which sought from Paris a clear definition of its reparations policy." The New York "Herald" correspondent said that "it is understood that the French rejoinder has made no essential difference in the situation."

Word came from Berlin Wednesday morning that Papal Nuncio Pacelli would confer during the day with Chancellor Cuno and other officials "on the sabotage in the Ruhr and will communicate the Pope's plea for a cessation of these acts and for an easing at least of passive resistance." The New York "Herald" representative at Berlin said that it was reported there Tuesday evening that "the Vatican had entertained high hopes that its proposals for a settlement of the Ruhr reparations problem would bring early results, until the dynamiting of the train near Duisburg blotted out this hope." In a special Rome cablegram to the same paper the assertion was made that "the Italian Government and the Vatican were firmly united in their attitude toward the Ruhr situation when Premier Mussolini in a Cabinet meeting to-day [July 3] indorsed the Papal letter to the Nuncio in Germany, requesting that the German Government be asked to abandon passive resistance. Thus was created an incident unique in modern Italian history, for yesterday Mussolini condemned passive resistance in the Ruhr, but in less drastic fashion, merely observing that sabotage hurt Germany's prestige abroad, without affecting France's determination." According to a Berlin dispatch to the New York "Herald" under date of July 4, "Chancellor Cuno this afternoon promised Mgr. Pacelli, the Papal Nuncio in Munich, that the German Government would formally disavow the acts of sabotage committed by Germans against the Franco-Belgian forces of occupation in the Ruhr and the Rhineland." The correspondent added that "this was the outcome of long conversations between the Nuncio and Dr. Cuno twice to-day as a result of the Pope's denunciation of the resistance preached and practiced by the German Nationalists."

It was gratifying to note in a dispatch from Dueseldorf Thursday morning that at Essen on July 3 "Herr von Bulow, on behalf of the great Krupp firm, signed an agreement with the French Civil Mission assuring full co-operation between the Krupps and the French for the removal of 70,000 tons of coal and coke seized at the Krupp plant at Segeroth, a few

miles north of Essen. On Sunday the French occupied the plant with its immense coal and coke dumps." The New York "Times" correspondent said that he learned "from a high French source" that "this agreement will most likely be followed by a second one concerning the handling of transportation of manufactured products over French-run railroad lines. Several of the big Ruhr industrialists recently approached the French for this purpose and final agreements may be expected very shortly."

It became known here Thursday morning that the day before in London "Prime Minister Baldwin presided over a full Cabinet meeting, when Foreign Secretary Lord Curzon explained the purport of yesterday's oral reply by France to his recent questionnaire, and his long conversations with both French and Belgian Ambassadors. At the conclusion of the Cabinet Council no statement was made regarding what action, if any, was to be taken by this Government in the reparations problem." The New York "Herald" correspondent in London, in a cablegram yesterday morning, said that "while Prime Minister Baldwin is still hoping that in France's expected written reply to the British reparations questionnaire there will be a modification of her attitude permitting profitable discussions without further delay, it is believed he has now worked out a plan for separate action by this country, if it is seen eventually that Premier Poincare is not prepared to make the necessary concessions." He added that "the Prime Minister's pronouncement in the House of Commons last night [July 4] is regarded as very significant, especially in the financial world, where it was considered to-day [July 5] a broad hint to France that if this country were forced to take separate action there would be no chance of the remission of the French war debt by Great Britain. Mr. Baldwin very clearly said that rejection of Bonar Law's January plan had left this country's hands free."

Some progress seems to have been made in the negotiations at the Lausanne Conference. On June 29, according to dispatches from the seat of the gathering, and also from Paris, it was stated that "the Allied delegates at Lausanne had received instructions from their Governments permitting them to proceed in unity to the final negotiations with the Turks." It was explained that "these instructions leave them free to formulate orally to the Turks the final propositions of the Allies and to give the propositions the form of a written document." The Associated Press correspondent at Lausanne outlined the situation, so far as the United States was concerned, in part as follows: "The issues between the United States and the Allies on concessions in Turkey became more sharply defined to-day when it was learned that the Allies had reached an accord on a protocol covering the concessions issue, to one clause of which the Americans object as a matter of principle. This clause declares that all contracts and accords on which, before the war, all formalities had not been carried out shall nevertheless be deemed valid and be maintained if by common agreement they have been partly executed or were the object of an arrangement between Turkey and the foreign Government involved which brought advantage to Turkey."

That still further progress had been made was indicated by Lausanne dispatches dated July 1. The Chicago "Tribune" correspondent asserted that "the Allied delegates to the Near East Peace Conference

reached an agreement among themselves to-day. They will present their final demands to Ismet Pasha tomorrow. They are as follows: First, the Turks must recognize in the treaty the principle that pre-war concessionaires who have suffered damage are entitled to indemnity, but negotiations are to take place after the signature of the treaty. Second, the Turks must recognize in the treaty the principle that the Ottoman debt must be paid in gold, with actual negotiations after the signature of the treaty." The Associated Press correspondent was more reserved in his statements, saying that "the American and Turkish delegates have appointed a drafting committee, which is compiling the final text of the clauses of the new treaty already agreed upon. The exchange of views continues on the clauses not yet settled." He observed also that, "as the treaty with the United States will renew diplomatic relations, there is already much interest regarding the new Ambassador at Washington. Dr. Rechad Nisud Pey, Director of the press section of the Turkish delegation, is prominently mentioned for the post. He was formerly Secretary of the Turkish Embassy at Washington."

In some political circles considerable significance was attached to the resignation of Roland W. Boyden as "American unofficial observer with the Reparations Commission at Paris," announcement of which was made by the State Department at Washington on July 1. It was said that he wished to resume his legal practice. It will be recalled that he caused considerable disturbance in political circles at Washington by a so-called "plan" last winter "for the settlement of the reparations imbroglio during the Anglo-French crisis." Mr. Boyden's resignation is effective August 1. He will then be succeeded by his assistant, Col. James A. Logan Jr. General regret was said to have been expressed in French political circles over Mr. Boyden's resignation.

The financial event of the week in London was the advance on Thursday in the Bank of England discount rate from 3% to 4%. This action was for the avowed purpose of bringing about a better balance in money rates with other financial centres, and was the first change since July 13 1922, at which time the Bank lowered its rate from 3½% to 3%. The 3½% rate had then been in effect one month. Aside from this change, and an advance on July 5 from 12% to 18% in the discount rate of the Bank of Hungary, 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 and Madrid; 4½% in Sweden; 4% in Holland and 3% in Switzerland. The open market discount rate in London is also higher and short bills are now quoted at 3¼@3½% and three months at 3⅝@3¾%, in comparison with 23-16@2¼% last week. Call money at the British centre is higher also and the close was 2%, against 1⅜% a week ago. In Paris open market discounts have not changed from 4½%, but at Switzerland there has been an advance to 1%, as against ⅞%, the previous open market level.

The Bank of England announced another small gain in its gold holdings, this time of £3,890, although reserves fell sharply (£1,870,000) as a result of an expansion in note circulation of £1,873,000. Moreover, the proportion of reserve to liabilities suffered a further decrease, this time to 14.24%, this com-



paring with 17.39% last week and 19.26% the week before. At this time a year ago the ratio stood at 15% and in 1921 11.90%. These changes, which were regarded as the results of the strain incidental to meeting semi-annual disbursements, were accompanied by large increases in deposits. Public deposits expanded £5,489,000, while "other" deposits registered an addition of £9,712,000. The Bank's temporary loans to the Government increased £1,360,000, while loans on other securities expanded £15,743,000. Gold holdings now are £127,624,465, in comparison with £128,458,962 a year ago, and £128,369,083 in 1921. Reserve totals £20,397,000, against £22,385,822 in 1922 and £17,710,798 the preceding year. Note circulation has reached a total of £126,977,000, which compares with £124,523,140 and £129,108,285 one and two years ago, respectively. The loan total is £96,425,000. At this time last year it was £75,819,578 and £85,102,305 in 1921. The governors of the Bank, as already stated, increased the Bank's official discount rate to 4% from 3%, the figure that had been in effect since July 13 last year. We append herewith comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England returns for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1923. July 4.	1922. July 5.	1921. July 6.	1920. July 7.	1919. July 9.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	126,977,000	124,523,140	129,108,285	122,743,815	79,595,430
Public deposits.....	19,458,000	14,922,857	19,720,551	17,886,048	24,794,687
Other deposits.....	123,784,000	133,393,567	129,041,060	117,035,455	205,215,935
Govt'n't securities.....	44,333,000	67,987,920	63,798,078	52,424,853	136,945,806
Other securities.....	96,425,000	75,819,578	85,102,305	83,894,614	83,335,770
Reserve notes & coin.....	20,397,000	22,385,822	17,710,798	16,443,887	27,525,015
Coin and bullion.....	127,624,465	128,458,962	128,369,083	120,737,702	88,670,445
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	14.24%	15%	11.90%	12.18%	12.30%
Bank rate.....	4%	3½%	6%	7%	5%

The Bank of France continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 39,750 francs. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,537,743,825 francs, comparing with 5,529,200,064 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 5,520,505,183 francs the year previous; the foregoing amounts include 1,864,344,927 francs held abroad in 1923 and 1,948,367,056 francs in both 1922 and 1921. During the week increases in the various other items were recorded as follows: Silver, 327,000 francs; bills discounted, 519,725,000 francs; advances, 20,688,000 francs, and general deposits, 411,791,000 francs. On the other hand, Treasury deposits fell off 1,523,000 francs. Note circulation registered the enormous expansion of nearly 1,000 million francs—972,648,000 francs, to be exact. The total of notes in circulation is thus brought up to 37,661,951,000 francs, contrasting with 36,798,717,320 francs at this time last year and with 37,667,080,370 francs in 1921. Just prior to the outbreak of war, in 1914, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1922 and 1921 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Francs.	Status as of		
		July 5 1923. Francs.	July 6 1922. Francs.	July 7 1921. Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	39,750	3,673,398,898	3,580,833,008	3,572,138,127
Abroad.....	No change	1,864,344,927	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056
Total.....Inc.	39,750	5,537,743,825	5,529,200,064	5,520,505,183
Silver.....Inc.	327,000	296,092,400	284,942,240	274,562,067
Bills discounted.....Inc.	519,725,000	2,785,086,000	2,105,263,857	2,746,690,930
Advances.....Inc.	20,688,000	2,091,197,000	2,257,821,382	2,287,275,313
Note circulation.....Inc.	972,648,000	37,661,951,000	36,798,717,320	37,667,080,370
Treasury deposits.....Dec.	1,523,000	18,642,000	22,758,201	22,931,615
General deposits.....Inc.	411,791,000	2,774,878,000	2,344,127,125	2,689,395,958

All previous records were again broken by the changes shown in the weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany, issued as of June 23, and increases totaling over two trillion marks were recorded in at least two items. Note circulation expanded 2,186,646,683,000 mks., while discount and Treasury bills registered the huge increase of 2,471,546,033,000 marks. In deposits an enlargement of 1,272,651,587,000 marks was shown. Other large but less sensational increases were reported in Treasury and loan association notes 226,197,755,000 marks, bills of exchange and checks 879,680,140,000 marks and other liabilities 199,957,817,000 marks. Total coin and bullion was increased 1,961,937,000 marks, (this now including aluminum, nickel and iron coin) notes of other banks 205,230,000 marks, advances 18,995,045,000 marks, and other assets 60,897,153,000 marks. The only reductions were in investments which fell 227,206,000 marks and gold 1,000 marks, to 756,912,000 marks, the bulk of which is now deposited abroad, as against 1,003,860,000 marks a year ago and 1,091,564,000 marks in 1921. Outstanding note circulation has reached the inconceivable total of 13,091,705,109,000 marks. A year ago it was 167,830,233,000 and the year before that 75,321,095,000 marks.

The Federal Reserve Bank statement, issued at the close of business on Thursday, showed the effects of the preparations for the July 1 payments, and changes in the principal items were larger than for quite some time. The combined system reported a loss in gold of \$213,000,000, and an addition to bill holdings of no less than \$149,000,000, the result of heavy increases in the rediscounting of both Government secured paper and "all other," offset by a small decrease in open market purchases. There was an expansion in earning assets of \$109,000,000, while deposits gained \$38,000,000 and Federal reserve notes in actual circulation increased \$56,000,000. At the New York bank there was a still larger loss in gold, namely \$51,000,000, the other Reserve banks having gained at its expense. At the same time increases in all classes of paper brought about an increase in bill holdings of \$95,900,000, notwithstanding that bills bought in the open market were reduced \$3,600,000. A substantial increase was shown in earning assets—\$69,400,000—and \$13,000,000 in the amount of Reserve notes in circulation. Large additions were reported to member bank reserve accounts; \$64,000,000 to \$1,931,762,000 for the system and \$25,000,000, to \$731,000,000 locally. Because of the heavy loss of gold and increase in deposit reserve ratios were reduced. That of the twelve reporting banks fell 2.5% to 74.4%, and that of the Reserve Bank of New York to 79.3%.

Unusually heavy increases in loans and deposits were the features of last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies and reflected preparations for the July 1 interest and dividend disbursements. In the loan item there was an expansion of no less than \$114,070,000, while net demand deposits increased \$65,454,000, to \$3,815,400,000. This total is exclusive of \$56,247,000 in Government deposits, a decline in the latter item of \$8,521,000. Time deposits showed only a minor change—a loss of \$463,000 to \$480,418,000. Other changes included an increase in cash in own vaults of members of the Reserve Bank of \$1,517,000 to \$48,-

668,000 (not counted as reserve) and small increases in the reserves of State banks and trust companies, amounting to \$31,000 in own vaults and \$175,000 in reserves kept in other depositories. There was an increase in the reserves of member banks with the Reserve Bank of \$13,125,000, which counteracted the addition to deposits and resulted in a gain in surplus of \$4,846,170, bringing the total of excess reserves up to \$12,395,120, as compared with \$7,548,950 the previous week. The above figures for surplus are on the basis of reserves above legal requirements of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but do not include cash in own vaults amounting to \$48,668,000 held by the Clearing House banks at the close of business on Saturday last.

As was natural and generally expected, call money at this centre dropped sharply from the high quotations of last week. As early as Tuesday afternoon 4% was reported. This compared with 6% last week. At the same early date the tone of the time money market was easier, although rates were not notably changed. In view of the fact that the large interest and dividend disbursements were not received until Monday the change in the local money market came a little sooner than expected in some circles. This was the only feature of the situation over which there was any surprise, as it had been generally assumed that the higher rates were only incidental to the end of the month and the half year. Government withdrawals from local depositories were not large, \$10,000,000 being taken out on Thursday. Naturally, a favorable impression was made by the official announcement that the Federal Government closed its fiscal year on June 30 with a surplus of about \$310,000,000. This amount compared with an estimate of approximately \$200,000,000 by President Harding on June 18, and with an indicated deficit of \$823,000,000 a year ago. Public financing by corporations is going forward on a moderately large scale, but no doubt was lessened somewhat by the holiday at mid-week. It would seem that there can be no further financing in this country for Europe until the reparations situation clears up. Call money rates should continue lower, at least until near the middle of the month, and then whatever change there may be is likely to be only temporary. Little attention was paid to the somewhat higher quotations on Thursday and Friday.

Dealing with specific rates for money, call loans this week covered a range of 4@6%. A week ago call funds ranged between 5@6%. On Monday 6% was the maximum and 5% the low, with renewals at 6%. Tuesday an easier feeling developed and the highest rate quoted was 5½%; renewals were negotiated at this figure and the minimum was 4%. Wednesday was a holiday (Independence Day). Increased ease became evident on Thursday, and the renewal basis receded to 4½%, which was also the low, while the high was 5½%. Friday's range was 4¾@5½% and 4¾% the ruling rate. The figures here given are for both mixed collateral and all-industrial securities alike. For fixed-date maturities the situation was quiet and quotations remain at 5@5¼% for all periods from sixty days to six months. Offerings were freer, but the demand was light and the market a dull affair. There is no longer any differential in rates between regular mixed collateral and all industrial loans.

Mercantile paper rates continue to be quoted at 4¾@5% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, the same as a week ago. The inside figure applies chiefly to New England mill paper. Names well known require from 5@5¼%. Most of the limited inquiry was from out-of-town institutions.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances ruled at the levels previously current. With the easing in the call market, a better inquiry was noted and a fairly large volume of business put through. Both city and country banks were in the market. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now down to 4%, against 4½% last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 4⅛% bid and 4% asked for bills running for 30 days, 4¼% bid and 4⅛% asked for 60 to 120 days and 4¾% bid and 4½% asked for bills running for 150 days. Open market quotations were as follows:

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

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT
JULY 5 1923.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 Months, Within 9 Months.
	Com'rcial & Livest'k Paper. n.e.s.	Secur. by U. S. Govt. Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricul. and Livestock Paper.	Agricul. and Livestock Paper.
Boston.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	5
New York.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	---
Philadelphia.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	5
Cleveland.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	4½
Richmond.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	4½
Atlanta.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	4½
Chicago.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	4½
St. Louis.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	4½
Minneapolis.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	4½
Kansas City.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	4½
Dallas.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	4½
San Francisco.....	4½	4½	---	4½	4½	4½

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

The sterling exchange market has continued under pressure and a further loss of about 2¾ cents in the pound was sustained, which carried the quotation down to 4 54⅞, another new low point on the current downward movement and about 17 cents under the year's high figure. Toward the close, however, there was a rally to 4 57. Trading was inclined to be spotty. In the early dealings the local market was adversely affected by the receipt of materially lower cable rates from abroad (just before and after the Independence holiday). Increased activity developed for awhile and commercial bills were in larger supply than for quite some time. On Tuesday pre-holiday dullness prevailed, and the volume of business passing was of very limited proportions. Aside from the freer offerings of sterling bills, which is regarded as seasonal and due to selling of futures on the part of grain and cotton interests against autumnal shipments of these commodities, an additional factor in depressing sterling values has been, according to some reports, renewal of buying by the British Government of Liberty bonds on this market in preparation for the next semi-annual payment of interest due

on war indebtedness to the United States. Announcement on Thursday of the advance in the Bank of England discount rate to 4%, while arousing widespread interest, had no appreciable effect on actual market levels. The action of the Bank was explained as being necessitated by the sharp disparity in money rates between the London and New York markets. It is claimed that money of late has been drawn from the British capital rather too freely and that the time-honored expedient of raising the discount rate had been resorted to to protect the London market. There are some who feel the advance—despite its unpopularity in certain quarters—should have been made weeks ago, and predict that if sterling levels do not respond in the next few weeks a further advance may become effective.

Fundamentally speaking, no real change has taken place in the sterling exchange situation. What seems to be a general wave of pessimism has overtaken the market, for the time being at least, and failure to bring about a settlement of the Ruhr problem is causing widespread uneasiness. It is recognized that the present strained international political position is fraught with danger and apt to lead to complications of a serious character. While there are still some who take a cheerful view and predict a speedy solution of Franco-German difficulties—the many conflicting and unsettling rumors afloat react adversely upon banking sentiment and rates. The consensus of opinion appears to be that no material or sustained advance, or return to genuine prosperity, is possible so long as the reparations tangle continues.

Referring to quotations in detail, sterling exchange on Saturday last was weak and demand declined to 4 57 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4 57 15-16, cable transfers to 4 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 4 58 3-16, and sixty days to 4 55 $\frac{1}{8}$ @4 55 13-16; trading was dull and nominal. On Monday weakness set in almost from the opening and there was a further lowering to 4 56 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 57 13-16 for demand, to 4 56 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4 58 1-16 for cable transfers and to 4 54 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4 55 11-16 for sixty days; slightly increased activity and larger offerings were the features of the day's trading. Pre-holiday dullness characterized dealings on Tuesday and quotations were again lowered; the range for demand bills was 4 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 4 56 $\frac{3}{8}$; for cable transfers 4 55 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 56 $\frac{5}{8}$, and for sixty days 4 53 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 54 $\frac{1}{4}$. Wednesday was a holiday (Independence Day). Renewed weakness developed on Thursday; prices broke to 4 54 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4 55 $\frac{3}{4}$ for demand, 4 55 $\frac{1}{8}$ @4 56 for cable transfers and to 4 52 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 53 $\frac{5}{8}$ for sixty days; the decline reflected lower London cable rates and increased offerings. On Friday the market responded to the advance in the Bank of England's discount rate by a steadier tone and demand bills recovered to 4 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4 57, cable transfers to 4 55 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 57 $\frac{1}{4}$, and sixty days to 4 53 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 54. Closing quotations were 4 53 $\frac{7}{8}$ for sixty days, 4 56 for demand and 4 56 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 55 $\frac{3}{4}$, sixty days at 4 53, ninety days at 4 52 $\frac{1}{8}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ and seven-day grain bills at 4 55. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 55 $\frac{3}{4}$.

No gold engagements were recorded, so far as could be ascertained, during the week, either for export or import. It is reported, however, that the Danish National Bank intends to ship gold to New York in the near future.

Movements in Continental exchange were closely parallel to those existing in sterling, and weakness pervaded dealings practically throughout, with new low records established in several of the leading European currencies. The general tone was nervous and unsettled with sporadic outbursts of trading, usually followed by prolonged periods of inactivity. Speculative manipulation played some part in the week's operations and added to the general confusion. The bulk of the business, however, was of foreign origin, local dealers still adhering to their "hands-off" policy. From now on, of course, routine transactions are likely to assume more important proportions owing to the advent of the crop moving season, but speculative interests are likely to show considerable caution in the making of anything like extensive commitments until some adjustment has been reached in the reparations dispute. As a result of the increase in offerings, considerable selling pressure was exerted on French francs which broke to 5.77 $\frac{3}{4}$, another new low on the current downswing and 26 points under last week's low record. Buying support appeared at times and fluctuations were very irregular, covering a wide range; the high for the week was 6.04 $\frac{1}{2}$ and the close 5.78 $\frac{1}{2}$. Belgian francs were similarly affected. A notable feature was the widening in the spread between French and Belgian francs, which now exceeds 100 points, and which is attributed in part to financial difficulties in Brussels. Reichsmarks suffered a further slump to 0.0005, a fraction below the previous low point, while lire quotations, as a result of persistently heavy selling, were forced down to 4.21 $\frac{1}{4}$, a loss of 16 points. The attempt on the part of the Vatican at Rome to bring about a basis for the opening of peace negotiations temporarily halted the declines, but, later on, news of fresh bomb outrages in the Ruhr, and consequent enforcement of punitive measures by the army of occupation, had a sharply depressing effect on market sentiment. Observance of the Independence Day holiday on Wednesday served to restrict operations somewhat, especially in the early part of the week. At the close a small accumulation of orders gave to the market a brief semblance of feverish activity but proved short-lived. Greek exchange and the exchanges of the minor Central European countries remained without important alteration.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 78.30, against 75.10 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 5.78 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 6.03 $\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers at 5.79 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 6.04 $\frac{1}{2}$; commercial sight at 5.76 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 6.01 $\frac{1}{2}$, and commercial sixty days at 5.73 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 5.98 $\frac{1}{2}$ last week. Final quotations for Antwerp francs were 4.77 for checks and 4.78 for cable transfers, in comparison with 5.13 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5.14 $\frac{1}{2}$ a week earlier. Berlin marks finished the week at 0.0005 for both checks and cable transfers, which compares with 0.0005 $\frac{7}{8}$ a week earlier. No change was noted in Austrian kronen, from 0.00014 $\frac{1}{4}$, the level in effect for many weeks past, until Friday, when there was a fractional decline to 0.00014 $\frac{1}{8}$. Lire closed at 4.21 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and 4.22 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers. Last week the close was 4.40 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4.41 $\frac{1}{4}$. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 3.01 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 2.98 $\frac{7}{8}$; on Bucharest at 0.51, against 0.52 $\frac{1}{2}$; on Poland at 0.0008 $\frac{1}{2}$ (unchanged), and on Finland at 2.75, against 2.76 the preceding week. Greek drachma closed at 2.74 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and 2.75 for cable trans-

fers, as compared with 2.94 1/2 and 2.95 at the close on Friday of last week.

As to the neutral exchanges, formerly so called, there is very little new to report. Trading was inactive for the most part, but the trend was still downward and new low records were again established on Swiss francs and Spanish pesetas. Losses of more than 50 points were recorded. The Scandinavian exchanges were weak, especially Copenhagen and Norwegian remittances; Swedish currency was relatively steady, and the same is true of Dutch guilders, which for a time advanced about 9 points on offerings of sterling in London by Amsterdam, the result of special operations. Before the close some of the advance was lost.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 39.10, against 39.01; cable transfers at 39.19, against 39.13; commercial sight at 39.05, against 38.96, and commercial sixty days at 38.80, against 38.71 a week ago. Swiss francs finished at 17.08 for bankers' sight bills and 17.09 for cable transfers, in comparison with 17.65 and 17.66 the week before. Copenhagen checks closed at 17.40 and cable remittances at 17.44, against 17.63 and 17.67. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.40 1/2 and cable transfers at 26.44 1/2, against 26.42 1/2 and 26.46 1/2, while checks on Norway closed at 16.11 and cable transfers at 16.15, against 16.39 and 16.43 the week preceding. Spanish pesetas finished the week at 14.29 for checks and 14.30 for cable transfers. This compares with 14.53 and 14.54 a week earlier.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. JUNE 30 1923 TO JULY 6 1923, INCLUSIVE.

Table showing Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money. Columns: Country and Monetary Unit, June 30, July 2, July 3, July 4, July 5, July 6. Rows include EUROPE (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, etc.), ASIA (China, Hankow, etc.), NORTH AMERICA (Canada, Cuba, etc.), SOUTH AMERICA (Argentina, Brazil, etc.).

With regard to South American exchange the same general trend continues to prevail. Argentine checks were easier but the close was 35.65, with 35.75 for cable transfers, after a decline to 34.90 and 35.00, as compared with 35.55 and 35.65 last week. The Brazilian check rate was considerably lower, finishing at 10.60, and cable transfers at 10.65, against 10.90 and 10.95 a week ago. Chilean exchange also lost ground and closed at 13.25, against 13.40, but Peru remained at 4.29, unchanged.

Far Eastern exchange was as follows: Hong Kong, 52@52 1/4, against 52 3/4@53; Shanghai, 71 1/4@71 1/2, against 71 3/4@72; Yokohama, 49@49 3/8; Manila, 49 1/2@49 5/8 (unchanged); Singapore, 53 1/2@53 3/4, against 53 3/4@54; Bombay, 31@31 1/4, against 31 1/4@31 1/2, and Calcutta, 31 1/4@31 1/2 (unchanged).

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions have gained \$2,091,860 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending July 5. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$2,999,860, while the shipments have reached \$908,000, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Table with 4 columns: Week ending July 5, Into Banks, Out of Banks, Gain or Loss to Banks. Row: Banks' interior movement, \$2,999,860, \$908,000, Gain \$2,091,860.

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.

Table with 7 columns: Saturday, June 30, Monday, July 2, Tuesday, July 3, Wednesday, July 4, Thursday, July 5, Friday, July 6, Aggregate for Week. Rows: \$ 58,000,000, \$ 95,000,000, \$ 65,000,000, Holiday, \$ 96,000,000, \$ 2,000,000 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:

Table showing Bullion in principal European banks for July 5 1923 and July 6 1922. Columns: Banks of, Gold, Silver, Total for each date. Rows: England, France, Germany, etc.

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.

The Government and Branch Banking.

On account of the possible effect of the development of State branch banking upon the national banking system and indirectly upon the Federal Reserve System, the controversy regarding branch banking, which has now found its way to the United States Supreme Court, possesses more than academic interest. From the Comptroller of the Currency's report of last December it appears that twenty-two States permit State banks to establish branch banks or branch offices. In some of these States this privilege is limited to the confines of the city or county of the parent bank, whereas in other States State-wide branch banking is permitted.

On the other hand, the national banking laws do not by express terms permit national banks to establish branches—neither, apparently, do they ex-

pressly prohibit them. It has, nevertheless, until the year 1922 been the settled policy of the Comptroller of the Currency not to permit a national bank to establish a branch bank or office.

The recent growth, however, of State branch banking has led the national banks in those States and in other States as well to seek similar privileges. As a consequence some of them have given up their charters and entered the State system. A notable example of the State-wide aspects of this situation is the State of California, where branch banking is assuming unheard-of proportions. As to cities where State branches are permitted the Comptroller mentions Detroit, in which there are now only three national banks with one branch office, but fourteen State banks with 189 branches; Cleveland, with only three national banks with two branch offices and eighteen State banks with seventy-five branches; Buffalo, with only four national banks and one branch office and twelve State banks with forty branches; and New Orleans, with only one national bank and nine State banks with thirty-six branches.

While the absence of explicit authority to establish branch banks manifestly operates to the disadvantage of the national banks in some instances, it would be stretching things to say it will eventually result in the extinction of the national banking system. The advantages the State banks possess they have had since the national system was established some sixty years ago and yet the latter has not failed to achieve prodigious growth. This fact weakens somewhat the validity of the argument that since all national banks are compelled to be members of the Federal Reserve System, and in truth constitute the backbone of that system, in any community where the national banks are eliminated the Federal Reserve System will be left with only voluntary members who may withdraw upon six months' notice.

It was in fear of such a possibility that Comptroller Crissinger, during the year 1922, felt constrained to give a more liberal construction to the National Bank Act by holding that, within the discretion of the Comptroller, a national bank might open an additional office or offices in the city in which it is established. A clear exposition of his policy in this respect was contained in a letter which he wrote to the Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency under date of August 15 1922, in which he expressed himself as being entirely opposed to branch banking, but that so long as certain States permitted State banks to establish branches he intended to the best of his ability to protect the national banking system in those States by permitting national banks to establish branch offices in the city of their location. It is our view that the Comptroller ought to have been guided by precedent and have followed the course of his predecessors and that his assumption of authority was *ultra vires* and exceedingly dangerous. If the national banking system is menaced, it is for Congress to provide the remedy and not for the Comptroller to arrogate to himself powers which none of his predecessors for sixty years past have ventured to assume. The idea of having an official, however good his motives, read something into the law not plainly to be found there, should never be tolerated. If the law needs amending it should be done by Congressional Act and not by official interpretation. It is well known, how-

ever, that Congress itself is divided on the subject. But that only makes the Comptroller's act the more reprehensible. The present Comptroller, so far as we are aware, has not as yet made any public utterance on this subject. He has been in office only a couple of months and is no doubt awaiting a definite decision in *First National Bank in St. Louis vs. State of Missouri*, which case involves the authority of a national bank to establish a branch, and is now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Federal Reserve Board faces the situation with reference to branch banking from a different angle. There the question arises as to what attitude the Board should take toward the application of State banks with branches for membership in the Federal Reserve System. In the annual report of the Board last January the subject was briefly mentioned but no definite policy laid down. Generally speaking, the argument is that the Federal Reserve System would find itself in a curious situation if the entire banking system of a given State should become absorbed by two or three State banks, each of which could withdraw from the system at will. Yet to us the danger appears fanciful rather than real.

The Agricultural Credits Act of 1923 provides for the appointment of a Joint Congressional Committee to be composed of three members of the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate and five members of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House. This committee is authorized to inquire into the effect of the present membership of State banks and trust companies in the Federal Reserve System upon the financial conditions in the agricultural sections; the reasons why eligible banks and trust companies have not become members of the Federal Reserve System; and what administrative measures have been taken by the Federal Reserve Board with reference to the increase of membership in the Federal Reserve System. No doubt this joint committee will find it necessary to discuss the question of branch banking.

At the close of the last session of Congress there were several bills relating to branch banking, some prohibiting national banks from establishing branches in States where branches are prohibited, and others permitting national banks to establish branches in States permitting State banks such privileges and upon the same conditions. No action, however, was taken upon any of them beyond reference to the appropriate committee. The decision of the United States Supreme Court will doubtless help to clarify the situation. For ourselves, we do not believe the world would come to an end or the national banking system go to pieces even though the national banks should be denied the privilege of organizing branch banks. We regard it of much more importance to have the American system of independent banks maintained, and what has been going on in California is an object lesson of what may happen elsewhere should the national banks be given unrestricted authority to organize branch banks.

The Collapse of the Mark.

Really, it seems not worth while to talk about it. Inevitable from the first, we have only one more example that *paper* is not money, and is not even the *representative* of money unless backed by something tangible, that will readily transform into *money*

which the commerce of the world will accept as final and absolute—gold! Germany has come to be like the Ancient Mariner, with “Money, money, everywhere; and not a coin to use,” to paraphrase a little. Banks have a term for our currency—(note, it is backed by gold)—it is “baled money,” money tied up in packages and labeled as to amount, for convenience in counting. This they keep in burglar proof and mob proof steel vaults. But imagine, if you can, banks attempting to do business with so-called paper currency, which, in its smaller denominations, if baled, would vie in size with bales of cotton, fit only for storage in huge warehouses.

Yes, Germany is a republic, as we say, “of sorts.” These paper marks, that have been issued in unlimited quantities, are not like the short weight coins tyrannic princes once forced upon their subjects. They have all the *fiat* of a Government of the people behind them, yet they are so close to the vanishing point, they are, practically, worth nothing. There may have been a time when a temporary fixed value could have been affixed by a Government edict. But the moment it was issued, one step in repudiation would have been taken. And as long as the presses continued to print paper marks this would have had to be repeated. Allowed to continue to the inevitable end, the decline has been gradual, in a sense—the final catastrophe falls on all the people, not only in proportion to the individual’s possession of paper marks, but in proportion to property values acquired along the way, with all the complications this entails. So that, while property continues to exist, its *value* depends for expression almost upon *barter*—and awaits some new medium and denominator. This can *properly* be only gold—and unfortunate Germany has no gold, or an insufficient amount.

“All the King’s horses and all the King’s men cannot set Humpty Dumpty up again.” There is no power in any Government that will transform *unlimited* paper currency into gold. It is sometimes said that “there are things which even God cannot do”—for example: make two parallel lines, however far extended, meet; or so at least it seems to our finite understanding. But those who believe in “fiat money,” and there are a few believers in our own country, point to the fact, as they aver, that all the resources of the Government and all its power lie behind the paper money, and that these are sufficient to make it pass current. This will be true, in a limited way (guardedly we admit this) for a little while. But the stock of paper money, increasing indefinitely, though it may pass current in the limited territorial boundaries of the country of issue, having back of it “resources” and “power” that are inconvertible, *has no value in another country*. It is not money recognized by the commerce of the world (gold). It soon cheapens. The cheap money drives out the good. Knowing its inconvertibility, the holder of the paper, so vaguely and indeterminedly “secured,” seeks to get rid of it as soon as possible. And the time inevitably comes when there is nothing left but property and paper, that cannot be brought into any fixed relation to each other.

The certain downfall of the German paper mark has been hastened and aggravated by war reparations requirements. But the lesson of fiat money remains for every other country. It is proven by the recent history of Austria. It is amply demonstrated and confirmed by the Russian ruble. It is a delusion and a snare. And wherever and whenever it shall be

tried by Governments, weak or strong, a proportional failure will ensue. Gold is the accepted money of world commerce. Nothing else is. Governments only conform themselves to the historic growth and demands of commerce. Gold money, *through experience*, is found best to withstand the changing requirements of time as to a stable *standard of value*. This is the natural law of its being. And the law controls independent of the “resources” and “power” of Governments.

You may say that for a *limited* amount of fiat money conversion need never take place. But there can be no limitation unless there be a fixed and available gold backing, in which case there is no fiat. And even in such a condition, unless there is the machinery for redemption in full operation, the good money will drive out the cheap, and *cause an increasing issue of fiat paper*, with the inevitable result, *some time*, of repudiation. Otherwise, and there is this one other alternative, the Government will have to tax the people in toil to go out into the markets of the world and *buy* gold—a process in itself exhausting and contradictory. For the United States, on a sound “gold standard” base, these spectacular attempts of war-weakened Governments to print money on paper, and give the worthless result value, by an edict already exhausted, only serve to convince us that we are right and should continue in the good way.

The Great Problem of the Railroads.

The railroads are a problem because so many opposing opinions are held concerning them. The problem is great because the railroads are the largest and in some respects our most important industry. It demands attention because the Government and the people as well as the roads themselves are involved.

Quite recently, two experts, quite apart from each other, both eminent and in a way standing outside and who will be accepted as impartial and weighty authority, ex-President Hadley of Yale University and Mr. Walker D. Hines, the National Director of Railways during the war, have dealt with the subject at length, President Hadley in the “Yale Review” for April and Mr. Hines in an address before the City Club of Toledo.

President Hadley reviews the history of legislation in connection with the railroads and regards change in some recent action highly important, but does not believe that this would in itself be sufficient to settle present difficulties and secure permanent peace. For this he thinks that to prevent the public interest being sacrificed to the immediate demands of groups of shippers or laborers or bankers we must have, to represent the Government, “a body of men with exceptional previous knowledge and understanding of railroad business”; corresponding to the members of the Federal Reserve Board in the realm of finance; with whom the railroad managers can deal.

On the other hand, Mr. Hines holds this year 1923 to be “the first approximately normal railroad year since the war began in 1914,” and contends that there is no occasion to wait for better conditions, that “above everything else the situation should be relieved of the benumbing influence of the doctrine that railroad managers have no longer any initiative or opportunity”; that the great railroad men of the past were those who found ways to overcome ob-

stacles, and, in fact, many railroad executives and managers are doing that now. The worst possible policy is a constant shift in policy on account of temporary discouragements. The Transportation Act should be recognized as a gradual evolution of the thought of the country that there ought to be an adequate effort to make a success of private operation of the railroads and should be given a sincere and sympathetic trial. His last word is that it should be remembered all the time that the cost of the service must be paid for, and that, if this cannot be done out of the rates, it will eventually be paid out of the proceeds of taxation. In this he echoes Professor Seligman's maxim that "public debts are in reality nothing but anticipated taxes."

It is of interest to observe the steps by which these conclusions are reached. President Hadley points out that more than in any other country America depends upon the railways for getting her products to market. Boats and automobiles serve in part, but not at all adequately. If the railroads have to meet this heavy responsibility two things are necessary: the managers must be given both freedom and encouragement in handling and developing the business; and railway administration must be made attractive to men of brains. Forty years ago this was the case, to-day comparatively fewer young men of the first class are secured. Distrust of the business has been created. Indeed, the Inter-State Commerce Commission "has made it a jail offense for a railroad man to seek to know more about the economy of his business than the Commission thinks good for him." People used to recognize that the prosperity of the country was bound up in the prosperity of railways, that shippers and stockholders had closely allied interests; that individual enterprise was needed for development, and that the Government should seek to restrain specific abuses rather than to deprive property owners of their freedom and initiative on a large scale.

The Granger movement in 1870 was a natural reaction against recognized abuse of power. It was for the hour effective, but it hurt all concerned, and taught the dangers of indiscriminate railroad legislation in a lesson which lasted through a whole generation, the lesson that it was as essential for the shipper as for the railroad to have rates high enough to attract capital.

The Inter-State Commerce Act was passed in 1887 to secure the equalizing of charges. For twenty years, 1887-1906, it accepted the general principles that the railroad must serve its district by adapting rates to the needs of business in view of competition; and also that even apart from competition additional capital put into railroads means lowering of rates. It secures low operating cost per unit of traffic. The Commission confined itself to correcting abuses rather than to actual rate making. In spite of two severe commercial crises, the railroads were able to keep pace with public needs, freight rates fell to three-quarters of a cent a ton a mile, good wages were paid, net income rose from 4 to 6% on capital and money was available for new tracks and equipment.

Two or three instances of conspicuous abuse in stock watering created a change in public attitude and several Acts increased the power of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. A series of strenuous measures were successively introduced; the railroads struggled by increased freight loads and reduced

wages to meet the situation; serious strikes threatened, with demands which the railroads felt unable to meet, and in 1916 the Adamson Law created the Railroad Labor Board with power to fix rates of wages. [This is a slip by Dr. Hadley, as the Railroad Labor Board was created by the Transportation Act of 1920. It was the eight-hour day that was established by the Adamson Law.—Ed.] The investing public, which took alarm at the Acts of 1910, was more disturbed; money was difficult to obtain; railroad facilities failed to keep up with the country's growing needs, until, with our entry into the war in 1917, the Government intervened and took over the management of the roads. Thereupon costs went up and revenues went down. In no year of Government operation did the roads pay interest on the capital invested; in one year they failed to pay current operating expenses; and the roads were eventually returned to the companies, short of current assets, short of equipment and short, as things stood, of present credit or prospective income.

In 1920 the Esch-Cummins Law was enacted to relieve the situation by providing for immediate increase of rates. It was of great use at the time, but it was not a solution of existing difficulties; it left the control of rates in the hands of one Board and of wages in another.

Here, then, is the situation to-day; when wages and receipts are determined by two bodies considering different interests and looking from different standpoints, the margin between receipts and expenses gets too small to attract the necessary capital. The Inter-State Commerce Commission is put in an impossible position and is overworked, especially as few of its members have had practical experience in the difficulties and perils of railroad management. The immediate need is evident.

Mr. Hines devotes himself mainly to reviewing the effect of Federal Railroad legislation as established by the Transportation Act of 1920. He recognizes that there is much public confusion of thought, and a prevailing feeling in railroad quarters that the Labor Board should be abolished. This he does not think necessary. There is bound to be a certain measure of public intervention in fixing railroad wages. This is true because it is now widely believed that the employers are entitled to a voice in fixing their wages and working conditions, and the management must secure broadly the concurrence of the employees themselves. Rates must cover cost. When disagreement arises, there must be inquiry, with possible intervention. The labor situation is capable of taking a form where some outside power may fix wages and working conditions. The Labor Board is only now beginning to face normal conditions; and as the labor difficulty is principally, if not wholly due to factors that would continue despite a fundamental change in legislative policy, the Board may prove helpful. It is certain that there are great opportunities for securing increased productiveness of labor through promoting better understanding and co-operation.

Railroad consolidation as conceived by the Transportation Act promises economy and improvement in public service; the Act should have fair trial, and, broadly, the choice is between that Act and Government subsidy or Government operation.

To close this article and bring together the views of the two expert authorities we quote these sentences from a recent essay on "American Individual-

ism," by Herbert Hoover. He says: "To curb the forces in business, which would destroy equality of opportunity, and yet to maintain the initiative and creative faculties of our people are twin objects we must attain. To preserve the former we must regulate that type of activity which would predominate. To preserve the latter, the Government must keep out of production of commodities and services. This is the deadline between our system and Socialism. Regulation to prevent domination and unfair practices, yet preserving rightful initiative, are in keeping with our social foundations. Nationalization of industry or business is their negation."

And this sentence from Mr. Kruttschnitt's recent letter to Senator Cousens: "The remedy is not to be found in additional legislation nor ceaseless agitation, but in permitting the railroads to earn a reasonable return and thus enable them to put at the service of the public adequate capital, and in protecting the freedom of initiative of trained railway management."

For Permanent Peace in the World.

A somewhat curious incident of the week is Mr. Edward W. Bok's offer of \$100,000 for a plan whereby to insure permanent peace in the world. One-half the award is to be paid when the judges have decided which of the offered plans is intrinsically best; the other half is to be due when the winning plan has been officially adopted by the Senate or when, in the opinion of the judges, it has evoked a sufficiently large and influential acceptance by our people.

Plans have begun coming immediately, although the committee in charge will take several weeks to formulate conditions for the contest. These early plans are said to be lacking in the prime essential of "practicability," some being founded upon a change in human nature, and one harking back to the time of Goliath and proposing that differences be fought out in an arena by one or more picked champions of the nations involved. Plainly the difficulty centres in practicability. War will never end until the atmosphere of land lust and hatreds in which it breeds is dispelled; therefore, change human nature. Bring in fraternity, as befits children of one Father; dismiss all thought of conquest, except by friendly emulation in the arts of peace; let the desire to help replace that to destroy. It is as simple as Christianity itself, which is the one mode of living the world has not yet tried; try that for a single year, and see whether its results do not warrant continuance.

Such a plan could come, appropriately and authoritatively, even out of the mouths of babes and sucklings; it is perfect, and its working would be perfect. Millions could propose it simultaneously; but the world will not have it—yet.

There must be conflicting claims, as there must be differing opinions, and men will continue to insist, with or without threats of violence, that their side of a case shall prevail and their opponents shall give way. Therefore, nations will continue to quarrel, and continue to fight, and so there is no peace plan; seeking one is like looking for a fifth dimension.

And yet, when men have a difference they take it to arbitration, in or out of a court; they do so, because the power of the many in human society will not allow them to fight. It is therefore inconceiv-

able that there is awaiting discovery any new "plan" or formula which disagreeing nations will consent to substitute for the ancient one of war; the old plan of arbitration remains, and its failures thus far do not condemn it. Nations, which are men in the mass and permitting themselves to be misruled by rulers, must find some way of making the old plan take on a binding power.

We are now talking of a World Court, but the idea has been before the world many years. In 1907, when 44 nations were represented at the second Hague conference, there were advocates of "the idea of a Supreme Court of the World, sitting in judgment above 44 nations as the Supreme Court of the United States sits above the 44 States of the American Union," but, as was pointed out in a review of the proposition by Mr. T. W. Balch of Philadelphia, the weak point was in accepting the findings when reached. Controversies between individuals, between corporations, between individuals and corporations, and even between a State and citizens of another State (these being the cases covered by the provisions of our own Constitution regarding the jurisdiction of our final tribunal) are manageable fairly well, because outside the contending parties there are a majority and a weight sufficient to make resistance hopeless. But—and here is the rift in the plan—when the contestants are nations the noble Court has only power to advise and none to enforce. This cannot be better put than Mr. Balch put it:

"The great difficulty of enforcing peace throughout the world, however, is that there is no force outside of the world to drive the peoples of the earth to remain united, in order to avoid war among themselves. And this is true, whether the peoples are organized as separate nations, as at present, or according to any other scheme that may be devised. If the peoples of the world are once united into a World Confederation or a World State, in the absence of any outside force to make it their mutual interest to hold together for protection against outside aggression the desire of the people to gain more than their fair share will, judging from history, result in war. This is the weak point in all plans for obtaining world peace."

There being no force outside of this globe, at present available, the people of the world must restrain themselves or else peace must be kept by the fear of restraining force; the ugly-tempered nation must be in fear of other nations, as the ugly-tempered individual is in fear of the community where he lives. So reasoned the advocates of the League to Enforce Peace, as organized by President Lowell of Harvard and Mr. Taft and others, in old Independence Hall in Philadelphia, eight years ago. This was its substance:

"The members of the League shall submit disputes with one another, if justiciable, to an international tribunal; second, in like manner they shall submit non-justiciable questions (such as cannot be decided on the basis of strict international law) to an international council of conciliation, which shall recommend a fair and amicable solution; if any member of the League wages war with another before submitting the question in dispute to the tribunal or council all the other members shall jointly use forthwith both their economic and military forces against the State that so breaks the peace; the signatory Powers shall also endeavor to codify and improve the rules of international law."

That is, in substance, the members join in saying to one another, Bring your cases to arbitration, but if you strike before doing so we will make common cause against you with arms. But to state such a plan is to demonstrate its futility. Who in this broad land of ours would be willing to commit this country to the use of force against another nation in an outside controversy with which the United States has no direct concern? Without force nothing can be accomplished. Include force and the idea becomes repugnant and unpractical.

The Railroad Labor Board Again Rebukes the Pennsylvania.

The members of the Railroad Labor Board find their sense of official dignity not satisfied by one solemn rebuke of the Pennsylvania road's executives and therefore return to deliver another blow. Possibly in order that a sort of average might be had between the two, the gods gave to Socrates a Xantippe, whose frequent tongue lashings lacked somebody to preserve them for the world as Douglas Jerrold preserved the "curtain" lectures which Mrs. Caudle delivered almost nightly to her spouse. Socrates took the scoldings philosophically, as he took everything else, including the final hemlock, probably reflecting that they relieved Xantippe's feelings and did not hurt his. So the public will take the scoldings of the Labor Board.

In this latest outburst, the Board avers that the road's position "is devoid of intrinsic merit, violative of the will of Congress, and destructive of the rights of the employees," who were not seeking any advantage over the carrier. The question of open or closed shop was not an issue; "there was no proposal to arbitrarily require the carrier to deal with any particular labor organization, and the only issue was one of such insignificant import to the carrier as to make its flagrant course one of astonishment to disinterested citizens." Correct as to the mention of closed or open shop, but a matter of insignificant import would hardly lead so important a system as the Pennsylvania to take a "flagrant" course. The Board boils it down to this:

"Question: Simply drawing this distinction, that if they will agree to deal with you as individuals you will deal with them; but if they deal with you as officials representing employees' organizations you will not deal with them?"

"Answer: You have stated it correctly."

Something more than "insignificant" is involved. As the "Chronicle" has summarized it (and so recently that repetition at length is unnecessary) the substance is that the road insists upon the mutual and reciprocal right of direct dealing between itself and its men, without having the latter under a compulsory representation (so-called) by outsiders; this is held to be a matter of principle, therefore not insignificant, and whether it is or is not democratic and American may be left to the judgment of the business public.

This latest rebuke relates particularly to the case of alleged misconduct towards a clerks' organization. Inconsistencies are charged, in that the road has dealt with the four large brotherhoods and with a Pennsylvania System Fraternity, through agreements "signed by the officials of such organizations as such and not as individuals." There is no inconsistency here, for collective bargaining involves hav-

ing persons act officially "and not as individuals"; all considerable transactions might be impracticably hampered if each signer could sign only for his individual self.

As for the declaration that the road's course is "violative of the will of Congress and destructive of the rights of employees" and that the road is trying "to nullify the Transportation Act," we must repeat that the tree is known by its fruits and the comparative peace and content on the system give the answer to all charges of injustice and oppression; it is absurd, in these times, for any benevolent outsider to try to expose to bodies of workers who have not discovered it their assumed condition of suffering. The Board justly says that the Act "is predicated on the idea that the rights of neither carrier nor employees should be dependent upon force and power, but upon justice and reason." As the "Chronicle" has so often pointed out, Title III attempts keeping peace through discussion and arbitration, and the Board's complaint has been that it was empowered only to appeal to justice and reason through public opinion and did not have weapons of compulsion entrusted to it. It is true that the Supreme Court dissolved an injunction obtained by the road "and sustained the Board's contentions," but not as this statement would imply, for the Court found the Board empowered to find a violation of an order and make public the fact, but without power to do anything more, this lack of power to "do" anything about it being the pebble in the official shoes of the Board.

As for "attempting to nullify" the Act, this is a finding by the Board, and not, as yet, by the Supreme Court. The statement that the road is acting "in contempt of the unanimous opinion of the U. S. Supreme Court sustaining the jurisdiction of the Board" needs an explanatory note thus: "The contempt is according to our interpretation of that decision." The Board also says that when Congress reconvenes it will "surely take proper steps to guaranty to employees and the public that no carrier, however great and powerful, will again propagate industrial discord and endanger public tranquillity by flouting the will of Congress as interpreted by the established courts and tribunals of our country." This is a step into the mists of prophecy, and he is rash who ventures to foretell what Congress will "surely" or even possibly attempt to do. Such language as this also deserves reprobation, as tending of itself to the propagating of industrial discord and the menacing public peace which are wantonly charged upon the Pennsylvania. We have, unhappily, so much violent radicalism and so much rabid hatred of railroads in Congress that men whose positions give entrance in the public press to their utterances ought to keep a guard upon themselves, even though they may inwardly feel chafed.

So it appears to President Rea, who replies that the Supreme Court plainly left the company free to decline compliance with the Board's order if it judged—as it did judge—that such compliance would invade constitutional rights. Further, says Mr. Rea—and with entire justice—the company is law-abiding and has not denied, but instead has maintained, the rights of the men. There is no dispute between road and men which cannot be amicably settled by the direct method. The company intends to secure and hold their confidence by fair dealing, and "the only real discordant note is that being sounded by the Labor Board."

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, July 6 1923.

There is a midsummer quiet in the primary branches of American trade. This is due not alone to the usual slowing down at this time of the year, but to a disposition apart from this to go slow for a time until the commercial community gets its bearings. Production is still active, notably of iron and steel, but it is mostly on old orders. New business is another matter. For the most part it is slow. Retail trade, to be sure, is on the whole very good. But jobbing and wholesale business reflects the cautious spirit which now dominates the world of business in the United States. Collections are none too prompt. In fact, in some parts of the country they are slow, as might be expected, indeed, from the slowness of the turn-over. There is still a noticeable disinclination to purchase for distant delivery on anything like a liberal scale. And it is noticeable, too, that for the fourth month in succession prices during June showed a decline; that is, a little over 2%, or 6% since March 1, though they are 8% higher than a year ago, and some 23% above the level of June 1 1921, when the tide turned. It is still a fact, too, that prices are over 50% higher than they were nine years ago, at the beginning of the Great War. On the other hand, mercantile failures are now on a diminished scale. The feeling among business men in this country is not unhopeful. In fact, it is in the main cheerful. And this feeling is also shared to a very large extent by bankers, though curiously enough, on the other hand, speculators in commodity and security markets have for the most part been pessimistic as to the general outlook. In the main the weather of late has been favorable for the crops. The Government will issue its next monthly grain report on Monday. Recent private estimates show some increase in the wheat crop over the total for June of 817,000,000 bushels. The idea of the corn crop is something like 2,800,000,000 bushels to 3,000,000,000, as against some 2,890,000,000 bushels last year. The Government estimated the cotton crop on July 2 at 11,412,000 bales, as against 9,775,000 last year, with the acreage the highest in Government records. The Texas crop promises to be the largest for years past.

Meanwhile there is some slowing down of steel and iron production, though it is still very high, and here and there prices have eased of late. Cotton has advanced during the week and also wheat. A project has been suggested of holding back some 200,000,000 bushels of wheat in order to keep up the price, but if wheat production is being overdone in this country it will have to be reduced, and plans to keep up the price artificially will in the end do more harm than good. Canadian as well as American farmers are complaining of low prices. Bituminous coal has declined and the tendency of anthracite prices seems to be downward. They have recently been so high that, significantly enough, New England is beginning to buy Welsh anthracite at prices considerably under those asked by Pennsylvania producers, i. e. 35 to 45c. per ton. It is hoped that an anthracite strike on Sept. 1 may be averted, and to all appearances the prospects are favorable. Mail order sales for June, though about 15% smaller than those for May, are some 27% larger than in June last year, while for the half year there is a gain of 37% over the same period in 1922. Wool has been fairly steady in price, but it was noticeable that at the big London auction sales frequent withdrawals of offerings have been necessary for the reason that the limits of prices could not always be obtained. Many of the cotton mills are still running on short time. Woolen mills are busier than the cotton mills. It is noticeable that the lumber market shows a tendency towards smaller business, not only in this country, but in Canada. Owing to the present very high wages exacted from builders by the labor unions, it would not be at all surprising to see a considerable falling off in building after present contracts have been filled. The tendency, at any rate, seems to be that way. Silk goods meet with a slow sale for future delivery. Woolen goods for the spring trade, however, have advanced. Merchants have latterly been heartened by a stronger stock market, though there is no use disguising the fact that in London there has been a certain amount of unsettlement due to a 1% rise in the Bank of

England rate of discount to 4%, and also to the Ruhr question which to all appearances is becoming more tense than ever, so much so that the Vatican has tendered its good offices towards a settlement. The feeling in Europe is that until this matter is adjusted European trade cannot be expected to reach a normal level. And anything that affects Europe undoubtedly affects this country. Taking American trade as a whole, it is in very fair shape, and would be in still better shape if the labor question could be settled, or in other words, if the cost of production could be reduced. Civilization concededly works toward production of everything, ranging from the most primary to the highest wants known to civilized man. And it is certainly a misfortune that the four primary things, i. e. food, clothing, fuel and shelter, should at the present time cost so much as to be a tax on the great bulk of the population.

Only about 50% of the bricklayers employed by the Mason Builders' Association before the strike had returned to work at \$1.50 an hour or \$12 a day, according to estimates in building circles, up to last Saturday, as independent builders pay \$15 to \$16 a day, after recently paying \$14. They raised the pay to get jobs finished. According to a survey of the Mason Builders' Association, the jobs of the independent and speculative builders will begin to be "topped out" by July 15, at which time the bricklayers will be released to begin work for the larger operations being erected by members of the association. As the new apartment houses in the Bronx and in Brooklyn are finished, so far as brick work is concerned, the mechanics are expected to go back to work for the mason builders. Relief for the schools is promised only after the bricklayers complete their work on the mason builders' operations in the fall. The bricklayers have shown reluctance to work on school buildings, where the contractors are paying \$12 a day.

The Masters' League of Cement Workers reported that it was manning many jobs at \$7 a day instead of \$7.50 demanded by the union. Approximately 6,000 cement workers have been on strike for an increase of \$1 a day. The men now receive \$6.50. The employers offered \$7.20. Members of the Allied Building Metal Industries declared that the large employers' shops had not been greatly inconvenienced by the strike of the inside workers. The men demand recognition of the union and the 44-hour week instead of one of 48 hours. They claim 3,000 mechanics are on strike. The employers say the number is not more than 750.

Many Massachusetts and Rhode Island cotton mills closed down for a few days to two weeks. The Amoskeag Co. of Manchester, N. H., closed until July 16. At Calais, Me., some 50 mill workers took part in the influx of immigrants into the United States. They had been living on the border for several weeks awaiting the opening of the July quotas. The mill operators, most of whom are English, plan to go to New England and New York industrial centres. The immigration at New York increased sharply. At Gardiner, on June 29, the factory of the shoe firm of R. P. Hazard Co. closed down, throwing more than 700 hands out of work. The cause of the shutdown is said to be labor trouble, but the complete closing of the factory was not expected locally. Longshoremen here ask a Saturday half day and are said to have demanded overtime compensation. The Shipping Board and private lines will insist on compliance with the 48-hour agreement with the union. Wages have been increased in all the Government navy yards 10 to 12% for all grades.

As to the immigration laws, "instead of being scientific our present system is absurd and contemptible," said U. S. Senator Copeland of New York. "Not only so, but it is cruel and heartless. We will never go back to free and unrestricted immigration. We will insist on strict limitation. But our officials abroad should be in a position to encourage the immigration of desirable and needed persons. There is a demand in certain quarters for untrained labor, and it is a demand which, if it be founded on truth, should be satisfied. Whatever percentage is fixed, there should be power given the President to make exceptions."

June, as in the three preceding months, witnessed a downward turn in prices and the reactionary trend, it is pointed out, was more pronounced and widely distributed than at

any time since the great deflation of 1920 and 1921. The percentage of decrease shown in June was the heaviest since May 1921, decreases exceeded increases by nearly 6 to 1 and all but one of the groups of commodities declined between June 1 and July 1.

Car loadings in the week ending June 23 were again over the million mark, i. e. 1,002,740. The total thus far this year is without a parallel in the history of the country.

Fears continue to be entertained of an anthracite coal strike on Sept. 1. An Atlantic City dispatch Friday said that the miners would demand a new contract to replace that which expires Aug. 31. One hundred men, representing the companies, and 155,000 miners in the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania met. The miners want 20% increase in the contract wage scale and \$2 per day increase for all men paid by the day.

A decrease is again noted in the business of the lumber industry, as shown in the report of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association for the week ending June 23. With 385 mills operating as against 423 in the preceding week the total cut for all associations was 262,558,515 feet, as against 281,008,687 feet. Shipments totaled 236,173,281 feet, as against 253,671,719 feet, and orders amounted to 196,578,518 feet, as against 213,886,945 feet in the previous week.

Columbia, S. C., wired July 5: "South Carolina, long a State in which the negro greatly outnumbered the white, is experiencing a decrease in its colored population that is gradually gaining in volume, according to railroad and other officials in position to observe. One railroad official recently estimated that fully 22% of the negro population of the State had left for Northern points, and a newspaper in a recent article estimated that for the first time in more than 100 years the white population of the State exceeded the negro."

Paris advices say that a rapid advance in coal is due to the cost to the French of the Ruhr occupation. It is 20% higher than last year and the same increase is reported in other merchandise. France, too, it is noticed, is obliged to buy a three months' supply of wheat in foreign markets to last until its own harvest becomes available, and this will probably mean that the French Government, which fixed the price of bread at 1.20 francs a kilogram, will have to raise it.

The week has been in the main clear and cool, but on July 4 there were heavy showers and wind storms. Thursday it was warmer here, i. e. 83 degrees. To-day began warm and close here, but in the afternoon two violent thunderstorms passed over New York. To-night it is cloudy and cooler.

Business Conditions in Boston Federal Reserve District.

According to Frederic H. Curtiss, Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, "less talk about resistance to high prices and the poor volume of incoming business is heard now in New England than was common a month or two ago." Mr. Curtiss, whose remarks to this effect, appeared in the "Monthly Review" dated July 1, continued:

A somewhat more confident view is being taken. Both the volume of production and the movement of goods in the markets continue to be large, and even the volume of unfilled orders on the books of many manufacturers is considerable. Freight car loadings for the entire country are in larger volume than ever before at this time of the year, and, what is equally important, although not so generally appreciated, is that the number of tons of goods carried per loaded car is also exceptionally large. This is a symptom of greater efficiency on the parts of both shippers and the railroads. The extent of unemployment in New England is not significant at the present moment. The employment offices report that there are fewer vacancies to be filled, and yet at the same time there are fewer applicants for work.

A rather poor volume of retail trade during April and early May, which was undoubtedly due in part to adverse weather conditions, helped to generate some of the pessimistic sentiment then prevalent. There has recently been an improvement in retail trade, and according to latest reports, the volume of sales is comparatively satisfactory, even allowing for the fact that some of the volume has been forced by means of attractive prices. More reasonable weather recently unquestionably has been a great help.

It would have been strange, and really a cause for considerable alarm, if the combination of falling security prices, declining commodity prices, and a volume of incoming orders considerably less than current output, had not caused both manufacturers and distributors to plan for the next two or three months rather more carefully than is usually the case in a period of prosperity and great activity such as the present. The tendency is stronger than it was a month ago to cut production to a point where it is only sufficient to meet actual orders and not allow stocks of finished goods to be increased excessively. This is almost inevitable under present conditions, because the value of so many lines of merchandise fluctuates rapidly with the various seasons of the year, and with new styles. The rapid change to the prevailing vogue in women's colored hosiery and shoes is one example of the hazards of producing for stock. Naturally, some

stocks, even of goods having a style appeal, must be carried through selling seasons, and it is reported that in some lines these are larger than desirable, due to the slowness of retail trade during the period of poor spring weather. Some manufacturers are disposing of these at low prices to retailers, who in turn are able to maintain a large volume of sales through attractive mark-downs. The statement is generally made that the total volume of manufactured stocks of all kinds is not large, but such a statement is usually heard during a period of great activity, and can neither be proved nor disproved by statistics at the time. It seems certain, however, that stocks of raw material are nowhere nearly as large now as they were at the peak in 1920, yet production is as large as at that time, or even higher. The present problem before business men is quite different than it was in the last boom, for, in addition to having large stocks, shipments were delayed during the winter of 1919-1920 through storms and strikes, and came on the market in a flood in the spring, at a time when credit was hard to get and money rates very high. These adverse factors are absent now and the present problem seems to be one of restoring confidence in the future rather than of consuming excessive stocks of merchandise and easing strained credit conditions.

Chicago Federal Reserve Bank Reports Record Receipts of Live Stock—Business Conditions.

Record receipts of live stock for May were established this year, says the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in its "Monthly Review" issued July 1, which also says:

The totals for cattle and calves and for hogs were the largest for May since statistics of receipts and shipments at public stock yards were established at the beginning of 1916; sheep receipts were somewhat less than in May 1921, but were larger than for the corresponding month of the other years.

Slaughter in May.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Calves.
Eight yards in district, May 1923	254,834	1,055,331	220,253	173,672
Public stock yards in United States:				
May 1923	711,984	3,072,396	888,189	460,960
April 1923	680,307	2,923,601	855,323	399,800
May 1922	698,522	2,571,537	852,298	387,445

The movement of feeder cattle, calves, and sheep back to the farms showed a large increase over April. Compared with a year ago, the movement increased for sheep, but declined for cattle and calves.

The following relative to business conditions in the district is also taken from the July 1 report issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago:

Money and Banking.

Business sentiment during the greater part of May veered more strongly toward conservatism, with a feeling of uncertainty and caution manifesting itself. In the latter part of May and early June, however, business men, while proceeding cautiously, apparently gathered confidence in the outlook for the immediate future. The agricultural community has gained courage and is more optimistic, generally, than a year ago, although the drop in hog prices and in some localities the effect of the backward spring season on crops are discouraging factors. Farmers did not receive the full benefit of the recent increase in price of corn because most of them had already disposed of the greater part of their available supply. In agricultural sections the slackening in business is partly due to the activity of farmers in field work.

Reports from agricultural and industrial sections indicate no marked change in the trend of credit conditions on the whole in the district during May. In some localities increased demand for accommodations appeared, while in others the demand slackened. The banks continue able, in most instances, to meet the increases without borrowing.

Although May business failure statistics for the district show an increase in the number of defaults of some 16% over the previous month, continued improvement in business conditions during the month is reflected by a decrease of more than 46% in the total liabilities involved. Little change is seen in figures for the country as a whole, with the exception of a slight drop in total liabilities.

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City on Increased Activity in Colorado Gold Mining with Passing of Pittman Act.

In referring to mining conditions in Colorado and the suspension of the Pittman Act by the Government, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, in its "Monthly Review" dated June 26, said:

Metal mining conditions in Colorado, on the whole, improved during the month of May, and further improvement was reported in the early part of June. Although the shortage of skilled miners and the expiration of the Pittman Act were expected to work a hardship in some particular cases, it was reported that many new operations were starting or preparing to start for the season.

Under the Pittman Act, by which the Government has for some time stabilized the price of silver, there has been a considerable revival of activity in mining.

Many of the silver mine developments have "brought in" deposits of lead, zinc, and other metals which, at the prevailing high prices of these ores in the past eighteen months, have been mined at a fair margin of profit, and indications point to continued mining activity in these camps. It is also reported that with the passing of the Pittman Act increased activity in gold mining in the pioneer camps of Colorado is now in evidence.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Postponement of Building Operations.

The policy of postponing building operations on account of high costs of labor and of materials, which was evident in New York City during April, extended to other sections of the country during May, as indicated by a general decrease in the value of building permits granted in the principal cities of the country, says the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in the July 1 number of its "Monthly Review of Business Conditions," which adds:

An index prepared by this bank shows that in March the value of permits granted was 82% above estimated normal, in April it was 44% above and in May there was a further decline to 22% above estimated normal. In computing this index, allowance has been made for changes in the cost of construction, for seasonal variations, and for year to year growth of the industry.

Recent increases have brought wages of building workers above the highest point of 1920. Prices of materials are about 30% under the 1920 maximum and the total cost of construction is 21% under that maximum, but about double the pre-war cost. The following table shows recent changes in this bank's indexes of building costs:

	Building Materials.	Building Wags.	Total Cost of Construction
1913 average.....	100	100	100
Maximum, 1920.....	300	195	254
Low, 1922.....	155	179	165
March 1923.....	198	189	194
April 1923.....	204	194	200
May 1923.....	202	199	201

Indexes of Business Activity Prepared by Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The following is from the July issue of the "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

In the past few months this bank has prepared and published in the "Review" a series of index numbers designed to measure various phases of business activity. These indexes supplement the production indexes which have been published regularly since the summer of 1921. In each case allowance has been made for seasonal fluctuations and for year to year growth, and the current figures are expressed as percentages of an estimated normal. Wherever necessary, allowance has also been made for price changes. For convenience in reference the available figures for recent months are brought together in the following table:

	1922.			1923.		
	May.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
(Estimated Normal = 100%.)						
Car loadings.....	95	109	111	112	119	118
Wholesale trade.....	99	114	119	111	105	103
Postal receipts.....	100	104	102	105	99	104
Building permits.....	137	155	170	182	144	122
Exports.....	90	74	79	83	82	83
Imports.....	99	110	105	125	122	129
Automobile production.....	107	115	125	134	142	150
Electric power production.....	101	113	115	115	115	---
Business failures.....	132	98	88	103	103	102

Many Bricklayers, Granted \$12 a Day, Are Now Demanding and Getting More from Independent Builders.

Despite the fact that the mason builders acceded to the demand of the striking bricklayers for \$12 a day, many of the workers are not satisfied with this wage, according to current reports, and are getting more from independent operators. With regard to this aspect of the situation in the building trades the New York "Times" on June 30 had the following to say:

Not more than half the bricklayers employed by the Mason Builders' Association before the strike have returned to work since the employers granted the mechanics' demands of \$1 50 an hour or \$12 a day, according to estimates in building circles yesterday.

When the strike was called on May 21 the mason builders' jobs were 60% manned by bricklayers. At present they are said to be but 30% manned. Of the 2,000 bricklayers who went on strike approximately 1,000 have returned, it was reported.

Settlement of the strike of mechanics on the buildings of the Mason Builders' Association embarrassed the speculative and independent builders who had employed the strikers at \$14 a day. The men informed these builders they preferred to work for their old employers, most of whom were willing to pay the basic wage scale of \$12 a day and a bonus of \$2 a day. Some of the independent and speculative builders, with jobs nearing the "topping out" process, became panic-stricken and offered the men \$15 a day and, in some cases, \$16.

Tempted by the higher pay, many of the former employees of the Mason Builders' Association remained on the jobs of the speculative and independent builders. According to a survey of the Mason Builders' Association, the jobs of the independent and speculative builders will begin to be "topped out" by July 15, at which time the bricklayers will be released to begin work for the larger operations being erected by members of the Association. As the new apartment houses in the Bronx and in Brooklyn are finished, so far as brick work is concerned, the mechanics are expected to drift back to work of the mason builders.

So far as concerns the hope for expediting of construction on a score of unfinished public schools the settlement of the bricklayers' strike two weeks ago on a \$12 a day basis has been a dismal failure.

"It has not advanced our work at all," said William H. Gompert, architect to the Board of Education, on June 28. "There are fifteen or sixteen of the public schools now under construction in the several boroughs which are actually suffering for lack of adequate forces of bricklayers. On them we could use to advantage from 350 to 400 more men than we have. But we do not seem to be able to get them.

"Our records show that where contractors have made requisitions for additional bricklayers since the agreement the representatives of the unions have not been successful in supplying the men needed. It is also true in some instances that contractors on school jobs have not asked for additional men, one of the reasons advanced being that they can not get brick fast enough to warrant employing a greatly enlarged force. But the fact remains that there has been virtually no increase in numbers within the fortnight."

Potters Lose Protracted Strike in Trenton.

After eight months of bickering, approximately 1,500 sanitary potters in Trenton, N. J., and vicinity decided on June 20 to call off their strike and return to work if the potteries would give them jobs. No agreement on either wages or working conditions is requested by the brotherhood officials in ordering the strikers back to their benches. The men, if they can find work, will return under the wage scale and conditions now prevailing for unskilled casters. The pressers, kilnmen, dippers, packers and sagger makers will all go back to their benches, it is stated, with practically a 10% reduction. The dippers and kilnmen will accept a price per piece instead of per kiln. The mouldmakers will lose approximately 5%. At a conference in Philadelphia the board reached its decision to abandon the strike.

Plasterers Win \$14 a Day in St. Louis Building Trade

Union plasterers in St. Louis, Mo., announced on June 26 they had won their fight for \$14 for the eight-hour day. This is said to be the highest wage paid these craftsmen in the United States.

Wage Increases in New York Building Trades Since 1916.

An added labor burden of approximately \$18,600,000 will be borne by building construction in New York City in the next six months as a result of bonuses and wage increases granted recently to 115,000 workers in the building trade, it was estimated on June 24, according to the New York "Times." The "Times" in discussing the basis for this estimate says:

Most of the workers received additional compensation of \$1 a day, but increases of \$2 a day in the basic rate were awarded the bricklayers, plasterers, hoisting engineers and one or two additional crafts. The estimated increase of \$18,600,000 excluded overtime pay, which will probably increase the labor costs in the next six months an additional \$1,400,000, making the total wage increase until Jan. 1 1924 approximately \$20,000,000.

A comparison of building trades wages between 1903 and 1923 indicates that the highest percentage increases went to the composition roofers and the house shorers, whose rate of pay in twenty years has increased 264%. The rate of pay for mosaic workers has increased 186%, and next come the bricklayers' helpers, whose rate has increased 185%.

Of the major trades, eleven are receiving more than double the wages of 1916, six trades are receiving twice the amount they received in 1916 and the others are getting a substantial increase. Most of the trades are now being paid \$8 to \$10 a day with \$12 a day for several crafts. Bricklayers, mosaic workers and tile layers are being paid bonuses of \$2 to \$6 above the scale because of a shortage of workers in these trades.

Increases Since 1916.

The cement and concrete laborers have had ten wage increases since 1916, beginning with \$2 80 and going up to \$7 20. They received \$6 50 a day until a few days ago, when they demanded a dollar increase. The employers offered \$7 20 and the men went on strike.

The following trades have obtained the largest of the daily wage increases since 1916:

Brocklayers.....	\$6 00	Composition roofers.....	\$5 50
Stone masons.....	7 00	Mosaic workers.....	5 25
Plasterers.....	6 00	Painters.....	5 00
Stone setters.....	5 50		

One of the outstanding features in the rise of building trade wages has been the value set upon the common laborer. A dollar an hour, or \$8 a day, is the pay now awarded common laborers, many of whom ordinarily earn higher wages than mechanics in the skilled trades, who are laid off frequently because of weather and other conditions.

Bricklayers' helpers, who pile the brick and mortar on the scaffolds, receive \$1 an hour and have steadier employment than bricklayers, for when the skilled men are laid off on account of rain or shortage of material on the job the laborers are used in the interior of the building to clean up and do other odd jobs. It developed during the recent strike of bricklayers that the laborers assisting the mechanics were quite satisfied with their lot and had no desire to become bricklayers because of the time hazards in the skilled trade. The laborers receive \$44 for a forty-four-hour week, excluding overtime.

Here is a comparison of building trades wages in 1903 with the present-day rates and the percentage increases during the last twenty years:

	Wages		Per Cent Increase	
	1903.	1923.	1903.	Since 1903.
Asbestos workers.....	\$4 00	\$4 75	\$10 00	150%
Bluestone cutters.....	4 40	4 50	10 00	127%
†Bricklayers.....	5 20	5 60	12 00	129%
†Bricklayers' laborers.....	2 80	3 00	8 00	185%
Carpenters.....	4 50	5 00	10 00	122%
Cement masons.....	4 40	5 00	10 00	127%
aCement and concrete laborers.....	2 80	3 00	7 20	164%
Composition roofers.....	2 75	3 25	10 00	264%
Electrical workers.....	4 00	4 50	10 00	150%
Elevator constructors.....	4 25	5 20	10 00	135%
Portable engineers.....	5 00	6 00	12 00	140%
Plumbers.....	4 25	6 00	10 00	135%
House shorers.....	2 75	3 68	10 00	264%
Metallic lathers.....	4 00	5 00	10 00	150%
†Mosaic workers.....	3 50	4 50	10 00	186%
Painters.....	4 00	4 00	10 00	150%
†Plasterers.....	5 50	5 50	12 00	118%
Plasterers' laborers.....	3 25	3 25	8 50	161%
Steamfitters.....	4 50	5 50	10 00	122%
†Tile layers.....	5 00	5 50	10 00	100%

† 1923 wage is the minimum and excludes bonuses. a Now on strike for \$7 50.

Offset by Cost of Living.

Roswell D. Tompkins, Secretary of the old Building Trades Council, commenting on the wage increases of the last twenty years, said: "In compiling these figures you must consider the cost of living. The prices of all commodities began to rise after the war and conditions made it necessary for the men to have more money. Even with the high wages paid to-day it is nothing but a gamble as to whether a workingman is better off to-day than he was twenty years ago. "At \$25 a room working people cannot get cheap homes and everything costs in proportion. High wages have helped the men a bit to pay the high rents. Wages always lag behind living costs. "Twenty-two years ago when I was earning \$3 50 as a tile layer, I lived as well as I could live to-day, when tile layers are paid \$10 and a bonus. A good suit now costs between \$60 and \$80 and twenty-two years ago a fine suit made to order cost \$25. Other commodities have gone up in proportion."

Schools to Train Mechanics for Building Trades to Relieve Shortage of Help Suggested by James Baird.

James Baird, President of the George A. Fuller Co., and chairman of the emergency committee of the Mason Builders' Association, in a statement issued on June 16 declared that the problems attendant on the shortage of mechanics in the building trades in New York would be solved if the owners of the \$100,000,000 building projects now delayed by scarcity of skilled labor would invest \$500,000 to establish schools for training mechanics. In an analysis of the present situation, coupled with a survey of the number of bricklayers now at work, made by the Mason Builders' Association, Mr. Baird said that the extent of the building that can be done at any time in New York is limited by the amount of work that can or will be done by 3,500 or 4,000 resident bricklayers. Mr. Baird's statement follows:

The Emergency Committee of the Mason Builders' Association has just completed a careful survey covering all building operations in Greater New York (the exact number being 781). This survey has developed the fact that the total number of bricklayers working in Greater New York on June 1 was 4,642.

Further inquiries indicated that approximately 500 men were not working, due either to illness or lack of inclination. This demonstrates that the number of available bricklayers at present in Greater New York is approximately 5,000. Of this number, the reports indicate that from 1,000 to 2,000 are transients. In other words, the building that can be done in New York is limited by the amount of work that can (or will) be done by approximately 3,500 or 4,000 resident bricklayers, though in times like the present, when bonus payments are added to the basic wage, an increment known as "floaters," to the extent of 1,000 to 2,000 (depending upon the amounts of the bonus paid) comes to the city.

Sees Need for More Bricklayers.

At the present time there is work for at least 2,000 to 4,000 more bricklayers than are available. The entire country has a shortage of trained men in the building trades. The records of the Department of Labor covering a ten-year period are as follows:

Classes of Mechanics—	1910.	1920.
Brick and stone masons.....	161,000	131,000
Plasterers.....	47,000	38,000
Roofers and slaters.....	14,000	11,000
Stonemasons.....	35,000	22,000
Painters, glaziers, varnishers.....	273,000	248,000
Total.....	530,000	450,000

The table shows a decline of 80,000 skilled workmen when there should have been an increase of at least 100,000 to keep pace with the growth of population. One of the chief reasons for this shortage of mechanics lies in the policy of labor unions of enforcing onerous rules and conditions which have had the effect of restricting the number of apprentices.

The result has been that the requirements for building construction in Greater New York (as well as practically throughout the country) are not regulated by the needs of the industry and of the public, but by a small group of workers, the number governing the situation in New York being certainly not more than 4,000, since the bricklayer is the key to the building situation, and the shortage in this trade controls the program.

This group has followed the principle that it will not materially add to its number and will fill just as much of the building requirements as the organization is pleased to do and at rates and under conditions that it is in position largely to regulate.

This is a condition that can and must be corrected. And how? Similar situations are now being met in many cities throughout the United States, particularly in the West, where schools for training building mechanics are in operation, notable examples being Cleveland, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Antonio. In San Francisco there are seven such schools. While there are a few very small, inadequate schools scattered through the East, there is none of anything like sufficient capacity.

The method of expediting work in New York has been for a builder who requires men to go across the street to a competitor's job and offer a higher wage. One of the leaders in labor comments on this by asking, "What could be expected of a workman when a contractor meets him coming off work and invites him to come across the street to his job for twice as much money and half as much work?"

This gets no more building done, but it adds to the cost to the public, and some other remedy must be found.

Suggests School Plan.

Besides the 2,000 to 4,000 additional bricklayers needed in New York there are proportional added requirements in other trades. Training school^s are needed. I may suggest a way in which the necessary schools could be supplied. A committee of public-spirited citizens could raise the necessary funds (the amount needed certainly not exceeding \$500,000) to secure quarters and instructors competent to train the necessary number of young men much more easily and expeditiously than it was during the war to train a much smaller number of young men as soldiers. Young men can become fairly good working mechanics, in most of the industries, within a six months period, after which they can be further instructed in the finer details for a period of perhaps two years, and during this time they can also be working producers at good pay.

The fact is so obvious that there is a shortage of trained mechanics in New York that in all probability the unions would not contend against taking trained men into their organization as fast as they are developed. If the unions should refuse, then, of course, the young men that are trained would of necessity have to undertake work on their own account, following which the unions would without doubt take them into their organizations immediately.

As there is at present work in New York to the extent of, say, \$100,000,000 help up waiting an adequate supply of mechanics, it can readily be seen that an investment of \$500,000 to establish training schools would be money well invested. I would urgently suggest that the situation be considered by a committee appointed by the business interests of New York now affected by the shortage of men.

As to stability of employment at good wages, it is obvious that if an adequate supply of mechanics were continuously available in the City of New York, wages would remain stable, for there would be no unnecessary bidding among the contractors on a "snowballing" basis. Nor would there be the dissatisfaction and inclination to strike among the workers.

So far is the country behind in its building, so rapidly is the country developing and its population increasing, and so great is the volume of new buildings needed to replace work out or obsolete buildings, that employment would remain continuous indefinitely. The shortage problem can be solved in the very simple way suggested; but unless it is solved, the menace not only in the building industry but to all industries will become perpetual.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

Wednesday, July 4, being observed as a legal holiday by all Federal Reserve banks, the weekly bank statement made public on July 5 shows the condition of the Reserve banks as at close of business on Tuesday, July 3 1923. The statement, which, as always, deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined, shows an increase of \$154,900,000 in discounted bills and reductions of \$5,300,000 in purchased acceptances and of \$40,300,000 in Government securities. Deposit liabilities increased by \$37,700,000 and Federal Reserve note circulation by \$55,100,000. Cash reserves of the Reserve banks show a reduction of \$35,600,000 and the reserve ratio declined from 76.9 to 74.4%. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Increased holdings of discounted bills are shown for all the Reserve banks, except Richmond and Chicago, the largest increases being reported for the New York, Cleveland and St. Louis banks. Increases in Federal Reserve note circulation, which reflect the demand for currency in connection with the July 4 holiday, are shown for every Federal Reserve bank.

Of the total decline in cash reserves, \$23,000,000 represents a reduction in gold reserves and \$12,600,000 a reduction in reserves other than gold. Smaller gold reserves are reported by the New York, Cleveland, Richmond, and St. Louis banks, the reduction at the New York bank being about \$51,000,000. Of the eight banks reporting increases in gold reserves, the largest increase, amounting to \$24,900,000, is shown by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Holdings of paper secured by Government obligations increased during the week from \$383,300,000 to \$477,100,000. Of the total held on July 3, \$267,800,000, or 56.1%, were secured by United States bonds, \$188,700,000, or 39.6%, by Treasury notes, and \$20,500,000, or 4.3%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$243,000,000, \$121,500,000 and \$18,800,000 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 61 and 62. 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	
	June 27 1923.	July 5 1922.
Total reserves.....	-\$35,600,000	+\$33,000,000
Gold reserves.....	-23,000,000	+67,000,000
Total earning assets.....	+109,300,000	+19,000,000
Discounted bills, total.....	+154,900,000	+431,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+93,800,000	+291,700,000
Other bills discounted.....	+61,100,000	+139,300,000
Purchased bills.....	-5,300,000	+43,800,000
United States securities, total.....	-40,300,000	-455,800,000
Bonds and notes.....	-18,400,000	-126,500,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	-21,900,000	-329,300,000
Total deposits.....	+37,700,000	+89,500,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+64,100,000	+112,700,000
Government deposits.....	-29,300,000	-22,000,000
Other deposits.....	+2,900,000	-1,200,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	+55,100,000	+87,700,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab.....	-----	-66,600,000

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

Aggregate increases of \$60,000,000 in loans and of \$29,000,000 in accommodation at the Federal Reserve banks are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of condition on June 27 of 774 member banks in leading cities. It should be noted that the figures

for these *member banks* are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves.

Increases of \$52,000,000 in loans secured by stocks and bonds and of \$11,000,000 in all other, largely commercial, loans, as against a reduction of \$3,000,000 in loans secured by United States obligations, are shown in the report. Member bank holdings of United States securities declined by \$16,000,000, while their other investments increased by \$18,000,000, so that the total investment holdings increased by \$2,000,000 and total loans and investments by \$62,000,000. Member banks in New York City report an increase of \$42,000,000 in loans secured by stocks and bonds and decreases of \$1,000,000 and \$4,000,000, respectively, in loans secured by Government obligations and in all other loans. Government security holdings show but a nominal change, while other investments increased by \$12,000,000, so that the total of loans and investments for the New York members was \$48,000,000 larger than the week before. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these *member banks* is as follows:

Borrowings of the reporting institutions from the Federal Reserve banks increased from \$462,000,000 to \$491,000,000, or from 2.8 to 3% of their combined loans and investments. For member banks in New York City an increase from \$78,000,000 to \$92,000,000 in their borrowings from the local Reserve bank and from 1.5 to 1.8% in the ratio of these borrowings to total loans and investments is noted.

Government deposits of the reporting banks remained practically unchanged, while demand deposits increased \$10,000,000 for all banks combined and \$34,000,000 for the New York City banks. Time deposits increased \$4,000,000 for all banks, but declined about \$1,000,000 at the New York banks.

Reserve balances of the reporting institutions with the Federal Reserve banks show a decline of \$7,000,000 for the week, while the New York banks show an increase of \$5,000,000 in this item. Cash in vault increased by \$3,000,000 for all reporting banks and by \$2,000,000 for the New York banks.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 62—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	
	June 20 1923.	June 28 1922.
Loans and discounts—total.....	+\$60,000,000	+\$1,067,000,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations.....	—3,000,000	—35,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	+52,000,000	+341,000,000
All other.....	+11,000,000	+761,000,000
Investments, total.....	+2,000,000	+288,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	+10,000,000	+153,000,000
Treasury notes.....	—10,000,000	+399,000,000
Treasury certificates.....	—16,000,000	—117,000,000
Other stocks and bonds.....	+18,000,000	—147,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. Banks.....	—7,000,000	—50,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+3,000,000	+4,000,000
Government deposits.....	—	+132,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+10,000,000	—20,000,000
Time deposits.....	+4,000,000	+20,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. Banks.....	+29,000,000	+326,000,000

United Kingdom Bonds to Amount of \$4,600,000,000 Turned Over to United States in Debt Funding Settlement—Stanley Baldwin on Debt Adjustment

The final proceeding incident to the carrying through of the agreement for the funding of Great Britain's war debt to the United States was witnessed on July 5, when the Counsellor of the British Embassy at Washington turned over to the Treasury Department \$4,600,000,000 United Kingdom bonds, the Treasury at the same time surrendering demand obligations of Great Britain held by the Treasury Department since the loans were advanced. Acting Secretary Gilbert in making this known July 5 said:

The Treasury this afternoon received the \$4,600,000,000 aggregate principal amount of bonds of the United Kingdom issued pursuant to the proposal dated June 18 1923 for funding the debt of Great Britain to the United States, and the acceptance thereof, dated June 19 1923. The Treasury thereupon cancelled and surrendered to the British Government, through the Counsellor of the British Embassy at Washington, demand obligations of Great Britain in the principal amount of \$4,074,818,358 44, in accordance with the provisions of the proposal and acceptance.

The signing of the debt funding agreement between the United States and Great Britain was noted in our issue of June 23, page 2834.

Regarding a statement made by the British Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, in the House of Commons on July 4, anent the refunding of the debt, we quote the following Associated Press advices from London July 5:

Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, in his address in the House of Commons on the finance bill yesterday, took occasion to review in detail his work towards the funding of Great Britain's debt in the United States. He expressed a conviction that no action any British Government had ever taken with regard to the United States had such an effect in helping America to understand this country better than she ever had done before and in paving the way to a more complete understanding between the two peoples in the future.

The debt agreement, Mr. Baldwin added, also served to make America more willing than she ever had been to "work hand in hand with us wherever any work is to be done for the regeneration of the world."

The Prime Minister paid tribute to the friendliness with which Congress confirmed the terms agreed upon. He said it was true that a large proportion of this debt and of others was incurred at inflated prices, but that it would pass the wit of man to determine that amount accurately.

Alluding to Great Britain's privilege of paying in United States bonds at par, Mr. Baldwin said that at the present time, when these securities could be acquired at a slight discount it was to Britain's advantage to purchase them for payment, and she had done so. He hoped the debt funding agreement, of which he had just received official copies from Washington would be submitted to the House in the official papers within the next fortnight.

With regard to the other Allied debts, the Premier said the situation was quite unchanged, adding: "The offer we made in January, which was not accepted, has left our hands free to deal with all these matters as we think best."

Mr. Baldwin asserted that whatever might be said about the American settlement, he was convinced of two things: First, that as business terms, they were fair and honest, giving him no cause for complaint, and he desired to express his gratitude to the members of the American Commission, who did everything possible to make payment easy and convenient; second, he wished to remind any one doubtful of the wisdom of what he had done that if the debt had not been funded, Great Britain would have been liable to interest at 5% on the whole outstanding sum year after year, and that she would not have been a bit nearer the date on which she would have been free from the obligation of the principal.

Treasury Department Says Higher Bank of England Rate Will Not Have Tendency to Increase Rates of Federal Reserve System.

Press dispatches from Washington yesterday (July 6) said:

Action taken by the Bank of England in increasing its rediscount rates will not have a tendency to increase the present rates maintained by the Federal Reserve system in this country, it was reported at the Treasury to-day. Officials of the Board declared they could see no need for similar action being taken by the American banking system and is not anticipating any change at this time.

Denmark Sends Gold to United States to Aid Exchange.

The following London advices July 5 appeared in the "Journal of Commerce":

The National Bank of Denmark, according to a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen to-day, shipped a large sum of gold to the United States in its attempt to stabilize the buying value abroad of Danish currency.

Calculating German Values on Gold Basis—Savings Banks' Introduction of Ten-Cent "Gold Mark" Accounts.

A special cablegram (copyright) to the New York "Times" from Berlin July 1 said:

In private business, calculations of values in the gold mark or the dollar continues to make headway. All branches of the textile trade, including the retailers, have adopted dollar exchange as a basis for price-fixing. Several banks are attracting large paper mark deposits on the new "gold mark basis."

This system, as regulated by the Prussian and Bavarian laws, is as follows: The "savings gold-mark," whose value is not that of the old gold mark, but ten American cents, is selected as the unit. Paper mark deposits are valued in the "savings gold-mark" according to the day's Boerse quotations of new dollar Treasury bills and they are so booked. The savings bank undertakes to repay the depositor, when he withdraws his deposit, in paper marks of the same gold value.

The bank covers its own risk by investing its paper mark deposits in dollar Treasury bills, or in some other stable security. This protects the depositor precisely as the rye or gold loan system protects the investor: because the more the mark falls in value, the more marks he will get back on repayment.

Report on Policy of Chinese Consortium.

A statement, issued in the form of a report, regarding the general policy of the Consortium in China, which was one of the matters considered at a meeting of the Council of the China Consortium, held in Paris May 28, was issued on July 1 at the office of Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co. Besides Mr. Lamont, who represented the American group of the Council, there were present at the meeting Sir Charles Addis, K. C. M. G., representing the British group; Rene Thion de la Chaume, representing the French group, and Kanji Yano, representing the Japanese group. With reference to the meeting the statement made public in this city this week said:

A discussion ensued on the proposed consolidation of China's unsecured obligations, and instructions were issued to the group representatives at Peking to examine, in consultation with the four Ministers of their respective Governments, the existing floating debt of China, including all loans which are unsecured or of which the security seems likely to prove inadequate in the near future, with a view to formulating in due course a comprehensive scheme of debt consolidation.

The Council had next under consideration the general policy of the Consortium in China, a statement of which it was decided to publish in the form of a separate report.

This report, which we give further below, points out that the Consortium is not designed as a permanent organization, but rather as a temporary bridge, by which China may be assisted to pass in comparative safety through the difficult period of transition from an unsettled to a settled state of Government. The report further sets out:

It has repeatedly been stated that interference with the domestic politics of China has no part in the program of the Consortium, that the reorganization of China's finances must come from China herself, and that the role of the Consortium is limited to an endeavor to assist the Chinese authorities, if requested to do so, in re-establishing economic and financial equilibrium.

We give the report herewith:

1. The Council of the China Consortium, having under review recent telegrams from their representatives in Peking, as well as press messages and comments bearing on the present economic and political situation in China, consider that a general statement of the policy of the Consortium may be at this time of interest to the public.

2. The policy of the Consortium, namely the substitution of international co-operation for international competition in the economic and financial affairs of China, has been definitely affirmed and endorsed in a larger sense by China and the Powers in the Treaty signed at Washington on Feb. 6 1922.

3. The Treaty is in effect an undertaking by the Powers to respect the sovereign rights of China, to preserve her territorial integrity and to provide her with a free and unembarrassed opportunity to develop her economic resources and maintain for herself an effective and stable Government.

4. The Consortium is an appropriate instrument for giving effect to this policy. It is not designed as a permanent organization, but rather as a temporary bridge by which China may be assisted to pass in comparative safety through the difficult period of transition from an unsettled to a settled state of Government.

5. What has already been accomplished appears to justify the belief that the Consortium has been constructed on sound lines, and may reasonably be expected to fulfill the purpose for which it was designed with due regard to the natural susceptibilities of the Chinese on the one hand and the security of the foreign investor on the other.

6. It is popularly supposed, and occasionally asserted, that the main object of the financial groups composing the Consortium is to harvest undue profits reaped from loans forced upon China under the protection of their respective governments. This is not the case. On the contrary it has been by their consistently refraining from lending that their principal success has been achieved in encouraging the utilization of native savings before recourse is had to foreign capital, and in arresting the profligate expenditure which was heading the country straight for bankruptcy. It is not too much to say that the Consortium has helped to stimulate and foster a sane and independent public opinion in China, and, by putting a stop to the menace of financial penetration arising from indiscriminate and unproductive foreign borrowings, is helping to conserve the integrity of the country.

7. Much still remains to be done, and until their work has been accomplished the several groups of the Consortium are convinced that they would not be justified in having regard merely to their own convenience by resuming their freedom of independent action. They are reinforced in this conviction by the consideration that the Consortium appears to form the chief barrier between China and the policy of Sphere of Interest which prevailed during the last decade of the nineteenth century. It will be remembered that it was during that period, known as the "Battle of the Concessions," that definite claims to exercise preferential rights over specific geographical areas of China were advanced by different Powers. If these claims had been maintained the disintegration of China must have followed. Any backward step towards the resumption of a similar policy might well be expected to produce similar results.

8. The pressure upon modern nations to discover and develop outlets for their trade is increasing, and China presents to-day by far the largest undeveloped field for commercial expansion. If the restraint at present exercised by the co-operative action of the Consortium is removed, the resort to the pressure of individual agents in competition with each other would appear to be inevitable. From that it might be but a step to the intervention of foreign governments in order to protect the vested interests acquired by their nationals in different parts of China, and Spheres of Interest, with consequences disastrous to China, would once more be established.

9. It is more in the interests of China for the Powers to deal with her as a whole rather than separately, in co-operation rather than in competition with one another. It is the aim of the Consortium to assist China in the building up of her credit until some day like other nations she can borrow for her requirements on the strength of her national credit, without the necessity of recourse to specific security or supervision of expenditure. When that day comes it will be time enough to talk of disbanding the Consortium. Until then the Consortium must remain intact and, with the approval and support of the governments, continue to perform with patience the functions assigned to it.

10. It is the settled policy of the Consortium to refrain from interference in the internal political affairs of China. The present political upheaval in that country precludes the immediate hope of giving practical effect to any Consortium proposals for an administrative loan. Conditions, however, change so rapidly that the groups must always stand prepared for action in anticipation of the time when China shall have again attained to such degree of political peace and security as to afford a reasonable prospect of a stable Government.

11. Industrial loans, in which railway loans are included, are in a different category. Provided adequate security can be obtained there seems to be no reason why the further development of railway communication in China, in itself a potent means of political unification, should wait upon the solution of her administrative problem.

12. It is recognized that an essential part of any scheme for the financial reorganization of China is the consolidation of the floating debt, and a scheme for such consolidation is at present under consideration by the group representatives in Peking.

13. A certain portion of the Chinese public appears to be under the delusion that in some way or other the object of the Consortium is to obtain control of China's finances and railways. If such a delusion really exists, it can only be due to a mistaken reading of every public announcement which has been made on the part of the groups.

14. It has repeatedly been stated that interference with the domestic politics of China has no part in the program of the Consortium, that the reorganization of China's finances must come from China herself, and that the role of the Consortium is limited to an endeavor to assist the Chinese authorities, if requested to do so, in re-establishing economic and financial equilibrium.

15. It would be futile to ask the foreign investor, to whom the Consortium stands in the relation of quasi-trustee, to subscribe to a Chinese loan until he is satisfied that its proceeds will be properly expended and his capital duly returned to him at maturity. It is indisputable that this necessitates some measure of supervision, but no more control than the minimum actually required to provide the adequate degree of security without which it would be impossible to issue a foreign loan.

16. It is the policy of the Consortium to assist in building up the general credit of China on such secure foundations that all outside intervention may be gradually eliminated and the entire control of loan service and expenditure may finally pass into the hands of China herself.

17. There appears to be some misunderstanding in China with regard to the suggestion that the land tax might at some future date be utilized as a source of security for a supplementary administrative loan should the other revenues of the country prove insufficient for that purpose, or be already fully pledged. That the collection of land tax should be remodelled on the lines of that of the maritime customs, i.e., placed under foreign supervision, formed no part of the suggestion, and was not even discussed. Neither the application of foreign control to the collection of land tax, nor specific hypothecation of that security, came within the scope of the conclusions reached at the Consortium Conference at New York in October 1920. The project of a loan secured on the land tax was not then and is not now under consideration by the Consortium.

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According to the "Journal of Commerce" of July 2, leaders of the Consortium foresee little possibility of complications with China from the recent attempts of E. Birch Crisp & Co. of London to float a Chinese loan.

Chinese Government's Overdue Foreign Debts of \$180,000,000 Discussed at Meeting of Advisory Council of Far Eastern Division of United States Department of Commerce.

On June 8 the Advisory Council of the Far Eastern Division of the United States Department of Commerce held a conference in this city at the Lawyers' Club at which was discussed the question of the \$180,000,000 overdue foreign obligations of the Chinese Government. No definite plans were arrived at, it is understood. E. S. Glines, of Lam, Glines & Co., this city, Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting, and at its conclusion issued a statement saying:

It is my opinion that the Chinese Government has no acceptable security which could be offered for a new loan at this time.

Those of us who have large interests in China, or who might be attracted to this field in a large way, are confronted with two lines of thought. First, do we desire to see our Government become more deeply involved in China as a government in the protection of such interests as we now have or might have? This might be in co-operation with other governments or independently; and is this a support upon which we could rely? Or, would we like to see less foreign interference, leaving the Chinese to themselves to work out their own salvation?

Should the foreign holders of the overdue obligations of the Chinese Government Railways exercise their rights and take over these lines, our Government would be inevitably involved and tremendous pressure would be brought to bear to protect American interests. This would virtually result in the Americans and Japanese taking over the Peking Suiyan; the British the Tientsin-Pukow and Pekin-Mukden; the Chinese bankers, in co-operation with the Japanese, the Pekin-Hankow, &c.

In the event of the French ratifying the "Nine Power Chinese Customs Treaty" I would recommend that this be funded for the purpose of taking up overdue foreign obligations, including those of the Ministry of Communications. No new money would be involved; securities could be issued in exchange for outstanding obligations. This would relieve the Government of foreign pressure, their governmental income would then depend upon their efficiency in operating their utilities, and since the internal native loans would have to look to this entirely, there would be considerable pressure brought to bear by the Chinese for a government that could function as a government, which might lead to the Chinese creditors taking over the roads and operating them in effect as private utilities.

In the event of the funding of this 2½% customs increase becoming a reality, another source of income to the Government and native creditors would be to follow a plan put forward by Mr. Eldridge, Chief of the Far Eastern Division of the Department of Commerce, and that is the organization of the wine and tobacco tax functioning like the Salt Gabelle with foreign supervision at the source, if desirable, and the imposition of internal revenue taxes, under foreign control, if desirable, at the place of manufacture and entry.

It is to be remembered, however, that China is in political chaos, and that the lives and property of all foreigners are in danger. We all want to see a stable and prosperous China run by the Chinese; the question is how to bring this about, whether by steps that might lead to wholesale foreign intervention or by leaving the Chinese measurably to themselves to work out their own solution. Unfortunately, a middle ground at this time seems very difficult.

All business interests are in agreement that a first-class business man like Eliot Wadsworth or W. D. Gibson of the Treasury Department, Cameron Forbes or Frederick W. Stevens, should be appointed as one of the American members of the special conference on increase in Chinese customs duties to meet in Peking within three months after ratification by the French of the "Nine Powers Customs Treaty." We are all very much afraid that it will be a political appointment, which would be disastrous to American business interests in China.

The meeting was attended by Howard Cole, Vice-President of the Standard Oil Co.; Martin Egan, of J. P. Morgan & Co.; E. P. Thomas, President of the United States Steel Products Corporation; T. W. Stedman, Peking representative of the United States Steel Products Corporation; Arthur Evans, of the Department of Commerce; and F. R. Eldridge, Chief of the Far Eastern Division of the Department of Commerce.

\$18,000,000 Expended By United States in Near East.

The following copyright cablegram from Constantinople June 24 appeared in the New York "Times" of June 25:

The United States has spent \$18,000,000 for relief work in the Near East since the Smyrna disaster, according to the Athens newspaper "Logos," organ of the Revolutionary Government. The total was divided as follows: Near East relief, \$8,000,000; the American Women's Hospital and other specialized organizations, \$1,000,000; the Admiral Coundouriotis fund and organizations supported by Greeks in America, \$1,000,000; the Red Cross expended \$3,000,000 and individual remittances from America were \$5,000,000.

America's contribution is eight times the amount received from all other countries for Near East relief. Half of the American money was devoted to work in Greece and the rest in Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, Armenia and Persia. The "Logos" says the two most striking features of the American administration were, firstly, the honest and efficient supervision insured by the experienced Americans placed in charge of the distributions, and, secondly, that the major part of the money was spent in America for supplies which were transported to the Near East, thus not only helping American producers but preventing depletion of the Near Eastern markets at a time when the demand greatly exceeded the supply.

The Greek Government, in recognition of the work of the administration, voted the award of the highest civil honor, the Cross of Saint Xaviour, to one hundred members of the American Relief Missions. The first of these awards, announced to-day, went to Charles Fowle of New York, Foreign Secretary of the Near East Relief.

Comparative Figures of Condition of Canadian Banks.

In the following we compare the condition of the Canadian banks under the May 1923 statement with the return for April 1923:

ASSETS.			
	May 31 1923.	Apr. 30 1923.	
	\$	\$	
Gold and subsidiary coin—			
In Canada.....	58,649,486	58,842,766	
Elsewhere.....	12,314,557	11,838,291	
Total.....	70,964,043	70,681,057	
Dominion notes.....	169,722,840	166,619,535	
Deposited with Minister of Finance for security of note circulation.....	6,454,339	6,454,339	
Deposit of central gold reserves.....	57,452,533	56,552,533	
Due from banks.....	107,394,647	121,560,255	
Loans and discounts.....	1,429,355,036	1,447,541,916	
Bonds, securities, &c.....	397,332,710	403,080,300	
Call and short loans in Canada.....	94,350,470	94,021,385	
Call and short loans elsewhere than in Canada.....	214,916,288	211,109,821	
Other assets.....	110,289,451	107,580,690	
Total.....	2,658,232,357	2,685,201,831	
LIABILITIES.			
	\$	\$	
Capital authorized.....	187,175,000	187,175,000	
Capital subscribed.....	125,572,300	125,572,300	
Capital paid up.....	125,356,154	125,351,873	
Reserve fund.....	126,425,000	130,675,000	
Circulation.....	157,379,291	166,255,925	
Government deposits.....	86,301,290	78,447,634	
Demand deposits.....	835,499,516	856,427,984	
Time deposits.....	1,231,001,480	1,227,253,431	
Due to banks.....	48,726,659	52,584,175	
Bills payable.....	7,618,649	9,808,611	
Other liabilities.....	22,849,205	20,793,738	
Total not including capital or reserve fund.....	2,389,376,090	2,411,571,498	

Note.—Owing to the omission of the cents in the official reports, the footings in the above do not exactly agree with the total given.

Offering of Bonds of Minneapolis-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank.

An offering of \$600,000 5% farm loan bonds of the Minneapolis-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank of Minneapolis was announced on July 1 by the Union Trust Co. of Chicago, the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago and the Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis. The price at which the bonds were offered was 102 and interest to yield 4.55% to the optional date and 5% thereafter. Dated May 1 1923, and due May 1 1953, the bonds are redeemable at par and interest on May 1 1928 or any interest date thereafter. They are coupon bonds in denomination of \$1,000; principal and interest is payable May 1 and Nov. 1. The bonds are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation, are legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and are acceptable at par as security for postal savings and other deposits of Government funds. The capital stock of the Minneapolis-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank is owned by the Minneapolis Trust Co., affiliated with the First National Bank in Minneapolis. Previous offerings of bonds of the Minneapolis-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank were referred to by us Nov. 4 1922, page 1905, and Dec. 23, page 2738.

Offering of Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.

Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York and the bond department of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, offered on July 2 \$600,000 5% bonds of the Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank of Lexington, Ky. The bonds were offered at 103 and interest, to yield about 4.625% to the redeemable date and 5% thereafter to redemption or maturity. The bonds are dated May 1 1923, are due May 1, 1953, and are redeemable at par and interest on any interest date on or after May 1 1933. Interest is payable semi-annually, May 1 and Nov. 1, and principal and interest are payable at the Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank, or the fiscal agencies of the bank in Chicago or New York at the holders' option. The bonds, coupon, fully registerable and interchangeable, are in denomination of \$1,000. Issued under the Federal

Farm Loan Act, the bonds are exempt from Federal, State, municipal and local taxation, and are acceptable as security for postal savings and other deposits of Government funds. The following information, credited to official sources, is taken from the offering circular:

The Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank was chartered by the Federal Farm Loan Board on April 1922, and has a capital of \$500,000, and surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$178,959. Its operations are confined to the State of Kentucky and Ohio, and the policy of the bank is to restrict its loans to the best agricultural districts of these two States. A large portion of the bank's loans have been made in the famous "Blue Grass" section of Kentucky, and is also operating actively in Ohio, where about 40% of the present loans have been made. The total loans in Kentucky to date are \$5,387,500 and in Ohio \$3,351,100. Of the loans closed to date, the average amount loaned per acre including the buildings and improvements is \$47.43, which is but 38.86% of the assessed valuation of the property. The bank may not issue bonds in excess of fifteen times the amount of its capital and surplus. Including this issue it has outstanding \$8,200,000 of bonds.

Statement of the Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank.
(As officially reported May 31 1923)

Acres of real estate security loaned upon.....	184,250
Total amount loaned.....	\$8,738,600 00
Appraised value of real estate security.....	\$22,489,491 00
Average appraised value per acre.....	\$122 06
Average amount loaned per acre.....	\$47 43
Percentage of loans to appraised value of security.....	38.86%

Previous offerings of bonds of the Kentucky Joint Stock Land Bank were referred to in these columns Dec. 9 1922, page 2524 and April 28 1923, page 1843.

Intermediate Credit Banks to Float \$10,000,000 of Bonds—Loans of Credit Banks.

Wheat appears to be a definite announcement regarding the amount of bonds which the Federal Farm Loan Board will issue on account of the newly created intermediate credit banks came from Washington this week, this indicating that a \$10,000,000 issue had been decided upon. Earlier advices to the effect that an issue of between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 would be floated were referred to in these columns June 23, page 2836. Washington advices to the New York "Commercial" July 2, in stating that the decision had been reached to put out \$10,000,000 debentures, said:

Decision has been reached by the Farm Loan Board to make the total of the first issue of debentures for the new intermediate credit banks \$10,000,000. The maturity will be in six months, and the interest will be 4½%. The debentures will be placed on the market the middle of this month.

Arrangements for marketing the debentures are in the hands of Charles E. Lobdell, who, it was announced to-day, has accepted the position of fiscal agent and general counsel for the twelve Federal Land banks and the twelve Intermediate Credit banks with headquarters in Washington.

Announcement of the appointment of Mr. Lobdell was made by R. A. Cooper, who, at the close of business to-day succeeded Mr. Lobdell as Farm Loan Commissioner and head of the Farm Loan Board. Mr. Cooper, who has been a member of the Board for several years, is a former Governor of South Carolina.

Mr. Lobdell is resigning as head of the Farm Loan Board originally had expected to become connected with a New York investment house.

In making known the details of the first issue of debentures for the Intermediate credit banks, it was stated that the sum of \$10,000,000 is expected to be ample to finance the needs of the new banks for some time to come. The total loans made by the twelve banks to date amount to only about \$500,000. One of the first banks to make a loan was that at Springfield, Mass., which started off with a loan for \$50,000. Later it made a second loan for the same amount. Ten of the twelve banks have made loans. Those with the largest loans include the Houston, Texas, Spokane, Wash., and Berkeley, Calif., banks. The Berkeley Bank has received applications for loans from California co-operative aggregating about \$5,000,000. The Bank at Baltimore has had an application for loans amounting to \$1,000,000 from organizations of tobacco growers.

Although the Agricultural Credits Act creating the Intermediate Credit banks authorizes the Treasury to subscribe \$5,000,000 in capital for each of the twelve banks, only \$1,000,000 has been furnished each bank, and indications are that there will be no immediate increase in this amount. Each bank is authorized to make loans up to ten times its paid-in capital, plus the amount of the capital. On the basis of the present combined capital of \$12,000,000 for the twelve banks debentures aggregating \$120,000,000 might be issued.

Issues Tax Exempt.

While the law authorizes the issuance of debentures for periods as long as five years, members of the Farm Loan Board are fearful that it might be difficult to market the securities of this character with maturities of more than six or nine months. At present loans of the new banks are limited to nine months, although the law authorizes live stock loans for as long a period as three years.

The new debentures will bear the same rate of interest as the recent issue of \$45,000,000 of Federal Land Bank bonds. Both the debentures and bonds are tax exempt. While the debentures will mature in six months the Land Bank bonds run for thirty years. The debentures are secured by the capital of the banks and are based on so-called personal credits for agricultural purposes while the Land Bank bonds are based on farm mortgages.

Mr. Lobdell's new position takes him out of the Government's service, even though the Land Banks and Intermediate Credit Banks are under Government supervision.

"The Farm Loan Board," said Mr. Cooper, "regards this arrangement as peculiarly fortunate for the interests of the banks concerned, as well as the system as a whole. Judge Lobdell has been a member of the Farm Loan Board since its organization and commissioner and executive officer for more than three years, and understands, perhaps better than any other person in the United States, the many problems connected with the development and operation of the system. It was necessary that the banks procure the services of some one for this work."

"Judge Lobdell resigned his position on the Board with a view to accepting an offer from a financial institution, not associated in any way with the Farm Loan system. When the presidents of the twelve Federal Land banks learned of his purpose to retire, they immediately offered him the position, which he finally decided to accept. The arrangement has the unqualified endorsement of the members of the Farm Loan Board, including the Secretary of the Treasury."

Loans Raised in United States For Sisal Planters.

The following is from the New York "Times" of June 30:

To prevent a serious shortage of sisal from which the American farmer derives his binder twine the Sisal Sales Corp., 27 Cedar St., has undertaken to finance impoverished planters in Yucatan and Campeche to the amount of \$1,500,000.

F. W. Black, Vice-President of the corporation, explained yesterday that the fund would be made available to the Comision Exportadora de Yucatan in installments, against which drafts would be drawn on New York for the assistance of many planters in conserving the supply of sisal in future years. He denied a report that \$1,500,000 in gold was to be shipped to Yucatan to cover the loans to be made by the Comision Exportadora de Yucatan.

"It is merely an every-day transaction, involving no gold except that the obligation is expressed in gold," said Mr. Black. "As the funds are provided from time to time to enable the planters to refresh their fields, drafts will be drawn on New York for the amounts loaned. The Sisal Sales Corp. is the distributing agent for these sisal interests and have come to the aid of the planters in this way. While the transaction is probably unique it can have no possible effect on this country's gold supply. The loans will be distributed over a period of probably a year or more. No part of these loans has, as yet, been made.

"As the situation stands with regard to the production of sisal, American stocks have been greatly reduced in the last two years. Plantations in Yucatan and Campeche have run down greatly since the war until a serious shortage is threatened. It is necessary to replenish the fields every few years, as the sisal plant does not survive more than twenty years.

"During the past year the Sisal Sales Corp. has loaned the Comision Exportadora large sums which have in turn been advanced to the planters for the purpose of cleaning their plantations, thus bringing into active bearing thousands of acres which were not producing. Some time next year the cleaning of all the plantations in Yucatan will have been completed, and it is hoped by this means the Comision Exportadora will be able to supply all the sisal that will be needed."

Bill Prohibiting Branch Banking in Illinois Signed by Governor—Other Banking Measures Approved.

A bill prohibiting Illinois banks from operating branches or having any offices except at their regular places of business, was signed by Governor Small at Springfield, Ill., on June 28. Other measures approved by the Governor on June 28 are indicated as follows in the Chicago "Journal of Commerce"

The Governor also signed a bill which prescribed the minimum capital of neighborhood banks; compels each stockholder to make an affidavit that he owns property which is worth as much as his bank stock, and forbids organization of neighborhood banks except after presentation of petitions signed by residents.

The Governor approved the Cuthbertson measure, which requires persons and firms doing business in foreign exchange to obtain State licenses. Any person or firm which deals in foreign exchange or transfers money to foreign countries is required to supply a \$25,000 bond. This requirement is not made of banks. The bill is aimed at get-rich-quick operators such as Ponzi.

Proposed Formation of Export Association of Silver Producers to Effect Higher Level of Silver Prices—Senator Pittman's Letter to Secretary Hoover Regarding Silver Prices in India and China.

According to Washington advices to the New York "Commercial" July 4 the formation of an export association composed of silver producers of North, South and Central America appears to be the chief hope of the special Senate silver and gold investigation committee for bringing about a higher level of silver prices. The "Commercial" adds:

Such an association, it is claimed, would be able to insure the orderly marketing of silver in European countries and in the Orient where the chief consuming markets are located.

The Senate Committee, of which Senator Oddie of Nevada, is Chairman, is arranging to call a conference of silver producers of the Americas to be held in Reno, Nevada, about the middle of August. The exact date has not been set. The invitations to producers of Central and South America are being issued under a provision of the law creating the commission which authorizes conferences with citizens of other countries.

No legislation has been proposed as yet under which the silver producers would be assured a price such as prevailed when the Government was making purchases under the Pittman Act at a flat rate of \$1 per ounce. Since the Government ceased its purchases the world market price of between 60 and 70 cents has prevailed.

The committee just at present is devoting itself to an effort to induce Treasury officials to revise their basis of silver purchases under the Pittman Act.

Continue Hearings To-Day.

The sub-committee headed by Senator Pittman will continue hearings on the question to-morrow with Treasury officials in attendance. Officials of the Mint appeared before the Committee yesterday and were cross examined by Senator Pittman as to methods used in silver allocations.

Senator Oddie has sent a letter to Secretary of Commerce Hoover requesting the following information relative to silver movements:

Monthly exports of silver in ounces from the United States, separately, to India and China, and monthly imports of silver in ounces into India and China from all sources for the past decade.

Whether a low price of silver results in the dumping of India's wheat on the world's market in competition with the wheat of the United States, thereby reducing the price and export volume of our wheat, and whether a high price for silver results in the ability of India and China to purchase a larger volume of cotton goods at a higher price.

The mechanics of Oriental exchange and the factors which most greatly influence fluctuation in the price of silver.

Disadvantages of our Oriental trade arising from unstable silver exchange and advantages which would arise if silver exchange were to be stabilized.

The effect of a silver bullion loan to China upon the financial condition of that country and upon our trade with China.

The inquiries directed to Secretary Hoover give a line on the trend of the general investigation into the silver situation.

Senator Key Pittman's Recommendation To Treasury Regarding Treatment Loss of Silver.

Contending that the letter and spirit of the Pittman Act have not been complied with, Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Senate Commission of Gold and Silver Inquiry has recommended to the Treasury a metal loss of 5% in refining as a basis of settlement in determining the amount of silver presented for sale to the Government at \$1 an ounce. According to a statement issued by the Commission on July 3 "should the Treasury adopt Senator Pittman's recommendations for settlement, it will mean the purchase of an estimated additional amount of from 6,000,000 to 8,000,000 ounces of domestic silver." We give the Commission's statement herewith:

Important revelations in connection with silver purchases by the Government under the Pittman Silver Act of 1918, have been disclosed by Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, Chairman of the sub-committee of the Senate Commission of Gold and Silver Inquiry, of which Senator Oddie of Nevada, is Chairman.

Summarizing testimony of Treasury officials and representatives of mining and smelting companies, and an audit of records of purchases, Senator Pittman says the letter and spirit of the Act have not been complied with. It has not been proven that all of the silver sold to the Government was domestically produced as required under the terms of the Act. The smelting companies, handling the greater part of the silver, allowed the miner 95 cents an ounce under the theory that there was a treatment metal loss of 5%, while they deducted an estimated metal loss of only from one-fifth one 1% to 2% in determining the amount of silver presented for sale to the Government at \$1 per ounce. If these metal loss estimates are low, it must result in the sale of silver of foreign origin contained in bullion composed of both foreign and domestically produced silver to the Government.

As a result of the Commission's investigation, Senator Pittman has recommended to the Treasury a metal loss of 5% in refining as a basis of settlement. "This has been the practice in the mining industry since the inception of the smelting business," said Senator Pittman, "the miners being paid for 95% of the silver content of the ore on the theory that an average of 5% was lost in reduction and refining. So-called treatment losses and gains are based upon estimates made by employees and managers of plants, who sometimes fudge in their desire to show greater gains or smaller losses.

"The smelting companies stated that it was necessary to fix an arbitrary average of 5% estimated loss so as to be on the safe side. Would the Government be safe in accepting any lower estimate in buying ore from the smelters, than the smelters are willing to fix in buying ore from the miners? The Treasury is commanded by law to require proof of the American origin of the silver, and in the absence of absolute proof, it is its duty to fix an estimated metal loss that will insure that the Government does not purchase foreign silver."

Senator Pittman referred to the impracticability, if not impossibility, of the Government checking up the estimated losses and gains at individual plants, and said the 5% deduction should be proportioned between the foreign and domestic silver purchased. "The smelting companies cannot be injured by this method, as if they have any gains over the 5% deduction charged the miner, they have the open market on which to sell such gains," said the Senator. "Representatives of smelting companies by their past actions, by their customs in purchasing from miners, and by testimony before the Commission, showed that no less deduction than 5% of metal loss is a safe basis upon which to buy silver in ores. The Treasury should hold vendors of silver to settlement on the universal and accepted basis of 5% metal loss."

Subsequent to the hearing a company selling the second largest amount of silver under the Pittman Act offered to settle with the Government on the same basis it settled with the miner—5% metal loss. Should the Treasury adopt Senator Pittman's recommendation for settlement, it will mean the purchase of an estimated additional amount of from six to eight million ounces of domestic silver.

In referring on June 8 to the silver purchases of the Government, the "Journal of Commerce" of this city, said:

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.

Guaranty Trust Company Says Bank Credit is Larger Than Ever Before But Banking Conditions Sound.

The volume of bank credit now employed in this country, as indicated by the consolidated report of the member banks of the Federal Reserve System for April 3 1923 is larger than in any previous period, states the current issue of "The Guaranty Survey," published June 25 by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. The total loans and investments of these banks, which have about three-fourths of the commercial banking resources of the country, have increased \$2,900,000,000 since March 1922 and now exceed \$26,300,000,000, or \$600,000,000 more than in the spring of 1920. Banking resources, however, are not strained. Interest rates are relatively low, and there has been no pyramiding of credit through excessive borrowing at the Federal Reserve banks, as was the case three years ago. The "Survey" continues:

Perhaps a larger volume of industrial production has been financed recently than in any previous period. The Federal Reserve Board's index of produc-

tion of basic commodities in April was 8c above that for the peak month in 1920.

The most significant difference between the condition of bank credit now and in 1920 is the smaller volume of loans, as distinct from investments in securities. Member bank loans on April 3 were \$1,388,000,000 less than the maximum in 1920.

The financing of a larger volume of business in 1923 with a reduced volume of loans is a reflection not only of the present lower price level, but of the increased stock of gold.

Banking conditions in the country to-day are sound and may be kept so by the continued exercise of an intelligent conservatism which has made possible without general inflation a volume of business nearly or quite the maximum ever reached.

Better Basis for Prosperity.

The belief that excessive caution is now curtailing prosperity has supplanted in some quarters the earlier fear that general inflation of prices and bank credit was developing, to be followed in due time by the familiar liquidation and depression which boom activity has usually induced. The relaxation is forward buying of important classes of commodities in recent weeks, the halt in expansion of bank loans, and recessions in prices have been cited as reasons for the present anxiety.

These developments, however, have apparently established a better basis for continued prosperity than would have resulted from an uninterrupted increase in prices such as characterized the first quarter of the year. They have demonstrated the strength of influences making for even progress, as contrasted with those which lead to extremes of activity and depression. Undoubtedly repeated warnings and reminders of the losses sustained in 1920 and 1921, when drastic deflation was under way, have been an important factor in preserving an intelligently cautious attitude on the part of bankers and business men generally.

Conditions of Continued Activity.

How fully the possibility of maintaining active business in coming months will be realized, in the face of expected seasonal slackening in some lines, will depend largely upon the developing prospects of the harvests. The extent to which competitive bidding up of wages continues will also be a factor. The disparities in prices which affect adversely the buying power of important sections of the agricultural population and the uncertainties of the European situation are not new phenomena. These may constitute no greater obstacles to continued prosperity than they have been for many months; and in the absence of marked crop failures, seasonal purchases in the fall, even without higher prices for farm products, should help materially in sustaining generally active business in the latter half of the year. The progress of the railroads in reconditioning and increasing their equipment since the beginning of the year, while maintaining a record movement of freight is a gratifying factor in the business outlook.

Inventories Replenished.

Heretofore production as a whole has exceeded current consumption, while inventories were being replenished. The fact that stocks of commodities in most cases are now apparently adequate for the current requirements of trade eliminates an extraordinary stimulus to expanding production. A further general expansion of production may be expected only in the event of increased domestic consumption or a growth in the export trade, in the absence of a disposition to speculate for a rise in commodity prices. This is a condition making for more stable, even if less intense, business activity.

It is not safe to assume, however, that every unfavorable element in the industrial and financial situation has been eliminated. Ample bank reserves and easy money rates would still invite inflation, in the absence of restraining influences. And there are many who believe that prosperity is chiefly dependent upon cheap money and rising prices. The recent demonstration of the fact that the fortunes of business are the reflection of human behavior, rather than the results of blind forces which drive men involuntarily into alternating conditions of prosperity and depression, is not unprecedented. Men have learned and forgotten before. Failure to maintain the discriminating conservatism which is now a wholesome influence upon business and banking policies would remove the strongest existing support of sound economic progress.

J. L. Johnston of Liberty Central Trust Co. of St. Louis Says Any Business Reaction at This Time is Probably Only Temporary.

"Any business reaction at present is probably temporary, and should be regarded as a favorable omen," says President J. L. Johnston of the Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, in his monthly business review, issued June 19. Continuing, he said:

Recent developments have been due to well-defined causes which in themselves fail to indicate any fundamental weakness in the situation. Progress was too rapid, and the often-repeated warnings against "boom" prosperity seem to have had some effect in checking "runaway" tendencies. It cannot be denied that feelings of apprehension toward the future exist in more than one quarter; for our own part, however, we still hold to the belief that caution rather than fear should be the watchword. It is better to apply the brakes gradually and in time than to wait until our speed has passed beyond control.

Some of us are giving too literal an interpretation to the "business cycle" theory, and for this reason feel that a general depression is imminent. We overlook the fact that the cycle cannot be measured in quite such definite terms. To attempt to forecast the duration of a period therein, or to predict the depth or height which the business curve will reach, is practically out of the question. It is useless to say that conditions are "due" for a decline merely because they have been favorable for a certain number of months—particularly at present, when there are so many special influences at work of whose importance we are still somewhat ignorant.

Speaking of the present economic status of the farmer, Mr. Johnson said:

Measuring by figures alone, particularly figures of production and price, it cannot be said that the farmer's position is appreciably better than a year ago. This, of course, refers to averages. Values for some crops have risen and others have fallen. By and large, however, the purchasing power of agricultural products is still well below the pre-war. There are some evidences, nevertheless, that point to improvement in the farmer's condition. One is the increased business done by the great mail-order concerns. We are led to believe that in spite of obstacles the farmer is steadily adjusting himself to present conditions, unfavorable as they often are. At least he has succeeded, to some degree, in recovering from the worst of the post-war boom and subsequent depression, and is again demonstrating his stability, and power to "come back." This, it is highly interesting to note, has resulted

not from the application of artificial remedies, but from the operation of natural laws.

Organization of Nassau County Bankers' Association.

A new organization—the Nassau County Bankers' Association—was formed at a meeting in Mineola on June 21 of representatives of 37 of the 41 banking institutions in the county. The Brooklyn "Eagle" states:

The association adopted by-laws and decided on semi-annual meetings. At special meetings a quorum of one-third the membership must be present to make action legal. The association voted to appoint a committee to call upon the Board of Supervisors to ask that the County Treasurer turn over the 1922 bank tax, which was held illegal by the Court of Appeals recently. This money had not been apportioned.

The association will adjudicate the bank tax for the three previous years which had been apportioned to the towns, villages and school district at a later period. The association also voted to admit banks on or near the border line of the county.

Dr. Frank T. DeLano, President of the Bank of Rockville Centre, was elected President of the association; D. N. Gay, President of the Bank of Glen Cove, was elected First Vice-President; George S. Emery of Garden City, President of the Nassau County Trust Co., Second Vice-President; Dr. J. Carl Schmuck, President of the Bank of Lawrence, Third Vice-President; J. W. Stanley of the Lynbrook National Bank, Secretary; Charles P. Valentine of the Roslyn Savings Bank, Treasurer, and the board of trustees: John H. Carl, President of the First National Bank of Rockville Centre; James H. Cocks of the Nassau Union Bank of Glen Cove, and George D. Smith, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Mineola.

Failed Firm of Jones & Baker Proposes Settlement with Creditors.

The protective committee of the creditors of the failed Curb Market firm of Jones & Baker this week sent a letter to creditors and former customers of the defunct house in which a plan of composition was outlined under which the creditors, if the expense of litigation can be avoided, may receive 100% of their claims "in a reasonably short space of time." The letter states that tentative reports of the accountants for the receiver of the failed firm show that total liabilities will not exceed \$3,800,000, and if the securities can be sold at prices obtainable on May 31 last (the day the firm failed) the assets will about equal that amount. The plan of settlement, in which, it is said, Alfred J. Coxe Jr., the receiver, collaborated, is as follows:

1. The claim of customers and creditors shall be liquidated by giving the securities, if any, in their respective accounts, the value of the prices obtainable at the close of business on May 31 1923. All claims shall be paid upon such liquidation basis, and to effect such payment there shall be available when the composition is made operative, cash and New York Curb Market and New York or Chicago Stock Exchange securities, so valued, of an aggregate amount and value equal to the aggregate amount of all such claims so liquidated.

2. Payment shall be made as follows:

(a) Payment from cash. Cash shall be paid to each of such customers or creditors in an amount of at least 50% of their respective claims so liquidated, which cash shall be made available to customers and creditors upon entry of the order confirming the composition:

(b) Payment from securities. The difference between the aggregate of payments from cash to be made under paragraph (a) hereof and the aggregate of all claims so liquidated, shall be represented by securities dealt in or listed on May 31 1923, on the New York Curb Market and on the New York or Chicago Stock Exchanges, having, in the aggregate, a value (at the prices obtainable at the close of business on May 31 1923), equal to such difference. Such securities (in the possession of the receiver when the composition is made effective) shall be sold as and when the receiver may elect, and the proceeds of sale of all such securities shall be paid pro rata to such customers and creditors according to their respective credit balances so liquidated, and without deduction of any kind other than the usual brokerage commission to be paid in effecting the sales. The time and method of such sales and the distribution of proceeds shall be provided for in the order confirming the composition.

3. Jones & Baker shall pay, or cause to be paid, all the expenses of administration and of liquidation (other than the brokerage commission mentioned in paragraph (b) of 2 hereof), and all the expenses of the composition and of the Customers' and Creditors' Committee, and the fees of all counsel as fixed by the Court when the plan of composition or settlement shall have been confirmed.

We reported the failure of the firm of Jones & Baker in our issue of June 2, page 2464.

New York Consolidated Stock Exchange to Co-operate with the State Attorney-General.

Announcement was made Thursday night (July 5) by Laurence Tweedy, the new President of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange, that the Board of Governors had unanimously adopted a resolution instructing the Committee on Ways and Means to investigate any member against whom any complaint is made to the State Attorney-General. Mr. Tweedy's statement was as follows:

As a result of conferences held between Attorney-General Carl Sherman and his deputies, and Thomas B. Maloney and myself representing the Consolidated Stock Exchange, the Board of Governors to-day unanimously adopted a resolution which will insure the closest co-operation in the investigation of complaints and which should be very helpful to the Attorney-General in the important work his office is now doing in ridding Wall Street of undesirable firms. The resolution follows:

Resolved, That the Ways and Means Committee be instructed to immediately investigate any member against whom any complaint may be made by the Attorney-General of the State of New York, and that the Ways and Means Committee is authorized to divulge any information resulting from such investigations to the Attorney-General of the State of New York.

SUMMARY.

	Liabilities.	Assets.
Total 168 failures in 21 months.....	\$101,321,186	\$50,332,950
Total Consolidated Exchange—40.....	23,858,817	3,107,523
Total New York Stock Exchange—16.....	51,589,962	38,631,383
Total New York Curb—5.....	6,450,000	4,910,000
Total associate members Curb (not members of any other exchange)—2.....	4,200,000	950,000
Total American Cotton Exchange—5.....	900,000	67,200
Total New York Cotton Exchange.....	75,000	100

Stock Exchange figures also include those of the houses of the Exchange that had associated memberships on the Curb. The same practice has been followed in regard to the Consolidated.

While the foregoing compilation shows liabilities of the 16 closed Stock Exchange firms as \$51,589,962, and assets as \$38,631,383, a difference of about \$13,000,000, this total has been greatly reduced and will be slashed even more.

Federal Reserve Board Amends Regulations Affecting Par Check Collections—Reserve Banks Barred from Receiving Checks from Non-Members Which Will Not Remit at Par.

Declaring that "it is clear that those non-member banks which are unwilling to remit without deduction for checks drawn on themselves have no right to share in the advantages of the par collection system," the Federal Reserve Board on June 29 announced the adoption of amendments to its regulations governing the collection of checks whereby the Federal Reserve banks are prohibited from receiving on deposit or for collection any check drawn on any non-member bank which refuses to remit at par in acceptable funds the regulations, have also been further changed so as to require "Federal Reserve banks to make a collection charge for their services in collecting checks which bear the endorsement of, or are drawn by or emanate from any non-member bank that refuses to remit at par in acceptable funds, such collection charge to be at a rate not to exceed one tenth of 1%." These changes in the Federal Reserve regulations, grow out of the recent rulings of the United States Supreme Court (referred to in our issue of June 16, page 2718) under which the Court declared that "Congress did not in terms confer upon the Federal Reserve Board of the Federal Reserve Banks a duty to establish universal par clearance and collection of checks and there is nothing in the original act or in any amendment from which such duty to compel its adoption may be inferred." In announcing the changes in its regulations the Board in its statement June 29 said:

The provisions of the Federal Reserve Act which authorize the establishment of a Federal Reserve collection system were designed wholly for the benefit of the banking and commercial interests of the country. The system is now in operation between banks which in number are about 92% of all banking institutions and which have approximately 98% of the total banking resources of the country.

The Federal Reserve collection system has become a necessary instrumentality in effecting the country's domestic exchanges, its operation, including final payments through the gold settlement fund, has been of inestimable value and has resulted in enormous saving to those actively engaged in carrying on the commerce of the country, and there are no other facilities for operating a collection system which could approximate it in economy of operation. It has eliminated a very large portion of the time formerly consumed in the collection of checks and has cut down the cost of making the country's exchanges to the minimum. Even though an involuntary collection system may not be imposed upon the Federal Reserve banks by the Federal Reserve Act, as interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States in its recent decision, the system has fully justified its operation and is of such value to the banking and commercial interests of the country that its continuance as a voluntary system is of vital importance. Certain changes in the basis of the par clearance system are advisable in view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court.

The Board believes that participation in the par clearance system should be based upon the principle of reciprocity, and that hereafter Federal Reserve banks should not receive for collection checks on any non-member bank which will not agree to remit in acceptable funds without deduction.

The recent opinion of the Supreme Court makes it certain that the Federal Reserve banks are not permitted by law to pay exchange. It must be clear that the more inclusive a collection system is, the more efficient it will be and the greater will be the service it can render alike to the business and banking community.

Therefore, since it is the object of the Federal Reserve Board to maintain an efficient system of par collections, which must at the same time be a voluntary system as far as non-member banks are concerned, the concessions involved and the resulting benefits should be made and received by all participating banks. It is clear that those non-member banks which are unwilling to remit without deduction for checks drawn on themselves have no right to share in the advantages of the par collection system.

The Federal Reserve Board, therefore, in the exercise of its legal authority, has amended Regulation J, Series of 1920, in such a way as to prohibit any Federal Reserve bank from receiving on deposit, or for collection, any check drawn on any non-member bank which refuses to remit at par in acceptable funds and to require Federal Reserve banks to make a collection charge for their services in collecting checks which bear the endorsement of, or are drawn by or emanate from, any non-member bank which refuses to remit at par in acceptable funds, such collection charge to be at a rate not to exceed one-tenth of one per cent.

According to Washington advices to the New York "Commercial" July 1, the action of the Federal Reserve Board in denying free services to non-member State banks

which refuse to remit on checks at par probably has intensified the controversy which has existed for several years over the par check collection system. The "Commercial" added:

It is the expectation that the opponents of the par check collection system will redouble their efforts to obtain Federal legislation and also to secure the passage of State laws restricting the operation of the system.

Members of the Federal Reserve Board, however, are confident that the par check collection system cannot be broken down inasmuch as it is now in operation in about 92% of the banks of the country, these institutions representing about 98% of the total banking resources. With such organizations as the Chamber of Commerce of the United States favoring par check collections, members of the Board feel that the business interests of the country demand the universal adoption of the system.

Purpose of New Rules.

It was disclosed to-day that the new regulations are destined not only to encourage country banks to come into the Federal Reserve System, but also to remove an incentive which causes some member banks to encourage opposition on the part of non-members to the par check collection system.

The portion of the regulations which hits at member banks is that which requires Federal Reserve banks to make a collection charge for their services in collecting checks which bear the endorsement of, or are drawn by or emanate from any non-member bank which refuses to remit at par in acceptable funds, such collection charge to be at a rate not to exceed one-tenth of 1%.

Under this new rule member banks which have found it profitable to act as a clearing agency for non-member banks, taking advantage of free services rendered by Federal Reserve banks, will find that this service becomes an expense to them. There will no longer be the incentive to encourage non-member banks to stay out of the Federal Reserve System and allow member banks to clear for them.

Disloyalty is Charged.

Some of the members of the Federal Reserve Board go so far as to describe a number of large city banks, which maintain extensive relations with non-member banks, as disloyal to the Federal Reserve System. It is the theory that without the help of these influential member banks the small country banks would have been unable to make much of a fight against the par check collection system. If the backing of the member banks is withdrawn, members of the Federal Reserve Board believe, many of the country banks will cease their opposition and accept the par check collection system without further protest.

Only a few of the national and State banks which are members of the Federal Reserve System have figured openly in the opposition to the par check collection system. It is asserted by supporters of the system, however, that a considerable number of these banks have proved "disloyal" under cover.

In promulgating the new regulations members of the Federal Reserve Board feel that they are taking a proper step in requiring that services be rendered by the Federal Reserve banks on a reciprocal basis. By prohibiting any Federal Reserve bank from receiving on deposit or for collection any check drawn on any non-member bank which refuses to remit at par, members of the Federal Reserve Board maintain that they are not applying pressure on non-member banks, but are merely insuring reciprocity.

In referring in its issue to conferences between the Board and a special committee of Governors regarding the par clearance policy of the Board, the "Journal of Commerce" on June 26 said:

The Federal Reserve Board began to-day a series of conferences with a special committee of Governors on the question of the future policy of the Federal Reserve system in respect to the par clearance of checks in the light of the recent Supreme Court decision upholding that the system had no power to enforce this practice arbitrarily.

It is understood that the committee will submit a formal report to them and in the event that the policy suggested is approved it is likely the Board will make its intentions public. There have been some suggestions of further litigation on the question in order that a clearer definition of the authority of the Federal Reserve system with respect to par clearance may be obtained. There is within the Board considerable sentiment to the effect that the discontinuance of the practice might seriously menace the system.

Another problem which the Governors are understood to have under discussion with the Board is the question of the uniformity of Reserve bank action in open market operations, and it is expected that the basis will be laid for concerted action in the future in the event of the necessity for credit control developing.

The Governors constituting the special committee are W. P. G. Harding of Boston; J. H. Case, Deputy-Governor of New York; J. B. McDougal of Chicago; George W. Norris of Philadelphia, and E. R. Fancher of Cleveland. The conference is expected to complete its deliberations to-morrow.

Amendment of Federal Reserve Regulations Affecting Admission of Non-Members—Other Regulations Incident to Agricultural Credits Act.

In revising its regulations to bring them in conformity with the amendments to the Federal Reserve Act embodied in the Agricultural Credits Act of 1923, the Federal Reserve Board allows non-member banks applying for membership five years within which to increase their capital to the amount required for eligibility, viz., a paid-up, unimpaired capital of at least 60% of the amount sufficient to entitle it to become a national bank, in the place where it is situated. In indicating the revision of the Board's regulations the "Journal of Commerce" of this city had the following to say in advices from its Washington bureau:

The time limit set by the Board was deemed as reasonable in length without deferring the date for increasing the capital to such an extent as virtually to waive the requirement for capital increase made by the Rural Credits law.

This new regulation, together with other rules for making effective the amendment to the Federal Reserve Act, is included in the new edition of the Federal Reserve Board's regulations just adopted. Designed to clarify and bring up to date the various changes made since the last complete edition, which was issued in 1920, the new edition has been sent to the Government Printing Office and will be distributed to banking institutions by the Federal Reserve Board as soon as it is available.

Changes in Regulations.

Changes in the regulations as embodied in the new edition range all the way from minor alterations made in the interest of clarity to entirely new provisions, most of the latter being called for by the new Rural Credits law.

In Regulation A, a change has been made in Section 2, Subdivision (A), by stating that only "negotiable" notes, drafts and bills of exchange are eligible for rediscount, which is in accordance with the established ruling of the Board.

Section 4 of the same regulation has been amended to permit of the waiver of financial statements as to makers of notes which are secured by a valid prior lien on live stock, which is being marketed or fattened for market, when such notes are handled by Federal Reserve banks.

Section 6 of the same regulation has been rewritten to include the most liberal principles decided upon by the Board in describing agricultural paper and incorporating the principle that the marketing of agricultural products or the carrying of agricultural products by growers pending orderly marketing constitutes an agricultural purpose in the sense of meeting the requirements for such classes of loans.

A new subdivision has been added to Section 6, covering the eligibility of certain classes of paper of co-operative marketing associations for rediscount as agricultural paper. In this sub-section the rule is laid down that paper is ineligible for rediscount if its proceeds have been used for capital purposes, such as fixed or permanent investments.

New Section Is Added.

Section 7, a new section, has been added to the same regulation, covering sight drafts secured by bills of lading and making an exception to the requirement that payment for such bills shall be made promptly, by permitting demand to be made after the car containing the commodity has arrived, when the drawer has instructed that the draft be held pending the arrival of the car.

Section 8, another new section, has been added to the same regulation, governing factor's paper and interpreting the provisions of the law making such paper eligible for discount as meaning to apply to the paper of all factors issued as such for the purpose of making advances exclusively to producers of agricultural products in their raw state.

Regulation H covers the membership of State banks and prescribes five years as the time within which banks entering the Federal Reserve System with 60% of national bank capital must increase their capitalization.

Regulation I has been amended to require the receivers of insolvent member banks and the liquidating agents of member banks in voluntary liquidation to apply for the surrender and cancellation of the Federal Reserve Bank stock held by such banks within six months after their appointment.

Par Collection.

Regulation J has been redrafted to include recent changes, particularly the Board's new regulations governing the par collection of checks as adopted in view of the Supreme Court decision on the schedule. Under Section 5 of this regulation, Federal Reserve banks are permitted to guarantee prior endorsements.

In Section K the Board has broadened the definition of the term "national bank" so as to include all banking institutions organized or operating under the laws of the United States.

The Board's new complete regulations were drawn after careful study, bearing in mind the membership problem and the requirements of the Agricultural Credits Act. The subject was discussed at the last conference of the Federal Reserve bank governors with the Board, and suggested changes in the rules were submitted to the various Reserve banks for their approval. The new regulations are effective July 1.

Federal Reserve Board's Inquiry to Determine Extent of Holdings of Reserve Currency Abroad.

The "Journal of Commerce" reported the following in telegraphic advices from its Washington bureau July 5:

An inquiry has been instituted by the Federal Reserve Board, it was understood to-day, into the extent to which Reserve currency is being held in foreign countries whose own currencies have so depreciated as to be practically worthless as compared with the American dollar. The Board is studying the movement of American currency to foreign countries with some uneasiness lest it assume too large proportions, and it is understood that consideration is already being given to corrective measures should they become necessary.

Owing to the general disorganization of circulating mediums in Europe, and especially the pitiful position of the paper mark and ruble, American money is highly prized abroad. In Germany, Russia and other countries it is readily exchangeable in barter, and the Reserve notes received from the United States are frequently subject to hoarding.

Oppose Excessive Circulation.

The presence of a reasonable amount of Federal Reserve notes abroad is desirable from the standpoint of the System, but too great a volume of currency outstanding in foreign countries is regarded almost with apprehension. Most of the Reserve notes which pass from hand to hand abroad are never returned to this country for redemption but are used until they fall to pieces, so that the Reserve banks are the gainer by their disappearance. But the gold back of these outstanding notes must be held in reserve so that an expansion of the American paper currency in Europe to undesirable proportions could in a sense inflate the gold reserves of the banks of issue. Too great an amount of gold held for the currency in Europe would lessen the liquidity of the Federal Reserve System in the same proportion.

Accumulation of Federal Reserve notes by foreign financial institutions to the disadvantage of this country has also been conceived. It is considered altogether possible that the Reichsbank, for instance, might pile up an enormous store of American currency in exchange for the easily issued German paper. With Reserve notes in hand it is contended Germany could make a sudden demand upon the United States for a considerable sum in gold by presenting the currency for redemption.

Favor Gradual Restoration.

Although the excess stocks of gold held in this country are looked upon as a burden rather than as a blessing, it is the view of Government experts that a gradual restoration of the metal to its foreign storehouses is to be desired—not a sudden movement of any appreciable quantities. The country, it is argued, has become adjusted to some extent to the gold reserves now held and any unlooked for derangement of the gold holdings, it is feared, might create considerable uncertainty before a definite movement should be developed.

It is believed in some quarters that the circulation of American currency would be stopped in any foreign country where the passing of Reserve notes from hand to hand should amount virtually to the displacement of the national currency of that country. Diplomatic exchanges, it is believed, could end such a practice. But the possibility of the American dollar displacing the national currency of some nations, where exchange is at the vanishing point, is regarded as a possibility, if the movement of notes to

Europe remains unchecked, in which event the United States would be providing a circulating medium for a foreign government free of charge.

State Institutions Admitted to Federal Reserve System.

The following institutions were admitted to the Federal Reserve System during the two weeks ending June 29 1923:

	Capital.	Surplus.	Resources.
District No. 6—			Total
Bank of Elberton, Elberton, Ga.	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$631,962
District No. 7—			
Twenty-sixth Street State Bank, Chicago, Ill.	200,000	30,000	1,864,576
Brown City Savings Bank, Brown City, Mich.	40,000	8,000	660,623

Institutions Authorized by Federal Reserve Board to Exercise Trust Powers.

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

The National Bank of Chambersburg, Chambersburg, Pa.
 The Second National Bank of Brownsville, Pa.
 The First National Bank of Crawfordsville, Ind.
 The First National Bank of Cleveland, Okla.
 The Alamo National Bank of San Antonio, Texas.

Reduction of \$613,674,342 Effected in Gross Debt of United States During Year—Surplus of Receipts Over Expenditures of \$309,657,460.

A reduction of \$613,674,343 in the total gross debt of the United States during the past year is indicated in a statement dealing with the Government's financial operations for the fiscal year ended June 30 1923, made public July 1 by Under-Secretary of the Treasury S. P. Gilbert, Jr., who is Acting Secretary during the absence abroad of Secretary Mellon. In reporting this reduction Mr. Gilbert notes that "the total gross debt of the United States on June 30 1923, on the basis of the daily Treasury statements, amounted to \$22,349,707,365 36, as compared with \$22,963,381,708 31 on June 30 1922." "During the year," says Mr. Gilbert, "about \$4,500,000,000 of debt matured and was either retired or refunded, thus completing the Treasury's program for refunding the \$7,500,000,000 of short-dated debt maturing within about two years, which was outstanding at the beginning of the administration." Mr. Gilbert reports that "total ordinary receipts for the year amounted to \$4,007,135,480 56, while the total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts amounted to \$3,697,478,020 26, thus showing a surplus of receipts over expenditures amounting to \$309,657,460 30." Mr. Gilbert's statement follows:

With the closing of the fiscal year on June 30 1923, complete figures are now available as to the Government's operations for the year 1923, on the basis of the daily Treasury statements. Total ordinary receipts for the year amounted to \$4,007,135,480 56, while the total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts amounted to \$3,697,478,020 26, thus showing a surplus of receipts over expenditures amounting to \$309,657,460 30. Of the total expenditures \$402,850,491 10 were on account of the sinking fund and other debt retirements chargeable against ordinary receipts. This means that the public debt has been reduced during the year by \$402,850,491 10 out of the ordinary budget and a further reduction of \$210,823,851 85 has been accomplished out of the surplus, making the total debt reduction for the year \$613,674,342 95. The balance in the general fund of the Treasury at the end of the year stands at \$370,939,121 08, as compared with \$272,105,512 63 on June 30 1922, an increase of \$98,833,608 45.

Customs receipts during the year were much larger than for any previous year in the history of the Government, aggregating \$561,928,866 66 as compared with \$356,443,387 18, during the fiscal year 1922, the previous high record. Income and profits tax receipts also exceeded expectations, aggregating \$1,678,607,428 22, as compared with the estimate of \$1,500,000,000 submitted in the budget last December. Miscellaneous internal revenue receipts amounted to \$945,865,332 61.

The total gross debt of the United States on June 30 1923, on the basis of the daily Treasury statements amounted to \$22,349,707,365 36, as compared with \$22,963,381,708 31 on June 30 1922, thus showing a reduction of \$613,674,342 95. During the year about \$4,500,000,000 of debt matured and was either retired or refunded, thus completing the Treasury's program for refunding the seven and one-half billions of short-dated debt maturing within about two years which was outstanding at the beginning of the administration. The following table shows the result of these operations from April 30 1921 to June 30 1923.

(In Millions of Dollars.)

	Apr 30 '21	June 30 '21	June 30 '22	June 30 '23
Total gross debt	\$23,994	\$23,976	\$22,964	\$22,350
Victory notes	4,069	3,914	1,991	—
Treasury notes	—	311	2,247	4,104
Treasury certificates	2,820	2,699	1,829	1,031
War Savings securities	713	694	619	91
Treasury Savings securities	—	—	60	246

In other words, since the refunding program was announced on April 30 1921, about \$4,070,000,000 of Victory notes have been retired. Treasury certificates of indebtedness have been reduced from \$2,820,000,000 to about \$1,030,000,000, all maturing on quarterly tax payment dates, and War Savings securities have been reduced from \$713,000,000 to about \$90,000,000, while new Treasury Savings securities to the amount of about \$245,000,000 and about \$4,100,000,000 of Treasury notes, maturing on various quarterly tax payment dates during the years 1924 to 1927, have been issued and are now outstanding. During the same period, the gross public debt has been reduced about \$1,650,000,000.

In the fiscal year 1924, which begins July 1 1923, there will be public debt maturities of about \$1,390,000,000, including about \$1,030,000,000

of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, about \$310,000,000 of Treasury notes maturing June 15 1924, and about \$50,000,000 of War Savings certificates of the 1919 series, maturing Jan. 1 1924. In addition there are still outstanding about \$95,000,000 of 4½% Victory notes, which matured or were called for redemption during the fiscal year 1923, and about \$30,000,000 of War Savings certificates of the 1918 series which matured on Jan. 1 1923. These are being presented for redemption from day to day, and the amounts still outstanding are being gradually reduced.

Director of Budget Lord on Treasury Showing at End of Fiscal Year—Surplus Placed at \$310,000,000.

With the close of the fiscal year on June 30 1923, Gen. H. M. Lord, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, issued a statement in which he placed the approximate surplus of the Federal Government on that date at \$310,000,000. In his address on June 18 at the meeting of department heads of the Federal Government Gen. Lord had stated that the indications then were "that we will end the year with total expenditures \$200,000,000 less than receipts." Gen. Lord's statement on that occasion was given in full in our "State and City Section," issued last Saturday, June 30, pages 188-192. Gen. Lord's announcement of June 30 follows:

From the latest available information General H. M. Lord, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, announced to-day that the budget for the fiscal year ended June 30 1923, would be balanced with an approximate surplus of \$310,000,000.

The reduction in the total expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30 1923, as compared with the total expenditures for the total expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30 1922, will be approximately \$265,000,000. Exclusive of expenditures on account of capital outlays, operations in special accounts, such as railroads, the War Finance Corporation, the Emergency Fleet Corporation, &c., refunds of tax receipts and interests on and retirement of the public debt, the ordinary operating expenditures of the Government during the fiscal year ended June 30 1923 will be approximately \$297,000,000 less than the same expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30 1922.

One year ago the estimated receipts and expenditures indicated a deficit of \$823,000,000 for the fiscal year 1923. The difference of \$1,133,000,000 between this estimated deficit of \$823,000,000 and the present estimated surplus of \$310,000,000 is accounted for by an increase in receipts of \$767,000,000 and a reduction in the estimated total expenditures of \$366,000,000.

The difference in receipts was occasioned by an increase of \$213,000,000 in customs receipts, \$423,000,000 in internal revenue receipts, and \$131,000,000 in miscellaneous receipts. The difference of \$366,000,000 in total estimated expenditures was the result of a reduction of \$151,000,000 in general expenditures and \$450,000,000 in interest on the public debt, and a net decrease of \$170,000,000 in capital outlays, operations in special accounts refunds of tax receipts and retirement of the public debt required to be made from ordinary receipts.

Reorganization of Treasury Department Bureaus.

A reorganization of Treasury Department bureaus was made effective on July 2 under an order of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, made public June 30. Among those whose duties are affected by the new order is Assistant Secretary Edward Clifford, who, it is made known, has indicated his intention of retiring to return to the banking business. Under the reorganization regulations the Coast Guard service and the Supervising Architect's office are transferred from Mr. Clifford's jurisdiction to that of Assistant Secretary McKenzie Moss. Previously the Customs Service had been transferred from Mr. Clifford's office to that of Mr. Moss. Mr. Clifford's office will continue to have general supervision over the fiscal offices, which include those of the Commissioner of the Public Debt, the Bureau of the Mint and the Secret Service Division. New responsibilities added to the office are the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Distributing Clerk. The following assignments of bureaus and offices of the Department and divisions of the Secretary's office will become effective under the reorganization program:

Under Secretary of the Treasury—The finances, Bureau of the Budget, Commissioner of Accounts and Deposits, Treasurer of the United States, Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Farm Loan Bureau, Section of Statistics, Government Actuary.

Assistant Secretary in Charge of Fiscal Offices—Commissioner of Public Debt, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Mint Bureau, Secret Service Division, Disbursing Clerk.

Assistant Secretary in Charge of Foreign Loans and Miscellaneous Foreign loans, advances and loans to railroads under the Transportation Act of 1920, Chief Clerk, Bureau of Supply, Division of Appointments, Bureau of the Public Health Service, Division of Printing and Stationery.

Assistant Secretary in Charge of the Collection of the Revenue—Bureau of Internal Revenue, Prohibition unit, Customs Service, Coast Guard, Supervising Architect's Office.

The order of June 30 contained the following statement by Secretary Mellon:

The Under Secretary is authorized to act, for and by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in any branch of the Department, and represents the Secretary in dealings with the Federal Reserve Board, the War Finance Corporation and the Farm Loan Board.

The Assistant Secretary in charge of Fiscal Offices will act under the intermediate supervision of the Under Secretary.

The Chief Clerk of the Department in performing his duties as outlined in Department Circular No. 59, dated Oct. 1 1910, will act under the direction of the Secretary, the Under Secretary, and the Assistant Secretaries in their respective jurisdiction. In general administrative matters or matters relating to the Chief Clerk's office—such as the personnel of that office, &c.—the Chief Clerk will report to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary in charge of Foreign Loans and Miscellaneous.

The Chief of the Division of Appointments will perform his duties under the direction of the Secretary, the Under Secretary, and the Assistant Secretaries in their respective jurisdictions. In matters affecting the Section of Surety Bonds, and in general administrative matters or matters relating to the office of the division of appointments—such as the personnel of that office, &c., the Chief of the Division of Appointments will report to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary in Charge of Foreign Loans and Miscellaneous.

In the absence of the Secretary, the Under Secretary will act as Secretary of the Treasury; in the absence of both the Secretary and the Under Secretary, the senior Assistant Secretary present will act as Secretary.

As we have already indicated in these columns (June 30, page 2945), Under Secretary of the Treasury Gilbert will retire in the fall following Secretary Mellon's return from abroad, to return to the practice of law as a member of the firm of Cravath, Henderson & de Gersdorff.

President Harding Says That "Day by Day We Have Been Getting Better and Better"—Tells of Revived Business Conditions.

Taking occasion to refer to the Administration's efforts toward effecting a business revival during the past two years, President Harding, adopting the Coue slogan, stated in an address at Butte, Mont., June 29 that "if we are accused of getting nowhere in particular, we may very well reply that at any rate we have been able to stay right here, that we regard it as a good place to stay, and that day by day we have been getting better and better." He added:

I am disposed freely to admit that some other folks have had more excitement than we have had; but a good many people in this world would be glad to exchange their stock of excitement for a modest share in our American accumulation of simple contentment and dinner table necessities.

Alluding to the steps taken under Government direction to deal with unemployment and to restore confidence in business, the President asserted, "if our procedures have been rather plain and old-fashioned, they have yet produced results that justify pride and require no apology." The President said he did not present the report on revived business conditions "as the accomplishment of a particular administration or the justification of any party's claim upon the public confidence." "Rather," he said, "it is placed before you as testimony to the supreme sense and sound genius of a nation which could make its co-operation extend to a continent and its altruisms embrace a hundred million of humanity. That is what the American people have done in the last two years." Continuing, he said:

No other people has had the fortune to parallel the achievements. None other looks out to-day upon so clear a horizon, and I venture that we stand only in the doorway of the new era.

Thus convinced, I know that you will permit me to add just one word for the pride, the satisfaction and the gratitude which the national Administration feels in having been able to contribute something of suggestion, leadership and direction to this accomplishment. We will not claim much for the great end could have been attained only through the complete unity in spirit, purpose and patriotism of the whole American nation.

Two years ago we made a careful census of unemployment in the United States and found 4,500,000 or 5,000,000 workers without jobs. That was bad, but since then matters have been reversed, and if nowadays we are disposed to worry about the problem of unemployment we have to consider ways and means to fill a half million or a million jobs which want workers and can't find them. That is the simplest picture of the industrial evolution of the last two years. That is the bedrock foundation on which American business and American administration have erected their confidence that this people will not be led into the paths of devious experimentation, the mazes of untried economic theory, the labyrinths of doctrinaire altruism.

Among the efforts taken to achieve this end, said the Associated Press accounts from Butte, the President mentioned removal of the hands of Government from the tills of the bankers, reductions in the Federal Reserve discount rate, inauguration of the budget system, lightening and more equitable distribution of the tax burden, the arms conference, revival of the Federal Farm Loan Board, and the Finance Corporation, and the national conferences on unemployment and housing.

President Harding on Increasing State and Local Government Costs—British Debt Settlement—Income Tax Levies as Compared With Other Nations.

The rising costs of State and local Governments formed the topic of discussion by President Harding in an address at Salt Lake City on Tuesday, June 26, when he presented census figures to show the great increases in State and city Government costs which had been witnessed since 1913. "The world, its Governments, its quasi-public corporations, its people," said the President, "acquired the spending habit during the war to an extent not merely unprecedented, but absolutely alarming. There is but one way," he continued, "for the community finally to get back on its feet, and that is to go seriously about paying its debts and reducing its expenses." Contrasting Federal and State and local efforts to

bring down the debts, the President maintained that the figures of both the Treasury and the Census Bureau "make it perfectly plain that whereas the cost of the Federal Government is being steadily reduced, the cost of State and local Governments is being just as steadily increased year by year." "At its highest point on Aug. 31 1919," the President said, "the National debt was \$26,596,000,000. I know you will be interested to be told that from that day, Aug. 31 1919 to June 30 1923 we have reduced it to \$22,400,000,000—a reduction of considerably more than a billion dollars a year. Moreover, we are now working under a program which involves extinguishing a half billion of the debt each year. No other country in the world has been able to make such a record." Referring to the budget system which has been adopted by the Federal Government, President Harding stated that "perhaps the budget system would not accomplish so much for taxing and spending divisions smaller than the State, but a resolute commitment to strike at all extravagance and expend public funds as one would for himself in his personal and business affairs will accomplish wonders."

The President also referred to the agreement for the adjustment of Great Britain's war debt to the United States and declared that "no event since the conclusion of hostilities has contributed so much to putting the world back on its way to stabilization, to confidence in its Governments and to the established conviction that our social institutions are yet secure." In what he had to say in his speech last week with reference to advancing State Government costs, President Harding enlarged upon observations along the same lines in a letter to Professor Lamble of the University of Minnesota, to which we referred in our issue of June 16, page 2721. The following is the President's Salt Lake address:

My Countrymen—There is a suggestion of personal tribute in choosing my topic for an address in Salt Lake City. I have so long associated Senator Smoot with great problems of taxation, and have witnessed so much of his able and faithful endeavor to enforce economy and thereby lift the burdens of taxation, that I find myself involuntarily thinking, when I come to your State, of the menace of mounting taxes and growing public indebtedness. The removal of this menace is not alone a Federal problem, for we are recording gratifying progress so far as the nation is concerned, but the larger menace to-day is to be faced by municipality, county and State. The Federal Government is diligently seeking to prove itself a helpful example, but the improved order must come in the units of Government into which the Federal Government never intrudes. There is no particular reason why I should speak of it, except that we are all concerned about general public welfare, and I have thought that possibly a recital of Federal accomplishment would serve to encourage in a State and local work which must be done.

A short time before I became President a trusted but cynical old friend said to me one day that he understood I intended to make a specialty of economy in administration. I admitted my aspirations in that direction, and he replied:

"Well, that's the right idea, but don't tell anybody about it. You may think it will be appreciated, but it will not. Every time you lop somebody off the Government payroll or keep him out of a profitable piece of Government business you make him and all his friends and associates your enemies; and, on the other side, not a soul in the country will ever thank you for it. Everybody grumbles about taxes, and nobody ever demonstrates any appreciation of the man that tries to save them from taxes."

A short time before we left Washington on the present trip another friend said to me:

"The Administration has saved the country a good deal by reducing its expenses and cutting down the tax burden. But take my advice and don't talk to any of your audiences about it. People always grumble about taxes, but they don't want to hear anybody talk to them on that subject."

To which I replied that I believed, in the present state of affairs, all such rules were suspended, and any public man who had anything cheerful to say on the subject of taxes and Government expenses would find plenty of audiences altogether willing to listen to him. I believe the American people are so profoundly interested in the subject of taxation and Government costs nowadays that an audience like this will even be willing to let me talk to them a few minutes on the subject.

Loans to Allies.

One of the financial incidents to our participation in the war was to loan a vast sum of money to our allies. I wonder how many of you ever stop to think that the \$10,000,000,000 which we advanced to our allies, after our entrance into the war, was just about the same as the total cost of the Civil War to the North and South together. The Civil War lasted four years and strained every nerve and resource of the nation. Yet its actual cost to the Governments of both sides was considerably less than the amount we advanced to the allied Governments during the World War.

And that was only a mild beginning of our financial transactions in war. For every dollar we loaned to our allies we spent about three more on our own account. In a little more than three years, between the day war was declared and peace was signed, we spent twice as much money out of the public treasury as had been spent by the national Government in all of its previous history. I am not going to talk to you to-day about whether the money was all wisely spent. Whether it was or not, the results were worth all they cost, and a good deal more. What I propose to present to you now is some consideration of the fact that no matter how willing we were to make the sacrifice, no matter how cheerfully we incurred the obligations, we had to face at the end the big and very practical reality that these obligations must be paid.

You have inferred from what I said a moment ago that we spent roundly \$40,900,000,000 on the World War. How many of us ever stopped to think that that was rather more than the total wealth of the nation at the time of the Civil War? We paid out of our current taxes, while the war was going on, more than 25% of its cost; that is, as much as the entire national wealth so late as the year 1820. At the beginning of August 1919 the public debt reached the highest point in its history, \$27,500,000,000. That was just about ten times the amount of the national debt at the close of the Civil War.

We are still too close to the events of the great war to be able to realize the enormous burdens placed on our country. Quite aside from the large operations of public finance which it necessitated, private finance has been called upon from the very beginning in 1914 to make special arrangements for financing the huge foreign trade that resulted from Europe's extraordinary demands. Long before we were in the war our financial machinery had been compelled to shoulder the financing of an enormously exaggerated export trade to the warring Powers. For a time Europe withdrew gold from us in great quantities, but presently it returned in yet greater, bringing to us and to the European countries the difficult problem of maintaining the exchanges and supporting the gold standard. Costs of everything rose to an artificially high basis, and in every direction expenditure was stimulated.

Altogether, the war was not only the greatest horror the world has ever known, but the greatest orgy of spending. This was inevitable, but that fact does not make the results any easier to deal with. The cost of Government, of business, of every domestic establishment, went up enormously. Every business man and every householder knows how it affected his personal concern. I want to suggest some of the ways in which it affected the whole business of Government; Government of the States, the cities, the nation, the expenses of every revenue raising and spending division throughout the nation.

Census Figures of Government Costs.

Recently I have been furnished with some specific figures on this subject of the cost of Government by the Bureau of the Census. I am not proposing to impose upon your patience with an elaborate presentation of figures, but I want to suggest a few that will point my observations about the enormously increased cost of Government everywhere.

Take the cost of State Governments. I am informed that the revenues of the States in 1913 aggregated \$368,000,000, and that in 1921 they had increased to \$959,000,000; that is, they had increased 161%, and every dollar of that increase had to come in some way or other from the public. The expenditures of the States in 1913 aggregated \$383,000,000, and in 1921 they were \$1,005,000,000, an increase of 163%. The indebtedness of the States in 1913 amounted to \$423,000,000, and in 1921 to \$1,012,000,000, an increase of 139%.

Turn now to the cost of city government. The Census Bureau has compiled data on the Governments of 227 of the large cities. It is shown that these cities in 1913 collected \$890,000,000 in all revenues, and in 1921 they collected \$1,567,000,000; that is, they were compelled to take 76% more in taxes in 1921 than they had taken in 1913. The same group of cities expended in 1913 \$1,010,000,000, and in 1921 \$1,726,000,000, an increase of 71%. The total debt of this group of cities in 1913 was \$2,901,000,000, which by 1921 had risen to \$4,334,000,000, an increase of 49%.

County administration appears, from the rather limited information which at this time the Census authorities have been able to produce, to have shown a much larger proportionate increase in cost and tax collections than did the government of cities. It is stated that for 381 counties, distributed among 38 States, and regarded as fairly typical, the increase in receipts from principal sources of revenue increased 127% from 1913 to 1922; that is, for every \$100 of revenue collected in 1913 \$27 was collected in 1922. And that is not all of it. The total indebtedness of these same 381 counties increased 195% in the same period; that is, for every \$100 of debt in 1913 they had \$295 of indebtedness in 1922. Statistics were not available dealing with cities and towns of less than 30,000 population, nor with townships, school districts, drainage districts, irrigation districts, road districts and other subdivisions which exercised the power to raise revenues and incur debts. It is well known, however, that substantially similar increases have affected all these taxing subdivisions.

The figures of both the Treasury and the Census Bureau, in short, make it perfectly plain that whereas the cost of the Federal Government is being steadily reduced, the cost of State and local governments is being just as steadily increased year by year. In nearly all of the States the cost of State and local governments increased from 1919 to 1922.

The Treasury made up statistics on this point for one group of 10 States—Arizona, Connecticut, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin. For this representative group it is shown that while Federal taxes paid by these 10 States declined from over a billion dollars in 1920 to \$650,000,000 in 1922, their State and local taxes rose from \$728,000,000 to \$965,000,000 in the same period.

In another tabulation, covering 28 States, which was the entire number for which the statistics were available, it was shown that from 1919 to 1921 there were increases in local taxes in 23 States and reductions in only 5. In spite of the enormous burden of paying for the war and paying interest on the war debt, State and local taxes in 1922 represented 60% of all taxes paid.

Income Tax—Comparison with Other Countries.

Let me present another aspect of the same matter. We hear much about the grievous burden of the income tax, and every one of us who pays it is able fully to sympathize with every one else who pays it. But it is fair to consider what our income taxes would be if we lived in some of the other debt-burdened countries of the world.

A married citizen of the United States, with two children and an income of \$5,000, paid \$68 tax on that income in 1922. If he had been a citizen of Canada he would have paid \$156. If the German tax rate had been applied to his income, it would have cost him \$292. If he had been a Frenchman the French rate would have required him to pay \$96, and if he had been a British citizen, instead of giving up the \$68 which he paid to Uncle Sam, he would have drawn his check for \$320.76.

The same man, with an income of \$10,000, would have paid \$456 income tax in the United States and \$1,128.32 in England.

The great burden of the war was, of course, imposed on the National Government. The Department of the Treasury states that in 1917 the Federal Government's revenues were \$1,044,000,000; in 1918 they were \$3,925,000,000; in 1919 they were \$4,103,000,000; in 1920 they were \$5,737,000,000, and in 1921 they were \$4,902,000,000. For 1922 the total dropped to \$3,565,000,000, and for 1923 it is estimated at \$3,753,000,000. Assuming continuation of the present basis of Federal taxation, the receipts for 1924 are calculated at \$3,638,000,000 and for 1925 at \$3,486,000,000.

Not all of this revenue is raised by direct taxation. The Treasury estimates indicate that in 1923 only \$2,925,000,000 and in 1924 \$2,850,000,000 will be produced by direct taxation; the remainder will come from various miscellaneous receipts of the Government.

You will, I am sure, be interested in the Treasury's statement that whereas in 1914 the per capita cost to all the people of the Federal Government was \$6.97, that in 1918 it reached \$36.64 and in 1919 \$37.91. It might reasonably have been presumed that with the war now long past taxes would have begun to fall off, but the statistics show the contrary.

Instead of a reduction, taxes for the fiscal year 1920 rose to \$53.78 per capita, which was the peak of the war burden. Even for 1921 they only fell to \$45.22. But in 1923 they will be \$26.29, or considerably less than half as much as in 1920.

Figures, especially the figures which represent such an authority as the Treasury Department, are conclusive argument. These figures show that for two years after the war the war ended Federal taxes continued much higher than at the height of the struggle. They show that in the first two years of peace the cost of Government was still continuing above the 1918 level, but that since the high point of 1920 they have been reduced more than one-half.

It is a record of business administration to which the party now in control of the Administration feels justified in referring with no small measure of satisfaction.

War Debt Cut by Billion a Year.

I have observed that the cost of the war to our Government was around \$40,000,000,000. After paying a generous share, about 25%, from current revenues collected while the war was in progress, we still had to borrow enormously.

At its highest point, on Aug. 31 1919, the national debt was \$26,596,000,000. I know you will be interested to be told that from that day, Aug. 31 1919, to June 30 1923, we have reduced it to \$22,400,000,000—a reduction of considerably more than a billion dollars a year. Moreover, we are now working under a program which involves extinguishing a half billion of the debt each year. No other country in the world has been able to make such a record.

In addition to all this, we have within the past year settled the British war debt to our Government, arranged for its funding and its gradual extinction over a long period of years. In recognition of the notable service of Secretary Mellon, his associates at the Treasury, and the members of the Debt Funding Commission and the American Ambassador to Great Britain, I wish to say that this settlement of the British debt has been acclaimed all over the world as one of the most notable and successful fiscal accomplishments ever recorded.

Not only does it insure that the regular quarterly payments which the British Government will make to our Treasury will correspondingly relieve the burden upon American taxpayers, but the more important fact, in a time of widespread uncertainty and misgiving throughout the world of business everywhere, that these two great Governments could get together and arrange such a settlement has been one of the most reassuring events since the armistice.

World Effect of British Settlement.

There had been too much talk of possible cancellation or repudiation of the war debt. Such a program would have wrecked the entire structure of business faith and of confidence in the obligations of Governments throughout the world. There was need, pressing and urgent need, for such a sign of confidence, assurance and faith in the future as this settlement furnished.

When the British and American Governments united in this pledge that their obligations would be met to the last shilling and the last dollar, there was renewed financial confidence in the world. I undertake to say that no event since the conclusion of hostilities has contributed so much to putting the world back on its way to stabilization, to confidence in its Governments and to the established conviction that our social institutions are yet secure.

No consideration of public finances can omit the fact that the single item of interest on the public debt exceeds \$1,000,000,000 annually. For the fiscal year 1923 this item will be \$1,100,000,000. Beyond this, we will reduce the public debt this year by \$330,000,000, and next year by approximately \$500,000,000. That is, over 35% of the national revenue will this year go to paying interest or extinguishing the principal of the public debt.

I have not been able to gather conclusive statistics as to the accomplishments of States, cities and counties, to compare with this showing of the Federal Government. But with some general knowledge of the fiscal positions of States and cities in general, I feel quite safe in proffering my congratulations to any State, any city, any foreign country, which has made a better showing in the matter of reducing its public debt within the period since the war. I most earnestly regret that all have not been able to make a similar showing.

On this latter point I wish to say a word further. Taxation decidedly is a local as well as a national question. Prior to the war Federal taxation was an unimportant item; so small that in 1917 State and local taxes, in a group of 10 representative States, in all parts of the country, constituted 73% of the entire tax burden.

The Federal tax was indirect and unfelt. Then came the enormous cost of the war, which the Federal Government had to bear, and in 1918 State and local taxes constituted only 42% of the entire tax burden. In 1919 they represented 44% of the whole; in 1920, 41%. But in 1922, the last year for which figures are available, State and local taxes were again in excess and represented 60% of the entire tax burden. The States represented in this calculation are: Arizona, Connecticut, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin.

The world, its Governments, its quasi-public corporations, its people, acquired the spending habit during the war to an extent not merely unprecedented, but absolutely alarming. There is but one way for the community finally to get back on its feet, and that is to go seriously about paying its debts and reducing its expenses. That is what the world must face. The greatest and richest Government must face it, and so must the humblest citizen. No habit is so easy to form, none so hard to break, as that of reckless spending.

And on the other side, none is more certain to contribute to security and happiness than the habit of thrift, of savings, of careful management in all business concerns, of balanced budgets and living within incomes. If I could urge upon the American people a single rule applicable to every one of them as individuals, and to every political or corporate unit among them, it would be to learn to spend somewhat less than your income all the time. If you have debts, reduce them as rapidly as you can; if you are one of the fortunate few who have no debts, make it a rule to save something every year.

Keep your eye everlastingly on those who administer your Governmental units for you; your town, your county, your State, your national Government. Make them understand that you are applying the rule of thrift and savings in your personal affairs, and require them to apply it in their management of your public affairs. If they fail, find other public servants who will succeed. If they succeed, give them such encouragement and inspiration as will be represented by a full measure of hearty appreciation for their efforts.

This brings me to a brief reference to what has proved so helpful to the Federal Government in effecting the approach to the expenditures of normal times. For the first time in our history we have the national budget, under which there is an effective scrutiny of estimates for public expenditure. More, we have co-ordinated Government activities in making the expenditures which Congress authorizes.

It seems now unbelievable that we should have been willing to go for a century and a third without this helpful agency of business administration. But we did, and only now have we come to an appraisal of the cost of this great neglect.

It has been no easy task to establish the budget and make sure of its acceptance. Out of long time practices the varied and many Government

Departments felt themselves independent institutions, instead of factors in the great machinery of Government administration. They often got all they could from Congress, and made it a point to expend all they got.

Budget Plan.

Under the budget plan we were able to reverse the policy and awaken a spirit of economy and efficiency in the public service. We not only insisted that requests for appropriations should stand the minutest inquiry, but after reduced appropriations were granted, we insisted on expending less than the appropriations. There was no proposal to diminish Government activities required by law or demanded by public need, but there was first the commitment to efficiency and then commendable strife for economy.

We effaced the inexcusable and very costly impression that Government Departments must expend all their appropriations, that no available cash should return to the Treasury. And we sought to inspire as well as exact, in the practices of economy.

One illustration will not be amiss. On June 8 1921, before the budget was in operation, word came to me that the business head of one of our institutions, far from Washington, was puzzling how to expend \$42,000 which he had in excess of actual needs.

Ordinarily such a matter would never reach the Chief Executive. But this one did, and I wired a warning, and followed it with a letter reciting the need of retrenchment everywhere, and expressed the hope that every Government official with spending authority would aid in reducing the Government outlay.

The appeal was effective, and this one Government agent not only saved most of his available \$42,000 for that fiscal year, but in 1922 he saved \$81,000 more. He proved what could be done, and we are seeking to do it everywhere.

Do not imagine it has all been easy. It is very popular to expend, and there are ruffled feelings in every case of denial. But there are gratifying results in firm resolution and the insistent application of business methods.

The Budget Director is the agent of the President, and he speaks on the authority of the Government's Chief Executive. One day last winter the Director came to me in great anxiety, telling me that a Department Chief would not sanction an \$8,000,000 cut in his estimates. At that time we were seeking to prevent a threatened excess of expenditures over receipts amounting to \$800,000,000 for the next fiscal year.

I sent for the department head, and he was still insistent in his opposition to the reduced estimate. I called for a conference of the department experts and the budget experts, and told them that if they could not agree, I would decide. They conferred, and instead of returning to me for decision, the estimate was cut more than \$12,000,000.

The point is that we have introduced business methods in Government, and instead of operating blindly and to suit individual departments which had never visualized the Government as a whole, and felt no concern about the raising of funds, we are scrutinizing, justifying, co-ordinating, and not only halting mounting cost, but making long strides in reducing the cost of Government activities.

Perhaps the budget system would not accomplish so much for taxing and spending divisions smaller than the State, but a resolute commitment to strike at all extravagance and expend public funds as one would for himself in his personal and business affairs will accomplish wonders.

It is largely unmindfulness that piles up the burden. Able and honorable men often press for a Federal expenditure to be made in their own community or in other ways helpful to their own interests which they would strongly oppose if they were not directly concerned. This is true of Federal appropriation as well as municipal, county and State expenditure, and I know of no remedy unless public officials are brought to understand the menace in excessive tax burdens and indebtedness, beyond extinguishment except in drastic action, and resolve to employ practicable business methods in Government everywhere, and resist the assault of the spenders.

It is too early to know whether there is a republic of ancient times with which appropriately to parallel our own. We know of their rise and fall, and we may learn the lessons in their failures. A simple-living, thrifty people, simple, with simple, honest and just government never failed to grow in influence and power. The coming of extravagance and profligacy in private life, and wastefulness and excesses in public life ever proclaimed the failures which history has recorded.

I would not urge the stingy, skimpy, hoarding life of individuals, or an inadequate program of government. The latter must always rise to liberate public demand. But private life and public practices are inseparably associated.

I would have our Government adequate in every locality and in every activity, and public sentiment will demand it and secure it, and require no more, if we may have the simple and thrifty life which makes the healthful nation.

These reflections, my countrymen, are not conceived in doubt or pessimism. We have so nobly begun, we are so boundless in resources, we have wrought so notably in our short national existence, that I wish these United States to go on securely. I would like developing dangers noted and appraised and intelligently and patriotically guarded against. A nation of inconsiderate spenders is never secure. We wish our United States everlastingly secure.

War brought us the lesson that we had not been so American in spirit as we had honestly pretended. Some of our adopted citizenship wore the habiliments of America, but were not consecrated in soul. Some to whom we have given all the advantages of American citizenship would destroy the very institutions under which they have accepted our hospitality.

Hence our commitment to the necessary Americanization which we too long neglected. The American Legion, baptized anew in the supreme test on foreign battlefields, is playing its splendid parts. Those who bore war's burdens at home have joined, and all America must fully participate. It is not enough to enlist the sincere allegiance of those who come to accept our citizenship; we must make sure for ourselves, for all of us, that we cling to the fundamentals, to the practices which enabled us to build so successfully, and avoid the errors which tend to impair our vigor and becloud our future.

President Harding's Appeal for Fraternity Among Nations.

President Harding, who, in addressing members of the Mystic Shrine in Washington early last month expressed the wish that "somehow we could have fraternity among nations, as it is taught to America among men," made a similar appeal in addressing a gathering on June 24, when he spoke from the rear platform of his train at Colorado Springs. Upon this occasion the President, according to the Associated Press, said:

! We can never be the ideal Republic unless we have great ideals to pursue and know something of the spiritual as well as of the material life.

! That is one of the reasons I have been so zealous in the last few weeks in trying to have our country committed to something more of international helpfulness, so that it may be ready to play its part in the uplift of the world and in the movement to prevent in the future conflicts among the nations. I think that is an ideal worth pursuing. So long as we have something of that kind to think about and to strive for and to inspire us to go on, I know we are going to be a better people than we are when we occupy ourselves merely in digging, digging, digging for the dollar.

There is something else in life than that, my countrymen, to think about. I do not underpraise the desirability of material good fortune. You must be able to subsist before you can begin to aspire. I should like to have material good fortune be the portion of every man and woman in America, but I do not choose material good fortune alone.

One of the troubles with the world to-day is that it is filled with suspicion and hate. Europe is in a condition of feverish restlessness, and is feeling the effects of the poison engendered by oldtime passions, envies and rivalries, so that one people will not trust another. Would it not be better if somehow we could bring into the lives of those nations the spirit of Him whom the Father gave for the salvation of men, and exerted ourselves to spread brotherhood and new trust and new confidence among peoples, so that they may live in that fraternity which tends to solidify and cement together mankind?

I should like more of fraternity among ourselves in the United States; I should like more of fraternity among the nations of the world, and if we apply the Golden Rule, about which none of you will dispute—for we all believe in it and admire it, and the only trouble is we do not practice it as we believe it—if we could bring the Golden Rule into every phase of American life we would be the happiest people in the world.

The President's speech to the Mystic Shriners was referred to in our issue of June 9, page 2591.

President Harding Declares Anew that in Event of War He Would "Draft Every Dollar and Every Other Essential."

Reiterating a statement he made on a previous occasion recently, President Harding, during a visit to the soldier sick at the Army's General Hospital at Denver on June 24 stated that "if ever there is another war, we will do more than draft the boys. If I have anything to do with it, we will draft every dollar and every other essential." The President in what he had to say on June 24 preceded the foregoing remarks with the statement that he would keep "everlastingly at it" to see that full justice was meted out by the Government to its wounded and needy veterans of the World War, and that he would "consecrate" himself, his every influence and endeavor, to prevent another war on the part of the United States.

Roland W. Boyden Resigns as American Observer with Allied Reparations Commission—John A. Logan, Jr., His Successor.

Announcement was made on July 1 that Roland W. Boyden had tendered his resignation as unofficial observer for the United States with the Allied Reparations Commission, and that he would be succeeded by his assistant, John A. Logan, Jr. Mr. Boyden's resignation, the State Department explained, is due to his desire to resume the practice of law. He expects to return to the United States in August. Associated Press cablegrams from Paris on July 2 said:

Genuine regret was expressed to-day by all delegations to the Reparation Commission over the departure of Roland W. Boyden as unofficial American observer with the Commission.

Louis Dubois, former President of the Commission, was one of those voicing regret at the retirement, and Sir John Bradbury, British representative, to-night said:

"Mr. Boyden won the unaffected esteem of all his colleagues by his great personal qualities, which he constantly used with the object of alleviating differences of opinion and finding a basis of agreement such as an inter-Allied body always aims at reaching.

"His natural sagacity and fair-mindedness, combined with his eminent legal abilities, have contributed greatly to the solution of many technical questions which have been before the Commission; and the confidence which all members of that body felt in his judgment is instanced by the fact that several of the most difficult questions have been submitted to him as arbitrator.

"His remarkable success in this field makes it all the more to be regretted, he could not contribute in the same degree to the decision taken by the Commission on questions of policy.

"Acting as an unofficial observer, he was bound to maintain a strictly reserved attitude on such questions, and any opinions he expressed were purely personal. But even so, he could on occasions, with the utmost discretion, influence the Commission by his personal opinions.

"The United States could not have sent a more worthy representative of the qualities and ideals for which that nation stands to take part in our counsels."

M. Bemelmans, Belgian representative, after saying he deeply regretted Mr. Boyden's departure, added:

"But, fortunately, the United States will not cease to be represented. Colonel Logan, I am sure, will continue Mr. Boyden's task along the same lines and with the same ideals that have made the United States practically the emblem of fair play and justice."

The Reparation Commission's offices seem deserted and idle in comparison with the busy hive in the Hotel Astoria last December. The staff has been greatly curtailed and the Commission, according to its members, is simply marking time.

The position of "unofficial observer" for the United States has become less interesting in the last twelve months, especially since the occupation of the Ruhr. All members of the Commission agree that the importance of their work has been greatly diminished by the fact that the Governments have taken the important aspects of the reparations questions out of the hands

of the Commission, reducing that body to a bureau for the accumulation of economic information and for bookkeeping purposes.

From a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times," July 1, we take the following:

Mr. Boyden received a salary of \$5,000 a year and was allowed \$1,000 a month additional for expenses. Colonel Logan, his successor, resigned from the army last year, and since then has been receiving \$4,000 salary and expenses not exceeding \$6,000 annually, for his work as Mr. Boyden's associate.

Gaston Liebert on French Policy in Ruhr—Declares Germany Has Tried to Evade Payment.

Defense of the French policy in the Ruhr was offered at the recent annual convention of the New York State Bankers Association in Atlantic City by Gaston Liebert, former French Consul-General at New York, and now Director of the French Bureau of Information in the United States, and by Laurence Lyon, former member of the British Parliament. The remarks of M. Liebert, made before the convention on June 12th have brought a criticism from Hugo Mundt, the German Consul, which we give in another item in this issue. The account of M. Liebert's remarks, which occasioned Mr. Mundt's letter, appeared in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of June 12th. M. Liebert is alleged to have declared that Germany had tried to play one Ally against the other in the hope of continually evading payment. Further declaring that "we went into the Ruhr because the Ruhr is the jugular vein of Germany and we intend to hold our hands at Germany's throat until the German people come to their senses." M. Liebert is reported as having added:

We want to make it clear, however, that Belgium's and France's troops are not in the Ruhr to make war on the German people. They are there to act as receivers to collect an honest debt from a stubborn, dishonest and evasive debtor.

Reporting this as the keynote of M. Liebert's address, which was presented under the title of "Problems Caused by the French Occupation of the Ruhr, and the Financial Situation Arising From It," the "Globe-Democrat's" account of his speech said:

Contrasts Two Nations.

He compared the German attitude in 1919-23 with the French attitude in 1871-73, drawing a sharp distinction between the nature of the payments in the two instances.

"Following the war of 1871," he said, "France was compelled to pay, not reparations, not for damage done German people or German property, because the war of 1871, like the war of 1914-18, had been fought on French soil; but France was compelled to pay 5,000,000,000 gold francs indemnity, a penalty for being the vanquished. The just debt which we have for four years been trying to collect from Germany is not an indemnity; it is a claim for actual damages wrought by German troops on French and Belgian soil.

"After the conference of Frankfurt, Germany insisted that the 5,000,000,000 gold francs imposed upon the French as a penalty for being the vanquished people," he said, "should all be paid before the end of 1874. History records that the last franc of this great sum, together with conversion charges and other expenses, which brought the total amount up to 6,615,000,000 gold francs, had been paid Aug. 31 1873.

"Now, after four years, Germany, untouched by war invasion, with her factories and industries producing as they were before the war, has only paid about 2,000,000,000 gold marks in cash.

"The answer, and the only answer, is that if Germany had shown a real willingness to pay, if Germany had been as strictly honest as France was, there would have been found a way, and the troops of France and Belgium would not to-day be in the Ruhr to act as a receiver to collect an honest debt from a stubborn and dishonest and evasive debtor."

From the New York "Times" we take the following relative to M. Liebert's remarks:

He argued that since 1919 France had shown the greatest patience and moderation. One by one he listed the sixteen parleys "to which France has been dragged" and at which efforts were made to reach an agreement on reparations.

Taking up the financial problem of France, M. Liebert said:

"In addition to this staggering loss in human resource, consider now the financial condition of a country which before the war was the credit nation of the world. At the beginning of 1923 France had an interior debt—money borrowed by the Government from its own people—of 282,418,000,000 gold francs, and an exterior debt of 35,463,000,000 gold francs. The budget situation of 1923 is summarized as follows: Probable expenses, 23,178,000,000 paper francs; probable receipts, 19,285,000,000 paper francs, leaving a deficit in the general budget of 3,893,000,000 paper francs. To this will have to be added for 1923, because of Germany's failure to pay, expenses (supposedly recoverable) amounting to 10,148,000,000 paper francs, making a total deficit for the year of 14,041,000,000 paper francs.

"You bankers will naturally ask, Why this enormous deficit? The answer is simple. France cannot balance her budget because France has been compelled to advance money to pay for reconstruction work in the devastated area—work for which Germany, by the Treaty of Versailles, agreed to pay—and to meet the enormous pension roll occasioned by the war."

Hugo Mundt, German Consul, in Answer to Gaston Liebert Regarding French Policy in the Ruhr.

An answer to the French policy, as indicated week before last by Gaston Liebert, former French Consul at New York, of keeping the Ruhr "until the German people come to their senses," has been made by the German Consul, Hugo Mundt, in a letter addressed to the St. Louis "Globe-Demo-

crat," and published in that paper June 14. M. Liebert's declarations are given in another item in to-day's issue of our paper. Among other things Mr. Mundt, comparing the present position of Germany with that of France in 1871, points out that "payment was effected by France in 1871-73 for the greatest part by the aid of loans placed at the disposal of France by other countries, including Germany. On the contrary, Germany's endeavor to obtain an international loan has been frustrated." We reprint from the "Globe-Democrat" Mr. Mundt's communication as follows:

Editor of "Globe-Democrat":

Referring to the special dispatch published in this morning's issue of the "Globe-Democrat," "To Keep Ruhr until Paid, Is French Policy," and appealing to your well-known fairness and impartiality, I trust that you will publish the enclosed response in your paper.

Thanking you in advance for any courtesy you may feel to extend to me in this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

HUGO MUNDT, German Counsel.

The statement follows:

1. Just like France in 1871, Germany is compelled to pay not merely reparations, but indemnity for being the vanquished. France's claim for actual damages wrought by German troops on French and Belgian soil amounts to about 30,000,000,000 gold marks, while Germany is to pay 132,000,000,000 gold marks, whereof only 52% are due to France, 22% to England and the balance to the other Allied countries, the soil of some of which had not even been entered by German troops.

2. Germany is being compelled to pay 132,000,000,000, compared with 4,000,000,000 gold marks imposed on France, 1871.

3. Germany is to pay this sum, being thirty-three times higher than the sum demanded of France in 1871, after having been deprived of her best resources, her most important provinces, her merchant fleet, all her colonies, all her public and private assets in foreign countries.

4. Germany's industries had been exhausted by the war. Cut off from the world market by the blockade, they were deprived of the necessary raw materials and had to start anew at enormous costs.

5. Germany's losses in dead and maimed soldiers in the great war were about 3,000,000; i. e., fifteen times greater than the French in the war of 1871.

6. France's finances after the war, 1870-71, were relatively sound. The French franc had sunk only a few per cent under par. German currency, after the payment of the first 1,000,000,000 gold marks, has been steadily more and more depreciated. Already immediately after the conclusion of the Versailles Treaty, the German mark was valued only the fourth part of its previous value.

Allowed to Pay in Francs.

7. France was allowed 1871 to pay in francs, her own currency. Germany is compelled to pay in foreign currency, in American dollars. There was no gold mark in Germany after the World War. As already in summer, 1919, after the conclusion of the Versailles Treaty, the German mark was worth only a fourth of its previous value, the amount of the whole indemnity imposed on Germany was 520,000,000,000 marks, i. e., 130 times the amount of the French indemnity of 1871. In May 1920, when at the first time the amount was fixed by the Reparation Commission at 132,000,000,000 gold marks, the value of the German paper mark was no more than the eleventh part of the gold mark so that Germany was compelled to pay an indemnity 343 times higher than that imposed on France, 1871.

8. Payment was effected by France, 1871-1873, for the greatest part by the aid of loans placed at the disposal of France by other countries, including Germany. On the contrary, Germany's endeavor to obtain an international loan has been frustrated.

9. The great war had brought the German Reich to the verge of utter exhaustion. Germany's economic vitality was further enfeebled in every conceivable way by the Treaty of Versailles. The fulfillment of the conditions demanded and the employment of all sorts of coercive measures, even the rough violation of the Treaty of Versailles and of international law, have finally driven Germany more and more rapidly toward destruction. And yet, in face of all, Germany has already performed an achievement which in financial respects alone exceeds that of France 1871-1873 more than tenfold.

10. France, although victorious, while insisting on being fully paid by vanquished, is refusing to pay the United States even the interest of her debt, amounting to hardly 12,000,000,000 gold marks.

Laurence Lyon in Defense of French Policy in Ruhr and Lloyd George.

In addition to the address of Gaston Liebert in defense of the French policy in the Ruhr, which was a feature of the program of the annual convention of the New York Bankers Association at Atlantic City June 12, and to which we refer in a preceding article, in the current issue of our paper, Laurence Lyon, a former member of the British Parliament, before the same convention on the 13th inst. likewise entered a defense of France respecting the Ruhr. Mr. Lyon charged that the "great industrialists" of Germany who, he said, "are richer by far than they were three years ago," had "by their great greed led to the occupation of the Ruhr." The New York "Times," which reports him to this effect in a Washington dispatch June 13, also quoted him as follows:

"Any one who wants France to change her attitude should be prepared to say, 'We will pay for Germany.' Any one who wants to make presents to Germany should do so from their own possessions and not seek to do so at the expense of France." Asserting that it was well within the ability of Germany to pay the reparations demanded, but that she was hampered "on one side by the great industrialists, who are striving to have the reparations claims evaded, and who would like to get subsidies for their great industries, and on the other side by the demands of the Socialists that the State shall take the money of the rich to better the living conditions of the poor," Mr. Lyon continued.

"The great industrialists—the only class in Germany which has made money—the industrialists who are richer by far than they were three years ago—have by their greed led to the occupation of the Ruhr."

"If France had not gone into the Ruhr the sole alternative was to abandon all hope of reparation and to admit that in 1922 Germany could do what she was unable to do in 1914—proclaim with impunity that any treaty which did not suit her was merely a scrap of paper, to admit that a group of self-seeking German industrialists were powerful enough to block the way to demands which the Allies had pronounced legitimate."

Sees Germany Weakening.

"It is significant that German defiance is now visibly weakening. For the great industrialists who forced the issue now see the writing on the wall. Their one hope was that France would weaken in the face of British or American pressure; and that hope has vanished. That is why there are already signs of a more serious offer, and even the possibility of the neutralization of the Rhine region, and if that result is achieved, the Ruhr operation will have succeeded after all other methods have failed."

Mr. Lyon, who during the war purchased the London "Outlook" to give expression to his views, said that he had been "struck by the fact that those who proclaim most loudly that the Treaty of Versailles is unworkable are generally among those who for one reason or another do not want the Treaty to become operative. 'I am inclined to think,' he continued, "that if Monsieur Clemenceau had remained in power the situation would have been different to-day. But, as you know, neither President Wilson or M. Clemenceau had much to do with the execution of the Treaty."

Referring to Lloyd George, Mr. Lyon said: "It would ill behoove any Englishman to criticize Mr. Lloyd George without first paying the fullest tribute to the ever memorable service which he rendered to the State. For to Mr. Lloyd George, more than any other English politician, belongs the credit of winning the war." Quoting Macaulay to the effect that the younger Pitt was one of the greatest of Prime Ministers in time of peace, but an absolute failure in time of war, Mr. Lyon said that exactly the reverse could be said of Lloyd George.

If Stanley Baldwin failed, he said, the "Labor Party will come into power in England before its due time."

Mr. Lyon said that Premier Poincare "will always be respected, but he will never be popular, and, like any other French Prime Minister, he might be driven out of power any day."

"One cannot close any discussion of this whole subject," said Mr. Lyon, "without at least referring to the possibility of your country again participating in one way or another in European affairs; and I may say that the United States and Great Britain have in common the fact that they are the principal creditors of the rest of the world."

Britons Full of Courage.

"Whether or not you ever come to our aid is entirely your own business. If you do you must choose your own time, just as, very properly, you chose your own time for coming into the war. In the meantime, you have every right to regard us as poor relations, but you would make a mistake if you thought of us as effete, or as inactive, or as being absolutely inefficient. On the contrary we are full of courage, we are making progress, and, above all, we think, we feel, we know that the country which produced your forefathers can still cope with all human beings."

France Compares Debts and Claims—Critics in Paris Say that We Ask from Allies as Much as They from Germany.

The New York "Times" printed the following copyright advices from Paris June 18:

The news that Secretary Mellon is coming to Europe gives Paris occasion to recall that in the liquidation of war indebtedness the United States is asking from the Allies about as much as the Allies are asking from Germany, and about twice as much as Germany in her latest and best proposal offers the Allies. This may be a disagreeable way in which to greet Mr. Mellon, but it is the welcome Europe is preparing for him if it turns out that he is coming on a collecting trip.

This is the reasoning of the European critics of the United States.

The Allies are asking Germany to pay 132,000,000,000 marks in forty-two years. It is figured that the present value of this sum is 50,000,000,000 marks, or \$12,500,000,000.

England owes the United States \$4,000,000,000, or 16,000,000,000 gold marks. France owes the United States equivalent of 15,300,000,000 gold marks; Italy, 7,400,000,000 marks; Belgium, 1,700,000,000 marks; the Little Entente Nations and Poland, another 1,400,000,000 marks. Add this up and you get some 42,000,000,000 gold marks, or \$10,500,000,000.

If you like, the Paris calculators will figure it the other way round. England is going to pay on her \$4,000,000,000 account an amount which in sixty-two years will total something more than \$10,000,000,000. For the \$6,500,000,000 the other Allies owe America it is estimated that on the same basis the payments would reach something more than \$16,000,000,000. Sixteen billion plus ten billion makes twenty-six billion dollars, whereas the total of the Allied claims—which the Allies never hope to collect in full—is 132,000,000,000 gold marks, or \$33,000,000,000. This, then, is the basis of the European statement that America wishes to get from the Allies about as much as the Allies demand from Germany.

Take the proposals of Germany. Her latest offer is to pay 1,500,000,000 gold marks per year for thirty years. The Paris calculators argue that England must pay America 600,000,000 gold marks annually, and if all the Allies had to pay in their proportion their payments would be 1,575,000,000 gold marks yearly to America for sixty-two years, whereas Germany proposes to pay approximately that amount for only thirty years.

Take it from another angle. Paris estimates the present value of the German offer of 45,000,000,000 marks at about 20,000,000,000 marks, or \$5,000,000,000, whereas, America wishes the Allies to pay her \$10,000,000,000.

The purpose of this argument is to prove that if the United States wishes to be paid, America should not find fault with the amount the Allies are asking from Germany, and, conversely, if America wishes the reparation total reduced America must contribute something to the sacrifice.

Proposal By American Farm Bureau Federation that President Harding Urge Withdrawal of 200,000,000 Bushels of Wheat to Lift Price to \$1.50.

A proposal that Secretary of Agriculture Wallace prevail upon President Harding to induce the farmers to avail of the new warehouse and intermediate credits Act "and withdraw from the visible supply for this year a minimum of 200,000,000 bushels of wheat by warehousing . . . that quantity on the farm financed through the intermediate credits bank" has come from Gray Silver, the Washington representative

of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Mr. Silver proposes that there be no distribution of the 200,000,000 bushels "during this consumptive year," but that that amount be "carried forward to augment next year's crop at harvest time." Such a move would in my opinion," says Mr. Silver, "allow co-operative and orderly marketing and lift wheat from 75 or 80 cents, the present price, to \$1 40 or \$1 50, and would continue it on that basis through out this consumptive year, thereby being helpful to both producer and consumer and eliminating speculation." Mr. Silver's proposals were contained in the following telegram addressed to Secretary Wallace (who is accompanying President Harding on his trip to Alaska) at Cedar City, Utah, on June 27, and made public at Washington on July 1.

The President made a fine statement in Kansas supporting intermediate credits and warehousing.

As we have, in present crop and carry-over, approximately 1,000,000,000 bushels of wheat, with a home consumption of five bushels per capita, or 550,000,000 bushels and seed needs of 50,000,000 bushels more, and a possible export outlook of only 150,000,000 to 200,000,000 bushels, can you not get the President to advise the farmers to avail themselves at this time of the new warehousing and intermediate credit acts and withdraw from the visible supply for this year a minimum of 200,000,000 bushels of wheat by warehousing, under your supervision, that quantity on the farm, to be financed through the Intermediate Credit banks and not to be distributed during this consumptive year, but to be carried forward to augment next year's crop at harvest time?

In that way it will give the farmers an opportunity to adjust their acreage in the fall and spring seedings so that no unduly large surplus need exist at that time. Such a move would, in my opinion, allow co-operative and orderly marketing and lift wheat from 75 or 80 cents, the present price, to \$1 40 or \$1 50, and would continue it on that basis throughout this consumptive year, thereby being helpful to both producer and consumer and eliminating speculation. I know of no more helpful thing our President can say on this trip than to encourage a carrying out of this plan.

In a statement regarding his proposal Mr. Silver said:

I was prompted to thus urge the President because of the prospective heavy yield of wheat throughout the world and the heavy carry-over in the United States. We have information through the Department of Agriculture to the effect that our crop this year will be about \$17,000,000 bushels. The carry-over is variously estimated at 40,000,000 to 60,000,000 bushels more than average, or between 130,000,000 and 150,000,000 bushels. This will mean that in round numbers we will have approximately 1,000,000,000 bushels of wheat to dispose of this year.

Commercial estimates of the yield of wheat in Canada place the yield of spring wheat at 300,000,000 bushels, or about 15,000,000 more than the yield during the last five years, with the exception of last year's bumper crop. India, which already has harvested its crop, has a large exportable surplus. Last year she had only 9,000,000 bushels for export. This year she has a surplus estimated from 60,000,000 bushels to 90,000,000 bushels.

Further word received through the Department of Agriculture indicated that in eighteen countries in the Northern Hemisphere slightly larger acreage will be harvested this year than last, and these countries represent about 70% of the wheat area of the Northern Hemisphere.

The wheat of Europe, outside of Russia, including all of the important countries except Hungary and Germany, shows an increase of 700,000 acres, and an average crop on this increased acreage would mean a surplus of 11,000,000 bushels over that of last year. Reports so far available from Russia indicate increased spring seeding. Spring seedings, especially in the Southern Hemisphere, are on a larger scale than last year.

The latest information from the International Institute at Rome forecasts a reduction of 142,000,000 bushels in Spain this year, compared with 125,000,000 last. A recent forecast from Bulgaria predicts a crop of 10,000,000 bushels greater than last year. Grouping a number of countries together, the institute forecasts the 1923 production in Spain, Bulgaria, Poland, India, Japan, Egypt, Algeria and Morocco at 750,785,000 bushels, which is 93,793,000 bushels greater than the amount produced by these countries last year.

On July 5 supplementing his statement made earlier in the week Mr. Silver declared that the farmers "are not proposing any Government valorization scheme or the undertaking of any Governmental risk or subsidy." Replying to objections cited by the Farm Loan Board that it would not lend money for speculative purposes, he insisted that the plan was one of orderly marketing rather than one of holding for speculative purposes. Mr. Silver also said:

The suggested orderly marketing of this surplus by supplying the credit to farmers through the Intermediate Credit banks is merely a method of restoring the price of wheat to a normal level or at about the cost of production. This does not mean that the price of bread would be raised, for, according to Congressional investigations, the price of bread had very little to do with the price of wheat.

It was shown in a Congressional investigation in the fall of 1920, when wheat was selling at twice the present price, that a 10-cent loaf of bread would still sell for 8 cents or more if all of the ingredients necessary to the making of the bread were contributed without cost. So bread can be put on the table cheaper than fruit, vegetables, butter, meats or anything that enters into our daily life.

Sydney Anderson Says Wheat Council of United States Will Seek to Effect Balance Between Wheat Consumption and Production.

In announcing the opening on July 3 of permanent headquarters in the Methodist Temple Building, Chicago, of the Wheat Council of the United States, which was formed at the National Wheat Conference in Chicago last month, Representative Sydney Anderson, one of the directors of the Council, stated on the 2d inst. that the efforts of the Council will be directed toward effecting an approximate

balance between domestic wheat production and consumption. According to Mr. Anderson, the Council will not confine its attention to wheat alone, but will co-operate in all sound economic movements to promote the general welfare of the farmer. The Council, he said, will work "to bring the control of the American wheat market from Liverpool to a point in the United States." Mr. Anderson is also quoted as saying:

While I cannot undertake to speak for the directors of this corporation, I am personally of the opinion that the first effort should be directed toward increasing the consumption of wheat, as this can be undertaken at once and will affect the price of the crop presently to be harvested. The permanent solution of the problem depends, however, upon development and application of methods for organizing and controlling the production and marketing of wheat in this country, and the more advantageous disposition of such surplus as may exist above domestic consumption.

It is my opinion that co-operative organization offers the best means for accomplishing this purpose and my hope is that the Council will undertake to establish the basis upon which organization and control of marketing of wheat can be effected and given constructive aid in developing the necessary agencies and associations for this purpose.

It is my view that modern agriculture must be an organized agriculture. It seems probably that the control of the situation will be found in the relatively few States producing a surplus beyond their own requirements and that the organization of the relatively small proportion of the production in those States will be sufficient to establish a condition of stability and equilibrium.

The creation of the Council was reported to in our June 23 issue, page 2843.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace Says Administration Is Not Seeking to Prevent Future Trading or Legitimate Speculation.

Deprecating "persistent rumors which have come out of some of the future trading markets to the effect that his administration of the law was driving or would drive operators out of the market and cause severe declines in prices," Secretary of Agriculture Wallace states that "it was not the intention of the framers of the law to prevent future trading, hedging or legitimate speculation, nor to interfere with the normal and proper operation of future trading markets" and denounced the rumor mongers. According to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of June 29, this denunciation of Secretary Wallace was contained in a statement sent by him to Washington on June 28, and was in answer to allegations, it is understood, respecting the new regulations governing future trading on grain markets under the jurisdiction of the Futures Act. Regarding Secretary Wallace's further statement, we quote as follows from the "Journal of Commerce":

Urges Co-operation.

"Violent opponents of the law have always claimed that the price of grain is regulated by supply and demand," said Mr. Wallace. "How has this law affected supply and demand? Some have said that the decline in wheat prices is due to this law. What about corn prices? Doesn't the law affect corn exactly as it affects wheat? If it drives down the price of one, why not the other?"

"If some of these gentlemen would stop their misrepresentations of the law, and co-operate in administering it, it would be better for all concerned. I have no intention of trying to control prices or to interfere with normal speculation. If the law has unfavorably affected legitimate operations it is not the fault of the law not its administration but of persistent misrepresentations by men who ought to know better."

"The quicker the law and the rules and regulations are accepted in good faith as normal conditions which must be met, the better it will be for every legitimate interest."

Markets Changes Rules.

Announcement was made to-day that grain exchanges designated by the department for future grain trade at Los Angeles, San Francisco, Milwaukee, Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Duluth and St. Louis had changed their by-laws to conform to the provisions of the Act. The Grain Futures Administration has established in Chicago and Minneapolis offices in charge of supervisors, who keep in close touch with the transactions of those markets.

Reports will be required before the opening of the market the following day on the net position; quantity of grain bought and sold on contracts; grain delivered and received; aggregating on all long and short accounts net position at the end of day, and net position of each separate account if net position equals or exceeds such amounts as may be specified by the administration.

Barley, rye, sorghum, oats and corn, as well as wheat, are affected.

Text of Regulations Issued by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

The signing on June 22 by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace of general rules and regulations governing future trading in grain was noted in our issue of a week ago, page 2950. The following is the text of the regulations as published in the "Journal of Commerce" of June 30:

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE GRAIN FUTURES ACT OF SEPT. 21 1922, WITH RESPECT TO CONTRACT MARKETS.

1. These rules and regulations are made and prescribed with respect to contract markets under the Grain Futures Act of Sept. 21 1922, a copy of which is hereto annexed. These rules and regulations shall apply and be enforced only in accordance with and subject to the provisions of said Act and shall not prevent the legitimate application or enforcement of any valid by-law, rule, regulation or requirement of any contract market

which is not inconsistent or in conflict with the Act and these rules and regulations.

2. Each contract market shall make, or cause to be made by its clearing members, reports to the Grain Futures Administration showing the facts specified in this regulation upon forms prescribed for the purpose by the Grain Futures Administration. If such contract market has a clearing house organization which obtains and keeps reliable reports and records, reports may be accepted from such clearing house organization and the members of such organization may be relieved from making individual reports to the extent that the clearing house organization by authorization of such contract market supplies the facts called for by these regulations.

Reports to be Daily.

Except when otherwise specified in writing by the Grain Futures Administration upon good cause shown, the reports shall be made as soon as possible after the close of the market on each business day and not later than thirty minutes before the official opening of the trading session on the next following business day. Each such report shall be prepared carefully but in case any errors or omissions are discovered a memorandum thereof shall be furnished as soon as possible or with the next succeeding report. Each contract market shall deliver such reports or cause them to be delivered to the Grain Futures Administration in the city where such contract market is located. If there be no office of the Administration in such city the contract market shall mail such reports or cause them to be mailed in accordance with the instructions of the officers in charge of the Grain Futures Administration.

There shall be a report by or for each clearing member which shall include all contracts of sale of grain for future delivery, made on or subject to the rules of such contract market, to which he is a party either as seller or buyer. Such reports shall show separately for each kind of grain and each delivery month the following facts:

- The net position at the beginning of the period covered by the report.
- The quantity of grain purchased and the quantity of grain sold on such contracts during the period covered by the report.
- The quantity of grain delivered and the quantity of grain received on such contracts during the period covered by the report.
- The net position at the end of the period covered by the report.
- The aggregate of all "long" and the aggregate of all "short" accounts carried at the end of the period covered by the report by the clearing member for whom the report is made, and
- The net position at the end of the period covered by the report, of each separate account carried by such clearing member, when such net position equals or exceeds such amount as shall be specified in a written notice from time to time by the Grain Futures Administration to such contract market.

For the purposes of item (f), a distinguishing designation shall be used instead of the name of any person, but the name and address of such person shall be given upon request to a representative of the Grain Futures Administration authorized for the purpose by the officer in charge thereof. Such designation shall always be used for the same person and not for any other person and may be changed only by or with the approval of such representative.

Must Keep Records.

3. Each member of a contract market shall, in accordance with the requirements of subdivision (b) of Section 4 and subdivision (b) of Section 5 of the Act, keep the records required thereby with respect to transactions for future delivery and cash transactions in chronological order in such manner as to be readily accessible. He shall exhibit the same for inspection, or shall furnish true information or reports as to the contents or the meaning thereof when and as requested by a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture authorized for the purpose by the officer in charge of the Grain Futures Administration. Each member shall, when and as requested by such representative of the Department of Agriculture, make reports showing the identification, the kind, the grade, and the price of grain bought or sold by such member in the cash grain market. The records as to transactions for future delivery shall be so kept as to show whether or not the persons for whom such transactions are executed by each member are engaged in the cash grain business.

4. No representative of the Department of Agriculture shall, without the consent of the member, divulge or make known in any manner, except in so far as such representative may be required in order to perform his official duties or by a court of competent jurisdiction, any facts or information regarding the business of a member of a contract market which may come to the knowledge of such representative through any inspection or examination of the reports or records of, or through any information given by such member pursuant to the Act and these rules and regulations.

File Market Rules.

5. Each contract market shall as soon as possible from time to time furnish to the office of the Grain Futures Administration to which other reports are made, reports showing all changes proposed and (or) approved in membership or by-laws, rules or regulations, and any official order or announcements of the Board of Trade not previously reported.

6. Each member of a contract market shall furnish, or cause to be furnished or exhibited, to the governing board of such contract market when requested by it, and to the officer in charge of the Grain Futures Administration or his representative when requested by him, a true copy of any report, circular, letter or telegram published or given general circulation by such member concerning crop or market information or conditions that affect or tend to affect the price of commodities, and the true source or authority of such member for the information therein contained.

7. Every member of a contract market shall promptly report to the governing board of such contract market and to the officer in charge of the Grain Futures Administration, or his representative, all information in the possession of such member relating to any attempted manipulation or prices or corner of any grain by any dealer or operator upon such board.

8. For the purposes of these rules and regulations, unless the context otherwise require,

- Words in the singular form import the plural and vice versa, as the case may demand;
- "Person" includes individuals, associations, partnerships, corporations and trusts;
- The act, omission or failure of any official, agent, or other person acting for any individual, association, partnership, corporation or trust, within the scope of his employment or office, shall be deemed the act, omission or failure of such individual, association, partnership, corporation or trust, as well as of such official, agent or other person;
- "Grain" means wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, flax and sorghum;
- "Future delivery" does not include any sale of cash grain for deferred shipment or delivery;
- "Board of trade" means any exchange or association, whether incorporated or unincorporated, of persons who shall be engaged in the business of buying or selling grain or receiving the same for sale on consignment;

(g) "Contract market" means a board of trade designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as a contract market under the Grain Futures Act;

(h) "Contract of sale" includes sales, agreements of sale and agreements to sell;

(i) "Delivery month" means the month of delivery specified in a contract of sale of grain for future delivery;

(j) "Clearing member" means a member of a contract market whose name appears as seller or as buyer of a contract of sale of grain for future delivery made on or subject to the rules of such contract market regardless of whether such contract be actually cleared or not, and

(k) "Grain Futures Administration" means the officer or officers designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the provisions of the Grain Futures Act.

Plans to Form Voluntary Wheat Pool in Northwestern Canada Voted by Farmers, After Governmental Efforts Fail.

While announcement was made June 22 to the effect that after prolonged conferences between the Premiers of Saskatchewan and Alberta with representatives of farmers' organizations, the conclusion had been reached that "it is not possible to form a satisfactory wheat board," press dispatches from Saskatoon, Sask., July 5, stated that the Farmers' Union of Canada had voted on the 5th "to form a voluntary wheat pool for the 1923 crop and communicated with other farmer organizations in the Western provinces, seeking co-operation." It was likewise stated in Winnipeg press advices July 5 that a wheat pool for the three Prairie provinces, with the fullest possible inter-provincial co-operation, was recommended that day by the executive committee of the United Farmers of Manitoba, meeting in special session at Winnipeg. In referring to the conclusions which were announced on June 22 by Premier C. A. Dunning of Saskatchewan and Premier Herbert Greenfield of Alberta, the Toronto "Globe" of June 23 said in a Canadian press dispatch from Winnipeg:

Failure of Wheat Board plans, for the second year in succession, will leave the Western wheat crop to be marketed under existing machinery. While there has been talk from time to time of a voluntary pool, no definite steps have been taken in that direction.

The statement issued by the Premiers follows:

We have reached the conclusion, which is concurred in by representatives of the farmers' organizations who have been co-operating with us, that it is not possible to form a satisfactory Wheat Board. Having made no statements during the progress of the negotiations, it is now necessary to advise the public fully regarding the whole matter.

The decision of the Legislatures of Alberta and Saskatchewan authorizing the respective Governments to form a compulsory Wheat Board was based upon the idea then commonly held that the Province of Manitoba would also become a party to the plan, under the conditions laid down by Premier Bracken. The Governments and Legislatures of both our Provinces were confident that the inclusion of Manitoba would make possible the formation of a Wheat Board.

With the wheat of all three Provinces under a board, there could be no market for wheat "futures" at Winnipeg, which would probably have settled the question for the grain trade generally, and would undoubtedly have affected the point of view of men whose services are necessary in an expert capacity on a wheat board.

When the Manitoba Legislature decided not to co-operate with us in forming a wheat board we were placed in a position similar to that of one year ago. It was certain that trading in wheat on the exchange would continue, and men who, with a board operating in three Provinces, might have been available, preferred to continue their ordinary grain trading activities. After making every possible effort by negotiations with individuals without success, we concluded there could be no board unless the two great farmers' grain companies were able to assist by assuming a large share of responsibility for its operation. We, therefore, requested a joint meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company and United Grain Growers.

The result of this meeting was that representatives of both companies were appointed to assist us in securing the necessary expert personnel, and also to act as members of a wheat board when formed. The nominees of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company were: Hon. J. A. Maharg, President of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association and Vice-President of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co.; J. B. Musselman, Managing Director of the Company, and H. C. Fleming, Director of the company and executive member of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers, together with F. W. Riddell, General Manager of the company. The nominees of the United Grain Growers, Limited, were: H. W. Wood, President of the United Farmers of Alberta, and John F. Reid and J. J. MacLellan, Directors of the U. G. G.

Each of the companies assured us that any practical experts on their respective staffs would be free to accept positions as officers of the Wheat Board, but that the Wheat Board would have to approach such men as individuals.

Since the appointment of the representatives of the farmers' companies we have endeavored, in consultation with them, to secure the services of men to fill the positions of greatest responsibility on the proposed board, but without success.

Furthermore, a proposal that the board sell the wheat through an agency arrangement was fully canvassed. This plan failed to secure complete support, and had to be abandoned.

We regret, therefore, to state, on behalf of ourselves and the representative men co-operating with us, that we have found it impossible to secure a board combining all necessary elements of experience, ability and public confidence.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace Says Low Farm Prices are Not Due to Reduction in Exports.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace referred on June 15 to the fact that "a great many people seem to have had the notion that the low prices for farm products during the past

three years have been due to a reduction in our exports. Under this misconception they have urged the adoption of various political and economic devices which they thought might increase agricultural exports. The fact of the matter is," said Mr. Wallace, "that our exports of farm products during the past three years have been far greater than before the war and greater even than during the war years." He added:

Take our eight principal food crops: Corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, rice, and potatoes. The average annual exports of these eight crops for the years 1920 to 1922 inclusive were 142% greater than the average annual exports of these same crops for the years 1905 to 1914 inclusive. During the past three years our corn exports were 82% greater than in the pre-war years named; our wheat exports 140% greater; our oats exports 37% greater; barley, 116% greater, rye, 2,600% greater; buckwheat, 114% greater; rice, 2,212% greater; potatoes, 125% greater.

The total volume of exports of these crops, measured in bushels, was even greater by 18% during the post-war years 1920 to 1922 inclusive than during what we may call the war years, 1915 to 1919 inclusive.

In the case of animal food products our average annual exports during the pre-war years 1905 to 1914 inclusive amounted to 921,000 tons. During the war years 1915 to 1919 inclusive our exports more than doubled, being an average of 2,023,000 tons. During the post-war years 1920 to 1922 inclusive our exports amounted to 1,401,000 tons, an increase of 52% over the pre-war period.

From these statistics it ought to be perfectly clear that low prices for farm products were not caused by lack of export demand.

We have been producing more than in the pre-war years. In the case of the eight crops named the average annual production in bushels was 16% greater during the post-war years 1920 to 1922 inclusive than during the pre-war years. The production of corn was 14% greater, of wheat 17%, oats 19%, rye 98%, rice 104%, potatoes 18%; there was a decreased production of barley of 4% and of buckwheat of 15%.

Not only was the production of these crops greater during the post-war years than during the pre-war years, but it was more than 2% greater during the post-war years than during the war years of 1915 to 1919.

Unless production is fairly well adjusted to demand, prices will be disappointing. We are far more dependent upon Europe for markets for our cotton than for our food products, and the price for cotton is not depressed. The average annual production of cotton for the three years 1920 to 1922 inclusive was 10,385,000 bales, whereas the annual production from 1905 to 1914 inclusive was 12,950,000 bales.

In considering the matter of future exports of our agricultural products, it must be remembered that the probable tendency will be downward. European agriculture is become more productive and no doubt economic conditions are becoming more stable. As normal conditions in Europe are re-established, their purchases of our surplus will become more normal.

Meeting of Agricultural Economists in Washington July 11 and 12 to Consider Corn, Hog and Wheat Outlook—Wheat Crop Report Available July 9.

A forecast of the corn-hog situation and of the wheat situation is to be made by a group of agricultural economists and statisticians called into conference by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. The conference will be held at Washington, D. C., July 11 and 12, when a forecast and resume of the prospective domestic and foreign demand for corn and hogs, and wheat will be prepared. An announcement made by Secretary Wallace's office says:

The conferees will have available the results of the nation-wide pig count just completed by the Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Post Office Department, giving estimates of the spring pig crop and intentions of farmers to breed for fall litters. There will also be available the Government crop estimate of corn acreage and production to be released July 9. With these sets of facts as a basis for forecasts the Committee is expected to announce information which will be helpful to farmers in making their program for next fall and winter.

On wheat the Government crop report of July 9, giving the condition of spring and winter wheat and a forecast of total production, will be available to the conferees. This information considered together with the latest available figures on wheat movement and supply in the United States and abroad, will enable the committee to prepare a rather comprehensive report on the outlook of the world wheat situation. Cotton will not be considered at this conference.

The conference will also prepare a report on probable demand at home and abroad during the next six or nine months.

Manchester, Liverpool and Havre Accept Recommendation on United States Cotton Standards.

The Liverpool Cotton Association in general meeting July 2 unanimously adopted the recommendation of their board of directors accepting the proposals submitted to their delegates by the United States Department of Agriculture, according to a cable just received by the Department. The latter's announcement of this July 2 says:

This proposal stated: "In case the European cotton associations adopt the official cotton standards of the United States for grade and color as universal standards, the Secretary of Agriculture will take such action as may be necessary under Section 4 of the United States Cotton Standards Act, to vest in the present and next succeeding (annually elected) members of the Boards of Appeal of the Liverpool Cotton Association, the association du Commerce des Cotons of Havre, and the Bremen Cotton Exchange, the authority to finally determine the true classification as to grade and color, in accordance with said standards of cotton of American growth exported from the United States."

As agreed by American exporters and the Department of Agriculture in conference May 29, the Department sees no objection, during the coming crop season for American exporters to define the United States cotton standards in terms of their equivalents in Liverpool and other recognized foreign standards and to guarantee that shipments on the United States standards shall equal the specified foreign equivalent.

The Liverpool Cotton Exchange has given notice that they desire certain changes in the universal standards. Since the law requires that the changes proposed be agreed upon a year in advance of the time when they go into effect, Messrs. C. R. Taylor and J. C. Finlay of the Liverpool Cotton Exchange will sail Wednesday for the United States to confer with representatives of the cotton trade and the United States Department of Agriculture upon the proposed changes.

Under date of June 25 cablegrams from Manchester, England, to the daily papers reported as follows the acceptance by the directors of the Manchester Cotton Association of the United States cotton standards:

The directors of Manchester Cotton Association unanimously adopted to-day the report submitted by their delegates, who recently returned from America after presenting Manchester's case for modification of the new United States Cotton Standards Act. This means that the Washington agreement with the delegates will be ratified and signed, and that Manchester will take its place with the other cotton exchanges of the world.

William Heaps, of the Manchester Cotton Association, who returned to Liverpool from the United States on June 25, was quoted as follows in a Liverpool cablegram published in the New York "Commercial":

I am thoroughly satisfied with my trip to Washington. We secured concessions most favorable to the Lancashire spinners. Cotton in the future will be sampled at the port of embarkation. The standard will not be altered without the approval of the international committee.

The United States will accept the decision of Liverpool and Manchester on disputes as to quality.

It is also reported that the Havre Cotton Exchange has accepted the American standards. The conference in June in Washington of British, French and American cotton trade representatives to consider the use of American cotton standards in international trade, and the return of the Liverpool delegates to report in the matter was referred to in these columns June 16, page 2727.

Cotton Standards Are Compared—Europeans Measure Manchester with United States Standards.

The following from Manchester (Eng.) June 15 appeared in the "Journal of Commerce" of June 29:

This market has been particularly interested in developments in connection with the new cotton standards. There has been considerable irritation at what has been considered the arbitrary action of the American Government, and some concern over the effect this will have upon the relations of the Manchester to the European cotton markets. The "Guardian" states that it has received information on the latter point which indicates a more general acceptance of the standards than had been anticipated. According to the "Guardian":

"The mere change of standards is not a vital matter, although it is considered somewhat high-handed to make it compulsory upon the rest of the world as well as the United States. What matters most, however, is whether arrangements have been made for Liverpool, Havre and Bremen arbitrations in cases of dispute as to the grade of the cotton supplied. As to this, we publish a statement below. Yesterday the European delegates cabled to the Manchester Association: 'The delegates consider the standards satisfactory and even-running. The standards have been made up from compressed cotton, but owing to the cotton not touching the box lid, the standards have an uncompressed appearance.' The cablegram from the European delegates further stated that while in Washington they had carefully compared the new American standards with those of Liverpool and considered that their relation to each other was as under:

American Standards.	English Equivalents.
Strict good middling.....	Middling fair.
Good middling.....	Fully good middling.
Strict middling.....	Good middling.
Middling.....	Fully middling.
Strict low middling.....	Fully low middling to middling.
Low middling.....	Low middling to fully low middling.
Strict good ordinary.....	Fully good ordinary to low middling.
Good ordinary.....	Good ordinary to fully good ordinary.

"According to the Washington correspondent of the 'Morning Post,' the agreement provides that the standards established by the Department of Agriculture shall be designated not solely 'American Standards,' but by the name of each exchange party. For example, the Department of Agriculture will have a box of samples labeled 'Liverpool Standards,' and a corresponding box will be sent to Liverpool, placed in the Cotton Exchange there, and accepted by all persons as the official standards by which cotton is bought and sold on the Liverpool market. This agreement is to remain in force for one year, and then can only be changed with the consent of all parties to the agreement. The Secretary for Agriculture agrees to use his discretionary power under the Act to recognize the Liverpool system of arbitration and to accept its award as final, thus continuing the present practice in the cotton trade, which has worked successfully for half a century."

Manchester Operatives and Employees Sign Cotton Wage Pact for Eight Months.

From the "Journal of Commerce" of June 28 we quote the following from Manchester under date of June 6:

The wages question, so far as the general body of operatives in the cotton trade are concerned, has now been settled definitely until the end of January next and possibly for a further period of eight months. The existing rates of wages are to be maintained in the meantime, but the employers are given the option of terminating them by tendering a month's notice as from Jan. 25, and either side may take such action eight months later.

Yesterday representatives of all of the organizations concerned met at the Manchester offices of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations, where the following agreement was signed:

As the result of joint conferences between representatives of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations, Limited, the Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Association, the Amalgamated Association of Card and Blowing Room Operatives, the Amalgamated Association of Operative

Cotton Spinners, the Amalgamated Weavers' Association, and the Northern Counties Textile Trades Federation, held for the purpose of considering the question of wages in the cotton industry, it has been agreed as follows:

That the present rates of wages shall continue in operation until Jan. 25 1924. After that date the employers shall be at liberty to take whatever action they think fit on giving one month's notice.

The operatives' organizations further agree not to make any application for a general advance in wages until after a further period of eight months from Jan. 25 1924.

On Sept. 25 1924 both sides shall be at liberty to take whatever action they think fit on giving one month's notice.

Dated this 5th day of June 1923.

Signed on behalf of the employers:

F. HOLYROVD, President,
JOHN POGSON, Secretary,

of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations, Limited.

F. A. HARGREAVES, Chairman,
THOMAS ASHURST, Secretary,

of the Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Association.

Signed on behalf of the operatives:

JAMES CRINION, President,
WILLIAM THOMASSON, Secretary.

of the Amalgamated Association of Card and Blowing Room Operatives.

EDWARD JUDSON, President,
HENRY BOOTHMAN, Secretary.

of the Amalgamated Association of Operative Cotton Spinners.

J. W. OGDEN, President,
JOSEPH CROSS, Secretary.

of the Amalgamated Weavers' Association.

W. C. ROBINSON, President,
LUKE BATES, Secretary,

of the Northern Counties Textile Trades Federation.

Manchester Curtails United States Cotton Operations.

Manchester advices to the daily papers June 26 said:

The Master Cotton Spinners' Federation has decided that mills spinning American cotton shall continue to work half-time throughout July and August. This will affect 100,000 spinners and 200,000 weavers.

Marketing of Cotton Grown in Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas to be Under One Agency.

Under a decision reached by the directors of the Tennessee Cotton Growers' Association on June 15 the marketing of the cotton growers by members of their organization will be placed in the hands of the same selling agency as that handling the cotton crop of the Arkansas Cotton Growers' Association. According to the Memphis "Commercial-Appeal," this decision was reached by the directors of the Tennessee Cotton Growers' Association following a conference with Charles G. Henry of Newport, Ark., President of the Arkansas Cotton Growers' Association. It was further announced that the cotton grown by members of the Missouri Cotton Growers' Association will be placed on the market by the same selling organization. The "Commercial-Appeal" also had the following to say in the matter:

The vote to combine the sale of Tennessee cotton with that of Arkansas was reached by the directors of the Tennessee association, who held their second meeting in Memphis yesterday. A. E. Markham, President of the association, presided. A committee of the Tennessee association conferred last week with Arkansas Association officials relative to the agreement.

The combined marketing of the cotton crop of the three States is expected to result in a material decrease in the cost of placing the crop on the market, and such an increase will enable the sales force to obtain better prices for the cotton.

"The Arkansas Cotton Growers' Association is being operated upon a very efficient basis and during the first year of its operation produced for its members a profit of between \$15 and \$40 more than they would have received if they had not been members of the association," according to Mr. Henry, who met with the Tennessee association directors yesterday.

"All the members are very enthusiastic over the work of the association in handling last season's crop and are looking forward to a large increase in the membership for this year. Eastern Arkansas has a greater per cent of its population in the association than any other portion of the State, but we have the financial support of the financial enterprises over the entire State.

Concentrate at Memphis.

"The fact that the members of the Tennessee association will market their crop under the same selling organization as Arkansas and Missouri does not mean that there will be a decrease in the volume of cotton concentrated at Memphis, but on the other hand, it will result in more cotton being concentrated at Memphis and other concentration points in Tennessee.

The directors of the Tennessee association are greatly pleased and elated over the joining of the association, according to R. S. Fletcher, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee organization. "This step we have just taken means that Tennessee will have the benefit of one of the most efficient cotton growers' associations in the South," he said.

The combination will affect about 200,000 bales pledged to the Arkansas association and 75,000 pledged so far to the Tennessee body.

E. O. Moser, Secretary of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange, the parent organization of the State associations, was present at the conference and outlined plans for a national membership campaign. The proposed campaign for new members will be conducted on a larger scale than any previous attempt, and will present the details of the cotton growers' association to every cotton grower in the United States.

The Tennessee organization will open headquarters Monday on the sixth floor of the McCall Building. R. S. Fletcher, Jr., as Secretary, will be in charge of the local office.

United States Continues Tests of Planes for Dusting Cotton to Kill Boll Weevil.

The work of the Department of Agriculture at Tallulah, La., in developing methods and apparatus for dusting cotton to kill the boll weevil, is being continued this summer and

heavier planes are being used, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture under date of June 21, adding:

In the spring three De Havilland 4B planes were detailed by the War Department for use in these tests, and competent engineers and pilots were also provided. Previously considerable work on this problem had been done with light machines, and the use of the larger ones has made it necessary to modify the distributing mechanism. Several types of dust hoppers have been made for meeting the new conditions, but it will probably require some time to develop a design which will be satisfactory. Mr. Goad, who has charge of the boll weevil laboratory for the Department of Agriculture, expects to have a fairly satisfactory permanent hopper installed in one of the planes for use in actual control work during the summer.

Several plantations near the landing field have been mapped and all arrangements have been made for dusting the cotton with the planes. The results of the new tests will be awaited with interest by all those connected with the cotton industry.

French Cotton Exchange Accepts American Standards.

According to an announcement made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture June 15, the Havre Cotton Exchange, upon recommendation of Pierre Du Pasquier, French delegate present at the World's Cotton Conference in Washington has cabled this representative accepting fully the proposition put before them by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In making this known the Department said:

The agreement reached provides for the adoption of American standards as universal standards for cotton of American growth, with the understanding that the United States Cotton Standards Act permits trading on the basis of millimetre designation, including strength and character in addition to length. The Department of Agriculture agrees that in the event that changes become apparently desirable, provision will be made for a revision of these standards by representatives of foreign cotton exchanges in conference with representatives of the American cotton industry and the Department of Agriculture.

The Secretary of Agriculture agrees to take such action as may be necessary under Section 4 of the United States Cotton Standards Act to vest in the members of the Havre Arbitration Appeals Committee the authority to determine finally the true classification as to grade and color, in accordance with said standards of cotton of American growth exported from the United States. This decision has been made in order to avoid the difficulties and delays which might result were all final appeals referred to Washington.

Mr. Du Pasquier states that the Havre Exchange will be glad to co-operate with the Department of Agriculture in any effort to improve the foreign cotton trade as it may hereafter be conducted under the new agreement.

Reference to the conference of foreign and American cotton men on world standards was made in our issue of June 16, page 2727.

New York Cotton Exchange to Have Museum.

One of the most novel museums in the world will be thrown open to the trade and visitors when the New York Cotton Exchange takes possession of its new home at William and Beaver Streets the latter part of the month. The museum, which will be the only one of its kind in existence, will, it is stated, visualize the history of cotton raising and the uses to which it has been put from the days of the Pharaohs down to the present time. The following additional facts are given:

Located on the twentieth floor of the most modern exchange building in the country, the cotton museum will contain exhibits depicting the transformation of the bloom of the cotton plant into the innumerable products which have made cotton one of the world's greatest industries.

A model of an electrically operated cotton mill, equipped with the most modern appliances, will be shown alongside the crude weaving frames on which cotton was first spun by hand. A modern cotton gin, in miniature, will also be one of the exhibits. Another interesting model will be that of one of the old Mississippi River stern-wheel steam boats, famed in song and story.

Considerable space in the museum will be devoted to the various insect pests which annually destroy millions of dollars worth of raw cotton, the most deadly of which is the boll weevil. It has been estimated that the destruction caused by this parasite has reached as high as three million bales of cotton a year. Millions of dollars have been spent in fighting this pest, and recently the members of the New York Exchange contributed \$100,000 to a national fund to carry on experiments to fight this menace to the industry.

There will be on exhibition, in jars of alcohol, all of the insect enemies of the cotton plant from all parts of the world in which cotton is grown. And one may see just how the various pests do their deadly work on the cotton plant, how the pests spread like a prairie fire over the cotton growing areas, and the methods used by the cotton planters to combat them.

Complete sets of all grades and kinds of cotton including American, Egyptian, Peruvian, Chinese, Indian, African, Brazilian, Mexican and Haitian cotton fibres will be on exhibition, as well as samples of the soils in which the cotton plant is grown in these countries.

After learning from the exhibits how cotton is cultivated, picked, ginned and spun, one may see the various uses to which it is put. Samples of the different materials made from cotton, such as dress goods, tire webbing, auto stock, &c., will be on display. There also will be an elaborate exhibit of the various chemicals with which cotton is dyed, showing the effect of the coloring matter on the fibre.

The museum will contain a very valuable collection of old documents having to do with the financing and delivery of cotton, and other priceless records of the cotton industry of more than half a century ago before the New York Cotton Exchange came into existence.

In addition to having a large technical library, in which every important work of the cotton industry may be found, the museum will contain an interesting exhibit of photographs from all cotton-raising countries incidental to the culture of cotton and manufacture of cotton products.

Many of these documents and photographs were collected by Leigh M. Pearsall, one of the board of managers of the Exchange, who will be the curator of the museum. Mr. Pearsall has advocated for years that such a museum would

be of value to the Exchange and the cotton industry and instructive to the public-at-large, and when the new home of the Exchange was planned he was insistent that space should be provided for the museum. In this he was backed up by J. Temple Gwathmey, former President, and E. E. Bartlett, Jr., the newly elected President of the Exchange.

Australian Wool Brokers and Growers Decide to Continue Wool Realization.

The "Journal of Commerce" announced the following from Sydney (Australia) June 15:

At a conference of the Australian wool-selling brokers and representatives of wool growers to-day, it was decided to follow the course pursued last year and spread the realizations over at least eight months, beginning on Sept. 11. It is estimated that the Australian offerings will total 1,600,000 bales.

Appointees Named by Department of Agriculture and Commerce to Study Production of Rubber.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced on June 25 that Dr. Carl D. La Rue, Dr. James R. Weir, E. L. Prizer and M. K. Jessup, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, are expecting to sail shortly after July 1 for Brazil, where they will undertake a biological study of rubber plants in different regions in the Amazon Valley. The Department said:

This trip is a result of the interest shown in rubber production near the close of the last Congress which resulted in a special appropriation for rubber investigation, providing funds for investigations by the Departments of Commerce and Agriculture. Dr. C. F. Marbut of the Bureau of Soils, will also accompany the party to make a study of the soils of this region in reference to rubber production.

The Department of Commerce on June 28 announced the naming by it of the following who will co-operate with those appointed by the Department of Agriculture in the study of South American rubber production: W. L. Schurz, U. S. Commercial Attache to Brazil, in charge, assisted by O. D. Hargis, rubber plantation expert; Dr. C. F. Marbut, Chief, Division of Soils of the Department of Agriculture; A. O. Perro and A. R. Bjorkland, of the Department of Commerce, Secretarial Assistants. D. M. Figart, a special agent of the Department of Commerce, left the United States last month for Southern India, Ceylon, British Malaya and the Dutch East Indies, where he will make a study of the rubber situation. He was accompanied by J. W. Van der Laan, of the Department of Commerce.

United States Department of Agriculture Extends Market News to South and West.

Extension of the market news service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture involving the establishment of one of the largest commercial leased telegraph wire and radio telegraph systems in the world was announced on June 28 by the Department of Agriculture effective July 1. The announcement said:

The main extension is from Kansas City to the Pacific Coast with new offices at Denver, Salt Lake City and Portland, Ore. In the Southeast a branch office is to be established at Atlanta in addition to the field stations already operating in that territory which cover the major producing districts. Offices at several other Southern points are being considered.

Additional branch offices for reporting the markets on fruits and vegetables will be opened early in July at Denver, Salt Lake City, Portland and Atlanta. Offices are now located at San Francisco and Los Angeles. A livestock and meats service will have additional branch offices at Denver, Salt Lake City, Portland and Atlanta. The leased wire system will run into San Francisco and the entire West Coast will be effectively covered both by radio and wire telegraph from San Francisco. Final decision has not been reached as to whether radio telegraph or leased wire will be used to the Southeastern States.

Authority for extension of the Department's service is contained in the appropriations voted by the last Congress providing for an increase of about \$300,000 to carry on the work, making a total approximately of \$700,000. During the war the leased wire system covered over 18,000 miles and connected practically all the leading market centres of the country. The service was regarded as an important factor in bringing the war to a successful conclusion by making available at all times the fullest information on the food situation. Following the war the service was curtailed until it comprised only 2,600 miles of wire, and only a comparatively few of the large Eastern and Middle Western markets could be covered. Last September an additional circuit was started from Kansas City to Austin, Texas, with a drop at Fort Worth.

Under present extensions of the service the leased wire system will cover approximately 7,000 miles. The circuit will extend from Boston south to Washington, thence west to San Francisco or Los Angeles. En route it will connect New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago, Fond du Lac, Wis., Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Omaha, Denver and Salt Lake City. A special line will run from Kansas City to Fort Worth and Austin, Texas. Contacts will also be made en route at various offices operated by State Departments of Agriculture. These will include Trenton, Lancaster, Harrisburgh, Columbia, Waupaca, Wis., Jefferson City, Mo., Sacramento and Austin, Tex. The Southeastern circuit contemplates reaching Richmond, Raleigh, Clemson College and Jacksonville.

The leased wire circuits are in operation from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily except Sundays, and through the development of code systems are more intensively used than any other leased wire system in existence, in the opinion of Department telegraphers. Official estimates place the amount

of traffic handled by the circuits prior to the present extensions at approximately \$650,000 per year based on commercial rates, with an actual cost to the Government of \$160,000, a saving of nearly \$500,000 annually.

All traffic is scheduled and controlled by the Washington office and is transmitted simultaneously to all the big market centres. During the night the Washington office receives hundreds of telegrams from railroads reporting the carload movement of perishable commodities over their respective divisions. These telegrams give the origin, destination, commodity and number of carloads in transit. The information is classified and tabulated and moved to all branch offices early the next morning to show graphically the total volume of perishable fruit and vegetable products moving to the various cities.

Following this information the estimated receipts at livestock markets are dispatched, followed by general reports on livestock, meats and other products showing supply, demand, wholesale prices and conditions. Flashes on cattle, sheep and hogs are dispatched. Butter and egg quotations, and local quotations and information from the big markets on fruits and vegetables follow. During the day considerable general information on cold storage products, peanuts, honey, hay, grain, feed, butter, eggs, cheese, livestock, fruits and vegetables moves over the circuits.

At the close of the day market summaries on all commodities are dispatched for release to more than 2,000 newspapers throughout the country. Special reports are also prepared for radio telephone or telegraph broadcasting stations and transmitted to the offices of distribution. The information received over the wires at the various branch offices is immediately communicated to producers and the trade by telephone, telegraph, radio and the press, so that almost at any moment farmers and the trade everywhere may have an accurate picture of the national agricultural market situation. Consuming centres are also advised as to the supplies of various products. This enables producers to regulate shipments so as to prevent the glutting or undersupplying of markets which according to Department officials is the outstanding value of the service as the result is stabilization of prices to both producers and consumers.

Federal Trade Commission to Discontinue Compilation of Paper Statistics.

The Federal Trade Commission on June 24 notified paper and pulp manufacturers, jobbers and publishers of the discontinuance July 1 of the collection, compilation and publication of information relating to the production and consumption of paper. In making this known the Commission said:

This statistical work was begun by the Commission in 1917, monthly reports were secured from paper manufacturers, jobbers and publishers, and monthly bulletins were published including information on production, consumption, shipments, receipts, commitments, stocks and prices.

While wide interest has been manifested in these statistics, there has been considerable difficulty in getting complete and prompt returns as the work is done entirely on a voluntary basis. Moreover, the heavy increase in the expense of the Commission for its legal work has made it seem necessary to reduce the amount of its appropriation allowed to economic and statistical work. In view of this condition, the Commission has determined to discontinue statistical work on paper.

Iron and Steel Institute Gives Assurance to President Harding 12-Hour Day Will Be Abolished When Surplus Labor Is Available—Correspondence With President.

The directors of the American Iron and Steel Institute, in response to an appeal from President Harding, have given assurance that the 12-hour day in the steel industry will be abolished when there is a surplus of labor available. This fact was made known in correspondence just given to the press. President Harding, before leaving for Alaska, made public on July 5 at Tacoma the correspondence between himself and the directors of the American Iron and Steel Institute, and, in a statement incorporated as a part of his address there, said "the large majority of the steel manufacturers of America . . . have undertaken to abolish the 12-hour day in the American steel industry at the earliest moment that the additional labor required shall be available." The "pledge" of the steel manufacturers, the President said, "would be welcomed by our people as a whole and would be received as a great boon by American workers." The letter to President Harding was signed by Elbert H. Gary, John A. Topping, W. A. Rogers, W. H. Donner, W. J. Filbert, E. A. S. Clarke, James A. Farrell, E. G. Grace, Willis L. King, James A. Burden, L. E. Black, Severn P. Ker, J. A. Campbell, A. C. Dinkey and Charles M. Schwab, directors of the American Iron and Steel Institute. Following is the complete correspondence between President Harding and the steel interests on the subject of the proposed eight-hour working day:

The White House, June 18 1923.

My Dear Judge Gary:—I have now had an opportunity of reading the full report of the commission of the Iron and Steel Institute on the question of the abolition of the twelve-hour day in the steel industry.

As I have stated before, I am of course disappointed that no conclusive arrangement was proposed for determination of what might be manifestly accepted as a practice that should be obsolete in American industry.

I still entertain the hope that these questions of social importance should be solved by action inside the industries themselves, for it is only such solutions that are consonant with American life and institutions.

I am impressed that in the reasoning of the report great weight should be attached to the fact that in the present shortage of labor it would cripple our entire prosperity if the change were abruptly made.

In the hope that this question could be disposed of I am wondering if it would not be possible for the steel industry to consider giving an understanding that before there shall be any reduction in the staff of employees

of the industry through any recession of demand for steel products, or at any time when there is a surplus of labor available, that then the change should be made from the two shift to the three-shift basis.

I cannot but believe that such an undertaking would give satisfaction to the American people as a whole and would indeed establish pride and confidence in the ability of our industries themselves to solve matters where so conclusively advocated by the public.

With very cordial expression of personal regard, I am very truly yours,
WARREN G. HARDING.

The letter from the directors of the Institute reads:

New York, June 27 1923.

To the Honorable Warren G. Harding, President of the United States:

Dear Mr. President—Careful consideration has been given to your letter of June 18 by the undersigned directors of the American Iron & Steel Institute, comprising all of those whose attendance could be secured at this time.

Undoubtedly there is a strong sentiment throughout the country in favor of eliminating the twelve-hour day, and this we do not underestimate. On account of this sentiment, and especially because it is in accordance with your own expressed views, we are determined to exert every effort at our command to secure in the iron and steel industry of this country a total abolition of the twelve-hour day at the earliest time practicable. This means the employment of large numbers of workmen on an eight-hour basis and all others on a basis of ten hours or less without an unjustifiable interruption to operations.

The change cannot be effected over-night. It will involve many adjustments, some of them complicated and difficult, but we think it can be brought about without undue delay when, as you state it, "there is a surplus of labor available."

The iron and steel manufacturers generally of the United States, outside of the directors referred to, are expected to concur in the conclusion reached by the directors as above stated.

With highest regards, we are cordially yours,

ELBERT H. GARY,	WILLIS L. KING,
JOHN A. TOPPING,	JAMES A. BURDEN,
W. A. ROGERS,	L. E. BLACK,
W. H. DONNER,	SEVERN P. KER,
W. J. FILBERT,	J. A. CAMPBELL,
E. A. S. CLARKE,	A. C. DINKEY,
JAMES A. FARRELL,	CHARLES M. SCHWAB,
E. G. GRACE,	

Directors, American Iron & Steel Institute.

The President in his speech referred with satisfaction to the pledge now given by the leaders of the steel industry. He spoke of the American school system and the social evolution which was setting up "new conditions of industry in this land," and continued:

Under old-time conceptions of fancied ease in professional life and the manifestly larger rewards of commerce there has been a tendency to get away from the trades and the tasks out of which are wrought the very essentials of all attainments. We must, we do recognize that the wage earner is quite as essential as the professional man, and the nobility of righteous employment is the same in either pursuit. Our aim ought to be not to rescue the oncoming generation from the essential pursuits and activities, but to equalize the rewards.

We can't cease work; there is no life without labor. It would not be endurable if there were.

We are making fine progress in the great social evolution. Long ago we set up new standards of living, new conditions of industry, in this land. We are constantly striving, not for conditions which tend to paralyze, but conditions of greater inspiration and fit contentment.

I am able to-day to give promise of a very notable forward step. It is my firm belief that one of the great avenues of progress in American life lies in the constant recognition of American industry, of its obligations to our society as a whole, and that many of our most successful steps in social progress are made through the voluntary action of industry itself in amelioration of those hardships that have grown from the rapid growth of industry.

It is very gratifying therefore to be able to announce an important step in such progress. I have received a joint communication from the large majority of steel manufacturers of America in which they have undertaken to abolish the twelve-hour day in the American steel industry at the earliest moment that the additional labor required shall be available.

Says It Will Heal a Sore.

Early in the Administration, feeling that a working day of this length was an anachronism in American life, that, regardless of any other consideration, it did not permit of the proper development of citizenship and family life, I suggested to the steel industry that they should appoint a committee to develop methods for its abolition. After an investigation, extended over some eighteen months, the steel manufacturers came to the conclusion that in view of the present shortage of labor such a revolution in the industry was infeasible.

Upon the receipt of this report I still felt that a pledge on the part of the steel manufacturers that they would undertake to respond to manifest public opinion in this matter would be welcomed by our people as a whole and would be received as a great boon by American workers. It is in response to this suggestion that I have received to-day the pledge to which I have referred.

I wish to congratulate the steel industry on this important step. It will heal a sore in American industrial life which has been the cause of infinite struggle and bitterness for over a generation, and it marks an accomplishment from the conscience of industry itself, a recognition of responsibility from employer to employee, that gives us faith in rightful solutions of the many tangled problems that are the concomitant of the rapid growth of America. It is an example that I trust the few other continuous processes in industry which still maintain the twelve-hour shift may rapidly follow. I should be proud indeed if my Administration were marked by the final passing of the twelve-hour working day in American life.

Elbert H. Gary, interviewed by the press on July 6 regarding his letter to President Harding promising the abolition of the 12-hour day in the iron and steel industry, said that efforts to eliminate the long working day would begin at once, although he did not know just how long it would take to completely abolish it.

According to the "Wall Street Journal,"—

Judge Gary repeated his statement made at the American Iron & Steel Institute meeting that the abolition of the 12-hour day would add about 15% to the cost of manufacturing steel.

Questioned whether this would mean a higher price to the consumer, he answered: "That is what it ought to mean, provided we were not getting sufficient profit without it. I am sorry to say that in the last few years there has not been sufficient profit."

Judge Gary made it plain the 8-hour day would be established in the continuous department of the steel industry where the men now work 12 hours, not merely as a basic working period.

He said about 60,000 more men would be required to man the industry under the reduced hours at the present rate of production, but that everything would be done to increase the use of machinery. He said the labor situation, while still showing a shortage, gave signs of improvement due to an influx of workmen from Mexico and Canada, the Philippine Islands and increased immigration from Europe. He repeated his view that the immigration laws should be amended to permit the entrance of a sufficient number of workers for the country's needs, although he did not favor unrestricted immigration, and added he believed his views were in accordance with those of the President.

Judge Gary pointed out that the 12-hour day in the steel industry had been inaugurated long before the corporation was organized, by the workmen themselves, and quoted a workman who in 1914 at the Steel stockholders' meeting said there had been times when the refusal of the employer to let the men work 12 hours would have caused a strike.

Judge Gary believes a large number of the men wanted to work long hours because of the additional compensation, but asserted he was strongly opposed to the 12-hour day because the sentiment of the times and country and the President's ideas were opposed to it. "We must move with the times," he said.

Abolition of the 12-hour day, Judge Gary said, would cause some reduction in steel production, but, he added, "we are determined to get rid of the 12-hour day at the earliest moment possible."

Tax Exemption Ordinance Signed by Mayor Hylan.

On July 2 Mayor Hylan approved the ordinance recently passed by the Board of Aldermen, which carries into effect, as far as New York City is concerned, the privilege, extended to local governments by the State Legislature, of exempting from local general taxation until Jan. 1 1932 dwellings upon which construction is begun between April 1 1923 and April 1 1924. As indicated on page 2950 of last week's issue, this ordinance provides for exemptions of \$5,000 for one-family houses, \$10,000 for two family houses, and \$15,000 for multi-family houses.

Mayor Hylan's Letter to Rodman Wanamaker Acknowledging Efforts of Those Aiding in Success of Silver Jubilee—Criticism of Citizens' Union.

Acknowledgment of the efforts of Rodman Wanamaker, William H. Woodin and others who in an official capacity assisted Mayor Hylan in bringing about the success of Greater New York's silver jubilee has been made by the Mayor. In a letter to Mr. Wanamaker expressing appreciation of the members of the various committees, the businessmen and "all who aided in the splendid achievement," the Mayor, however, criticized the Citizens' Union "which objected to the people spending \$500,000 to be used for the education of our children in boosting the City of New York." The following is the Mayor's letter:

City of New York, Office of the Mayor,
June 28 1923.

Rodman Wanamaker, Esq., Chairman Mayor's Committee on Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Greater City of New York.

Dear Mr. Wanamaker: The acknowledged success of New York's Silver Jubilee of Consolidation prompts this letter of hearty thanks to you, to Mr. William H. Woodin, Chairman of the Finance Committee, to the members of the General Committee, to the business men of the city and to all who aided in the splendid achievement.

It would have been a serious mission on the part of the city not to properly mark so important an event as the twenty-fifth year of the consolidation of the Greater City. Yet there were some who did not scruple to prevent the celebration by applications to the courts restraining the city from expending municipal funds.

The so-called "Citizens' Union," consisting of William J. Schieffelin, who prints and distributes complete lists of all the well-known brands of whiskey, gin, brandy and champagne, "for medicinal purposes," and Leonard M. Wallstein, the paid attorney of the Union, together with one other individual, did succeed in preventing the people of this city from spending their own money for the purpose of an educational exposition. They would have denied to the more than 500,000 school children who visited the exposition an opportunity to see the municipal machinery of government within the compass of a few hours, and they would have denied to hundreds of thousands of visitors, including Mayors and other executives, from out of town, an opportunity to become acquainted with many of the things in private as well as official life which have contributed to New York's greatness.

While the Citizens' Union objected to the people spending \$500,000 to be used for the education of our children in boosting the City of New York, they did not object to the expenditure of \$500,000 of the people's money for the defamation of the City of New York through the pernicious activities of the Meyer Investigating Committee, which the Citizens' Union was responsible for.

They did not object to the employment on that committee of a notorious felon to blackguard honest officials, not did Leonard M. Wallstein hesitate to pocket \$17,000 of the people's money for his services to that political muck-raking fishing excursion.

It is worthy of comment that many of those whose only contribution to the welfare of the city consists of obstructive tactics to prevent municipal authorities from initiating measures helpful to the people have been singularly successful in enlisting the aid of the courts. The thought suggests itself that if some of our judges would mingle occasionally with the ordinary folk who helped place them in office, thus permitting first-hand knowledge of the needs and desires of the great inarticulate masses, the humanitarian efforts of the present Administration might be attended with greater success. It is gratifying to know, however, that among the

visitors to the exposition were many progressive judges whose pronouncements from the bench have not savored of that "stick-in-the-bark-legalism," so roundly condemned by the late Theodore Roosevelt.

I am glad that the business men of this city performed a great duty so nobly, and that the organization which was perfected in so short a time overcame almost insuperable obstacles and insidious opposition and was able to present to the peoples of the world an exposition which both for rapidity and beauty of realization has seldom been surpassed.

There is not a resident of the City of New York who will deny that the act of consolidation twenty-five years ago was a beneficent step in municipal Government, nor can there be any who will deny that the celebration of that event was demanded by that civic spirit which prompted the great body of our citizenship to join as one in commemoration of so epochal an occasion.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

JOHN F. HYLAN, Mayor.

An account of the jubilee appeared in our issue of Saturday last, page 2949.

Demands Adopted by Anthracite Miners.

The full text of the demands with respect to wages and working conditions presented on June 29 to the anthracite miners at their tri-district convention in Scranton, Pa., and referred to in these columns last week, page 2953, follows:

1. We demand that the next contract be for a period of two years with complete recognition of the United Mine Workers of America, Districts Nos. 1, 7 and 9.

2. We demand that the contract wage scale shall be increased 20%. all day men shall be granted an increase of \$2 per day; that the contract laborers' increase now being paid by the operators shall be added to the contract rates; that the differential in cents per day between classifications of labor previous to the award of the United States Anthracite Coal Commission shall be restored.

3. We demand uniformity and equalization of all day rates and that skilled mechanics, such as carpenters, blacksmiths, &c., shall be paid the recognized standard rates existing in the region, which rates should not be less than 90 cents per-hour as a basis; and that engineers and pumpmen who do repair work on their engines and pumps shall be paid the mechanics' rate quoted herein for this repair work; that all day men shall be paid time and one-half for overtime and double time for Sundays and holidays.

4. We demand that the provisions of the eight-hour clause in the present agreement shall be applied to all persons working in or around the anthracite collieries coming under the jurisdiction of the U. M. W. of A. regardless of the occupations, and that in the bringing of these employees under the eight-hour day their basis shall be arrived at in the same manner as the basis was arrived at in the case of pumpmen and enginners, plus the increase demanded in Section 2 of this document; and further, that inside day labor shall work on the basis of straight eight hours underground.

5. We demand coal where coal is paid for by the car it shall be changed and payment shall be made on the ton basis of 2,240 pounds, and where dockage and penalties are now imposed for refuse, that the amount of such refuse to be permitted in any car shall be fixed by the mine committee and colliery officials in conformity with the agreement and that the present unreasonable penalties and dockage shall be abolished.

6. We demand a more liberal and satisfactory clause in the agreement covering the question of miners who encounter abnormal conditions in their working places, and that to correct this situation the following quotation, "unless otherwise directed by the foreman" shall be stricken from the agreement covering this particular subject and that the consideration rate of each colliery should be equivalent to the average daily earnings of contract miners under normal conditions and that for dead work performed by the contract miner, he shall be paid this consideration rate.

7. We demand payment for all sheet iron, props, timber, forepolling, extra and abnormal shoveling, where such is not now paid for, and that jack-hammers shall be supplied to miners free of charge and that company workers shall be supplied with tools free of charge.

8. We demand that a uniform rate of twenty cents per inch be paid for refuse in all kinds of mining up to 10 feet wide, and that the rate for blasting top and botton rock shall not be less than thirty cents per inch, with the understanding that those rates are to be the minimum, not affecting higher rates that exist.

9. We demand that after a grievance has been disposed of by the Conciliation Board and referred to the umpire, that the umpire shall likewise render his decision within thirty days, said decision to be based upon equity, if requested by complainant.

10. We demand that the wage schedules be brought up to date, containing all new rates and occupations, and that mine committees shall be authorized to meet with company officials and agree upon rates for new work, before such work is commenced, and that such rates shall be added to the rate sheet and complete copies shall be supplied the committees and filed with the Board of Conciliation, the foregoing section to apply likewise to new rates for pillar work.

11. We demand that employees of stripping contractors be brought under the general agreement on their present basis of wages plus the increase demanded herein, and that stripping locomotive engineers shall receive a rate equal to that of the shovel cramenen, with extra payment for looking after their engines previous to starting time, at noon time, and after quitting time; and that the shovels and boilers to be assigned watchmen shall be restricted to a certain number to be determined upon between the contractors and the committee.

We recommend that our Scale Committee use every effort to have the operators agree to some provision in the agreement regarding the price of coal and rent to be charged the employees.

The recommends that the Scale Committee to negotiate the contract shall be composed of the officers, the Executive Board members of the three districts, together with the resident international officers and three mine workers from each district affected, the district Presidents to select the three mine workers in each district subject to the approval of the Executive Board. We further recommend that this committee shall decide as to whether the report shall be submitted to the rank and file by referendum vote or to a tri-district convention, with the further understanding that copies of the report of the Scale Committee shall be forwarded to all local unions in sufficient time for their information, previous to the referendum vote or the convention.

We further recommend that the unofficially elected new officers in District No. 1 shall be permitted to become members of the Scale Committee from the start of the negotiations, subject to approval of the regular biennial convention of District No. 1. This recommendation is made without prejudice to any controversy that might arise concerning the election of officers of District No. 1.

Indictments Against Coal Miners' Union Officials and Operators Dismissed by Judge Anderson.

Indictments against 226 coal operators, officials of the United Mine Workers and mining companies returned Feb. 25 1921, charging conspiracy to violate the Sherman Anti-Trust law, were dismissed in United States District Court at Indianapolis on June 28 by Judge A. B. Anderson upon motion of Attorney-General Daugherty. After the Attorney-General had read a lengthy statement in which he reviewed the case and declared his belief that "a verdict of not guilty would be the inevitable result of the trial of this case," Judge Anderson, without any comment, turned to the clerk of the court and ordered the case nolle prossed. Mr. Daugherty warned the defendants that they should not reach the conclusion that the Government would allow crimes to be permitted. "We have not lived in the heart of this industry an ordinary lifetime," the Attorney-General said, "without knowing something of the things being undertaken and frequently perpetrated."

In personally appearing to make the motion, the Attorney-General declared that many of the apparent controversies between coal miners and operators were actually concocted to frighten the public into purchasing fuel at high prices. Henceforth the Government would exert renewed efforts to protect the class most affected, the public, he told the Court. "The gist of the charges in the several counts," said Mr. Daugherty, "is a combination between the operators and the miners to increase the price of bituminous coal sold in inter-State commerce and the limitation of coal to be mined. The alleged unlawful combination and conspiracies in the Sherman Act case are, as claimed, primarily the result of activities on the part of the National Coal Association, with which the defendant operators are identified, and the International Union, United Mine Workers, the latter being a corresponding instrumentality of the miners." In his allegation that many of the so-called disputes were arranged the Attorney-General said:

I have no hesitation in saying that usually many of the things agreed upon at the meetings between the representatives of the operators and representatives of the miners, but not often made public, constitute a conspiracy. The public is fed up with the idea that there is a great and stubborn controversy between the contracting parties, when, in fact, there is no real contest at all, and the fake pretensions are intended only to alarm the public so that it will consent to give any price for coal in order to be ensured against freezing. Fair and lawful agreements must be entered into hereafter and the things complained of in the indictment of this particular case must be discontinued.

The Government, continued Mr. Daugherty, had no prejudice against labor unions, for there was no law against such organizations and, in addition, "there is no law in this country, and there never will be, to prevent individuals, whether they belong to labor unions or not, from exercising their rights as citizens and entering into honest employment upon such terms and conditions, and for such wages, as may be agreed upon with the employer, and to perform such service without interruption, intimidation, interference or molestation." While the Government was not opposed to collective bargaining, it must uphold the right of individual bargaining, the Attorney-General declared. "It is essential to the prosperity of both employer and employee that proper agreements be entered into, and the Government is not concerned whether the agreements are made collectively or individually if the things agreed upon are lawful," he went on. "A fair return to labor, and a fair return upon capital invested, are essential in both instances." He added:

There is a third party, however, which is the most important party in interest, the consuming American people. I conceive it to be the peculiar obligation of the Government to represent this third party. The whole body of the people of this country require the products of the transportation and mining enterprises of the country, and are entitled to the same without interruption of production or delivery, and at all times to a fair and reasonable price determined upon by natural and honest methods and not by unnatural methods, subterfuges or unnatural agreements.

Support of the Government Coal Commission and a rigid enforcement of the Government's power over transportation companies were promised by the Attorney-General. Dealing with the attitude of the Wilson Administration toward the miners and operators, he continued:

Careful investigation strongly supports the protests of the defendants that many of the things charged and complained of by the Government in the indictment under the Sherman Act, were in no small measure due to the efforts of those who were Government officials during the war, to bring about, it was supposed, more intensive co-operation between the operators, miners and railroads in the production, allotment and transportation of coal.

We may say, avoiding the burden of too much detail, that the Government cannot deny in this case that the collective bargaining between the operators and miners, scales committees, the commonly called "check-off" system, and the distribution of statistics, each set forth in the indictment as a means for the accomplishment of the unlawful conspiracies charged, were well known to the then responsible Government officials, and that, to say the least, such acts were permitted by such Government officials without protest.

I am by no means persuaded by the results of my investigation that the acts committed by the defendants and set forth in the indictment as a means of carrying out the conspiracy, were lawful. In fact, I believe the acts complained of were unlawful. I have, however, reached the conclusion that the evidence which the defendants would be able to submit to the jury is more or less convincing on the question of intent, and is more than necessary to create a reasonable doubt of guilt. That being so, I believe a verdict of not guilty would be the inevitable result of the trial of this case. I am, therefore, convinced it is my duty to enter a nolle prosequi in this case.

I have no disposition to, and would not be understood as wishing to, criticize in the least, those who at the time the acts were committed, had the responsibility which now rests upon me as Attorney-General of the United States. My high regard for this court, and my estimate of the judicial learning and recognized dignity of the distinguished jurist whom I now address, are so well known that it is hardly necessary for me to say that I am in accord with the action taken by this Court in connection with this indictment.

"The Department of Justice cannot function in the interest of the Government by giving consideration to questions of law exclusively, but must consider conditions of the day," asserted the Attorney-General. "The indictment in this case was based on acts committed at a time when this country, in fact when the entire world, was at war," he continued. "Many things were done, possibly sometimes unfortunately, though with good intent, which might be excused at a time and under circumstances then prevailing which would not be tolerated and which would be prevented at an entirely different time."

President Harding in Speech at Cheyenne on Coal Situation Opposes Nationalization of Mines.

Emphasizing that the solution of the nation's coal problem does not lie in nationalization of the mines, President Harding in a speech on June 25 at Cheyenne, Wyo., declared that nationalization would be but another step "to the national paralysis which a sane America will everlastingly avoid." The President commended the work of the U. S. Coal Commission, expressing the hope and belief that the Commission appointed by him several months ago to study the coal situation from every angle, will bring about between operators and miners, as well as the public at large, a new understanding and appreciation of the needs of the situation, with a solution offered in behalf of a vital public interest. Mr. Harding spoke from the observation platform of the car in which he came from Denver to his first Wyoming audience. He also mentioned the problems of the live stock producers of the State, the wool interests, and called attention to relief measures which he said Congress and the War Finance Corporation had given after war's inflation and later deflation. In developing his principal theme, the coal problem, Mr. Harding referred to the strike of last year, asserting his opinion that many mine operators were as much responsible for that situation as the men who went on strike. The biggest need of the world to-day, the President said, was work, adding that the world has no use for a loafer, big or little, "whether commanding capital or directing labor." Continuing, Mr. Harding said:

A few years ago, one of your Wyoming statesmen made the astounding statement that your State alone contained enough coal to supply the entire land with fuel for four centuries to come. Whether the statement was extravagant or not, it was at least an intimation of your mineral resources of which the nation at large had never dreamed.

How incomprehensible, indeed, are your limitless possibilities, and you are but one of many States of seemingly incomparable material riches. Let us hope that the genius of statesmen and the common sense of business may be combined to solve the problems of transportation and distribution so that your wealth may be made an asset to the Nation as well as the State.

It may seem a far cry to talk about the coal problem in Wyoming, but it is one of the pressing problems of the country. In New England to-day there is anxiety about next winter's fuel supply, traceable to the experienced hardships of last winter. That severe trial, to New England in particular, followed the coal and railway strikes, when winter came on with inadequate supply and insufficient transportation facilities.

Points to Coal Commission.

The Government is not blind to the situation or deaf to appeals. It is doing everything possible so far as authorized by law to dispel public apprehension. Under the authority of an Act of Congress, the United States Coal Commission, made up of able and earnest men, has been engaged in a thorough investigation of this vital problem and will report to the Congress next December. It is going thoroughly into the labor controversy, studying living conditions and the community life in the mining regions, ascertaining facts about the inadequacies which prevent prompt distribution, inquiring into engineering problems and the economic errors indirect to our development, looking to excesses in profits reflected in inordinate charges for coal, and preparing an exhaustive report on the entire industry. It will be revealing, and we hope, remedial. We shall know the facts about a basic industry, which is the source of peril to the nation's industrial life, and a more or less continuous threat to our domestic comfort, sometimes a menace to life and health.

It is too early to say whether the Commission will suggest plans of permanent cure which the Congress will adopt. I do know that it will bring us to a new understanding of a problem which must be solved. We shall have a publicity which will make greed impossible and point the way to solve a question which must be answered in behalf of a vital public interest.

Doubtless there will be a recommendation of vast storage during seasons of light consumption to guard against the heavy needs in winter or in suspended production.

Probably there will be recommendations for enhanced distribution, the need for which is already proven. There may be revelations as to cost of

production, which will destroy price-making abuses through insistent public opinion. I hope for the revelation of the economic blunder in operating mines half and quarter time, by which the higher labor costs are made necessary.

Meanwhile, we shall better guard against inconvenience and hardship if the consuming public will help as best it can, without expecting the Government to assume all the responsibility.

If the coal-consuming world would buy coal during the periods of scant consumption it would guard itself against price panics and dangerous shortages when consumption is at the peak. In the hope of lower prices, the buying is postponed and that very postponement in contributing to a decided price increase. There is need for some individual initiative and responsibility in preparing for the wintry days to come. There is a mistaken notion that somehow the Government may wield a magic wand or strike with the iron hand, and produce cheap coal. It can do neither. You can no more enforce the mine worker to produce coal than you can enforce the farmer to grow wheat or corn or wool. We saw that erroneous belief exploded a year ago.

Operators Equally to Blame:

Many mine operators, who were as much responsible for the strike as the workmen who struck, insisted that under law enforcement they could produce all the coal that was needed. The law enforcement was provided but no coal was produced. There can be no coal mining in free America under force of arms. But if we understand the situation fully and the offer justly, and men accustomed to produce coal will not work to meet the public need, the public will produce their successors.

The common weal transcends every other interest and puts aside every obstacle. We will find the solution. I hope we shall find it without further hardships or endangered life or menaced industry. But we shall not find it in nationalizing the mines. That would be only another step to the national paralysis which a sane America will everlastingly avoid. Nor shall we solve it by maintaining a basic industry like that of bituminous coal production, under a plan of operation, which affords the mine worker only a hundred or a hundred and fifty working days a year. The normal man, aspiring for himself and his family, cannot live that way, even though he is paid what is seemingly a generous wage, because his wage days are not ample for a life of honest industry and becoming thrift.

Such a problem is very insistent. It cannot be dodged nor solved in demagoguery. It demands our best thought and all our courage. Let us hope that in the search for a way to full justice in dealing with coal, we may find a suggested plan for dealing with kindred problems which are menacing our industrial peace and hindering our industrial peace and hindering our full accomplishment.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Issues Order Forbidding Use of Extra Cars to Bituminous Coal Mines Intended for Railroad Fuel Supplies.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission on June 26 issued an order, declared to be one of the most sweeping and peremptory issued by the Commission in many months, forbidding railroads after September 1 to allot any extra cars to bituminous coal mines whose product is intended for railroad fuel. The order also prohibits carriers from giving mines which own their own coal cars any preference in car supply. The order was issued to become effective Sept. 1, and represented the Commission's conclusions in a long controversy between railroads and mine owners over the rules now regulating the distribution of railroad cars, especially as they operate in times of shortage. Heretofore it has been the practice of railroads to allocate equally among mines which they serve, in proportion to production capacity, such cars as have been available. At the same time mines which produce coal for railroads have been assigned additional cars for the purpose of getting out railroad fuel. With regard to the decision of the Commission the Washington dispatches of the New York "Times" had the following to say:

The effect will be felt most by such important carriers as the New York Central, the Pennsylvania, the Illinois Central, the Chicago Great Western, the New Haven and other New England carriers, the Baltimore & Ohio, the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Louisville & Nashville, the Southern, the Burlington, the Grand Trunk and others which use assigned cars for railway fuel at mines on their own or other lines. It is the result of an investigation of the question of assigned cars which the commission has been making since the Spring of 1921.

There was much comment here also on the Commission's decision yesterday denying the Virginian Railway Company's application to build a new spur of coal road, on the ground that the company did not now furnish enough care to transport the coal already offered to it. This action was considered drastic in some quarters.

Four Dissent Vigorously.

The decision on assigned cars was by no means unanimous. Vigorous dissent was voiced in separate opinions by Commissioners Henry C. Hall, Winthrop M. Daniels, Mark W. Potter and Frederick I. Cox, who condemned the action taken by the other seven Commissioners in the majority report. They challenged the contention of the majority that the rules framed by the railroads for assigned cars to soft coal mines are unreasonable.

"The car distribution rules condemned by the majority are those prescribed by us more than fifteen years ago," it is declared in the dissenting opinion of Commissioner Hall. "Our orders prescribing them were upheld by the Supreme Court. We then recognized that a carrier by railroad has the right to obtain its fuel supply either from mines which it owns or from mines the entire output of which it purchases, and that if its contracts for fuel cover such supply as it reasonably needs for current operation it can use its equipment to procure its fuel even though operators of commercial mines are thereby deprived during periods of car shortage of some cars which they would receive on a strict pro-rating of the available supply. In other words, we found that this use by a rail carrier of its cars did not constitute unjust discrimination or undue prejudice.

"The right which we found to inhere in a rail carrier has not been abridged or denied by subsequent legislation. It rests upon the fact elementary, fundamental, and partaking of the highest public necessity that a railroad must have an adequate supply of fuel in order to supply the people with adequate transportation. This, of course, means that a railroad must have a reliable, steady flow of coal, of even quality best suited to its different needs, at reasonable cost.

"The majority take away this right and brush aside the public necessity. In focusing their attention upon the commercial mine operators they seem to lose sight of the entire traveling and shipping public, as well as the myriad industries dependent upon transportation, all entitled to as much consideration as the producer of coal when the issue of unreasonableness or undue prejudice is raised. In effect, although not in intent, their findings subordinate the needs and interest of all others to those of the coal industry."

Effect in Periods of Shortage.

The Commission contends that the effect of the assigned cars for railway fuel is to diminish to some extent the supply of cars placed at commercial mines during periods of shortage. It says that while the extent to which the practice causes a diminution in supply is in dispute, the mine operators opposing the practice consider it a serious matter both because of its direct effect in limiting production and because of the indirect effects upon their costs and labor supply, while the carriers minimized the result and even claimed compensating advantages to the commercial mines because of the practice.

"Because of the wide differences in the practices of the railroads," says the majority opinion, "and the many fluctuations due to changes in car supply, public clamor for coal, or service orders of the Commission, it is extremely difficult to state in precise terms as to a division of a particular line what would have been the effect on the distribution of cars to commercial mines had no cars been assigned; and it is even more difficult to express in any arithmetical manner the result as to the carriers generally.

"The estimates based on individual judgment in some instances indicate the increase in the commercial distribution would have been almost 40% at the height of the car shortage of 1922. Other testimony indicates a difference of from 10 to 30%."

Want No Coal Confiscation.

"There is no dissent from the proposition," says the majority report, "that confiscation of fuel coal by railroads is a practice to be avoided. It seems to be generally accepted that the public interest requires that the carriers shall not be subjected to unreasonable prices. Obviously the carrier should not be permitted to take advantage of a means provided by the public to insure an uninterrupted movement of traffic, as a means to coerce an unreasonably low price for fuel.

"The general effect of the assigned car practice is to attract as many desirable miners as can be given employment to the assigned car mine and away from commercial miners, particularly so in the unionized fields. The commercial mine has a more rapid labor turnover than the mine operating with assigned cars. This is one factor which has contributed to the unsettled labor conditions in the bituminous mining industry during recent years, and has been urged as a reason in support of the maintenance of existing wage scales or for still higher rates of mine pay."

Inter-State Commerce Commission Refuses Permission to Virginian Railway to Build a Spur to New Mines—Says There Are Too Many Mines Already.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission on June 26 denied the application of the Virginian Railway Co. to extend a branch line along the Guyandot River, in Wyoming County, W. Va., to serve new mines which the Pocahontas Coal Co. proposed to open, on the ground that the future public convenience and necessity did not require such a development. The text of the Commission's decision, signed by Commissioners Meyer, Eastman and Potter, dealt with the question at length. In the decision the contention is made that because of the inability of the Virginian Railway to furnish an adequate car supply even to the mines now in operation and dependent upon it, the building of the branch and the opening of new mines would not result in better service to the public. On the other hand, it was held, the development would tend to reduce the production and transportation of coal because the car supply would be made "more inadequate because of the necessity of placing cars at the new mines." The refusal of the Commission to grant the application of the railway company attracted much attention because it, in effect, made it impossible for the Pocahontas company to go ahead with its plans for the investment of new capital in the coal industry and the extension of its activities. This exercise of power was unusual enough to stir up talk about the authority of the Commission to take such action. The Commission, however, held that such was its right and duty under Section 18 of the Inter-State Commerce Act. The section reads:

"18. After ninety days after this paragraph takes effect, no carrier by railroad subject to this Act shall undertake the extension of its line of railroad or the construction of a new line of railroad, or shall acquire or operate any line or railroad, or extension thereof, or shall engage in transportation under this Act over or by means of such additional or extended line of railroad, unless and until there shall first have been obtained from the Commission a certificate that the present or future public convenience and necessity require or will require the construction, or operation, or construction and operation, of such additional or extended line of railroad."

In the Virginian decision, as well as in other recent decisions, the Commission has emphasized its belief that in certain sections of the country, at least, there are more bituminous coal mines now than it is possible to operate on a sound economic basis, and this has attracted much attention in view of the effort which the Administration is making to bring about a stabilization of the coal industry. The Commission says in the Virginian decision "there are at present more mines in the country than is consistent with the most efficient use of carriers' equipment, and their aggregate capacity exceeds greatly the country's demands."

Its findings are an argument for the theory that a reduction, rather than an increase, in the number of mines would

make for a more efficient service, and reduced costs of fuel to consumers. The Commission's opinion reads:

"The Virginian Railway Company, a carrier by railroad, subject to the Inter-State Commerce Act, on Feb. 17 1923, filed an application under paragraph 18 of Section 1 of the Act for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity require or will require the construction of an extension of its Guyandot River Branch from its present terminus, 1.25 miles from Elmore, in a westerly direction down Guyandot River, a distance of 1.19 miles, all in Wyoming County, West Virginia.

"No representations have been made by State authorities and no objection to the granting of the application has been presented to us.

"The proposed extension is in furtherance of the plans of the applicant for the development of its Guyandot River Branch, which is projected to a length of 42.6 miles, and is expected to be profitable in itself as well as a feeder of the main line. This line was graded and culverts built in 1917 and 1918. The applicant represents that there are approximately 17,800,000 tons of coal underlying the area to be served, which comprises 3,500 acres, of which 3,000 acres are in timber.

"The immediate object of the extension is to serve coal mines to be opened by the Pocahontas Fuel Company on both sides of the river as soon as the line is completed. The timber will be exploited by the Raleigh Lumber Company and is expected to furnish an immediately available traffic. There are no municipalities along the route and the estimated population in the tributary is 250.

"The construction cost is estimated by the applicant at \$63,012 of which \$40,312 has been expended for the work done in 1917 and 1918. No equipment is to be provided especially for this extension.

"It is expected that 95% of the revenues accruing to the system will be derived from coal traffic. Most of the coal will move to Sewall's Point, Virginia, for transshipment, the average length of haul being 383 miles.

"The applicant is not now, nor has it in the past, been able to furnish the number of cars ordered by the mines already opened and dependent upon it in whole or in part for car supply. During the weekly periods from July 22 1922 to June 9 1923, it in no instance furnished cars in excess of 74% of those required and during only six weeks was the average percentage in excess of 70%. For twenty-eight weeks of the above period the cars furnished the mines were less than 50% of the requirements.

"The opening of new mines would not, therefore, increase the coal supply; in fact, it would reduce it unless the applicant's car supply was greatly increased. There are at present more mines in the country than is consistent with the most efficient use of carriers' equipment, and their aggregate capacity exceeds greatly the country's demand.

"With the applicant not now in a position to adequately serve the mines already dependent upon it for cars, the opening of mines would necessarily mean that the already inadequate car supply would be made more inadequate because of the necessity of placing cars at the new mines. This makes more difficult the process of distribution, as the cars in service cannot be handled as efficiently nor can as much coal be transported in the aggregate as if fewer mines were demanding service.

"Under the circumstances we are unable to find that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the construction by the applicant of the extension of its line of railroad described in the application. An order will be entered denying the application."

President Harding Urges Need of Speedy Settlement Among Anthracite Miners and Operators—Can Be No Interruption After August 31, He Says.

A speedy settlement of differences between miners and operators of the anthracite coal fields, thereby averting the danger of another strike when the present wage and working agreement expires Aug. 31, is urged in a letter sent by President Harding to John Hays Hammond, Chairman of the Federal Coal Commission. The President's letter, made public on June 22, expressed the belief that the report of the Commission, to be made shortly, would aid the contending forces to harmonize their differences. The President's letter in full read as follows:

In acknowledging your brief statement of the program of the work of the Coal Commission, I wish to express again the high value I put upon the work you are doing. Though this is the season of the year when both temperature and vacation habits may tempt the average citizen to dismiss the subject of coal, the issue remains a serious one, and I, therefore, bespeak for the forthcoming report of your Commission on the anthracite industry a most thoughtful reception. No solution of this vexing economic question can be found except as the general public thoroughly digests the facts you present and decides upon the proper action to take.

I regret that those who serve the anthracite consuming public as mine operators and mine workers have not already agreed upon the terms of a new contract, but with your report available on July 1 there should be no delay in reaching a speedy agreement. The public deserves prompt assurance that there will be no interruption after Aug. 31 in the flow of household coal from mine to market.

As I believe your Commission stated in an earlier report, industry and the home alike must be freed from the menace of constant interruption of their coal supply. To that end public opinion must be a well-informed public opinion, and I, therefore, trust that our citizens may keep up a lively interest in coal in season and out of season. The subject is a most interesting one, but it is much more; the issue is a vital one in that it affects the well-being of the whole nation, and not in a material way alone, for I know questions are before you that strike deep into the very heart of our American institutions.

United States Coal Commission Warns Miners' Convention Public Will Not Tolerate Strike.

The Federal Coal Commission in a letter made public on June 27 appealed to the tri-district anthracite mine workers' convention then in session at Scranton, Pa., to effect a speedy conclusion of a new wage agreement with the hard coal operators to prevent any interruption in fuel production. Urging that negotiations for a wage agreement be successful, the Commission flatly stated as its opinion that "public sentiment will not tolerate a suspension of its anthracite coal supply with the beginning of the fall and winter season." The

Commission also made it plain that it expected that the members of the miners' scale committee would be able to discuss a new agreement with the operators unhampered by restrictions put upon them by the Scranton convention. The Commission's letter to the miners, a copy of which was also sent to the representatives of the anthracite operators, says:

On Jan. 11, pending negotiations between the operators and the bituminous miners on a new contract, this Commission approached both sides, urging an agreement that would continue mining operations. It received assurances of support from both sides to the suggestion that by mutual cooperation an understanding should be reached that would protect the interest of each and at the same time save the public from the disaster of a suspension of mine operations.

We now address you in the same spirit as regards the necessity for the same co-operation in the settlement of the details of a new contract in the anthracite fields, the present contract expiring Aug. 31.

This Commission hopes that the prompt and satisfactory response received to its suggestions in the matter of the bituminous contract will be repeated in the negotiations about to be undertaken in the making of an anthracite contract. The public expects an agreement, and we have full confidence that both operators and miners will recognize their duty to the public and will be able to effect a speedy conclusion.

You will receive within a few days the Commission's report upon the anthracite industry. In the mean time we urge upon both sides that, in addition to the welfare of each, that of the great body politic of the American people is involved, and that public sentiment will not tolerate a suspension of its anthracite coal supply with the beginning of the fall and winter season.

As the present contract provides "the continuance of production after Aug. 31 1923, shall be upon such terms as the parties may agree upon in the light of the report of the Commission," the Commission confidently expects that all questions will be left open for consideration of the Joint Scale Committee.

Pittsburgh Coal Co. and Berwind Coal Co. in Answer to Trade Commission Deny Charges of Unfair Methods of Competition.

The Pittsburgh Coal Co. and the Berwin Coal Co. filed on June 13 with the Federal Trade Commission answers denying charges of conspiracy to restrain or suppress competition in the sale of coal, as made in a complaint issued by the Commission against the Northwestern Coal Dock Operators' Association, of which both companies are members. In substance, the answers are similar and are the first to be filed on behalf of the eleven respondents, the coal companies being members of the association. The operators mine coal from the fields of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky, and make deliveries to the Northwest through Lake Superior ports, and have offices in such cities as St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Ashland, Superior, Sheboygan and Washburn, Wis. Denial is made by both the Pittsburgh Coal Co. and the Berwind Fuel Co., that they seek to restrain or suppress competition in the sale of bituminous or anthracite coal at wholesale or retail in the Northwest or elsewhere, or seek in any other way to monopolize the trade. The Pittsburgh company states that in 1909, on its own initiative, it discontinued allowing any commission on sales to or through the so-called "jobbers" and "lineyards," and similar action has been taken by the Berwind company, but, with the Berwind company, admits that it has recognized municipal steam business requiring team delivery to be the prospect of the local retail dealer and that they do not solicit such business direct. They claim that this has long been a custom of dock operators and wholesale coal dealers, but that it does not constitute a combination or conspiracy among members of the association and does not work injury to the public.

Attorney-General Says Any Effort to Prevent Shipment of Foreign Coal to United States During Strike Here by Combination Among Unions Will Be Frustrated.

As a result of recent reports to the effect that the United Mine Workers of America, the chief labor organization of coal miners in this country, had through its President, John L. Lewis, come to an understanding with officials of British miners' unions to prevent shipment of coal to the United States during progress of a coal strike here, Attorney-General Daugherty declares that any such move would be unlawful and will be stopped by the Government promptly and forcefully. The Attorney-General's views in the matter were set forth in a letter to John Hays Hammond, Chairman of the Federal Coal Commission, and which was made public on June 22. Mr. Hammond said that while the Commission had no data on what the miners had done in the way of an understanding with foreign unions, he recalled that John L. Lewis had returned recently from England, where he held a conference with coal union officers of that country. Since then, Mr. Hammond recalled, statements have been publicly made alleging the purpose of Mr. Lewis's visit had been realized, in a deal whereby foreign coal unions had come to some

sort of an agreement with the organization Mr. Lewis represents. The text of Attorney-General Daugherty's letter to Mr. Hammond follows:

My attention has been called by publication and otherwise, to what is claimed to be a contract entered into or proposed to be entered into, between certain officials of the United Mine Workers of America and others in this country with certain officials of a similar organization and others in foreign countries, represented to provide and to agree that in event a strike should be declared, or in force in this country in the mining interest, no coal would be mined for shipment to this country by miners belonging to said organizations in such foreign countries, during the period of a strike that might be in force in this country.

I can hardly conceive that any person in this country would enter into such a contract, for I am satisfied that such a contract would be a violation of our laws. If coal were required for transportation purposes for use in inter-State commerce in this country, any such interference with the supply of coal will be prevented by the Government of the United States promptly and forcefully.

I shall be glad to be promptly advised as to the facts in possession of or obtainable by your Commission in order that such action may be taken as is justifiable.

Mr. Hammond in commenting upon the Daugherty letter said that the Attorney-General had acted upon his own initiative and that the matter had not been brought to his attention by the Commission. Mr. Hammond indicated, however, that the Commission had taken cognizance of the cable dispatches regarding a possible combination between coal miners of the United States and Great Britain and that legal phases of the question had been taken up with Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania with whom the Commission has frequently consulted. Thus far Mr. Hammond said the Commission has gathered no information on the subject which would be of use to the Attorney-General.

Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees on B. & O. Get Wage Increase.

Conferences between the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. and representatives of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees have resulted in an agreement for increases in pay of employees in those branches of the service, officials of the Brotherhood announced on June 30. The increased rates are 10 cents a day for the clerical force and range from 1 cent an hour to 2½ cents an hour for the other classes covered in the agreement. Effective July 1, all clerks in service two years as clerks and other clerical supervisory forces will receive 10 cents a day additional. Freight handlers are granted an advance of 2½ cents an hour; baggage and parcel room employees, 2 cents; janitors, office and station and warehouse watchmen, 1 cent an hour. An agreement on overtime rules also was announced, effective Aug. 1, granting time and a half overtime after eight hours and on Sunday and holiday work to all classes covered in the agreement.

Wage Increases on Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR. and the Cincinnati Northern RR.

Wage increases aggregating \$310,000 a year, affecting 4,800 employees of the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR. Co. and the Cincinnati Northern RR. Co., were announced on July 3 through the United States Railroad Labor Board. The notice advising the Board of the increases, which were effective July 1 1923, was received from E. M. Costin, General Manager of the road.

Shopmen's Wages Increased on Chesapeake & Ohio, Norfolk & Western, and Louisville & Nashville.

Announcements is made that three railroads—the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., the Norfolk & Western and the Louisville & Nashville—have granted increases in wages to their shop mechanics and helpers and apprentices, effective June 1 1923, the United States Railroad Labor Board has been advised. The Central of Georgia granted their same class of employees wage increases, effective June 15. The Norfolk & Western Ry. granted an increase of 3 cents an hour to signal maintainers, signal men and assistants and helpers. The increase is retroactive to June 1 1923.

President Smith of New York Central in Favor of Union Recognition.

President A. H. Smith of the New York Central RR. on June 29 declared in favor of the recognition of labor unions and agreed to investigate the strike now going on in the Schenectady street railway lines thoroughly at a hearing on the matter before Industrial Commissioner Shientag. The men have been on strike since May 16. Mr. Smith said the New York Central owns 50% of the stock of the

Schenectady Street Ry.Co., but he was not familiar with any contract or agreements the traction company might have with its employees. Mr. Smith blames the State Labor Department partly for the strike. "I understand the majority of the men did not want the strike," he said, "and that they went out on two hours' notice. There was no complaint about wages or working conditions."

Railroad Labor Board Rules Train Dispatchers be Allowed Vacations.

The United States Railroad Labor Board on July 2 issued an interpretation of Decision No. 1830, rendered some time ago, definitely ruling that train dispatchers be allowed during 1923 the vacations they had earned up to July 1 under approval of the United States Railroad Administration and which appeared to have been discontinued under the original language of this order.

Railroad Labor Board Orders Secret Ballot to Determine Employee Representation on Gulf Coast Lines-Houston Belt & Terminal Railway Co.

The U. S. Railroad Labor Board handed down on July 2 a decision in a controversy between the shop crafts' union and the management of the Gulf Coast Lines-Houston Belt & Terminal Railway Co., which, it is said, will establish a precedent in the matter of shop employee representation. In the dispute the Board ordered that a secret ballot be taken to determine the wishes of a majority of this class of workers on the Gulf Coast Lines-Houston Belt & Terminal Railway, and that a conference be held at an early date to arrange details in connection with the distribution, casting, counting and tabulation of the ballots for the various crafts involved. The evidence submitted to the Board showed that the shop workers, affiliated with the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, participated in the strike which became effective July 1 1922.

The carriers took the position before the Railroad Board that they had duly negotiated agreements with the Association of Shop Crafts, which are now in effect, and that this association had made a submission to them showing that a large majority of the shop crafts workers had designated representatives of this association to handle matters affecting their wages and working conditions.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Orders Rates on Coal Shipments from Ohio Reduced.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission on July 3 ordered the railroads to revise rates on coal from the great producing regions in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky, known as the southern Ohio inner and outer crescent districts, to destinations west and north-west of a line drawn from Sandusky to Galion, Ohio, so as to give the Ohio mines a better opportunity to market their coal. The order requires the railroads to reduce the rates from the Ohio mines 10 cents a ton, thereby increasing the differential of the inner crescent mines over the Ohio mines from 40 to 50 cents per ton, and to increase rates from the outer crescent 15 cents a ton, thereby increasing the differential of the outer crescent over Ohio from 60 to 75 cents a ton. About 60% of the tonnage of the soft coal of the country is produced in the districts mentioned. The complaint was brought by the Southern Ohio Coal Exchange against the Chesapeake & Ohio and other railroads. Many coal associations participated in the case.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Orders Rate Revision on Grain and Grain Products in the Southwest.

Rate revision on grain, grain products and hay between points in the Southwest were ordered by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in two decisions announced on July 2. The cases were initiated by the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma and others, and by the Arkansas Jobbers & Manufacturers' Association. In the case brought by the Oklahoma Commission, which alleged that the rates on grain, grain products and hay between points in Oklahoma and points in Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas were unreasonable, unjustly discriminatory and unduly prejudicial, the Commission sustained the allegations as to rates between points in Oklahoma and points in Arkansas as to unreasonableness, but deferred consideration of rates between Oklahoma and points in Kansas and Missouri.

The decision in the Oklahoma Commission case provides a new scheme of rates from points in Oklahoma to points in Arkansas. The scale prescribed by the Commission will result in reductions. The Commission said Oklahoma shippers were particularly interested in the rates to Arkansas, and that the necessity for relief in that direction was urgent. It said the distance rates between Oklahoma and Arkansas were too high, and that the specific rates from Oklahoma favored Little Rock and other important points to the disadvantage of the Arkansas points of lesser importance. In the case brought by the Arkansas Jobbers & Manufacturers' Association, the Commission found that proportional rates on grain and grain products from Kansas City, Mo., to points in Arkansas were unduly prejudicial and ordered that the prejudice be removed. It also found, however, that rates on grain, grain products and hay from southern Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas to Arkansas points were not unreasonable or unduly prejudicial.

New England Governors Ask Inter-State Commerce Commission to Postpone Proposed Hearing on Railroad Consolidation.

The Governors of the New England States, excepting New Hampshire, on July 2 sent a telegram to the Inter-State Commerce Commission requesting postponement of the proposed hearing on railroad consolidation "to give sufficient opportunity to the citizens of New England, to the public and commercial organizations, and to all others interested, to study the report that has been presented to the New England Governors." This report was made to the assembled Governors at Poland Springs, Me., by James J. Storow, Chairman of the joint New England Railroad Committee, named by the Governors to study the New England transportation problem. The telegram also recommended rehabilitation of the Boston & Maine and the New York New Haven & Hartford as a preliminary step toward the consolidation of the two roads into a New England system. Consolidation of New England roads with trunk lines was disapproved. A statement signed by all the Governors except Governor Brown of New Hampshire was issued calling the plan of the committee "the first complete constructive suggestion that has been made for the rehabilitation of the New Haven and Boston & Maine roads."

Samuel Rea Says Railroad Labor Board Would Infringe Constitutional Rights of Pennsylvania Railroad.

Following the issuance of a second so-called "formal rebuke" by the U. S. Railroad Labor Board, Samuel Rea, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, issued on June 28 a statement to employees of that system declaring that the management of the Pennsylvania was not obligated to comply with orders issued by the Board which constituted an invasion of the company's constitutional rights, Mr. Rea citing the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in support of his view. Declaring that the Pennsylvania Railroad desired to obey every "valid law" enacted by properly constituted authority, Mr. Rea said the management took specific exception to the statement of the Railroad Labor Board that the Pennsylvania had denied to its employees any "essential rights" to which Congress had declared them entitled. "There is no warrant whatever for such a statement," said Mr. Rea. "It is regrettable," declared his statement, "that the Railroad Labor Board in its attacks upon the Pennsylvania Railroad System is not entirely candid with the public. The Labor Board's statements convey the impression that our company was under obligation to comply with the decisions of the Board on account of the Supreme Court decision. Mr. Rea's statement in full follows:

It is regrettable that the Labor Board, in its attacks upon the Pennsylvania RR. System, is not entirely candid with the public. The Labor Board statement conveys the impression that our company was under obligation to comply with the decisions of the Board on account of the Supreme Court's decision. The fact is that the United States Supreme Court made it very plain that our company was not obligated to accept the Labor Board's decision if it was thought that its constitutional and legal rights were being invaded. The management was finally convinced that the constitutional and legal rights of the company and its employees would be invaded if it complied with the decision of the Board in the shopcrafts' and clerks' cases.

Ours is a law-abiding company. It desires to obey every valid law enacted by properly constituted authority. Within that limitation it holds itself responsible to the public for the safe and economical operation of its railroad. That responsibility it cannot escape, not can it permit the assumption of such responsibility by the Labor Board.

There is a fundamental difference in the point of view of the management and the Labor Board. That difference goes to the very essence of the relationship between this company and its employees.

Apparently the Labor Board considers itself to be the arbiter of rules for carrying on what it conceives to be a perpetual struggle between a

railroad and its employees. The purpose of the management is not to struggle against, or to triumph over, its employees, but to gain their loyalty and co-operation by a policy of fair dealing, mutual consultation and just compensation.

The decisions of the Board with which this company has not complied were rendered about two years ago, since which time the plan of employee representation has continued to develop, and its success is evidenced by the fact that in the elections just held to fill expiring terms of employee representatives, more than 80% of the employees affected voted in the election of employee representatives to deal with the company.

It is not our purpose to point out all the misstatements and erroneous conclusions which appear in the decision. The management takes specific exception, however, to the statement of the Labor Board that the Pennsylvania Railroad has denied to its employees any essential rights to which Congress had declared them entitled.

There is no warrant whatever for such a statement. As you all know, under our system of employee representation, the employees and the management are working in the closest harmony. Machinery has been provided whereby all controversial questions may be submitted to a court of last resort, composed of an equal number of representatives of the employees and management. There is now no dispute of any consequence with our employees which we believe cannot be amicably adjusted. The only real discordant note is that being sounded by the Labor Board.

In compliance with the provision of the Transportation Act, the desire of the management is to promote the efficiency of this company's service to the public through placing upon the soundest possible basis the relationship between the management and its employees; but it is firmly convinced that this cannot be accomplished by yielding to the demands of the Labor Board to recognize organizations which are committed to the closed shop, the sympathetic strike and limitation of output. The management is confident that neither its employees nor a well-informed public will be misled by the Labor Board's unwarranted statements.

It is unfortunate that this Board, in the face of unmistakable facts, should, through the medium of its decisions, resort to such attacks instead of, as it should, commending first the employees and the management of the Pennsylvania RR. System for our success in providing a mutually satisfactory means of preventing discord and promoting industrial peace, of which you are aware from the results that have been achieved, and in which you have so cordially co-operated.

President Harding Tells Railroad Men Strikes Are Unjustifiable.

Speaking directly to a group of railroad men gathered beside his car at Pocatello, Idaho, on June 28, President Harding said:

Railroad men are just as concerned with transportation as the rest of the population. I think that the men who are engaged in transportation in this country ought to be the best paid of any industry and to toil under the most favorable conditions. You haven't any right under any conditions to bring about a suspension of service.

I don't mean that the Government ever will require you to work against your will. We can't do that in free America. But I do mean you should not suspend work to accomplish a grievance of your own until every effort at adjustment has been made.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Authorizes Higher Freight Rates on Corn and Cereal Products on Pacific Coast Roads.

Railroads operating in the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast States were, in effect, authorized, it is stated, on June 26, by the Inter-State Commerce Commission to increase by 10% their freight rates on corn and cereal products usually classified as "coarse grain." The increase, which does not affect wheat, was authorized in the case of shipments from Mississippi Valley points to the Rocky Mountain-Pacific Coast area. The decision resulted from an appeal of Western railroads against the ruling made by the Commission in previous grain rate cases which fixed the rates on coarse grain at a level 10% below that charged on wheat for similar shipment. In passing upon the railroads' complaint, the Commission held that throughout the Mississippi Valley States and Western territory extending nearly to the Rocky Mountains the differential favoring corn and other coarse grains should be retained. At points further West it was held that a single standard for the rate schedules on grain should be maintained, and also that the same single standard should apply on all shipments from the Mississippi Valley to the Rocky Mountain-Pacific Coast area. Railroads were authorized to make the changes prescribed by increasing the rates on the coarse grain to the level of the rates now charged on wheat.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Suspends New Rate Schedules Filed by Southwestern Carriers.

All new rate schedules filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission by Southwestern railroads previously ordered to become operative on June 30 revising freight charges in the lower Mississippi Valley and in the Southwest under decisions rendered in the Memphis-Southwestern investigation were suspended on June 22 by the Inter-State Commerce Commission until Oct. 28 next. Complaints by shippers, the Commission said, have produced "sufficient showing to indicate that the suspended schedules produced increases in present rates not authorized or required by the decision." Further, the schedules contained a large number of errors and failed to conform to the Commission's require-

ments. The railroads concerned were instructed to confer with a shippers' committee on a second revision. General freight agents of Southwestern railroads were named on a committee to represent the carriers, and the Commission asked for a report by July 20 on the possibility of reconciling differences. If the schedules can be corrected, the Commission will vacate the suspension and allow new schedules to go into effect. Revision of Western rates on coal from mines in New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana was recommended by the Commission, the railroads concerned receiving 90 days in which to file new schedules.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Recommends Coal Rate Revision on Roads in West.

Revision of Western freight rates on coal from mines in New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, was recommended on June 22 by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. No order was issued, but the Commission gave the railroads concerned 90 days within which to file new schedules. Most of the alterations projected are intended to give producers an equitable rate to markets where the coal of their competitors in other districts is also available. In general the Commission held that the level of rates now charged by railroads in Montana are not excessive, considering sparse population and difficult operating conditions, while some of the rates charged from New Mexican mines to consuming territory are too high. The Commission also decided that proposals of Colorado operators for the establishment of distance rates on coal are impracticable and that present rates from Utah mines to points East are reasonable. The decision, the Commission said, will "serve to indicate changes in the rate structure that seem necessary, leaving the minor adjustments in the rates to be worked out" by the railroads.

Railroads and Brotherhoods Said to be Planning Concerted Action to Abolish Labor Board.

Reports published in the daily papers last week indicate that the officials of the "Big Four" brotherhoods of railroad employees have begun discussions looking toward the formation of a joint organization in Washington to work for the dissolution of the Railroad Labor Board. With regard to the developments in that direction the New York "Herald" has the following to say:

Preliminary conversations between railroad executives and representatives of the Big Four train service brotherhoods are understood to have been held on the advisability of concerted action toward abolition of the United States Railroad Labor Board, created as a tripartisan tribunal under the terms of the Transportation Act of 1920, and a storm centre ever since.

News of this development, coming as it does almost simultaneously with an indication that President Harding soon will advocate putting "teeth" in the rulings of the Chicago organization, is viewed in local railroad circles as one of the most important developments since it became known that the December session of Congress promised serious consideration of the general transportation situation.

The Big Four brotherhoods, representing engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen, are understood generally to be opposed to the Labor Board, and proof of the somewhat uncertain position of the Board was forthcoming last summer when the shop employees on all the railroads of the country struck against a ruling whereby their pay scale was reduced. Since the termination of the shopmen's strike there has been an increasing tendency on the part of the various classes of employees to deal directly with the managements of the several systems, obviating to a marked extent the necessity for existence of the Board. All reports made public since the general adoption of this policy indicate the mutual satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Of all railroad labor the Big Four brotherhoods fall most naturally into the method of direct dealing. The contracts, signed each year by the managers and representatives of the local organizations, deal on an individual basis with conditions peculiar to each system. The relationship between the Big Four and the railroad officials is more cordial, perhaps, than anywhere else in railroad labor.

An entente cordiale between the Big Four and the transportation chiefs relative to legislation for abolition of the Labor Board for this reason is regarded as logical and one which will prove a strong political weapon when brought into play on the floor of Congress this winter. The position of the railroad executives throughout the country is of particular interest in view of the inclusion in the national policy announcement last April by the Association of Railway Executives of a clause favoring continuation of the Transportation Act in its present form for a sufficient period to warrant a fair trial.

Changes following the termination of Federal operation forced rate advances or reductions as the particular case required, and each of these changes in the financial return to the carriers forced similar readjustments in the payroll. Blanket rate increases resulted in demands on the part of railroad labor for blanket wage advances and sweeping rate reductions brought from the railroads demands for an easing in the payroll burden through wholesale wage cuts.

In the period of the return of the country at large to a normal basis, it became increasingly clear that the Labor Board, sitting in Chicago, was not able to determine changes equally binding throughout the country, because of wide differences in working conditions. From this point on the agitation for the modification or final elimination of the Labor Board has grown.

The suggestion that the railroad executives and the Big Four Brotherhoods join hands in moving the abolition of the Board was hailed in banking circles here as a logical step and one which might have widespread consequences. The opinion among railroad bankers, so-called, for their close touch with the general transportation situation, is that there should be an end of anti-railroad legislation and that an opportunity be afforded the

roads to work out their own problems in their own way. Bankers have held up for ridicule the published statements at the close of the last session of Congress that nearly 150 bills aimed at the railroads were pending.

To support the contention of the managers that the method of direct dealing has proved its efficacy, it was pointed out that the Baltimore & Ohio recently reached an agreement with its shopmen whereby the pay scale was advanced about 3 cents an hour. Other instances have come to light where the roads which recognized local employee legislation have granted increases and made changes in rules and working conditions without recourse to the Labor Board. The case of the demands of New York Central shopmen for an increase in pay is scheduled for discussion this week, and in well-informed circles it is believed that the matter will be settled out of court.

National Coal Association Opposes Car-Pooling Plan.

The plan proposed by S. Davies Warfield for car pooling was opposed in resolutions adopted by the Railroad Relations Committee of the National Coal Association on June 19 at the sessions of the annual convention held by the association in Atlantic City. The Warfield plan provides for the pooling of railroad cars under the authority of Congressional action. One objection of the coal men was that it would hamper, rather than improve the transportation situation, as it affects bituminous coal operators, and that it would greatly increase the overhead of the large operators. Another was that the plan was but another step in the program of continual Governmental interference in business. Some of the members of the committee denounced the plan as "socialistic." The committee also voted to protest to the Inter-State Commerce Commission against the proposed reduction in oil freight rates while present coal rates remain in effect. It was argued that oil is gradually making inroads on the consumption of coal, and that a further reduction of rates of liquid fuel would give the oil producers an unfair advantage.

President Harding Says Present Administration Has Saved Nation from Capital and Labor Extremists—Changed Relation of Woman to Social and Political Organizations—Would Draft All of Capital, Industry, &c., in War.

In an address at Helena on June 29 regarding the attitude of the present Administration toward capital and labor, President Harding made the assertion that "we have saved the nation from the extremists of both sides." The President contended that "there were some who imagined before the present Administration was voted into responsibility that it was going at least to acquiesce if not definitely sympathize with projects for the deflation of labor and the overthrow of labor organizations." "Nothing," he said, "has been further from the purpose of the present Administration than any thought of destroying the right of either labor or capital to organize and each to deal in its organized capacity." He continued:

We have recognized that there are evils and abuses on both sides of the almost imaginary line which now is presumed to separate labor and capital. We have wished and sought to minimize these abuses through better organizations and better understanding, without destroying organizations or the right to form them. We have not wished to compel men to work when they did not want to work; we have not wished to compel employers to keep men at work under conditions which were impossible; but we have earnestly sought to lessen the occasions for conflict between the two parties. We have tried to bring to both of them a realization that both owed in this connection an obligation to the great public interest which is always the great sufferer by reason of their conflict. . . . We have tried to hold the scales even; to prevent on the one side the destruction of organized labor, and on the other side to frustrate those programs which looked to the ultimate destruction of private capital and the nationalization of all the instrumentalities of production.

"The profound change in the relation of woman to the social and political organization," brought about by the war, was also dealt with in the President's Helena address; in his discussion with regard thereto he declared himself to be "one of those old-fashioned people who would be glad if the way could be found to maintain the traditional relations of father, mother, children and home." "But very plainly," he said, "these relations are in process of a great modification. The most we can do to the utmost possible extent is to readapt our conditions of industry and of living so as to enable the mothers to make the utmost of their lessened opportunity for shaping the lives and minds of their children." Continuing, he said:

We must hope and we must make it possible that mothers will not assume, when their babies of yesterday become the schoolboys and schoolgirls of to-day, that the responsibility of the mother is ended and that the teacher, the school authorities, the college, the State will henceforth assume it. . . . The mothers must be placed in such position that despite their obligations outside the home they shall not have to surrender their domestic responsibility. Rather, means must be found to enable them, through the varied instrumentalities which society affords, to equip themselves for the better discharge of their responsibility toward the children of the land.

Reiterating that "if war must come again, . . . then we must draft all of the nation in carrying on," the President said:

It will be righteous and just, it will be more effective in war and marked by less regret in the aftermath, if we draft all of capital, all of industry, all of agriculture, all of commerce, all of talent and capacity and energy of every description to make the supreme and united and unselfish fight for the national triumph. When we do that there will be less of war. When we do that the contest will be aglow with unsullied patriotism, untouched by profiteering in any service.

The following is the President's address in full:

My Countrymen: One of the greatest lessons which the World War taught to society was a realization of its stupendous producing capacity under modern organization. When the war started, many of us, probably most of us, believed it could not last very long because we could not conceive that it could be economically and industrially supported for a long time. We had been taught to believe that as a whole the community annually consumed pretty nearly all that it produced, and that in order to maintain this ratio it was necessary to keep all the producers steadily at work. We were convinced that when the most efficient producers were taken by millions away from the fields, the shops, the mines and the offices, and set at the business of armed destruction, they would very presently pull down upon themselves the whole fabric of our complex industrial system and that the war would be smothered in the ruins. This view was the basis of what became almost an obsession with many people, indeed, with most of the best-informed people, during the early stages of the war. It was commonly and freely said that economic exhaustion would compel an end to the struggle before a year, and a much more popular limitation was six months.

The event showed how very little we understood either the tremendous producing capacity of the community as a whole or the strength and solidity of our industrial structure. When the first year of the war had passed, the world was just beginning to realize that in all probability the struggle was only in its larger beginning. Millions of men had been called from the fields and yet still other men were being trained for it. At the end of two years the war was greater than ever and after three years it had still further expanded, until it actually involved, whether as combatants or as the sources of supply for the combatants, the whole world. The industrial, the agricultural, the financial, the social and spiritual forces of the world were mobilized at last for the great final test of strength. In the end that test was both military and economic. Victory rested upon the banners which were borne by the side that represented the greatest number of soldiers, of ships, of guns; which represented the greatest capacity to bring together, control and fabricate the necessities of war and to maintain great civil populations behind the lines.

It became very early a war of conscription. Governments conscripted their men for service in the field; patriotism and public opinion conscripted everybody else for work at home. A new system of division and dilution of labor was introduced through which men and women, boys and girls, old men and old women—millions of people who under the old order of peace days had been rejected from the realm of skilled production, were quickly trained to the most intricate and technical tasks. So, in the midst of the most destructive storm that mankind had ever invoked upon itself there was presented the marvelous phenomenon of a world producing at a greater rate than it had ever done before.

How was this gigantic industrial phenomenon wrought? By putting everybody at work. By inducing everybody to work to the limit of strength and capacity. By paying the workers at rates which enlisted their utmost eagerness to produce to the limit. Yes, if you please, by letting labor and capital and management all engage more or less in profiteering at the expense of society as a whole. Unheard-of wages were paid to people who in other times would have been considered quite incapable of earning them, but who, under the stimulus of the emergency, became effective and absolutely necessary factors in the industrial organization.

Would Draft All of Capital, Industry, Agriculture in Future War.

Particularly was this true of the women, young and old, who took up tasks in the shop, the field, the transportation systems and behind the lines of combatants, such as had never before been assigned to them. And the women made good so emphatically, so impressively, that as to-day we look over the whole field of the world mobilization and the world conflict we realize that something very much like a revolution was effected in the varied relationships of the industrial community.

Viewed in the retrospect we see more clearly than ever the sordid side of war. I have said before, and I choose to repeat it very deliberately now, that if war must come again—God grant that it shall not—then we must draft all of the nation in carrying on. It is not enough to draft the young manhood. It is not enough to accept the voluntary service of both women and men whose patriotic devotion impels their enlistment. It will be righteous and just, it will be more effective in war and marked by less regret in the aftermath, if we draft all of capital, all of industry, all of agriculture, all of commerce, all of talent and capacity and energy of every description, to make the supreme and united and unselfish fight for the national triumph. When we do that there will be less of war. When we do that the contest will be aglow with unsullied patriotism, untouched by profiteering in any service.

Of course, we are striving to make conditions of foreign relations and so fashion our policies that we may never be involved in war again. If we are committed to universal service—that is, the universal commitment of every American resource and activity—without compensation except the consciousness of service and the exaltations in victory, we will be slower to make war and more swift in bringing it to a triumphant close. Let us never again make draft on our manhood without as exacting a draft on all we possess in the making of the industrial, financial, commercial and spiritual life of the Republic.

Women in Industrial Field.

If we had been in a state of mind to philosophize about it all, I think we might have recognized that women have been for a long time preparing themselves for this tremendous incursion into the field of industrial production. For a long time before the war began there had been evidence of a reaction among the women against the old ideals of the Victorian period. For three or four decades the more venturesome women had been timidly breaking away from the old-fashioned home and its old-fashioned ideals. Even those who viewed the new-woman movement with greatest misgiving and least approval had already been compelled to recognize that a new and revolutionary idea was taking possession of them.

We might iterate and reiterate, and theorize and dogmatize upon the old thesis that the place for woman was in the home; but we will have to admit that despite all our preachments, all our urgings, all our misgivings, woman wasn't staying there. She was teaching in the schools, she was accounting for perhaps a majority of the graduates from the high schools, and a big and increasing minority of the student community in the colleges and universities. She was practicing law and medicine, preaching sermons, working in the shops, the offices, the factories; she was, in short, becoming a competitor with her brother in almost all the departments of productive effort and activity.

Then came the war, and all at once even the most dubious among us realized that the women, everywhere, constituted the first line of industrial re-

serves upon which society must fall back in its great crisis. They volunteered for every service in which they could be useful, and at once established their right to a new and more important industrial status. They built ships, they operated munition factories, they learned to perform the heaviest and most difficult tasks; they tilled the fields, filled the offices, largely conducted the hospitals and even served as most useful auxiliaries to forces on the battlefield. Not as a boon, but as a duty, full partnership in the conduct of political affairs was conferred upon them.

All this has inevitably worked a profound change in the relation of woman to the social and political organization. We may approve it or disapprove it, we may view it with satisfaction or with misgiving, but the fact is before us that woman has taken a new place in the community. And just as her participation in the industrial sphere expands, so her relation to the home and its interest is necessarily contracted. Whether we account it wise or otherwise, we must recognize that the tendency is to take the modern mother more and more away from the control, the training, the intellectual guidance and spiritual direction of her children. The day nursery, and after that the kindergarten, begins to care for her children in the earliest years; after that come the public school, the high school, the college and the university, taking over from her more and more of the responsibility and influence over the children.

We may entertain the old-fashioned prejudices against this development, but we are compelled to recognize that under modern conditions a large and increasing proportion of women are bound to be at the same time mothers in the home and industrial producers or professional workers outside the home, or else they must be denied the service and responsibility of motherhood.

Frankly, I am one of those old-fashioned people who would be glad if the way could be found to maintain the traditional relations of father, mother, children and home. But very plainly these relations are in process of a great modification. The most we can do, to the utmost possible extent, is to readapt our conditions of industry and of living so as to enable the mothers to make the utmost of their lessened opportunity for shaping the lives and minds of their children. We must hope, and we must make it possible, that mothers will not assume, when their babes of yesterday become the schoolboys and schoolgirls of to-day, that the responsibility of the mother is ended, and that the teacher, the school authorities, the college, the State, will henceforth assume it.

Rather, we must recognize that no other influence can possibly be substituted for that of motherhood; and we must make it possible for the mothers to co-operate with these social institutions of the new order, to give the children so far as possible the privileges of a home atmosphere which will supplement the advantages of mere education and training. It must be made possible for the mothers to familiarize themselves with the problems of the people, the school superintendents, the college authorities, the health and sanitation officials. In short, the mothers must be placed in such position that despite their obligations outside the home they shall not have to surrender their domestic responsibility. Rather, means must be found to enable them, through the varied instrumentalities which society affords, to equip themselves for the better discharge of their responsibility toward the children of the land.

Co-operation in Education.

Through such effort as this there will be opportunity for a great service. Those mothers who have the advantage of the best material and intellectual opportunities will, if they make the most of these advantages, help greatly to improve the conditions of children that come from families and homes less fortunately situated. They will be able to help in lifting up the poorer, the less fortunate children, to a higher level. The mother who tirelessly seeks rightly to train her own children, to instill into them that indefinable essence which we know as good breeding, will be performing this service not alone for her own children, but in only less measure for the children who come from homes less blessed with the finer things of life.

Herein is the supreme advantage of the public school system. I have never been able to find much satisfaction in the good fortune of families who, when they are able to do it, prefer to take their children out of the public schools and give them the doubtful advantage of more exclusive educational methods. I think we should cling to the democracy of the public schools.

The teacher and the authorities back of her must be equally ready to co-operate with the home and the mother. In the home must still be performed the duty of instilling into the child those fundamental concepts of religion and of faith which are essential to rightly shaping the character of citizens, and therefore of the nation. It would be an irreparable mistake if in surrendering to society a larger responsibility for the child's intellectual and physical well being, we should forget the necessity for proper religious training. That duty must be performed in the home; it will always be peculiarly the duty of a mother.

Fundamental Truths Stand Eternal.

Mankind never has stood more in need than it does now of the consolations and reassurances which derive from a firm religious faith. We are living in a time of many uncertainties, of weakened faith in the efficiency of institutions, of industrial systems, of economic hypotheses, of dictum and dogma in whatever sphere. Yet we all know that there are certain fundamental truths of life and duty and destiny which will stand eternal, through the evolution and the revolution of systems and societies founded by mankind. There must be no mistake whereby we shall confuse the things which are of eternity with those which are of time. We must not let our engrossment with the things of matter and of mind distract us from a proper concern for those which are of the spirit and the soul.

It must be kept ever in mind that the higher and finer attributes of humanity will rarely be developed from a human seedling planted in a soil adapted chiefly to the production of that which is selfish and sordid, in which it will be forced by special circumstances to struggle unduly for the bare continuance of existence. We will not grow strong minds in unsound bodies, nor may we hope that illuminated souls will often seek habitation in human frames weakened and tortured by disease and malnutrition.

To an astounding and alarming certainty it has been demonstrated that a large proportion of school children, and even of adults, suffer from under-nourishment. I may congratulate you that there is little of it in the West. Perhaps it is true that as to most of the adults the fault is of the individual rather than society. Whether that be true or not we can at least agree that the children are not to be blamed for their share in such misfortunes. If society has permitted the development of a system under which the citizens of to-morrow suffer these privations to-day, then the obligation is surely upon society to right the wrong and to insure justice to the children who are not responsible for being here.

But we cannot expect to bring full justice, full equality of circumstances and opportunity to the children, unless we shall make it possible for the parents. We are all too much given, I suspect, to a rather unthinking admiration for our highly mechanized social system under which we have so abundantly produced wealth and the possibilities of comfort and culture. We have not thought enough about the evils attendant upon the great inequalities which mark the distribution of our stupendous product.

But we are coming into a time when more and more we are giving thought to these things. Our satisfaction in the material achievements of our industrial age is being qualified as it never was before by our questionings along these lines. We are thinking of the weaker links in the social chain. We believe the equality of opportunity must be attended by a fitness to embrace it.

Here, again, the war was responsible for a great broadening of our social vision. It made its demand upon the highest and the lowest, the proudest and the humblest. It demanded a sacrifice that was just as great in the case of the poor man as the rich man. What was more, it brought a realization of the fact that men and women were of real service to the community just in proportion as they were capable of producing the things that were needed. So the workers, the builders, the producers attained a new sense of their dignity and importance.

Contemplating its supreme crisis, the community was willing to render to those who were capable of serving it effectively in this juncture a greater share of their product than they had formerly been accustomed to receive. Wages, the world over, went to new high levels, salaries and fixed incomes shrank to lower levels of actual exchange value. There was a leveling up from the lower strata and downward from the higher. On the whole, despite many instances of injustice and of maladjustment in this process, its results marked a long advance on the road to equity and justice as among all elements of the community. A few years of civilization's desperate grapple with destiny brought to the working masses of the world an aggregate betterment of conditions, a general improvement of circumstances and opportunity, which otherwise would have been possible only through the slow processes of generations.

Administration's Attitude Toward Capital and Labor.

We know now that the advances which were thus effected in the direction of social justice and economic equality will not be relinquished without determined opposition. There were those who, regarding the injustices of the old order as inevitable, mistakenly assumed that by a simple process which they called the "deflation of labor" the old relationships would presently be restored. They insisted that "wages must come down"; some of them went so far as to sound the slogan that "organized labor must be crushed." These had forgotten the lesson in organization, in co-operation, in community of sacrifice, by which civilization had been able to rescue itself.

They had forgotten that the right of organization and of co-operative dealings is not any longer the special prerogative of management and of capital. The right of men, and brains, and skill, and brawn, to organize, to bargain through organizations, to select their own leaders and spokesmen, is no whit less absolute than is the right of management and of capital to form and work through those great concentrations of interests which we call corporations.

Labor, indeed, is fast becoming one of the great builders of capital. Whether it concentrates its savings by depositing them in its own banks, of which the number is rapidly increasing, or pools them with the general savings of society by making its deposits in other banks, the result is the same. Labor is more and more coming to be the financier and backer of its own employment. We shall no go back to the time when considerable elements in the community were wont to assume that a sharp line of demarcation should be drawn between labor and capital.

Labor is becoming more and more a capitalist on its own account, and capital is more and more discovering that it must work, must contribute, must give us, through some superiority of method and management, a justification for its existence as a sort of separate estate. Those to whom the management and investment of capital is intrusted must recognize, as I know most of them already do, that the right of organization, and the title to those special efficiencies which come to organization, is not the exclusive prerogative of capital. It is equally the prerogative of labor.

I am quite aware that there were some who imagined, before the present Administration was voted into responsibility, that it was going at least to acquiesce if not definitely sympathize with projects for the deflation of labor and the overthrow of labor organizations. Before this time these have come to realize their error. Nothing has been further from the purpose of the present Administration than any thought of destroying the right of either labor or capital to organize, and each to deal in its organized capacity.

We have recognized that there are evils and abuses on both sides of the almost imaginary line which now is presumed to separate labor and capital. We have wished and sought to minimize these abuses, through better organizations and better understanding, without destroying organizations or the right to form them. We have not wished to compel men to work when they did not want to work; we have not wished to compel employers to keep men at work under conditions which were impossible; but we have earnestly sought to lessen the occasions for conflict between the two parties. We have tried to bring to both of them a realization that both owed in this connection an obligation to the great public interest which is always the great sufferer by reason of their conflict.

In this connection let me say quite frankly that I know there were some elements which hoped for a great and decisive conflict between organized employment and organized labor, and that those elements were not all on either side of the imaginary dividing line. On the capital side of the line were those who hoped that the Administration would lend itself to their program of breaking down organized labor and sending it back to the era of individual bargaining for the individual job.

On the labor side of the line were those who hoped, by exorbitant demands and an attitude of uncompromising insistence, to force the nationalization of some of our most important industries and services. Between these two extreme groups, confident we had behind us the overwhelming public opinion of the nation, we have tried to hold the scales even; to prevent on the one side the destruction of organized labor, and on the other side to frustrate those programs which looked to the ultimate destruction of private capital and the nationalization of all the instrumentalities of production.

How well have we succeeded? At least we have saved the nation from the extremists of both sides. Those who were sure that our salvation lay in the destruction of organized labor and the precipitate reduction of wages have found that the national Administration was not disposed to acquiesce in their program. For many months past they have noted that the demand for labor was greater than the supply; that instead of millions of men out of jobs, there were tens of thousands of jobs without workers; that instead of a sharp and progressive reduction of labor's wage, there has been now for a long time a steady, continuing, persistent increase in that wage. On the other side, those who would have been glad to drive the country into an industrial crisis through the stoppage of production, and to force the nationalization or communization of industry, have been equally disappointed in the outcome.

I believe our policy, and its results, have reflected the sound judgment of the overwhelming majority of the American people. I believe this people is firmly and finally committed to the ideal of preserving the fullest rights of private initiative and private enterprise, together with the right of organiza-

tion on both sides of the line between capital and labor, and always consistent with the right of the public to be served efficiently and at a reasonable cost.

We have come thus far, and thus fortunately, through the most difficult period of reconstruction that we have ever known. We have been sheltered against the world storm of tendency to social revolution. The best test of policy is by results. By that test we ask no more than a fair and reasoned verdict on our program. We ask that its results be compared with the showing, in these after-war years, that can be presented by any other country on the face of the earth.

We ask that you examine the contrast, thoughtfully and seriously, between the general state of the public weal in this country and in others. For our vindication we point to a great nation, its credit preserved, its industries crowded to the point of capacity production, its people employed, its wage scales high beyond all comparison with any other in the world, its banking system standing as the final bulwark of sound money and the gold standard, and its average level of comfort and prosperity unexampled among the races of men.

If I could make the fortunate picture stand out by offering contrast, I would speak of Russia and the colossal failure of its mad experiment. The dissatisfied working forces of America, where there are such, and the parlor theorists who have yet to create a single thing useful to aspiring human kind, will find there less of freedom, much less of reward, and little hope in much-proclaimed emancipation. Royal absolutism has been destroyed, only to be superseded by what appears to be despotism in the name of democracy. To a limited few of democracy's advocates has come vast power. Perhaps wealth attends. Undoubtedly a new Russia is in the making, and there is no doubt the present sponsorship will survive.

Apart from the tragedy of it all, I am glad Russia is making the experiment. If twenty centuries of the Christian era and its great story of human progress, and the countless centuries before the light of Christianity flamed, have been lived and recorded upon mistaken theories of a righteous social order, then everything is wrong, Christianity a failure, and all of civilization a failure. I think Russia is going to rivet anew our belief in established social order. Meanwhile we know ours is the best the world has revealed, and I preach the gospel of holding fast to that which has proven good, ever trying in good conscience to make it better, and consider and treat as an enemy every man who chooses our land as a haven in which to assail the very institutions which shelter him.

There are two phases of the commitment of the great human family. It is of little use to advance unless we hold to the advanced position. It is useless to construct unless we preserve. In the recognized test which our civilization is now undergoing America's supreme task is one of preservation. I call upon America to protect and preserve.

T. R. Preston Says Country is "Waterlogged With Laws"—Would Go Back to Simplicity of Government.

In a recent address on the "Trend of the Times," Thomas R. Preston, President of the Hamilton National Bank of Chattanooga, described the country as "literally waterlogged with laws." He declared "we are fast building up a strong centralized and autocratic Government never dreamed of by the founders of this Republic" and that those who have suffered most as a result of the various Governmental activities "are probably the unorganized public whom these super regulations were intended to benefit." The "crushing weight of taxes" was one of the matters which Mr. Preston cited as hampering the people of the country, and he asserted that "the real remedy now, it seems to me, is for each of us to appreciate more fully the responsibilities of citizenship." This country, declared Mr. Preston, "must get back to the fundamentals. We must get back to the Constitution, back to the spirit of the Declaration of Independence, back to the principles enunciated by Thomas Jefferson, when he said 'the best governed are the least governed,' back to the simplicity of Government. If we do, America will continue to be the proudest hope of mankind, the Utopia of the world." Mr. Preston's speech was delivered before the convention of the Georgia Bankers Association at Savannah, Ga., on May 10, and in part was as follows:

Ordinarily, on occasions like this, some of our numerous problems of banking or some economic questions are discussed. With your permission I am going to discuss problems that I think are more important than any of these, problems that appear to me to concern our very existence as a government—a condition we ourselves have invited. I am not discussing these in a spirit of contention or complaint, but only reciting the dangers as I see them.

People are impatient and restless everywhere. They are smarting under Government restraint and the burdens of taxation. This unrest manifests itself in many ways. For instance, it is doubtful if human life was ever held so cheap or property rights more insecure than now. It has been estimated that we have 300,000 organized Reds in the United States—organized for the specific purpose of overthrowing our Government. We possibly have 10,000,000 radicals, who by their socialistic and communistic demands, are in a way undermining the very foundations of our free institutions. Thoughtful people are beginning to realize that we have too much government, too much interference with the rights and privileges of the people; that we are as a nation unwittingly manufacturing both radicals and Reds at an enormous rate. We seem to be traveling along precisely the same road that has wrecked many of the great countries in the past. Too much government and too restrictive laws have been the curse of all ages.

Declares Country Waterlogged With Laws.

This country is literally waterlogged with laws. Congress has been in almost continuous session for ten years. Instead of meeting the issues and solving within themselves some of the perplexing problems that arise, their policy in recent years has been to set up a multitude of commissions and bureaus to meddle with the most intimate affairs of the people, and to regulate by law nearly all of their activities. This has been the tendency for twenty-five years. It has been most noticeable for the past sixteen years. During these sixteen years there has been proposed in Congress 179,902 new laws. During a recent two-and-one-half months session of the Legislature of one of our States 2,400 new laws were proposed. Taking this as an average, there have been proposed by the legislatures of the

forty-eight States and by Congress in the past sixteen years 1,001,502 new laws, a great majority of them seeking to regulate the life and business of the people. During this period 132,000 new laws have actually been put upon the statute books, over 225 per day, including Sundays, yet ignorance of the law excuses no one. While some of these are known as private acts, many of them are of a general nature, some most restrictive and oppressive.

Building Up Autocratic Government.

We are fast building up a strong centralized and autocratic Government never dreamed of by the founders of this Republic. We are now learning that the ruling class in a republic may become just as arbitrary and just as despotic as in a monarchy. Enterprises formerly carried on by individuals are now passed into the hands of paid officials. The personnel of these commissions and bureau chiefs are seldom suited to their tasks; many of them not only know nothing about their duties, but do not pretend to know anything. A striking example of the qualifications of the average commissioner was illustrated in the Coal Commission created during the war. The head of that Commission was a splendid President of one of our small colleges, his chief assistant was an excellent jeweler, and the public will never know how many millions of dollars this Commission cost them by their bungling acts. Numerous instances similar to this can be cited.

These activities are going far beyond the real functions of Government in attempting to regulate the business and social life of everyone, gradually destroying individualism, enterprise and initiative—the very things that have made this Republic the greatest ever erected by man. Individualism and our rights as citizens are being submerged in the interest of the State. We seem to be disregarding the warnings of every one of our great patriots, from George Washington down to those of the present day. We are making mere provinces of our States. The desire to have everything centralized in Washington is both startling and revolutionary. We can truthfully paraphrase, in part, at least, one of the indictments against King George III, as contained in the Declaration of Independence, and apply same to our own Government—"They have erected a multitude of offices and are sending hither swarms of petty officials to eat out our substance and harass our people."

Too Much Government.

A most striking manifestation of what too much government is leading to is noted in the number of our civilian employees. We have over 700,000 civilians employed by the United States Government. We have, all told, more than 2,000,000 paid officials in our national and local governments. Approximately 15,000,000 people are now supported by our various governments. If the rate of increase continues we will soon have one-half our people working for the Government and the other half struggling to pay them.

Most of these conditions have been brought about by the incessant demands of organized, and sometimes noisy, minorities, those whose avocations are looking after other people's affairs.

Public Suffers from Bureaucracy.

As the result of our various governmental activities, we might mention that the United States and the various States have created ninety-nine commissions and bureaus to regulate the railroads of this country, and they have regulated them almost to destruction. Those that have suffered most are probably the unorganized public, whom these super-regulations were intended to benefit. We have the Inter-State Commerce Commission at the head of the list; we have also our Labor Commission, our Federal Trade Commission, Coal Commission, Tariff Commission and hundreds of others. The very latest one created is a commission for the supervision by the Government of the rearing of children. Mothers of the future are to nurse their off-spring under the direction of a Government inspector. Even the State of Massachusetts has enjoined the Federal Government from putting in operation in that State this so-called "maternity bill."

Example of Government Meddling in Business.

Our Government for a time operated the railroads of this country; for a longer time has controlled our shipping interests; they also had a commission for the manufacture of aeroplanes. The loss from these three activities, though existing but a few years, is more than the total debt that Great Britain owes the United States, and nothing was left from this Governmental experiment except a monument of taxes and disorganized industries. Almost every corporation and every private business is subjected now to some kind of regulation.

While we have 700,000 civilian employees in our national Government, our entire army contains only 137,000 men.

In 1907 a United States Senator, on the floor of the Senate, complained of the growth of our Government field inspectors, examiners, &c., stating that the number had grown in twenty years from 162 to 3,000 and as he termed it we have 3,000 of these so-called inspectors swarming over this country meddling with the private affairs of the people. This number has now been increased to more than 42,000. Many believe that the Government of the United States could to-day discharge 250,000 civilian employees, abolish some of the useless bureaus and commissions, and our Governmental affairs would be more efficiently conducted than they are now.

Making Police Courts of Our United States Courts.

Another striking manifestation of too much government is reflected in the clogged condition of our United States courts. We have almost reduced our Federal courts to mere police courts. More than 80,000 criminal cases are now pending in the United States courts of this country. There is no really good citizen who is not in favor of law enforcement in the fullest and most ample way. Instead of repealing thousands of useless, obnoxious and unnecessary laws so that the balance can be enforced, the tendency has been toward a multiplicity of laws, until the people have gotten to the point where they can hardly have an independent thought without violating some law. Few things would be more helpful to this country than for our legislative bodies, both national and State, to begin a wholesale repealing of some of our most obnoxious and restrictive laws, and for every one, for a period of time, at least, to attend strictly to his own business and let the other fellow alone. If we could, for a brief time, muzzle some of our so-called "reformers" in this country, it would be extremely helpful.

Commissions and Bureaus Seldom Abolished.

When a commission is created or a bureau established, it is almost impossible to abolish the same; the tendency is in exactly the opposite direction. For instance, when the Division of Indian Affairs was created it had only seventy or eighty men to look after our Indian affairs. Our Indian population is now 333,000, and there are between 5,000 and 6,000 men in that Department to-day. In the creation of the Veterans' Bureau it has been stated that there are one-half as many men employed in that Bureau as we had wounded in France.

Our Government apparently never finishes anything. During the last session of Congress it developed that there were clerks in the Treasury Department checking over claims growing out of the War of 1812. Possibly, if no unforeseen complication arises, this work will be completed in another century.

Apparently, there are just two more major things the Government can take over, one is the schools of the country, and the other is the elections; and if it takes charge of both, local self-government will almost entirely disappear, and ours would be as much of a centralized Government as Germany or Russia has ever been.

Unlimited Power Intoxicates Men.

Unlimited power intoxicates most men, and will often make of the mildest mannered man a ferocious beast. No man has ever been good enough to be master of another. From the beginning of civilization down to the present time the concentration of power has been the one instrument above all others by which free governments have been destroyed.

No man has ever seen a report by one of these Government commissioners or bureau chiefs that did not ask for one of two things—first, for more power, and, second, for a larger appropriation. All history warns against the concentration of too much power in any government. Gladstone, in almost his last public utterance, warned England against the concentration of power in the Crown. He said that power should be returned to the people, to whom it belonged. Yet the people of England are considered to have more liberties than almost any people in the world. Repressive measures should seldom be resorted to, but the practice in this country has been that when the people rebelled against these oppressive measures, instead of repealing or modifying them, to pass laws that are still more oppressive.

Crushing Weight of Taxes.

Another striking manifestation of too much government is reflected in our crushing weight of taxes. There is now little incentive for men to strive, to sacrifice, to labor and achieve. By our high rates we are driving the rich to tax-free securities, thus putting a premium on idleness and a penalty on industry. In eight years the taxes in this country for all purposes have increased 390%. The people are now paying \$8,500,000,000 per annum in taxes. This vast increase is by no means all due to the war, and much that is excused on account of the war could be greatly lessened, if not entirely eliminated. More than 15% of the total income of the American people now goes for taxes. We all work one day out of every week to support our various governments. Thirteen per cent of our living cost is made up of taxes. It costs more to support our Federal Government than it does to support the governments of the forty-eight States, every county, and every city and town in the United States. Twenty years ago the total expenditure of the Federal Government for every purpose was about one-eighth of what it is to-day. The total expenses of our Government in 1864, when the Civil War expenditures were at their crest, were only about one-fourth of what they will be for the fiscal year ending June 1923.

Perhaps the fairest tax ever devised was the income tax, but it has made the raising of funds so easy that it has provoked a riot of extravagance everywhere, and no one can see the end. It has also helped to destroy the doctrine of State sovereignty. Our taxes are stifling industry, and will eventually lower our standard of living. We are now taking more than \$2,000,000,000 per annum in taxes from the earnings of the people that ought to go into productive pursuits. Our whole country is crying out for more houses and for more public and private improvements.

Collection of Income Tax Sometimes Harsh.

Not only are our Federal taxes an intolerable burden, but the method of their collection is often annoying, and sometimes extremely harsh. Your tax receipt from your State, county or city usually ends the matter, but not so with the Federal Government. Five years after you have paid your taxes, inspectors, or so-called "tax experts," will come around and figure up your taxes again, and there seems to be as many different ways of computing them as there are of these "experts." Sometimes the same year will be figured over two or three times, and each time in a different way. The Government is now asking the taxpayers throughout the country to sign a waiver giving them in addition to the five years they already have, unlimited time in which to check over these tax returns. So it may be fifteen years from the date your taxes are due until you know whether or not you have paid them in full. Your State, your county and your city trust you to pay your taxes. Your Uncle Sam trusts no one. Many a person is unjustly taxed, but he pays the tax rather than incur the expense of a lawyer or an expert to go to Washington to see that he gets a fair deal. Such treatment often destroys a man's respect for his Government. Millions of dollars, no doubt, are annually extorted from the people in this way, and such treatment amounts to simply a denial of justice. Instances are on record where intelligent men have gone to Washington eight or ten times on the same matter before they could even secure a hearing or find a party to whom they should appeal. It makes no difference how unjust taxes may be, it is an expensive procedure for a taxpayer to convince the authorities that they are unjust. The administration of our Tax Department has brought an army of tax lawyers and accountants to Washington, and other large cities, that are living off the taxpayers of this country. It will be surprising if there is not later opened up an amazing field for graft and extortion arising from the administration of our income tax system.

There are around Washington, what is known as "expert drafters of bills." Some of these were employed to draft the last Revenue Act, and if they had been engaged for the express purpose of annoying the people and making it difficult for them to know on what to pay taxes, how to make up their tax returns, or to ever know when they had finished paying them, no more auspicious beginning could have been devised than the 1921 and previous revenue acts.

Taxation to be Issue in Presidential Campaign.

However hard the political leaders may try to shape the issues of the next Presidential campaign, they are not going to make them the League of Nations, the question of joining the International Court, the Bonus Bill, the Ship Subsidy Bill, or anything of that nature. The two outstanding issues above all others will be, first the question of taxation, the laying of crushing burdens upon the people and the almost criminal waste of the people's money; second, the decentralization of the Federal Government, the giving back to the people some of the rights and privileges that have been taken from them.

More than 7,000,000 people in the United States pay Federal income taxes—6,000,000 with incomes less than \$5,000 per annum. These, alone, are enough to control any Presidential election. The direct taxpayer sate by no means the only ones that are interested in the matter of taxes, for, in almost every business transaction the matter of taxes enters. Party platforms and party candidates had little to do with the result of the Presidential election of 1920. The political leaders in no sense made the issue at that time. The people themselves made it, and the reason for the unprecedented majority of the Republican candidate was that the people were rebelling against these restrictive measures and the burdens of taxation.

I speak in no partisan sense when I say that if the Democratic party can convince the people two years hence that they will really reduce our intolerable tax burdens and get away from the paternalistic tendencies of the Government, they will sweep the Republican party from power, just as the Republican party swept them from power two years ago. If neither of the old parties can give the people relief within the next few years, a

third party will undoubtedly be formed, and both of the old parties will be thrown into the scrap heap.

Voters Independent Now.

The voters of this country are becoming independent—really independent for the first time in the history of this Republic. Party labels count for nothing with most people. There are a few real outstanding issues that divide the two great parties as in the past. In fact, they have changed positions on a great many. For instance, the Democratic party has always been against a centralized Government and for the greatest freedom for the States. They have always stood for liberty of its citizens and the rights of the States, yet during the last Democratic administration more measures were passed (aside from those incident to the war) taking power away from the people and the States, than had ever been passed in a like period since the very beginning of this Republic. If a third party should be created that would take the Constitution as its platform, with a leadership that inspired confidence, there can be no question as to the results. It would probably be unwise at this time for a third party to be formed. The old parties should be given another chance. The real remedy now, it seems to me, is for each of us to appreciate more fully the responsibilities of citizenship. A man is a poor citizen who will not fight for his country in time of war or who will not participate in its public affairs in time of peace; and in participating in its public affairs, I do not in any sense mean the holding of public office, but the better citizens of this country must take a more active interest in political matters. This country must get back to the fundamentals. We must get back to the Constitution, back to the spirit of the Declaration of Independence, back to the principles enunciated by Thomas Jefferson when he said "The best governed are the least governed"; back to the simplicity of government. If we do, America will continue to be the proudest hope of mankind, the Utopia of the world.

Leroy A. Mershon on Co-operation Between Trust Companies and the Legal Profession.

Discussing "The Prevention of Unnecessary Legislation" before the New England Bankers Association in convention at New London, Conn., on June 15, Leroy A. Mershon, Deputy Manager of the American Bankers Association, pointed out that "less than a century ago the three great professions were concerned almost entirely with effecting cures." "To-day," he continued, "the authorized representative of medicine, religion and the law are divided and sub-divided into specialists who are devoted to discovering causes and applying the prophylactic method of prevention at the source." Prevention at the source, said Mr. Mershon, "makes unnecessary any legislation," adding:

The wholehearted and constant co-operation of the fiduciary institutions of all of the New England States meeting here to-day and to-morrow is earnestly invited.

In the realm of physics, friction is lost power. This is also true in our everyday life. It is costly. Harmony means progress and success. It is free.

The earnest hope that I convey to you to-day is that you study this subject faithfully in order to draw a clear line of distinction between legal practice and the administration of trusts.

In this way, the broader interest of the public, which is paramount, will be preserved and this great service to the living and the dead shall go on unabated to greater heights of usefulness.

In part Mr. Mershon also said:

Formerly, the responsibility for prevention at the source was chargeable almost entirely to individuals but during later years a collection of individuals, in corporations, have shared this responsibility. Just one hundred years ago a certain group of individuals were banded together in corporate form to perform fiduciary functions clothed with special equipment and perpetual existence, as well as financial responsibility, they began the exercise of certain functions formerly performed by individuals. The outgrowth of this banding together is known to us as the modern trust company. The first eighty years of the existence of trust companies was largely spent in the creation of confidence and good-will. This came because of duty well performed. The last two decades have seen a marvelous growth in these great reservoirs of service. With their banking and trust resources conservatively estimated at sixty billions of dollars and a record of achievement unsurpassed in any business or profession they stand as a bulwark of safety, assurance and comfort to the man of action and accomplishment who knows the uncertainty of life and the sureness of death.

It has not been unnatural, therefore, that the expansion of the corporate fiduciary should invite the attention of the legally trained mind. The administration of the affairs of the living and the dead necessitates the handling of so many questions concerning the intimate relationships of life that frequently it has been a difficult task to divorce the purely business affairs from those of a professional nature. This has been rendered more difficult by the rapid increase in the appointments to service and the complicated duties connected therewith.

Twelve years ago Marquis Eaton, Esquire, of the Chicago Bar in discussing "The Relation of the Trust Company to the Lawyer" at the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Trust Company Division of the American Bankers Association, drew a clear line between the administration of estates and the practice of the law. He also set forth many ways in which the corporate fiduciary is of real service to the lawyer and his client.

At the Chicago Convention in 1918, Mr. Frank W. Blair, in his address as President of the Trust Company Division, American Bankers Association, called attention to the apparent misunderstandings between members of the legal profession and trust companies in certain parts of the country. He recommended the appointment of a special committee to make a study of this subject and propose such remedial measures as might be deemed necessary. A resolution in support of this recommendation was unanimously adopted. It called attention to the lack of understanding of the true and necessary functions of a trust company and its relations with the legal profession and stated that the trust companies of the United States and the legal profession have common interests and public duties to perform. The Committee on Co-operation with the Bar was thereupon created.

This newly created committee meeting in November 1918 began an exhaustive study of the subject. It considered the causes of the apparent estrangement between trust companies and lawyers; the effect produced by the then existing conditions and the remedies needed.

In May, 1919, the committee submitted a comprehensive report to the Executive Committee of the Trust Company Division at its meeting held at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. This report included an analysis of the laws of these States having statutes prohibiting the unauthorized

practice of the law. It also recommended a continuance of efforts to advise individual trust companies known to be offending the legal profession in any particular in respect to their advertising or practice. At this meeting an invitation was presented from the Conference of State and Local Bar Associations to discuss "The relation of trust companies to the practice of law" this being the subject placed upon the program by the Bar Association Committee for discussion at their convention held in Boston on Sept. 2 1919. The invitation was accepted. A delegation of seven trust company officials from different parts of the country attended the meeting. Several erroneous impressions regarding trust company ideals and practices were dispelled. The Bar conference adopted the following resolution:

Resolved. That it is in the sense of this meeting that it is in the interest of society that the intimate and direct relationship of attorney and client shall be preserved, and that corporate or lay practice of law is destructive of that relationship and tends to lower the standard of professional responsibility.

Resolved further. That trust companies, while possessing proper and legitimate functions of a business and fiduciary character are not constituted or organized for the purpose of furnishing legal advice to clients—drawing wills or furnishing legal services.

Resolved further. That the efforts of the Trust Company Section of the American Bankers Association to eliminate evil practices on the part of trust companies be encouraged and the effort to co-operate with the bar be cordially welcomed.

Resolved. To that end, that we recommend to State and local bar associations that they bring to the attention of the Trust Company Section of the American Bankers Association any evil practices of trust companies or bankers of which they are aware in order that the bankers' organization may, like the lawyers' organization, purge its ranks of wrong doing or error.

Resolved further. That a special committee of six be appointed to prepare for the use of State and local bar associations a careful brief of what constitutes practice of the law and what constitutes unlawful and improper practice of the law by laymen or lay agencies, and that said committee report at the next conference.

In August, 1920, the convention of the American Bar Association was held in St. Louis. The special committee of the conference of Bar Association delegates presented its report. It contained the committee's definition "On what constitutes practice of the law and what constitutes unlawful and improper practice of the law by laymen or lay agencies." The report was adopted.

At the meeting of the Trust Company Division, American Bankers Association held in Washington, October, 1920, it was decided to prepare and forward a general communication to all members of the division. It was sent in January, 1921. The purpose of the communication was to promote real co-operation between trust companies and the legal profession.

"First and foremost" reads the letter, "trust companies should so conduct their business that all possible conflict of interest with lawyers will be eliminated. Therefore, when a client proposes to name a trust company as executor or trustee of his or her estate every effort should be made to have the attorney for the client draw his or her will and in all legal matters in connection with the administration of the estate the client's attorney should, if possible, be employed."

Throughout the letter appeals were made with a view to prevention of conflict of interest at the source. This communication had a beneficial effect. Prompt assurance was given from many sources of co-operation in carrying out the desire of the committee.

The proper development of trust companies increases legal practice. Large sums of money are used each year to induce individuals to act in an orderly manner in the arrangement of their mundane affairs for the inevitable end of life. Separately and collectively, trust companies are urging men and women everywhere to put their houses in order. This means the preparation of wills and trust agreements which calls for a knowledge of the law and the business administration of trusts.

The service of the trust companies to individual lawyers is universal and invaluable. Through the use of the well-organized and highly specialized departments of the modern trust company the lawyer has at his command an equipment which enables him to serve his clients more completely.

Throughout the life of the Committee on Co-operation with the Bar many manifestations have been given of co-operation in fact rather than in name only. Hundreds of letters have been written and many miles have been traveled in bringing to bear upon officials of fiduciary institutions the deep conviction of the high principle involved in this discussion. It is with particular pride that I tell you to-day that we have met with almost one hundred percent success in this great work. We have given evidence to the leaders and members of the bar through word and deed that our co-operation is genuine.

From the leaders and many members of the bar much evidence of appreciation of our efforts has been received. In the resolution adopted by members of the bar at Boston in 1919; in reports of meetings of bar associations in different parts of the country and in printed reports of bar committees, our committee has been commended for its work.

Last August the American Bar Association convened at San Francisco. At one of the meetings held in that city at that time, Julius Henry Cohen, Esq., of the New York Bar, addressed the delegates. Mr. Cohen told the delegates of our meeting together about five years ago when we discussed the conflict between trust companies and lawyers, "From that day to this," said Mr. Cohen, "I can testify as a witness upon the subject that we have had a most hearty co-operation from the Trust Company Section of the American Bankers Association."

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

Otto H. Kahn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., sailed for Europe on the 3d inst. on the Aquitania. He expects to be away three months and to visit England, France, Austria and Hungary. A study of financial and economic conditions will be made by the banker, who also undertakes the trip for recreation.

The Importers & Traders National Bank of New York has been merged into the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, the consolidation having been completed Friday, June 29. As a result of the merger, it is announced, the Equitable now has a capital of \$23,000,000 and surplus and undivided profits of more than \$9,500,000; deposits are in excess of \$301,000,000 and total resources are approximately \$375,000,000. The offices of the Importers & Traders National Bank, at 247 Broadway, are now known and operated as "the Importers & Traders Office" of the Equitable. The merger plans were referred to in these columns Feb. 24, page 777; March 10, page 1014; April 21, page 1725; June 2, page 2482, and June 23, page 2847.

Officers of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York tendered a dinner on Monday evening last at the University Club to A. W. Loasby in honor of his election to the Presidency of the trust company. Alvin W. Kreech, Chairman of the Board, was toastmaster, and other speakers included Lyman Rhoades, George LeBlanc, Henry Cooper, Heman Dowd and Morris K. Parker.

At the meeting of the trustees of the Bank of New York & Trust Co. on July 3, Cleveland E. Dodge was elected a trustee of the company to succeed his father, Cleveland H. Dodge, who had resigned. Mr. Dodge is the third representative of his family to be chosen to this board, his grandfather, William E. Dodge, having been elected in 1864, and his father, Cleveland H. Dodge, having been elected to succeed him in 1903.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York on July 3, Frederick S. Bale, who has been Assistant to the President, was elected a Vice-President; E. S. Chappelle, who has been Auditor, appointed to the newly created position of Comptroller, and H. L. Simms appointed Auditor.

Douglass B. Simonson has been appointed an Assistant Cashier of The National City Bank of New York.

The Henry J. Schnitzer State Bank of this city has changed its name to the Universal Exchange Bank and will conduct its business at the same address as heretofore, 164 Washington St. The board of directors at its last meeting elected Henry J. Schnitzer President, in place of Jules Charmatz, who resigned. Herbert S. De Marrais, for many years connected with the old Liberty National Bank, now known as the New York Trust Co., and Alexander Grau Wardmeyer, formerly with the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, have been elected Vice-Presidents.

The condensed statement of the condition of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York as of June 30 1923, issued July 5, shows deposits of \$479,811,505 and resources of \$595,419,595. Surplus and undivided profits total \$18,290,126.

The International Acceptance Bank, Inc., New York, announces that at the last meeting of the directors Matthew C. Brush was elected a director. Mr. Brush is President of the American International Corporation, New York. The board of directors of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., is now as follows:

Matthew C. Brush, President American International Corporation, New York; Newcomb Carlton, President Western Union Telegraph Co., New York; Emory W. Clark, President First National Bank in Detroit, Detroit; Walter E. Frew, President Corn Exchange Bank, New York; F. Abbott Goodhue, President; Robert F. Herrick, Herrick, Smith, Donald & Farley, Boston; L. Nachmann, Vice-President; John T. Pratt, New York; Lawrence H. Shearman, W. R. Grace & Co., New York; William Skinner, William Skinner & Sons, New York; Philip Stockton, President Old Colony Trust Co., Boston; Chas. A. Stone, President American International Corporation, New York; Henry Tatnall, Vice-President Pennsylvania RR. Co., Philadelphia; Felix M. Warburg, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York; Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of the board of directors; Thos. H. West Jr., President Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., Providence; Daniel G. Wing, President First National Bank of Boston, Boston.

An increase in deposits of 12% during the past year is shown by the June 30th statement of the American Trust Co., which has just been published. This brings the total of deposits to \$24,290,456. The total resources of the American Trust Co. are reported as \$28,019,532, an increase of about 13%, and an increase in the outstanding loans, both secured and unsecured, reflects the growth of the company's business during the year.

At the regular meeting of the directors of the Industrial Trust, Title & Savings Co. of Philadelphia on July 5, Harry Marshall was elected Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

Henry W. Biddle, senior member of the brokerage house of Thomas A. Biddle & Co. of Philadelphia, died at his residence in Paoli on July 2 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Biddle was born in Philadelphia on April 7 1848. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1866, and later received his master's degree. For many years he was associated with his father (Thomas A. Biddle, the founder of the firm), in the brokerage business, and also was a director in numerous banks and trust companies. Mr. Biddle was admitted to membership in the Philadelphia Stock Exchange on Dec. 21 1868 and was one of the oldest members of that Exchange.

George E. Stauffer was appointed a Vice-President of the Fourth Street National Bank of Philadelphia on June 26. Mr. Stauffer was an Assistant Cashier prior to becoming Vice-President. He was formerly a national bank examiner in the Philadelphia district. C. F. Weihman and C. R. Horton have been appointed Assistant Cashiers. Mr. Horton has been with the bank for twenty-five years. H. C. Reifsnnyder has been appointed Auditor. Mr. Reifsnnyder has been connected with the bank for twenty-six years. The appointment became effective July 1 1923.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Union National Bank of Philadelphia will be held on July 24 1923 to vote on a proposal to increase the capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The new stock is to be offered to stockholders at \$180 per share.

Bert H. Smyers has resigned as Vice-President of the Pittsburgh Trust Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., effective July 1. Mr. Smyers had been connected with the trust company since its incorporation. He will resume the practice of law, continuing his connection with the trust company for six months in an advisory capacity.

July 1 was the 60th anniversary of the founding of the First National Bank of Chicago and the event was celebrated by the bank on the following day. The institution began business at 22 La Salle Street, Edward Aiken being its first President. The wonderful growth in the bank's business since 1863 is seen when some of the principal items in the first quarterly statement of the bank (Sept. 30 1863) and the corresponding items in the bank's statement as of July 1 1923 are compared. On Sept. 30 1863 the bank had a paid-in capital of \$205,000 with no surplus, as against a paid-in capital of \$12,500,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$17,165,476 on July 1 of this year; deposits of \$211,591, as against deposits of \$205,007,647, and total resources of \$481,849, in 1863, as compared with \$246,684,550 to-day. The First Trust & Savings Bank, the affiliated institution of the First National Bank of Chicago, has a capital of \$6,250,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$9,268,967; total deposits of \$98,342,154 and total resources of \$120,906,662. The combined deposits of the two banks amount to \$303,349,212 and their combined resources to \$367,591,212. James B. Forgan is Chairman of the Board of both banks, while Frank O. Wetmore is President of the First National Bank and Melvin A. Taylor President of the trust company.

On July 2 the Foreman National Bank and the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank—the two new institutions which have succeeded to the business of the Foreman Bros. Banking Co. of Chicago—opened for business in the building heretofore occupied by the banking company at the southwest corner of La Salle and Washington streets, which has been extensively remodeled to meet the needs of the new banks. Great quantities of flowers were received for the occasion and throughout the day the banking rooms were thronged with visitors. When the institutions had closed for the day it was found, it is said, that fully \$2,500,000 in deposits (representing new business) had been added to the total deposits of the banks, making the same more than \$60,000,000. The officers of the new Foreman National Bank, which has a capital of \$2,500,000 and surplus of \$1,500,000, are as follows: Oscar G. Foreman, Chairman of the Board; Harold E. Foreman, President; George N. Neise, Alfred K. Foreman, Gerhard Foreman, William J. Fickinger, John Terborgh and Charles A. Burns, Vice-Presidents; Andrew F. Moeller, 2d Vice-President and Cashier; Frank B. Woltz and J. E. Sullivan, 2d Vice-Presidents; Edwin G. Foreman, Jr., Max J. Thies, James S. Rodie, Edwin G. Neise, Elmer C. Maywald, Otto J. Hansa and G. A. West, Assistant Cashiers and John H. Bartelme, Auditor. The officers of the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, which has a capital of \$1,000,000 and surplus of \$500,000, are the same as those of the Foreman National Bank with the exception that there are no 2d Vice-Presidents and that Edwin G. Foreman, Jr., is Cashier; James E. Hemingway, Secretary; Harry Krauspe, Assistant Secretary; Neil J. Shannon, Trust Officer; John W. Bissell, Assistant Trust Officer and Robert B. Whiting, Bond Officer. The bond department of the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank marks the entrance, it is said, of the Foremans into the bond field on an extensive scale. Mr. Whiting, who has charge of this department, resigned as Secretary & Treasurer of Stevenson Bros. & Perry of Chicago to take the position. Since 1914, it is said, at which time he left New York and went to Chicago, he has been actively en-

gaged in the investment banking field. Foreman Bros. Banking Co. was founded in 1862 as a private bank and began business in one room. It was incorporated as a State bank in 1897. The combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of the two institutions which now represent the business is more than \$6,000,000.

The stockholders of the Cosmopolitan State Bank of Chicago have ratified a proposal to increase the capital stock from \$500,000 to \$750,000. The stockholders of record as of June 20 will be permitted to subscribe for the new stock in the amount of 50% of their holdings at \$150 a share. The additional stock was authorized by the shareholders June 20 and subscriptions were due on or before July 31 1923.

At the quarterly meeting of the directors of Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis on June 29, Charles F. Leigh, President of the Lavis Chemical Co., was elected a director of the company to succeed the late Francis W. Little.

H. C. Moore has been made Cashier of the Corn Exchange Bank of Kansas City. Mr. Moore's election to the post follows the purchase of the stock holdings of Richard Morro, former Cashier, by T. H. Brougham, President of the bank, and John T. Wayland, a director and manager of the savings department of the Federal Reserve Bank. Mr. Moore had heretofore been an examiner for the Kansas City Clearing House Association.

The American State Bank of Wichita, Kansas, on June 18 closed its doors following the discovery of a shortage in the funds of the institution of approximately \$1,500,000. The following day (June 19) Philip A. Drumm, the Cashier of the bank, was placed under arrest on a warrant issued on the complaint of Carl J. Peterson, the State Bank Commissioner, charging him with the alleged making of a false statement to the State bank examiners on Nov. 24 last. When arraigned before the County Attorney, Walter A. Blake, Drumm, it is said, admitted his guilt and declared he was responsible for the shortage in the bank's funds. Subsequently he was released on a bond of \$15,000 furnished by his personal friends. The accused Cashier, it is said, is alleged to have sold municipal bonds which the bank had purchased for investment and loaned the money he obtained for them to individuals, companies and corporations. A special press dispatch from Wichita on June 10 to the New York "Times" said in part:

"The Cashier was in conference until 2 o'clock this morning with bankers and lawyers who were endeavoring to disentangle the financial affairs of the institution. He declined to make a signed statement regarding his speculations.

"I have been in hell the last three years," Drumm declared to bank officials, admitting he had been guilty of selling municipal bonds, purchased for investment by the bank, and lending the money to individuals, companies and corporations without notifying the officers of the institution.

"It is a case of bad loans," Drumm said at the County Attorney's office. Individuals, companies and corporations had failed to meet their obligations at the bank.

"The notes involved were taken to or indorsed by the American State Bank, the Cashier asserted. "None of the money was used by me individually. I am not an officer in any of the companies or corporations involved. I do not believe the depositors of the bank will lose a thing."

He declared that between 70 and 75% of the funds would be paid. He has turned over to bank officials about \$600,000 in notes, which are said to be of doubtful value. Sums totaling \$700,000 lent by the American State Bank to the Kansas Gas & Petroleum Co. of Wichita and Frontier Refining Co. of Hutchinson, said to be allied companies, are the principal items in the irregularities admitted by Drumm, according to Robert C. Foulston, attorney for the bank.

The American State Bank of Wichita had a capital of \$150,000, surplus and undivided profits of \$250,000 and total deposits of approximately \$5,500,000. A press dispatch from Wichita on June 21, printed in the Topeka "Capital" of June 22, with regard to the failure of the bank, contained the following statement issued by State Bank Commissioner Peterson:

The bank guarantee fund now amounts to \$1,900,000. A number of banks have failed in Kansas in the past year or two. Their net losses will amount to about \$1,500,000. By the time the affairs of the American State Bank are settled there will be ample money in that fund to pay all of the claims, including those of the American State Bank.

There will be a meeting of all Wichita banks under the guaranty law to-day (June 21) at 4 o'clock. This has been called by the banks themselves and I have been asked to explain all the details of the law.

You can say positively that the State Bank Guaranty Law is working, as far as the depositors in this case are concerned. I am still of the opinion that the assets of the bank will take care of the situation. It may take two years to adjust all the affairs of the bank, but the depositors will get their money.

There is a movement on foot to reorganize the bank and continue in business. We had a telegram from a man in another town to-day asking to be let in on a reorganization.

A new financial institution is to be formed in St. Louis as an adjunct of the National Bank of Commerce under the name of the Commerce Co. with a capital of \$1,000,000.

The proposed institution will handle investment loans such as first mortgage real estate loans, industrial bonds and other securities. Under the plans relative to the organization of the new company it is proposed to declare a cash dividend of 10% out of the undivided profits of the bank, which the stockholders are to invest in the stock of the new company, each shareholder holding his proportionate share of the stock in the new organization. President Lonsdale announces that the new company will be housed in the Pine Street side of the Federal Reserve Building formerly occupied by the Mortgage Trust Co. The new organization will be the fifth new financial facility added to the National Bank of Commerce since Mr. Lonsdale became President in 1915. The other departments are savings, bonds, trusts, and the operation of its own safe deposit vaults. President Lonsdale, in his address to the stockholders of the bank on June 18 regarding the creation of the new organization, said:

Saint Louis, June 18 1923.

To the Stockholders of the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis:

As you know, we have established a savings department which now has nearly 50,000 depositors, with total deposits of over eight millions. We have also put in a bond department which is doing a very satisfactory business. By special permission of the Federal Reserve Board, the bank qualified to act in a fiduciary capacity, and our trust department is now handling a large volume of trust matters. We have also taken over and are now operating our safe deposit vaults.

There are, however, some financial matters that cannot be transacted through a national bank, and yet are allied with commercial banking so closely that we have realized for some time the necessity of having a way to take care of this business. And so, at a recent meeting of the board of directors, the officers of the bank were directed to formulate a plan for creating a company to be called Commerce Co. or some other suitable name which will have the power of dealing in all kinds of securities, including first mortgages on real estate, real estate, and other matters of like character, it being the purpose that the charter of this company shall be broad enough to enable the company to supplement the service now performed by the bank.

The new company is to be owned by the stockholders of the bank in proportion to their holdings of stock in the bank. We have examined a number of different plans that have been adopted by national banks throughout the country, and have concluded that the best is that known as the Chicago plan. Under this plan, the directors of this bank will declare a 10% cash dividend, amounting to a million dollars, and the stockholders will be asked to subscribe for stock in the new company in an amount equal to this dividend, and authorize the committee to apply the proceeds in payment of their stock in the new company. In this way each subscribing shareholder in the bank will have one-tenth of a share of fully paid stock in the new company for each share of stock in the bank.

Believing that the interests of the stockholders of this bank will best be served if their interests in the bank and the new company are kept identical, the plan of organization provides that the stock in the new company shall be held by the trustees named in the agreement for the benefit of the subscribers, except the few shares that may be necessary for the directors to qualify. While such trust continues, the beneficial interest in the stock of the new company deposited with the trustees will pass with the transfer of the stock in this bank.

Each stockholder, therefore, is requested to sign the enclosed acceptance and power of attorney so that the new company may be promptly organized and put in operation. The gentlemen named in the power of attorney are directors and large stockholders in the bank.

Yours truly,

JNO. S. LONSDALE, President.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

There has been little in the way of encouragement in the trend of prices in the stock market this week, except that there has been a sharp upward reaction the last two days. Many new low records for the year have been established. On Saturday prices receded during the opening hour, rallied at midsession and resumed their downward course in the closing hour. On Monday the market again rallied somewhat, but there was little effort at support and the recovery was not maintained. On Tuesday the market sagged further and losses were general throughout the list. Numerous declines of one to two points were reported in the late afternoon session. There was no apparent improvement in the price movement as the market opened on Thursday, but later in the day the market recovered somewhat. The rally continued in the afternoon trading and in the closing hour a number of the more active securities registered advances of ½ to 2 points above Tuesday's low level, Wednesday having been Independence Day and a holiday. On Friday the tone improved. In the early afternoon an attack was directed against Delaware & Hudson, which forced that issue to 97, a new low record. In the last hour the market rallied and most of the leading securities closed at the highest level of the day. The decline in Delaware & Hudson was very pronounced and attracted much attention, as it seemed to be the result of extensive liquidation. The break in New Haven stock to below 10 this week has also attracted much attention. This seems to have been due to the promulgation of the plan for the rehabilitation of this property and the Boston & Maine by the Joint New England Railroad Committee and the inference deduced from it, perhaps incorrectly, that this implied an assessment on New Haven stock.

THE CURB MARKET.

Trading in the Curb Market this week was quiet. Periodic selling movements served as an unsettling influence and carried prices to lower levels with stocks showing little rallying power. The close was quiet, though with a better tone. Oil stocks were the most prominent features. Prairie Oil & Gas and Prairie Pipe Line were conspicuous for a break of nine points to 175 for the former and six points to 93 in the latter. Both made good recoveries to 180 and 96½, respectively. Galena-Signal Oil com. sold down from 59½ to 55, but sold back to 60 to-day. Indiana Pipe Line fell from 98½ to 95 and closed to-day at 96. Standard Oil (Indiana) after fractional advance to 55¼ dropped to 52¼ and recovered finally to 53½. Standard Oil of N. Y. weakened from 36⅞ to 36, recovered to 37¼ and sold finally at 36⅞. Vacuum Oil eased off from 45½ to 43½ and closed to-day at 44⅞. Gulf Oil of Pa. advanced from 50½ to 51⅞. Maracaibo Oil lost about two points to 19½ and ends the week at 19¼. Trading in industrials was without feature. Gillette Safety Razor was under pressure and declined from 250 to 242, the close to-day being at 243¼. Cleveland Automobile com. was off a point to 24¼. Durant Motors, Inc., after early advance from 42½ to 44½, broke to 40½ and recovered finally to 43. Glen Alden Coal lost a point to 65 and National Supply Co. com. over two points to 50¼, though the latter recovered to 52½. Bonds were dull.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 75.

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:

Week ending July 6.	Sat. June 30.	Mon. July 2.	Tues. July 3.	Wed. July 4.	Thurs. July 5.	Fri. July 6.
Silver, per oz. d.	31½	30½	31½	30½	31	31½
Gold, per fine ounce.	89s.11d.	90s.	90s.2d.	90s.4d.	90s.7d.	90s.5d.
Consols, 2½ per cents.	58½	58½	58½	58½	57½	56½
British, 5 per cents.	101	100½	100½	100½	100½	99½
British, 4½ per cents.	98	98	97¾	97¾	97½	97½
French Rentes (in Paris) .fr.	56	55.85	55.80	55.85	55.85	55.85
French War Loan (in Paris) .fr.	74.85	75	75	75	75.20	75

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

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	63	62½	62½	62½	63½
Foreign					

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week show a satisfactory increase over a year ago. 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, July 7) aggregate bank clearings for all the cities in the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will show an increase of 18.8% as compared with the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$8,006,971,221, against \$6,741,353,630 for the same week in 1922. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending July 7.	1923.	1922.	Per Cent.
New York	\$3,839,000,000	\$3,223,176,517	+19.1
Chicago	526,924,789	416,157,706	+26.6
Philadelphia	401,000,000	307,000,000	+30.6
Boston	320,000,000	225,000,000	+42.2
Kansas City	98,302,597	95,128,265	+3.3
St. Louis	a	a	a
San Francisco	126,700,000	106,100,000	+19.4
Pittsburgh	124,177,225	*98,000,000	+26.7
Detroit	104,680,023	76,096,260	+37.6
Baltimore	83,474,447	54,571,605	+53.0
New Orleans	46,157,807	41,778,454	+10.5
Ten cities, 5 days	\$5,670,416,888	\$4,643,008,807	+22.1
Other cities, 5 days	1,002,059,130	974,785,885	+2.8
Total all cities, 5 days	\$6,672,476,018	\$5,617,794,692	+18.8
All cities, 1 day	1,334,495,203	1,123,355,938	+18.8
Total all cities for week	\$8,006,971,221	\$6,741,353,630	+18.8

* Estimated. a No longer report clearings.

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 30. For that week there is a decrease, but it is very small, being only 0.3%, the 1923 aggregate of the clearings being \$7,771,008,774 and the 1922 aggregate \$7,790,691,296. Outside of this city, however, there is an increase of 11.0%, the bank exchanges at this centre having fallen off 7.4%. 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 there is a gain of 19.0%; in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 11.2%; while in the New York Reserve District (because of the falling off at this centre) there is a loss of 7.1%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are larger by 17.8%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 10.2%, and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 14.0%. The Chicago Reserve District has a gain of 2.6%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 12.5%, and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 13.0%. The Kansas City Reserve District has suffered a decrease of 1.3%, while the Dallas Reserve District and the San Francisco Reserve District both enjoy gains, the increase being 11.1% for the former and 19.9% for the latter.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week ending June 30 1923.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.
Federal Reserve Districts.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
(1st) Boston.....10 cities	419,988,706	352,629,774	+19.0	314,497,974	453,622,428
(2nd) New York.....9 "	4,492,289,478	4,833,368,065	-7.1	4,466,465,522	5,275,132,513
(3rd) Philadelphia.....10 "	526,969,367	473,995,287	+11.2	458,856,486	600,694,826
(4th) Cleveland.....9 "	383,522,728	326,635,117	+17.8	288,074,707	439,586,663
(5th) Richmond.....6 "	166,284,225	150,962,098	+10.2	121,374,041	173,119,096
(6th) Atlanta.....12 "	147,892,448	129,736,361	+14.0	123,719,065	187,766,393
(7th) Chicago.....19 "	788,212,650	767,926,778	+2.6	643,202,507	889,238,117
(8th) St. Louis.....7 "	59,305,009	52,697,091	+12.5	44,384,190	64,950,201
(9th) Minneapolis.....7 "	111,526,385	98,648,838	+13.0	99,666,806	132,179,672
(10th) Kansas City.....11 "	217,710,658	200,550,124	+10.2	221,640,781	332,556,577
(11th) Dallas.....5 "	42,944,386	36,665,880	+16.6	40,687,002	59,979,186
(12th) San Francisco.....16 "	414,362,736	345,895,883	+19.9	304,406,897	390,610,269
Grand total.....121 cities	7,771,008,774	7,790,691,296	-0.3	7,127,007,978	8,999,835,931
Outside New York City.....	3,346,772,270	3,013,736,222	+11.0	2,714,161,568	3,600,501,131
Canada.....29 cities	290,013,521	282,607,191	+2.6	316,945,436	283,408,132

We also add comparative figures for June and the six months:

Fed'l Reserve Dists.	June.			Six Months.		
	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.
1st Boston...13 cities	1,946,870,956	1,657,716,695	+17.4	11,320,127,979	8,933,114,010	+26.7
2nd New York...12 "	19,011,433,451	20,395,109,326	-6.8	114,142,143,602	111,032,942,789	+2.8
3rd Philadelphia...14 "	2,407,122,658	2,121,649,839	+13.5	13,722,450,063	11,632,447,746	+19.0
4th Cleveland...16 "	1,731,303,427	1,381,679,525	+25.3	9,800,143,401	7,655,558,624	+28.0
5th Richmond...10 "	817,107,596	684,906,583	+19.3	4,725,331,254	3,748,965,159	+26.0
6th Atlanta...17 "	746,333,763	624,034,944	+19.6	4,834,590,996	3,745,761,283	+29.1
7th Chicago...26 "	3,830,327,154	3,465,938,661	+10.5	22,638,829,544	18,720,669,439	+20.9
8th St. Louis...9 "	303,325,398	251,679,083	+20.5	1,903,690,371	1,488,637,038	+27.9
9th Minneapolis...13 "	555,382,106	491,525,465	+13.0	3,160,966,543	2,672,674,025	+18.3
10th Kan. City...15 "	1,131,786,311	1,101,325,165	+2.8	6,889,028,844	6,239,127,218	+10.4
11th Dallas...12 "	355,068,327	324,710,076	+9.3	2,337,776,178	2,009,951,559	+16.3
12th San Fran 26 "	1,956,479,460	1,617,202,097	+21.0	11,351,223,846	9,216,252,332	+23.2
Total.....183 cities	34,792,240,606	34,117,477,449	+2.0	206,926,302,621	186,996,121,722	+10.7
Outside N. Y. City.....	16,116,762,956	14,066,580,699	+15.1	94,698,378,839	77,555,277,994	+22.1
Canada.....	1,365,059,812	1,322,480,401	+3.2	7,764,492,413	7,880,491,061	-1.5

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

Description.	Month of June.		Six Months.	
	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.
Stock/No. of shares	19,754,197	24,080,787	131,860,895	136,103,960
Par value.....	\$1,903,658,500	\$1,938,579,750	\$12,257,300,000	\$12,152,168,746
Railroad bonds.....	131,022,000	159,448,000	886,181,400	1,017,606,100
U. S. Govt. bonds.....	68,330,950	125,793,250	429,935,125	981,709,925
State, for'n, &c., bds	49,292,000	49,580,000	262,342,900	320,985,000
Total par value.....	\$2,152,303,450	\$1,273,401,000	\$13,835,759,425	\$14,472,469,781

CLEARINGS FOR JUNE, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 30.

Clearings at—	Month of June.			Six Months.			Week Ending June 30.				
	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.
First Federal Reserve District—	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Maine—Bangor.....	3,173,407	3,352,554	-5.3	18,959,545	19,384,008	-2.2	852,184	910,825	-6.4	692,985	692,125
Portland.....	14,086,566	12,829,560	+9.8	81,014,825	75,793,267	+6.9	b	b	b	b	b
Mass.—Boston.....	1,725,000,000	1,459,000,000	+18.2	10,013,000,000	7,812,000,000	+28.2	379,000,000	314,000,000	+20.7	273,882,140	400,841,067
Fall River.....	8,751,410	8,565,162	+2.2	60,635,841	44,709,687	+35.6	1,913,011	1,887,058	+1.4	1,282,836	2,758,485
Holyoke.....	4,565,473	3,568,054	+28.0	25,345,074	20,831,233	+21.7	a	a	a	a	a
Lowell.....	6,155,150	5,010,178	+22.9	34,710,280	28,197,976	+23.1	1,349,808	1,137,834	+18.6	1,122,197	1,327,980
Lynn.....	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
New Bedford.....	6,802,565	6,495,874	+4.7	39,000,066	36,511,271	+6.8	1,261,638	1,617,398	-22.0	1,215,965	1,927,297
Springfield.....	22,172,080	19,670,993	+12.7	133,317,617	108,713,340	+22.6	4,933,587	4,204,148	+17.3	6,232,679	6,232,679
Worcester.....	15,954,000	16,581,607	-3.5	95,264,619	90,425,882	+5.4	3,393,872	3,812,170	-11.0	3,847,699	4,955,446
Conn.—Hartford.....	48,885,124	41,556,706	+17.6	286,287,913	239,477,860	+19.5	10,746,830	9,823,144	+9.4	9,244,675	12,170,549
New Haven.....	30,419,881	23,477,207	+29.6	167,804,099	139,593,986	+20.2	6,154,970	6,103,897	+0.8	5,465,398	6,500,000
Waterbury.....	8,490,500	7,704,500	+9.3	48,230,400	43,302,900	+11.4	76,675	92	17.5	801	733
R. I.—Providence.....	51,764,800	49,894,300	+3.7	316,557,700	274,172,600	+15.5	10,382,800	9,333,300	+11.2	11,511,400	16,216,800
Total (13 cities)....	1,946,570,956	1,657,716,695	+17.4	11,320,127,979	8,933,114,010	+26.7	419,988,706	352,829,774	+19.0	314,497,974	453,622,428
Second Federal Reserve District—	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
New York—Albany.....	24,110,092	18,514,448	+30.2	134,930,609	116,694,567	+15.6	4,368,364	4,478,013	-2.4	2,414,782	6,000,000
Binghamton.....	5,097,600	4,214,700	+20.9	28,706,361	25,353,684	+13.2	968,100	799,200	+11.1	734,200	1,358,600
Buffalo.....	198,686,481	167,850,776	+18.4	1,156,242,910	941,594,769	+23.8	443,784,861	34,535,891	+26.8	31,683,636	46,705,748
Elmira.....	3,618,488	2,195,522	+64.8	18,985,363	13,576,215	+39.8	789,493	Not included	In total	Not included	Not included
Jamestown.....	5,887,145	4,818,959	+22.2	30,122,495	26,024,822	+15.7	c1,167,696	894,482	+30.5	895,265	Not included
New York.....	18,676,477,650	20,110,896,750	-7.1	112,227,923,782	109,440,843,728	+2.5	4,424,236,504	4,776,955,074	-7.4	4,412,846,410	5,199,334,800
Niagara Falls.....	3,999,848	4,284,546	-6.6	25,262,351	24,284,024	+4.0	67	55	12.7	946	946
Rochester.....	52,028,762	45,718,314	+13.8	282,099,596	238,099,867	+18.5	9,825,682	8,885,626	+10.6	10,604,813	13,622,528
Syracuse.....	20,495,153	17,108,269	+19.8	119,963,455	106,089,463	+13.1	4,510,468	4,031,567	+12.6	4,818,545	7,515,650
Conn.—Stamford.....	13,659,396	12,017,490	+13.7	77,481,459	63,027,474	+22.9	c2,912,834	2,441,595	+19.3	2,081,957	Not included
N. J.—Montclair.....	3,062,248	2,645,446	+15.8	12,990,088	11,299,690	+15.0	484,967	346,617	+39.9	382,914	597,187
Newark.....	86,854,034	Not included	In total	433,956,213	Not included	In total	Not included	Not included	In total	Not included	Not included
Oranges.....	5,310,588	4,844,106	+9.6	27,435,133	26,054,486	+5.3	Not included	Not included	In total	Not included	Not included
Total (12 cities)....	10,011,433,451	20,395,109,326	-6.8	114,142,143,602	111,032,942,789	+2.8	4,492,289,476	4,833,368,065	-7.1	4,466,465,522	5,275,132,513

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	1923.		1922.	
	No. Shares.	Par Values.	No. Shares.	Par Values.
Month of January.....	19,914,827	\$1,771,578,000	16,472,377	\$1,494,639,000
February.....	22,979,489	2,082,280,000	16,175,095	1,413,196,925
March.....	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
June.....	19,754,197	1,903,658,500	24,080,787	1,938,579,750
Total second quarter.....	63,001,913	\$6,043,442,000	83,636,264	\$7,205,107,200

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	\$16,506,887,916	\$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	\$22,111,576,705	+63.7	\$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	\$31,520,827,020	+7.0	\$15,727,256,984	\$12,761,818,664	+23.2
May.....	\$35,541,669,726	\$32,793,624,900	+8.4	\$16,330,114,584	\$13,578,812,046	+20.3
June.....	\$34,792,240,606	\$34,117,477,449	+2.0	\$16,116,762,956	\$14,006,580,699	+15.1
2d qu.....	\$104,072,240,267	\$98,431,929,369	+5.7	\$48,174,934,524	\$40,347,175,409	+19.4
6 mos.....	\$206,926,302,621	\$186,996,121,722	+10.7	\$94,698,378,839	\$77,555,277,994	+22.1

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

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

(000,000s omitted).	June				Jan. 1 to June 30			
	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.				

CLEARINGS—(Continued).

Clearings at—	Month of June.			Six Months.			Week Ending June 30.					
	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia												
Pennsylvania—Altoona	6,964,269	4,820,430	+44.5	36,671,926	25,344,354	+44.7	1,625,757	997,967	+62.9	1,022,684	1,136,122	
Bethlehem	19,669,088	16,686,150	+17.9	109,974,954	76,284,333	+44.2	5,404,834	3,600,197	+50.1	3,524,538	4,867,433	
Chester	6,083,822	4,430,559	+37.3	32,837,491	24,126,593	+36.1	1,332,530	921,952	+43.4	958,485	1,825,542	
Harrisburg	20,477,503	15,836,016	+29.3	108,169,588	99,066,017	+9.2	2,792,139	2,574,723	+8.4	2,410,855	2,801,965	
Lancaster	13,195,385	11,550,542	+14.2	89,647,780	73,181,876	+22.5	—	—	—	—	—	
Lebanon	2,640,088	2,178,972	+21.2	14,566,594	13,367,328	+9.0	—	—	—	—	—	
Norristown	5,191,532	3,511,460	+47.8	24,708,132	18,018,661	+37.1	—	—	—	—	—	
Philadelphia	2,201,390,000	1,953,627,000	+12.7	12,535,706,000	10,594,972,000	+18.3	498,000,000	451,000,000	+10.4	435,761,368	571,999,699	
Reading	15,504,204	12,358,773	+25.5	88,423,410	68,048,191	+29.9	2,999,372	3,073,098	-2.4	3,097,378	4,080,055	
Scranton	25,540,014	19,035,250	+34.2	151,914,445	115,589,798	+31.4	6,214,119	4,127,426	+50.6	4,645,942	5,357,656	
Wilkes-Barre	14,067,625	12,850,391	+14.1	85,334,034	72,137,647	+18.3	e2,652,190	2,571,750	+3.1	2,403,131	2,855,735	
York	7,039,426	5,254,435	+34.0	40,361,562	32,741,482	+23.3	1,888,330	1,099,249	+26.3	1,358,790	1,584,921	
N. J.—Camden	48,331,587	42,598,443	+13.5	285,163,010	223,130,399	+27.8	—	—	—	—	—	
Trenton	20,428,115	16,911,418	+20.8	118,971,137	96,439,167	+23.4	4,570,096	4,028,925	+13.4	3,703,315	4,185,698	
Del.—Wilmington	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	
Total (14 cities)	2,407,122,658	2,121,649,839	+13.5	13,722,450,063	11,532,447,746	+19.0	526,969,367	473,995,287	+11.2	458,886,486	600,694,826	
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland												
Ohio—Akron	33,464,000	26,180,000	+27.8	172,460,000	147,258,000	+17.1	d7,859,000	5,397,000	+45.6	6,070,000	13,253,000	
Canton	23,356,881	15,694,280	+48.8	132,152,406	83,727,593	+57.8	4,796,197	3,980,484	+20.5	3,324,592	4,932,707	
Cincinnati	295,314,789	254,299,959	+16.1	1,777,295,612	1,437,888,255	+23.6	d67,544,000	58,542,655	+15.4	52,457,688	73,708,536	
Cleveland	500,941,613	400,685,847	+24.8	2,797,510,906	2,133,838,204	+31.1	e105,115,409	84,177,710	+24.9	74,557,621	138,725,337	
Columbus	67,165,100	63,974,200	+5.0	410,871,900	360,549,400	+14.0	13,686,700	13,105,600	+4.4	12,423,900	14,963,300	
Dayton	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	
Hamilton	3,104,118	2,851,253	+8.9	21,477,913	17,111,972	+25.5	a	a	a	a	a	
Lima	*3,500,000	3,352,358	+4.4	16,750,029	19,674,504	-14.9	a	a	a	a	a	
Lorain	1,717,722	1,601,790	+7.2	9,337,432	7,411,415	+26.0	a	a	a	a	a	
Mansfield	8,443,069	5,903,685	+43.0	47,901,138	32,718,786	+46.4	e1,862,508	1,173,895	+58.7	1,198,354	1,535,448	
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	18,312,506	14,705,013	+24.5	107,846,037	89,019,759	+21.2	d4,059,143	2,701,102	+50.3	3,580,157	5,304,563	
Pa.—Beaver County	3,649,901	2,963,233	+23.2	19,837,829	15,647,513	+26.8	a	a	a	a	a	
Erie	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	
Franklin	1,512,853	1,540,446	-1.8	8,826,896	8,264,718	+6.8	a	a	a	a	a	
Greensburg	7,441,701	5,431,301	+37.0	49,275,082	33,045,034	+21.9	a	a	a	a	a	
Pittsburgh	737,433,651	552,000,000	+33.6	4,156,216,908	3,098,738,237	+34.1	174,281,370	151,000,000	+15.4	130,000,000	182,109,630	
Ky.—Lexington	8,091,324	6,481,163	+25.8	63,840,946	47,702,058	+33.8	a	a	a	a	a	
W. Va.—Wheeling	18,754,799	24,064,997	-22.1	117,542,367	122,969,176	-4.4	4,318,401	5,556,671	-22.3	4,462,395	5,455,852	
Total (16 cities)	1,731,303,427	1,381,679,525	+25.3	9,900,143,401	7,655,558,624	+29.3	383,522,728	325,635,117	+17.8	288,074,707	439,986,663	
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond												
W. Va.—Huntington	9,277,981	7,737,431	+19.9	53,780,565	38,656,477	+39.1	2,011,502	1,592,262	+26.3	1,636,747	2,072,354	
Va.—Newport News	a	a	a	a	a	a	d6,360,996	6,559,676	-3.0	5,806,578	9,864,653	
Norfolk	31,457,500	32,121,419	-2.1	192,747,134	176,043,604	+9.5	d41,860,000	41,472,977	+2.9	36,079,975	54,552,966	
Richmond	200,994,000	188,055,242	+6.9	1,266,558,567	1,040,123,518	+21.8	a	a	a	a	a	
No. Caro.—Asheville	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	
Raleigh	10,907,359	7,105,254	+53.5	58,140,610	39,706,499	+46.4	a	a	a	a	a	
Wilmington	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	
So. Caro.—Charleston	11,114,354	11,754,160	-5.4	65,299,861	64,126,571	+1.8	d2,458,317	2,266,041	+8.5	2,768,195	4,700,000	
Columbia	11,782,214	7,866,318	+49.8	77,705,647	50,327,603	+54.4	a	a	a	a	a	
Md.—Baltimore	435,199,388	336,442,673	+29.4	2,420,271,601	1,831,606,068	+32.1	91,786,154	80,277,746	+14.3	57,266,293	82,564,152	
Frederick	1,707,325	1,419,084	+20.3	10,701,963	9,888,152	+8.2	a	a	a	a	a	
Hagerstown	3,459,353	3,090,701	+11.9	20,277,750	16,320,410	+24.2	a	a	a	a	a	
D. C.—Washington	101,208,121	89,314,301	+13.3	559,847,556	482,186,257	+16.1	21,005,256	18,787,396	+11.8	17,816,253	19,364,971	
Total (10 cities)	817,107,595	684,906,583	+19.3	4,725,331,254	3,748,985,159	+26.0	166,284,225	150,952,098	+10.2	121,374,041	173,119,096	
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta												
Tenn.—Chattanooga	25,079,139	23,236,668	+7.9	166,556,397	129,353,273	+28.8	d5,796,561	4,220,085	+37.4	4,265,063	7,332,070	
Knoxville	13,415,878	11,082,376	+21.1	77,242,360	70,090,239	+10.2	2,932,158	2,464,323	+19.0	2,901,025	3,474,265	
Nashville	75,249,970	70,455,637	+6.8	498,076,076	428,800,375	+16.2	18,186,457	15,492,069	+17.4	14,241,905	20,167,193	
Georgia—Atlanta	239,741,950	168,093,660	+51.6	1,381,291,220	989,960,302	+39.5	42,131,473	34,128,062	+23.4	36,449,874	54,227,015	
Augusta	6,879,754	7,385,634	-6.8	52,779,262	43,054,026	+22.6	1,385,628	1,026,568	+35.0	941,812	3,904,478	
Columbus	3,118,985	2,912,872	+7.1	22,479,671	17,887,006	+25.7	a	a	a	a	a	
Macon	5,955,957	5,206,883	+14.4	37,555,855	28,245,221	+33.0	1,100,627	1,388,578	-20.7	*1,200,000	*2,400,000	
Savannah	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	
Fla.—Jacksonville	52,497,487	42,129,316	+24.6	344,795,966	260,435,926	+32.4	10,776,727	8,602,723	+26.7	7,378,600	11,585,056	
Tampa	13,802,968	10,541,159	+30.9	85,179,834	63,549,919	+34.0	19,876,257	18,812,242	+5.7	14,960,180	19,385,232	
Ala.—Birmingham	85,874,411	84,740,459	+1.3	681,993,632	481,152,050	+41.7	1,717,026	1,796,735	-1.1	1,500,000	2,500,000	
Mobile	7,957,716	7,527,267	+5.7	51,440,446	43,985,457	+16.9	a	a	a	a	a	
Montgomery	5,699,789	5,232,572	+8.9	43,598,979	32,725,763	+33.2	a	a	a	a	a	
Miss.—Jackson	4,288,000	3,678,118	+16.6	26,199,890	21,122,466	+24.5	1,025,000	593,802	+72.6	650,000	642,131	
Meridian	4,421,136	3,973,642	+11.3	26,418,923	21,222,466	+24.5	a	a	a	a	a	
Vicksburg	1,263,286	1,154,712	+9.0	9,039,841	8,328,461	+8.5	256,071	227,153	+12.7	214,128	409,271	
La.—New Orleans	201,081,337	186,653,969	+7.7	1,329,942,644	1,105,858,447	+20.3	42,708,463	41,144,021	+3.8	39,016,478	61,739,682	
Total (16 cities)	746,333,763	624,034,944	+19.6	4,834,590,996	3,745,761,283	+29.1	147,892,448	129,736,361	+14.0	123,719,065	187,766,393	
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago												
Mich.—Adrian	924,176	907,837	+1.8	5,713,344	5,560,209	+2.8	181,910	176,701	+2.9	124,483	207,041	
Ann Arbor	4,013,598	3,038,121	+32.1	20,771,772	17,580,687	+17.8	827,173	658,870	+25.6	574,861	700,000	
Detroit	603,639,290	523,943,827	+15.2	3,304,845,994	2,477,136,146	+33.4	130,451,244	138,767,431	-6.0	78,250,375	118,792,156	
Flint	10,633,254	7,367,013	+44.3	53,315,590	40,534,512	+31.5	a	a	a	a	a	
Grand Rapids	30,965,525	28,298,143	+9.4	171,364,776	155,547,948	+10.2	5,891,946	5,634,397	+4.6	5,043,489	6,745,052	
Jackson	8,347,701	5,798,143	+44.0	45,429,398	32,280,007	+45.2	a	a	a	a	a	
Lansing	7,899,277	8,044,090	-23.1	56,867,268	43,043,123	+32.1	2,518,000	1,796,000	+40.2	1,653,000	2,287,870	
Ind.—Ft. Wayne	10,556,003	8,485,138	+24.3	59,778,959	47,024,159	+27.1	2,125,937	2,049,706	+3.7	2,155,037	2,14	

CLEARINGS—(Concluded).

Clearings at—	Month of June.			Six Months.			Week Ending June 30.					
	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1923.	1922.	Inc. or Dec.	1921.	1920.	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	
Ninth Federal Reserve District—												
Minn.—Duluth	36,475,081	28,524,764	+27.9	160,390,100	121,442,785	+32.1	d7,811,972	5,914,086	+32.1	5,937,821	7,040,779	
Minneapolis	310,191,288	271,680,897	+14.2	1,791,368,387	1,513,513,362	+18.4	64,646,163	58,264,070	+11.0	57,877,094	81,774,149	
Rochester	2,249,603	3,607,391	-37.6	11,401,748	11,767,621	-3.1						
St. Paul	154,944,700	137,479,558	+12.7	881,800,696	739,278,067	+19.3	33,274,207	28,312,572	+17.5	29,166,446	36,065,482	
No. Dak.— Fargo	9,055,310	6,444,624	+40.5	50,611,386	42,904,579	+18.0	1,799,817	1,587,049	+9.0	1,752,612	2,777,644	
Grand Forks	5,010,000	4,520,000	+10.8	26,805,300	25,666,000	+4.4						
Minot	1,103,509	1,116,681	-1.2	6,691,128	6,545,117	+2.2						
S. D.—Aberdeen	5,583,896	5,251,873	+6.3	31,256,589	28,168,755	+11.0	1,080,807	1,085,440	-0.4	1,120,329	1,591,790	
Sioux Falls	12,223,903	12,117,221	+0.9	81,321,275	67,479,258	+20.5						
Mont.—Billings	1,763,812	2,504,807	-29.6	14,568,479	15,596,204	-6.6	380,702	500,143	+23.9	691,359	1,180,091	
Great Falls	3,561,553	3,581,806	-0.6	21,313,206	18,714,090	+13.9						
Helena	12,502,515	13,504,300	-7.4	78,621,017	74,285,633	+5.8	2,602,663	2,985,478	-12.8	3,121,145	1,749,737	
Lewistown	716,936	1,191,533	-39.8	4,817,232	7,312,554	-34.1						
Total (13 cities)	555,382,106	491,525,455	+13.0	3,160,966,543	2,672,674,025	+18.3	111,526,385	98,648,838	+13.0	99,666,806	132,179,672	
Tenth Federal Reserve District—												
Kan.—Kansas City	1,882,050	1,697,305	+10.9	11,820,109	9,544,489	+23.8	d292,110	270,854	+7.8	447,767	631,517	
Neb.—Fremont	2,192,505	2,398,897	-8.6	14,091,058	14,243,997	-1.1	426,736	479,579	-11.0	480,541	737,072	
Hastings	18,543,911	17,286,563	+7.3	113,718,745	97,633,356	+16.5	3,640,669	3,507,871	+3.8	2,562,764	5,325,646	
Omaha	183,671,334	171,579,498	+7.1	1,121,951,827	949,653,346	+18.1	33,036,000	38,925,534	-2.3	33,419,093	53,302,148	
Kan.—Lawrence	20,959,345	18,709,563	+12.0	131,128,485	103,213,860	+27.0						
Pittsburgh	a	a	a	a	a	a						
Topeka	14,900,791	12,159,055	+22.5	86,032,415	69,197,579	+24.3	d3,499,418	2,340,596	+49.5	2,253,461	2,803,457	
Wichita	37,983,425	47,846,763	-20.6	252,721,036	274,606,484	-8.0	d7,813,000	9,819,667	+20.1	9,181,191	12,578,883	
Mo.—Joplin	5,763,000	5,880,000	-2.0	38,479,000	30,849,000	+24.7						
Kansas City	577,534,586	563,509,527	+2.5	3,494,377,570	3,267,010,762	+7.0	125,074,079	127,570,824	-2.0	132,442,881	223,002,193	
St. Joseph	a	a	a	a	a	a						
Okl.—Lawton	a	a	a	a	a	a						
McAlester	1,419,518	*1,200,000	+18.3	9,310,268	8,070,516	+15.4						
Muskogee	a	a	a	a	a	a						
Oklahoma City	89,902,489	89,322,599	+0.8	566,449,968	499,632,547	+13.4	d19,578,775	17,957,987	+9.9	21,315,999	10,157,418	
Tulsa	38,605,472	36,197,718	+6.7	226,629,112	186,483,614	+21.5	a	a	a	a	a	
Colo.—Colo. Springs	4,978,951	4,411,246	+12.9	31,476,954	25,418,831	+23.8	926,917	705,959	+31.3	900,000	1,100,000	
Denver	129,599,277	125,718,452	+3.1	768,516,731	684,691,339	+12.2	17,715,505	18,372,270	-3.6	17,943,456	21,776,703	
Pueblo	3,769,657	3,412,973	+10.2	22,325,566	18,877,498	+18.3	e707,359	598,983	+18.1	693,628	1,141,540	
Total (15 cities)	1,131,786,311	1,101,325,165	+2.8	6,889,028,844	6,239,127,218	+10.4	217,710,658	220,550,124	-1.3	221,640,711	332,556,577	
Eleventh Federal Reserve District—												
Texas—Austin	6,371,161	6,241,172	+2.1	46,357,386	40,076,796	+15.7	1,039,444	1,004,512	+3.5	1,300,000	1,500,000	
Beaumont	5,894,352	6,028,249	-2.2	35,390,699	29,284,514	+20.9						
Dallas	111,565,174	95,423,080	+16.9	769,437,887	597,430,105	+28.8	22,587,723	20,300,000	+11.3	19,956,537	30,463,757	
El Paso	20,810,488	20,980,061	-0.8	133,917,960	123,996,371	+8.0						
Fort Worth	41,375,103	45,895,766	-5.7	265,800,112	268,962,908	-1.2	d9,233,934	8,162,404	+13.1	9,741,285	18,132,471	
Galveston	29,861,753	22,407,566	+33.3	194,825,430	158,959,464	+22.6	6,071,071	5,163,752	+17.6	6,524,450	5,815,976	
Houston	97,208,319	92,179,863	+5.5	621,960,490	561,551,550	+10.8						
Port Arthur	3,024,002	1,715,036	+76.4	16,051,956	9,839,154	+63.1						
Texarkana	2,085,351	1,601,311	+30.2	13,432,521	10,502,595	+27.9						
Waco	8,407,175	8,442,860	-0.4	59,444,446	54,807,036	+8.5						
Wichita Falls	9,100,672	8,262,117	+10.1	53,706,871	44,460,797	+20.8						
La.—Shreveport	19,363,877	17,524,495	+10.5	127,450,420	110,800,269	+15.8	4,012,214	4,035,212	-0.6	3,164,730	4,066,982	
Total (12 cities)	355,068,327	324,710,076	+9.3	2,337,776,178	2,009,951,559	+16.3	42,944,386	38,665,880	+11.1	40,687,002	59,979,186	
Twelfth Federal Reserve District—												
Wash.—Bellingham	*3,500,000	3,374,590	+3.7	18,598,000	16,753,146	+11.0						
Seattle	163,961,388	140,519,606	+16.7	946,165,662	800,672,627	+18.2	33,286,579	28,583,371	+16.5	24,594,483	40,122,703	
Spokane	48,240,000	44,322,000	+8.8	276,124,000	256,322,000	+7.7	10,120,000	9,002,000	+12.4	7,718,896	11,524,420	
Tacoma	a	a	a	a	a	a						
Yakima	5,223,019	*4,007,808	+3.4	32,340,782	34,986,730	-7.6	1,659,037	1,011,621	+64.0	998,000	1,338,646	
Idaho—Boise	4,772,495	*4,500,000	+6.1	24,079,307	23,170,103	+82.8						
Oregon—Eugene	1,711,252	1,382,051	+23.8	9,623,570	7,131,853	+34.9						
Portland	150,719,785	132,302,423	+13.9	865,187,662	740,216,180	+16.9	31,807,941	29,554,674	+7.6	24,759,890	37,708,072	
Utah—Ogden	5,304,000	5,168,000	+2.6	31,471,000	32,618,502	-3.5						
Salt Lake City	64,163,201	52,369,073	+22.5	367,709,436	297,725,088	+23.5	14,422,590	12,238,240	+17.8	12,068,688	18,433,749	
Nevada—Reno	3,113,016	*2,600,000	+24.5	16,649,590	13,919,000	+19.6	a	a	a	a	a	
Arizona—Phoenix	7,431,012	Not included	In total	44,410,962	Not included	In total	a	a	a	a	a	
Calif.—Bakersfield	4,347,717	4,285,452	+1.5	26,568,440	26,101,997	+1.8						
Berkeley	16,030,162	16,262,475	-3.0	104,266,345	94,785,406	+10.0						
Fresno	16,032,926	15,446,000	+3.8	102,812,678	82,812,190	+24.1	c3,378,699	3,110,387	+8.6	2,676,238	3,165,915	
Long Beach	36,747,439	19,191,047	+91.5	208,758,475	109,572,880	+97.7	7,680,649	4,326,949	+77.5	3,649,615	3,083,013	
Los Angeles	593,781,000	433,837,000	+36.9	3,853,021,000	2,434,536,000	+37.7	133,773,000	100,719,000	+32.8	81,195,000	77,155,000	
Modesto	3,049,608	2,816,539	+8.3	17,828,336	16,976,317	+5.0						
Oakland	67,891,555	57,250,243	+18.6	391,814,935	320,904,202	+21.2	14,177,322	11,150,828	+27.1	10,032,732	11,164,404	
Pasadena	21,791,759	17,154,580	+27.0	133,714,877	98,027,993	+36.4	4,448,504	3,776,517	+17.8	3,328,514	1,969,096	
Riverside	3,030,632	2,525,370	+20.0	18,784,128	15,410,112	+21.9						
Sacramento	28,436,317	25,070,042	+13.4	161,648,067	141,116,133	+14.5	d6,247,834	5,231,539	+19.4	3,728,554	5,128,547	
San Diego	17,141,181	13,197,201	+29.9	96,245,056	75,927,308	+26.8	3,721,921	2,993,858	+24.3	2,564,639	3,268,419	
San Francisco	669,800,000	593,300,000	+12.9	3,978,161,000	3,440,100,000	+15.6	144,700,000	129,400,000	+11.8	121,000,000	167,900,000	
San Jose	9,613,934	8,739,594	+10.0	60,572,407	50,634,752	+19.6	1,872,829	1,837,481	+1.9	1,729,380	2,894,129	
Santa Barbara	4,858,980	4,045,475	+20.1	29,322,380	23,392,155	+25.4	838,331	750,418	+11.7	722,168	569,566	
Santa Rosa	2,288,984	1,911,728	+19.7	14,221,913	10,578,058	+34.4						
Stockton	10,929,200	10,059,800	+8.6	65,534,800	55,882,000	+17.3	c2,227,500	1,999,000	+11.4	3,642,100	5,184,400	
Total (26 cities)	1,956,479,480	1,617,202,097	+21.0	11,351,223,846	9,216,252,832	+23.2	414,362,736	345,685,883	+19.9	304,408,897	390,610,259	
Grand total (183 cities)	34,792,240,606	34,117,477,449	+2.0	206,926,302,621	186,996,121,722	+10.7	7,771,008,774	7,790,691,296	-0.3	7,127,007,978	8,999,835,931	
Outside New York	16,116,762,956	14,006,580,699	+15.1	94,698,378,839	77,555,277,994	+22.1	3,346,772,270	3,013,736,222	+11.0			

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of June 20 1923:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue on the 13th inst. was £125,706,865, as compared with £125,704,045 on the previous Wednesday.

The demand from India continues to be fairly active, and only a proportion of the supplies coming into the market this week will go to the United States.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold during the month of May 1923:

	Imports.	Exports.
Sweden	£800	
Netherlands	1,561	£177,126
Belgium	1,158	1,542
France		982
Egypt		300
West Africa	128,256	
United States of America		5,937,399
Central America and West Indies	4,115	
Various South American countries	2,415	
Rhodesia	118,536	
Transvaal	3,888,618	
British India		1,107,453
Other countries	2,923	67,018
Total	£4,148,382	£7,291,820

According to the Cairo correspondent of the "Pioneer Mail," a complete display has been given by the Assay Office at the exhibition of the Cairo Scientific Society of the various stages in the production of golden ornaments, from the extraction of ore to the final testing and stamping of the refined metal. Assaying is of comparatively modern introduction in Egypt, but it has proved most successful. Jewelry and other articles of value to the number of several millions pass annually through the hands of the office. The staff is entirely Egyptian, under an English Director. The department, having branches in the various parts of the country, brings in a net revenue of nearly £E400,000.

SILVER.

Owing to a reduction of the stock in London, and to the needs of bears covering, the price for cash delivery has been well maintained, and also given support to that for forward delivery. Business, however, has not been active, as the present level does not offer sufficient attractions for operators to open fresh transactions either as buyers or as sellers. The size of bear accounts at the present time and the smallness of stocks in Shanghai do not suggest the likelihood of much lower quotations at present, though the undertone, as a consequence of the cessation of the Pittman Act purchases, might reasonably be considered indifferent. Some check to the monsoon in Bombay has conducted to the slightly easier quotations arriving from India.

The Continent continues to be a rather freer seller and China has realized some purchases made about two months ago, but America is still disposed to hold this market at arm's length.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees.)	May 31.	June 7.	June 15.
Notes in circulation	17123	17096	17152
Silver coin and bullion in India	8357	8329	8385
Silver coin and bullion out of India			
Gold coin and bullion in India	2432	2432	2432
Gold coin and bullion out of India			
Securities (Indian Government)	5750	5750	5750
Securities (British Government)	584	585	585

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 15th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 16th inst. consisted of about 24,000,000 ounces in sycee and 31,500,000 dollars, as compared with about 24,800,000 ounces in sycee, 29,500,000 dollars and 780 silver bars on the 9th inst. The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. 1 1/4 d. the tacl.

Quotations—	—Bar Silver per Oz. Std.—		Bar Gold per Oz. Fine.
	Cash.	2 Months.	
June 14	31 3/4 d.	31 7-16 d.	89s. 5d.
June 15	31 15-16 d.	31 1/2 d.	89s. 4d.
June 16	32 1-16 d.	31 3/4 d.	
June 18	32 1-16 d.	31 3/4 d.	89s. 3d.
June 19	32d.	31 9-16 d.	89s. 2d.
June 20	31 3/4 d.	31 3/4 d.	89s. 3d.
Average	31.927d.	31.520d.	89s.3.4d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are the same as those fixed a week ago.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 107.—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. 196 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.
Chicago	158,000	213,000	992,000	773,000	63,000	154,000
Minneapolis		1,456,000	117,000	196,000	193,000	114,000
Duluth		1,064,000			37,000	231,000
Milwaukee	37,000	25,000	183,000	361,000	86,000	15,000
Toledo		24,000	25,000	258,000	2,000	106,000
Detroit		29,000	24,000	38,000		
Indianapolis		52,000	270,000	172,000		
St. Louis	85,000	439,000	467,000	546,000	10,000	3,000
Peoria	32,000	1,000	398,000	257,000	15,000	
Kansas City		1,036,000	252,000	183,000		
Omaha		158,000	582,000	238,000		
St. Joseph		43,000	148,000	34,000		
Total wk. '23	312,000	4,540,000	3,458,000	3,056,000	406,000	623,000
Same wk. '22	363,000	4,134,000	6,184,000	3,209,000	671,000	297,000
Same wk. '21	315,000	4,968,000	5,485,000	3,385,000	805,000	260,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1922-23	21,915,000	394,958,000	277,612,000	211,734,000	36,728,000	49,017,000
1921-22	19,787,000	135,787,000	369,964,000	201,750,000	29,934,000	23,611,000
1920-21	24,965,000	337,419,000	141,504,000	217,068,000	28,434,000	18,748,000

FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Month.	Merchandise Movement at New York.				Customs Receipts at New York.	
	Imports.		Exports.		1922-23.	1921-22.
	1922-23.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1921-22.		
July	\$ 117,118,076	\$ 104,648,783	\$ 115,488,190	\$ 112,583,284	\$ 21,433,606	\$ 13,443,167
August	123,124,817	111,371,583	112,281,501	105,218,873	24,206,605	18,237,808
September	110,716,286	106,610,356	108,291,707	110,338,972	33,110,469	15,203,273
October	161,418,649	108,483,456	108,234,884	98,153,764	22,085,528	15,657,373
November	135,057,828	117,798,726	112,652,804	96,618,132	24,148,678	17,078,066
December	135,407,696	113,117,989	121,562,054	98,422,349	21,594,980	16,799,063
January	152,885,893	100,106,930	115,926,692	106,097,239	26,583,028	19,322,717
February	146,915,003	115,222,960	115,654,813	95,484,833	29,451,928	21,620,780
March	194,179,676	135,648,795	136,179,813	131,504,549	33,140,206	24,650,403
Total	1274823 824	1013009 578	1046272 458	954,421,795	232,755,026	162,012,650

Movement of gold and silver for the nine months:

Month.	Gold Movement at New York.				Silver—New York.	
	Imports.		Exports.		1922-23.	1921-22.
	1922-23.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1921-22.		
July	\$ 41,477,046	\$ 57,338,204	\$ 11,000	\$ 2,943,013	\$ 1,433,533	\$ 1,804,046
August	17,242,484	78,990,710	19,109		1,109,059	844,378
September	27,359,677	60,805,467	40,117	200	2,729,856	840,243
October	19,147,637	44,137,381	24,718	1,124,000	989,794	760,383
November	15,554,118	47,133,681	550,796		987,232	1,886,007
December	23,874,168	25,517,561	35,609	55,583	3,313,047	4,011,973
January	12,834,516	21,126,622	7,715,837	286,000	1,753,364	4,273,010
February	3,041,008	24,034,770	20,378	1,041,075	838,949	820,557
March	10,697,175	31,300,604	9,621,840	237,728	1,360,000	1,737,248
Total	171,271,829	390,385,000	18,041,404	5,687,581	14,514,834	16,977,845

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:	Price.
1,700 Compania Azucarera Central Maby 7% pref., \$500 each; 1,700 Compania Azucarera Central Maby, common, no par	\$200,000 lot
\$1,250,000 6s of the Compania Azucarera Central Maby	
12,070 Washoe & Erie Canal Co., \$3 lot	
10 Liberty Oil Co., pref., \$1 lot	
25 C. F. Stromeyer Co., com., \$23 lot	
500 Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co. \$73 p.sh.	
Bonds.	Price.
\$15,000 Elder Steel SS. 7% bonds, \$10,000 B. Jan. 1922, \$5,000 C. Jan. 1923, Guar. Tr. Co. cdfs. of deposit	\$100 lot

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:	Price.
60 Dorchester Trust Co.	
22 Fidelity Trust Co.	
5 Lapointe Mach. Tool Co., pf.	
20 Grocers Baking Co., com., par \$50	
1 National Realty Co.	
15 National Crash Mfg. Co., pref. par \$50	
6 National Crash Mfg. Co., com. par \$50	
100 Boston & Virginia Nickel, pf. par \$50	
1 Longford Realty Trust	
1 Boston & Suburb. Realty Trust	\$1,040 lot
100 Dirlgold Sales Co. of N. E., pf.	
25 Nevada-Utah Mines & Smelt. Corp., par \$50	
40 Colorados Sugar Co.	
40 Cuba Sugar Co.	
97 Strandway Realty Co.	
10 Rockett Taxi-Cab Co., com.	
10 Rockett Taxi-Cab Co., pref.	
60 Cambridge Realty Co., par \$10	
125 Medford Square Realty Co.	
100 Blue Hill Ave. Realty Co.	
100 Wollaston Realty Co.	
Equity in 4,868 shares of Fidelity Trust Co. pledged.	

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:	Price.
2 Ipswich Mills, pref.	85
4 Hamilton Woolen Co.	93 1/2
5 Hamilton Mfg. Co.	60
24 B. B. & R. Knight, Inc., pref.	50
5 American Glue Co., common.	40
10 Greenfield Tap & Die Corp., pf.	95
10 Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., par \$50	81
400 Bay State Fishing Co., com.	80 c.
Bonds.	Price.
\$300 Central Vermont Ry. 5s, 1930	84

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:	Price.
10 Phila. Bourse, pref., par \$25	24 1/2
10 Peoples Trust Co., par \$50	71
3 Central National Bank	500
1 Philadelphia National Bank	395
30 Logan Bank & Trust Co., par \$50	60
1 Real Est. Trust, pref. (assented)	120
50 Rights to subscribe to Philadelphia Co. for Guaranteeing Mtges.	30
10 Glenside Trust Co., par \$50	59
4 Royersford Trust	130
Bonds.	Price.
1 Broad Street Trust	70
2 Reliance Insurance	96 1/2
10 Red Diamond Chemical, pref.	
5 Red Diamond Chemical, com., voting trust certificate	101
60 Abbotts Alderney Dairies, Inc., 1st preferred	93
50 Old Ben Coal, pref.	101
Bond.	Price.
\$5,000 Joslyn Smith 1st 7s	37

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.	Capital.
June 26—The Liberty National Bank of Detroit, Mich. Correspondent, Byron J. Oades, 1944 Edison Ave., Detroit.	\$500,000
June 26—The Wyandotte National Bank, Wyandotte, Mich. Correspondent, H. C. Shaffmaster, 1034 Dime Savings Bank Building, Detroit, Mich.	100,000
June 28—The Pacific National Bank of Los Angeles, Calif. Correspondent, Fred Swensen, 4360 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif.	\$1,000,000
June 28—The Peoples National Bank of Ypsilanti, Mich. Correspondent, Frederic L. Gallup, Ypsilanti, Mich.	100,000

APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT RECEIVED.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Description, Amount. Includes 'The First National Bank of Big Stone City, So. Dak.' and 'The Commercial National Bank of Havelock, Neb.'

APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT APPROVED.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Description, Amount. Includes 'The State National Bank of Trumansburg, N. Y.'

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Description, Amount. Includes 'The Liberty National Bank of Dickinson, N. D.' and 'The West Englewood National Bank, West Englewood, N. J.'

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATION RECEIVED.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Description, Amount. Includes 'First Iowa National Agricultural Credit Corporation of Des Moines, Iowa.'

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Description, Amount. Includes 'The First National Bank of Huron, Ohio.' and 'The First National Bank of Three Forks, Mont.'

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Description, Amount. Includes 'The Fourth-Atlantic National Bank of Boston, Mass.' and 'The Federal National Bank of Boston, Mass.'

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:

Main dividends table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes 'Railroads (Steam)', 'Public Utilities', and 'Miscellaneous'.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes 'Banks', 'Miscellaneous', and 'West (John) Thread, Cl. A & B (qu.)'.

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

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

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive, Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. The table is divided into Public Utilities (Continued) and Miscellaneous (Continued) sections.

Actual Figures.

Table with columns: Cash Reserves in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve banks, State banks, Trust companies, and totals for various dates.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies...

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—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.)

Table showing Loans and investments, Gold, Currency and bank notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Total deposits, etc., with columns for June 30 and Difference from previous week.

RESERVE.

Table comparing State Banks and Trust Companies reserves for Cash in vault, Deposits in banks and trust cos., and Total.

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on June 30 was \$66,277,800.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table showing weekly data for Week ended, Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, and Reserve in Depositories from Mar. 10 to June 30.

New York City Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—The following are the returns to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions and which are not included in the "Clearing House Returns" in the foregoing:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Table with columns: Capital, Profits, Loans Discounts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, Nat'l Bank Circulation. Rows include Fed. Res. Bank, Battery Park Nat., W. R. Grace & Co., State Banks Not Bank of Wash. Hts, Colonial Bank, Trust Company Mech. Tr., Bayonne, Grand aggregate, and Gr'd aggr. for various dates.

a United States deposits deducted, \$416,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$1,032,000. Excess reserve, \$4,830 decrease.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table with columns: July 3 1923, Changes from previous week, June 27 1923, June 20 1923. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & investments, Individual deposits, Due to banks, Time deposits, United States deposits, Exchanges for Clearing House, Due from other banks, Res. in Fed. Res. Bank, Cash in bank and F. R. Bank, Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending June 30, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits...

Table with columns: Two Ciphers (00) omitted, Week ending June 30 1923 (Members of F.R. System, Trust Companies, Total), June 23 1923, June 16 1923. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts, Exchanges for Clear. House, Due from banks, Bank deposits, Individual deposits, Time deposits, Total deposits, U. S. deposits (not incl.), Res'v'e with legal deposit's, Reserve with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Total reserve and cash held, Reserve required, Excess res. & cash in vault.

* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.—The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business July 3 1923 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with columns: July 3 1923, June 27 1923, July 5 1922. Rows include Resources—Gold and gold certificates, Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board, Total gold held by bank, Gold with Federal Reserve Agent, Gold redemption fund, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, *Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other, Bills bought in open market, Total bills on hand, U. S. bonds and notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness—One-year certificates (Pittman Act), All other, Total earning assets, Bank premises, 5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes, Uncollected items, All other resources, Total resources, Liabilities—Capital paid in, Surplus, Deposits—Government, Member banks—Reserve account, All other, Total, F. R. notes in actual circulation, F. R. bank notes in circ'n—net liability, Deferred availability items, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Rutter & Co., 14 Wall St., New York, are distributing a booklet entitled: "Irrigation in California," which furnishes much valuable information on California irrigation district bonds...

—Lage & Co. announce that Sidney Gardiner, who has been associated with them as manager of their Chicago office, has been admitted as a general partner in the firm.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, July 5, 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 20, 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 JULY 3 1923

Table with 9 columns representing dates from July 3 1923 to July 5 1922. Rows are categorized into RESOURCES (Gold and gold certificates, Total gold held by banks, Reserves, Total resources) and LIABILITIES (Capital paid in, Deposits, Total liabilities). Includes sub-sections for Distribution by Maturities and Federal Reserve Notes.

* 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 JULY 3 1923

Table with 13 columns for cities: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold and gold certificates, Total gold held by banks, Reserves, Total resources) and LIABILITIES (Capital paid in, Deposits, Total liabilities).

RESOURCES (Concluded)- Two ciphers (00) omitted. Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include Bank premises, 5% redemption fund against F. R. bank notes, Deposits, Total resources, LIABILITIES, Capital paid in, Surplus, F. R. notes in actual circulation, etc.

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 3 1923.

Federal Reserve Agent at - Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minn., K. City, Dallas, San Fr., Total. Rows include Resources (In Thousands of Dollars) and Liabilities. Federal Reserve notes on hand, Federal Reserve notes outstanding, Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding.

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.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business June 27 1923. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District. Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, U. S. pre-war bonds, U. S. Liberty bonds, U. S. Treasury bonds, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Reserve balance with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable and rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other.

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Table with columns for New York City, City of Chicago, All F. R. Bank Cities, F.R. Branch Cities, Other Selected Cities, Total. Rows include Number of reporting banks, Loans and discounts, Total loans and discounts, U. S. pre-war bonds, U. S. Liberty bonds, U. S. Treasury bonds, U. S. Treasury notes, U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Total loans & disc'ts & invest'm'ts, Reserve balance with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Bills payable and rediscounts with F. R. Bank, Sec'd by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other, Ratio of bills payable & rediscounts with F. R. Bank to total loans and investments per cent.

* Revised figures. a Includes Victory Notes.

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Wall Street, Friday Night, July 6 1923.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 52.

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

Table with columns: Week ending July 6 1923., Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad, etc., Bonds, State, Mun. and Foreign Bonds, U. S. Bonds.

Table with columns: Sales at New York Stock Exchange, Week ending July 6, Jan. 1 to July 6, 1923., 1922., 1923., 1922.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns: Week ending July 6 1923., Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales).

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, June 30, July 2, July 3, July 4, July 5, July 6.

Table with columns: Bond Name, High, Low, Close, and sales in \$1,000 units for various dates.

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

Table with columns: Bond Name, High, Low, Close, and sales in \$1,000 units.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange moved within comparatively narrow limits, but the trend was still downward and quotations touched another new low point on the current movement.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 53/4 @ 4 54/4 for sixty days, 4 55 1/2 @ 4 57 for checks and 4 55 3/4 @ 4 57 1/4 for cables.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5 72 3/4 @ 5 70 3/4 for long and 5 77 3/4 @ 5 84 3/4 for short.

Exchanges at Paris on London, 78.30 fr.; week's range, 76.62 fr. high and 78.30 fr. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table with columns: Sterling Actual, Sixty Days, Cables, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

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

Quotations for U. S. Treasury Notes and Certificates of Indebtedness.—See page 76.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 52.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 75.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Large table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending July 6, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Railroads, Industrial & Miscell., etc.

*No par value

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

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous); PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1923; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922.

* Bid and asked prices # Ex-dividend.

*No sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.; Sates for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1923; PER SHARE Range for Preceding Year 1922. Rows list various stocks like American Cotton Oil, American Linseed, etc., with price ranges and historical data.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. ± Ex-dividend.

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

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

Table with columns for dates from Saturday, July 30, to Friday, July 6, and rows for various stock prices per share.

Main table listing stocks on the NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE with columns for 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922' (Lowest, Highest). Includes stocks like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.), Oils Steel, Owens Bottle, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend.

as of 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest" except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan 1. Includes sections for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, and State and City Securities.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. d Due April. e Due May. g Due June. h Due July. k Due Aug. o Due Oct. p Due Nov. q Due Dec. r Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is split into two main sections: 'BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

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

Table with columns: Interest Period, Price Friday July 6, Week's Range of Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for N.Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending July 6 and INDUSTRIALS.

Table with columns: Interest Period, Price Friday July 6, Week's Range of Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for N.Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending July 6 and various bond listings.

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

New York Bond Record—Concluded—Page 5

Quotations for Sundry Securities

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

Table of New York Stock Exchange bond prices, including columns for Bond, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of quotations for sundry securities, including Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments, Public Utilities, Tobacco Stocks, Rubber Stocks, and Short Term Securities.

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

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ New stock. // Flat price. / Last sale. n Nominal. z Ex-div. y Ex-right. f Ex stock div. u Ex cash and stock dividends. † Canadian quotation.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange June 30 to July 6, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange June 30 to July 6, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange June 30 to July 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Bonds (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange June 30 to July 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange July 30 to June 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Pittsburgh Coal, Preferred, Pittsb & Mt Shasta Cop.

* No par value.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from June 30 to July 6, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists.

Table with columns: Week ending July 6, Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Acme Coal Mining, Allied Packers, Allied Pack prior pref.

Table with columns: Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Anglo-American Oil, Buckeye Pipe Line, Chesebrough Mfg.

Table with columns: Other Oil Stocks, Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Allen Oil, Allied Oil, Ark Natural Gas, Atlantic Lobos Oil.

Main table containing Mining, Bonds, and U.S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness data. Columns include Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1., etc.

* No par value. k Correction. m Dollars per 1,000 lire flat. l Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Lists various bond maturities and rates.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table with columns: Banks—N.Y., Bid, Ask, Banks, Bid, Ask, Trust Co.'s, Bid, Ask. Lists various financial institutions and their share prices.

* Banks marked with (*) are State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Lawyers Mtge, Bid, Ask, Realty Assoc, Bid, Ask. Lists various real estate and surety companies.

CURRENT NOTICES.

Messrs. Cassatt & Co. announce that Edward F. Swenson, formerly associate manager of the bond department of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, has become associated with their New York office as manager of the bond department.

Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed trustee under International Securities Trust of America agreement dated June 1 1923, securing an authorized issue of \$40,000,000 Secured Serial Gold Bonds.

George C. Wincel, who formerly acted for Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co. as specialist in Standard Oil of Indiana on the New York Curb, is now representing Pouch & Co. in a similar capacity.

Pask & Walbridge announce that they have acquired the business of J. W. Kirk & Co. and that Mr. Kirk has become associated with them as manager of their bank stock department.

J. M. Byrne & Co. desire to announce that Clarence E. Goldsmith formerly with Larkin & Jennys, is now associated with them in their bond department.

Bankers' Trust Company has been appointed registrar for the Preferred and Common stock of the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Co.

Francis A. Wyman, recently of F. S. Mosely & Company in Boston, has become associated with the bond department of Hallgarten & Co.

The Equitable Trust Company of New York, has been appointed registrar of the stock of the Kingsport Brick Corporation.

Banque Belge pour L'Estranger has removed its office to larger quarters on the 6th floor of 67 Wall Street.

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., have prepared a booklet on 'Safe Bonds for Investment.'

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY CO'S.

Table with columns: Company Name, Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes. Rows include New York Central, Indiana Harbor Belt, Michigan Central, N Y Chicago & St Louis, Pennsylvania RR & Co, Monongahela, Toledo Peoria & Western, Northwestern Pacific, Pennsylvania System, Pere Marquette, Pittsburgh & Shawmut, Pittsburgh & West Virginia, Pullman Co, Quincy Omaha & Kansas City, St Louis-San Francisco Co, Fort Worth & Rio Grande, St Louis-San Fran of Texas, St Louis Southwestern Co, St Louis South Western Ry Co of Texas, San Antonio & Aransas Pass, San Antonio Uvalde & Gulf, Seaboard Air Line, Southern Pacific Co, Arizona Eastern, Galveston Harrisburg & S A, Houston & Texas Central, Houston E & W Texas, Louisiana Western, Morgan's Louisiana & Texas, Texas & New Orleans, Spokane International, Spokane Portland & Seattle, Texas Pacific, Toledo St Louis & Western, Union Pacific Co, Oregon Short Line, Oregon-Wash RR & Nav, St Joseph & Grand Island, Western Maryland, Western Pacific.

Table with columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include Adirondack Pow & Lt, Alabama Power Co, Amer Elec Power Co, Am Pr & Lt Co Subsid, American Tel & Tel, mAm Wat Wks & Sub, Appalachian Pow Co, Arizona Power Co, Arkansas Lt & Power, Asheville Pow & Light, Associated Gas & Elec, Bangor Ry & Elec, Barcelona Tr, Lt & P, Baton Rouge Electric, Beaver Valley Trac, Binghamton L, H & P, Blackstone Val G & E, Boston 'L' Railway, Brazilian Tr, Lt & Pr, Bklyn Rapid Transit, Bklyn City RR (Rec), Bklyn Heights (Rec), Bklyn Q & Sub (Rec), Coney I & Bkn (Rec), Congo Island & Grave, Nassau Electric (Rec), N Y Conso (Rec), South Brooklyn, Cape Breton El Co, Ltd, Carolina Power & Lt, Cent Miss Val El Co, Central Pow & Light, City Service Co, City Gas Co, Norfolk Citizens Trac Co & Sub, Cleve Fainess & East, Colorado Power Co, Columbia Gas & Elec, Columbus Elec & Pow, Com'wlth Pow Corp, Com'wlth Pr Ry & Lt, Conn Power Co, Consumers Power Co, Cumberland Co P & L, Detroit Edison Co, Duquesne Lt Co Subs, Eastern Mass St Ry, Eastern Penn Elec Co, East St Louis & Sub, East Sh G & E Co & Sub, Est Texas Elec Co, Edis El III of Boston, Edis El III of Brock'n, El Paso Electric Co, Elec Lt & Pow Co of Abington & Rock'd, Erie Ltg Co & Subs, Fall River Gas Works, Federal Lt & Trac Co, Ft Worth Pow & Lt, Galv-Hous Elec Co, Gen G & L Sub Cos, Georgia Lt & Power, Great West Pow Syst, Hanover Pr Co & Sub, Havana Elec R, L & P, Haverhill Gas Light, Helena Lt & Rys Co, Honolulu Rapid Tran, Houghton Co Elec, Hudson & Manhattan, Hunting'n Dev & Gas, Idaho Power Co, Inter Rapid Transit, Subway Division, Elevated Division, Debris, Kansas City Pr & Lt, kKan Gas & Elec Co, Keokuk Electric Co, Kentucky Trac Term, Keystone Telep Co, Key West Electric, Lake Shore Electric, Lexington Util Co & Lex Ice Co Consol, Long Island Electric, Los Angeles Gas Co, Louisville Gas & El Co, Lowell El & Lt Corp, Manhat Bdge 3c Line, Manh & Queens (Rec), Manila Electric Corp, Market Street Ry, Mass Lighting Co, Metrop'ln Edison, Milw Elec Ry & Light, Miss River & Lt Co, Miss Power Power Co, Mobile Electric Co, Mountain States Pr Co, Munic Serv Co & Subs, Nebraska Power Co, Nevada-Calif Electric, New Bedf G & Edis Lt, New Eng Power Sys, New Jersey Pow & Lt, Newt News & Hamp Ry, Gas & El Co, New York Dock Co, N Y Railways, Ejghth Avenue, N Y & Harlem (Rec), N Y & Queens (Rec), N Y & Long Island, Nor Car Public Serv, Nor Ohio Elec Corp, Nor'west Ohio Ry & P, North Texas El Co, Ocean Electric, Pacific Power & Lt, Paducah Electric, Penn Central Light & Power Co & Subs, Penna Coal & Coke, Pennsylvania Edison, Phila Co & Subsidy, Natural Gas Cos, Philadelphia Oil Co, Philadelphia & West, Phila Rapid Transit, Pine Bluff Co, Portland Gas & Coke, Portland Ry, Lt & Pr.

* Revised figures.

Table with columns: Companies, 1923, 1922, Net after Taxes, Surp. after Taxes, Charges. Lists companies like Paducah Electric Co., Puget Sound Power & Light Co., etc.

Western Pacific RR. Company. (General Balance Sheet as of April 30 1923.) The balance sheet as of April 30 1923 has been submitted to the stockholders of the Western Pacific RR. Corporation...

COMPARATIVE GENERAL BALANCE SHEET. Apr 30 '23 Dec 31 '22 Apr 30 '23 Dec 31 '22. Assets: Road & equip, Sinking fund, Deposits in lieu of mortgaged prop., etc. Liabilities: Common stock, Preferred stock, 1st Mtge. bonds, etc.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Annual, &c., Reports.—The following is an index to all annual and other reports of steam railroads, street railways and miscellaneous companies published since and including June 2 1923.

This index, which is given monthly, does not include reports in to-day's "Chronicle."

Bold face figures indicate reports published at length.

Table listing various companies and their report pages. Includes Steam Roads (e.g., American Car & Foundry Co.), Industrials (e.g., International Mercantile Marine Co.), Electric Railways (e.g., Alabama Trac., Lt. & Pr. Co.), and Industrial (e.g., Alabama Power Co.).

Toledo & Ohio Central Railway.

(Report for the Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

The lines of the Toledo & Ohio Central Ry. and its subsidiaries, viz.: Zanesville & Western Ry., Kanawha & Michigan Ry. and Kanawha & West Virginia RR. were leased as of Jan. 1 1922 to the New York Central RR. (V. 115, p. 544). The operation of these lines for 1922, now known as the Ohio Central Lines, are contained in the annual report of the New York Central RR., which shows the following results:

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1922. Tons of revenue freight carried, Tons of revenue freight carried one mile, Average amount received for each ton of freight, etc.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922. Operating Revenue, Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail, express, &c., Other transportation, etc.

Operating Expenses, Maint. of way & structures, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General expenses, Miscellaneous expenses, etc.

Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.

(10th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

The report will be published more fully another week.

COMBINED REVENUE STATEMENT OF PARENT CO. (BRAZILIAN TR., LT. & PR. CO.) AND OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES.

Table with columns: (1) In Milreis, (2) In Dollars, (3) Parent Co. in Dollars. Rows include Gross earnings from operations in Brazil, Net earnings from operations in Brazil, Approx. value of milreis, etc.

Alabama Power Company.

(Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

Enlargements & Additions.—During 1922 company extended its facilities for service by enlargements and additions of its generating plants, substations and transmission lines, the most important of which was the construction of Mitchell Dam, located on the Coosa River about 14 miles below Lock 12. At the beginning of the year the construction organization was practically complete and the work well under way and was prosecuted with such a degree of speed that the waters of the Coosa River were raised and permitted to flow over the dam in the latter part of December. Industrial conditions improved rapidly during the year and the former plentiful supply of labor had to be replenished by recruiting from various labor centres throughout the State. The progress of the work was maintained to meet the schedule notwithstanding the delays experienced in the delivery of materials due to the nation-wide railroad strike, which speaks well for the efficiency of the organization.

Mitchell Dam.—As it stands to-day, contains more than 200,000 cu. yds. of concrete, of which 139,000 cu. yds. were placed during 1922. Prior to raising the water in the reservoir, the entire area was cleared of trees and brush in accordance with the specifications of the U. S. Public Health Service and the State Board of Health and under their direction.

The requirements of the health departments, both State and national, were met and even exceeded with the view of eliminating malaria and other infectious diseases, and not only was the welfare of company employees protected, but extensive work was done by company inspectors to insure the health of inhabitants throughout the area adjacent to the reservoir by providing medicine and treatment for them.

U. S. Nitrate Plant.—Though the Mitchell development was the only large generating plant under construction during the year, the capacity of the system was increased by leasing from the U. S. Government and rehabilitating at large expense the steam plant of the U. S. Nitrate Plant No. 2, at Sheffield, Ala. The operation of this plant, although limited by the capacity of the available transmission lines and substations, added 50,000 h. p. to the generating capacity of the system. A portion of this capacity was contracted for by public utility companies in Georgia and North Carolina.

Gadsden Steam Plant.—The generating capacity of the Gadsden steam plant was increased to 15,000 h. p. during low water periods by the installation of revolving screens and the completion of a coal washer plant and additional coal storage and handling facilities at the Gorgas steam plant maintained its capacity at 70,000 h. p.

Distribution System.—During 1922, the distribution system was increased by the construction of the following transmission and distribution lines:

(a) 12 miles of large capacity, double-circuit, steel-tower, 110,000-volt line from Lock 12 to Mitchell to conduct energy generated upon the completion of that plant into the present transmission system at Lock 12. From this point, energy from Mitchell will be delivered to Sylacauga, Anniston and Huntsville and the eastern and northeastern sections of the State, and to the Birmingham district and western sections by way of Bessemer and Magela.

(b) As a part of this system, construction was started on 39 miles of "H" frame, single-circuit, 110,000-volt line from Lock 12 to Leeds, just east of Birmingham, where a 110,000-volt primary substation is under way. From this station 16 miles of "H" frame, single-circuit, 44,000-volt line is in progress to serve a substation at Fulton Springs which will, in turn, provide an additional point of service for the Birmingham Ry. Light & Power Co. at Lewisburg and also supply the Kimberley mining district by means of the 22,000-volt line recently purchased from the Birmingham Co. The Lock 12 to Leeds line and the Leeds substation will provide an additional and entirely independent means of transmitting energy to the Birmingham district as well as to the eastern and northern parts of Alabama, thereby increasing reliability of service to the entire northern half of the State.

(c) An additional outlet for energy from Mitchell southward and to the east is being provided by the construction of 80 miles of 110,000-volt "H" frame, single-circuit line via Lock 18 site to the Opelika district.

(d) The present 33,000-volt line from Upper Tallassee to Montgomery is being reconstructed for 44,000 volts and will give Montgomery a second source of power supply sufficient to meet the demands of the entire district. This will not only increase the reliability of service at Montgomery but will add to the capacity so that the steam plant may be closed except for stand-by service.

(e) A line from Upper Tallassee to Aubrey substation is also under construction and will give the eastern section served by the company a new source of power supply sufficient to meet the entire needs of that section as well as improve the service.

(f) In addition to those mentioned, more than 65 miles of 44,000-volt and lower voltage lines were completed in 1922.

The more important of these were 26 miles of line from Selma via Marion Junction to Marion, thereby giving hydro-electric service to both of these places. Heretofore Marion Junction had no electric service and at Marion an isolated steam plant was displaced with a considerable reduction in rates to users of electricity.

(g) 16 miles of line from La Fayette to Aubrey, near Opelika, were constructed, thus completing a distribution loop and making available two sources of supply to the towns of Talladega, Roanoke, La Fayette, Opelika and Alexander City, as well as adding considerably to the available capacity of this district.

Transmission System.—The transmission system was also increased by the assumption from the U. S. Government of the operation and maintenance of 91 miles of 110,000-volt line from Gorgas to Sheffield so that at Dec. 31 1922 there was in operation 590 circuit miles of 110,000-volt line, 757 circuit miles of 44,000 and lower voltage lines, and 303 miles of distribution lines in local operations, making a total mileage in excess of 1,600.

Retail Operations.—Retail activities covered the reconstruction of lighting circuits in Albany and Gadsden, a change in the distribution systems of Anniston and Attalla, the construction of distribution systems in Parrish, Marion Junction, Fairview and the Shades Mountain district near Birmingham. Partial reconstruction of the distribution systems in all towns directly served called for an expenditure of approximately \$50,000, not including the construction of 14 miles of rural distribution line. Approximately 2,000 retail customers, including a number with electric ranges and other electrical appliances furnished through the merchandising department, were connected to the system at a cost of approximately \$95,000.

In pursuance of its policy to enable the greatest use of hydro-electric power in homes, company has established new rates for combined lighting and cooking service, thereby placing this service within the reach of the average citizen for a variety of household duties. Company has initiated a plan to sell customers appliances for household use.

Street railway operations in all the towns served were improved by replacements, partly on account of municipal paving programs and partly from necessity as an operating measure. Three Birney safety cars were put in service in Anniston and several others rebuilt. In the gas operations, the gas plant was improved and new mains laid in Selma and gas distribution conditions in Anniston improved.

Financing.—To finance the expenditures for construction work accomplished during 1922 at a cost of \$5,436,957, company issued and sold \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. Lien & Ref. Gold bonds, 6% Series, due 1951.

From this sale of its Cumulative Preferred stock to its customers, employees and the investing public in Alabama for cash or on deferred payment plan, there was paid into the treasury \$946,249. The remaining funds were provided from the proceeds of bonds sold in the previous year augmented by temporary bank loans which have since been liquidated.

All the securities sold by company since 1914 have been sold to investors in the United States and company now has over 15,000 holders of its stock and bonds in this country, owning approximately 75% of all the outstanding securities.

Operations.—Operations during 1922 were the greatest in company's history; and the total connected electric load at Dec. 31 was 403,936 h. p., compared with 362,107 h. p. at the close of 1921. The maximum demand upon the system increased from 115,500 k. w. (155,000 h. p.) in 1921 to 153,100 k. w. (205,000 h. p.). The total energy supplied to the system during 1922 was 807,133,242 k. w. hours, as compared with 432,991,540 k. w. hours in 1921, an increase of 174,141,702 k. w. hours.

Generating Plants.—Company has the Lock 12 hydro plant on the Coosa River with an installed capacity of 110,000 h. p. and the Jackson Shoals hydro-electric power plant with 1,900 h. p. making a total of 111,900 h. p. of hydro capacity. Company was called upon, however, at different times during the year to deliver service to lighting and power customers largely in excess of the capacity of the water power plants. For instance, on Dec. 13 1922 the output of electricity for 24 hours was 2,753,600 k. w. hours. This record of output for one day exceeded the record of any previous year by 63%. Due to the dry weather during the last five months of the year, the flow of water in the Coosa River was very low. On the above day, the electricity generated required the burning of over 2,290 tons of coal during the 24-hour period, which is equal to 57 cars of 40-ton capacity. The maximum peak load of 153,100 k. w. reached on Dec. 18 exceeded the peak load record in previous years by 33%.

Gorgas Reserve Steam Plant.—In 1916, company acquired several hundred acres of land on the Warrior River on which to erect a reserve steam plant to supplement the hydro plants of the company in times of low water. The site is approximately 25 miles from Birmingham and was selected on account of the fact that it was in the heart of the Warrior coal fields and there was abundant water for cooling purposes. Company projected its requirements for reserve steam plants over a period of years, making provision for 90,000 h. p. total capacity and the erection of the first unit of 30,000 h. p. was completed prior to the war in 1917.

Company meanwhile arranged to open a coal mine on the lands acquired and has obtained the principal part of its coal supply from this source.

Numerous lines connecting the plant with other parts of the system were constructed to serve towns and cities, coal mines, mills and other industries throughout the State. The wisdom of the company's course in selecting the location and building the plant has been amply justified, for it is one of the most important elements of the system to-day.

In the construction of the first unit, a vast amount of work was done to prepare for the ultimate installation, and after the war began company was requested by the Government to aid in quickly supplying power for nitrate plants to be erected at Muscle Shoals, 90 miles distant. The power desired by the Government was in excess of the available capacity of the system, but company turned over to the Government, at its request, the use of its lands, foundations and under-water structures at Gorgas, thus enabling it to install therein a 30,000 k. w. unit and other incidental facilities to be operated as a part of that plant.

At the same time company placed a right-of-way owned by it at the disposal of the Government on which to build a transmission line from Gorgas to Muscle Shoals. This enabled the Government to quickly secure the large amount of power from the company's system for the construction and preliminary operation of the nitrate plants at Muscle Shoals. A contract between the Government and the company was signed in November 1918, binding the company to purchase the added facilities from the Government after the war, at their fair value, and the company agreed to pay interest to the Government on its investment pending the purchase. The company has found increased need for the entire plant since the war closed and has from year to year paid the Government substantial amounts representing interest on its investment.

Sheffield Steam Plant.—Forecasting the needs of power in Alabama and adjoining States for several years, company in 1921 leased the Government's Sheffield steam plant which was constructed during the war as a part of the Muscle Shoals nitrate program and this lease was renewed in 1922. This foresight has been well repaid, and, indeed, has been of great benefit to the sections of the State served by company, as well as many other parts of the South. Pending the completion of Mitchell development, company was enabled to contract for 30,000 h. p. to new and existing customers, in addition to which it has agreements for power service to be connected during 1923 of approximately the same amount.

During the past two years company, through the interconnection of its lines with those of other power companies in Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, was called on to assist in emergencies by sending power over those lines for use in the Atlanta, Macon and Columbus, Ga., district, North Carolina, and as far east as the Raleigh district, North Carolina, 600 miles from the Sheffield plant at Muscle Shoals. This was accomplished by each of the companies transmitting to the connecting company the capacity of power delivered by the company at the Georgia-Alabama line. Of the total power thus transmitted to other companies, it is interesting to note that 15,000,000 k. w. hours were transmitted for use in North Carolina, the most remote State of the group with respect to the super-power zone.

The use of this plant made it possible to respond to the demand of existing and new industries in Alabama for power service, as well as to partially meet the similar demands in other sections of the South. But for the leasing of this plant, many industries would have been limited in their production or shut down entirely due to lack of power, with resulting loss to wage earners as well as to industry.

Company paid the Government \$141,404 in 1922 for the use of its extension to the Gorgas plant, and under the terms of the lease from the Government for the use of its steam plant at Sheffield it was paid \$207,864 during 1922, thereby making the total payment to the U. S. Government during 1922 \$349,269.

Interconnection with Other Companies.—The operation as a single system of the transmission facilities of the several companies in the Southeastern States by reason of the interconnection of their lines permits the separate generating plants to deliver their energy into a common distributing network. Energy may be drawn from this reservoir at any point in any one of these States for any purpose, for lighting homes or for the operation of factories, and, by means of the interconnection of these systems, every source of energy within the area can be put to use.

The benefit of the entire area before reserve steam plants are called upon for duty and, when these reserve plants are necessary, the large and more economical plants in the Warrior coal fields are first used. These plants use less than two pounds of coal per k. w. hour and their operation permits the smaller and less efficient plants consuming from two to five pounds of coal per k. w. hour to shut down, resulting in a consequent decreased cost of service to the public and a lessened burden upon the railroads for the transportation of fuel.

The total amount of power supplied during 1922 by the power systems of the Southeastern States was approximately 2,000,000,000 k. w. hours, of which approximately 75% was provided by water-power plants. To have produced this entire volume of power by steam would have consumed 4,000,000 tons of coal, whereas only 1,000,000 tons were used. The production and transportation of the additional 3,000,000 tons of coal which would have been necessary had this entire amount of power been produced by steam, would have been a tremendous burden upon the railroads and mining industries of the South, particularly as they were handicapped by labor troubles and car shortage during the period.

The demand for power, therefore, could not have been met nor could industry in these States have continued to operate to full capacity during the low-water period near the close of the year except by the combined use of these hydro and steam plants.

Industrial Development.—During the past year the South experienced an industrial revival that aroused the attention of those seeking a suitable place for the building of new plants to meet the ever increasing demands upon industry. Among the most important questions facing the industrial expansion of the South is that of power. It has been found that those who are interested in plant expansion in new territory are concerned with the ability of that territory to promptly meet the demands for power from year to year, hence the interconnection of the power systems and the common use of facilities has resulted in benefit to every section of the South.

Tallapoosa River.—Company, on Aug. 28 1922, filed an application with the Federal Power Commission, through its subsidiary company, Alabama Interstate Power Co., for a preliminary permit under the Federal Water Power Act of June 10 1920, for a project on the Tallapoosa River in Alabama to include four dams, with a total capacity of not less than 200,000 h. p. The Tallapoosa is a non-navigable stream, but on account of its relation to the navigation on the Alabama River, the War Department indicated that the development on that river proposed by our application should be made under Government supervision and approval.

In due course, the Federal Power Commission assumed jurisdiction of the project, and on Jan. 27 1923 a preliminary permit was granted in accordance with the application. The company is now engaged in preliminary engineering and surveying with the view of proceeding with construction as soon as practicable of additional plants on the Tallapoosa or on the Coosa River above the Lock 12 plant.

Plants are to be constructed on the Tallapoosa River with the view of storing the flood waters and operating the same in connection with other power developments of the company in the same region, thus obtaining the largest possible benefit from the stored water. This plan of co-ordinating several projects in different watershed will develop, conserve and utilize in the public interest the navigation and water power resources of the region to the greatest advantage. The storage reservoirs to be included in the plan of development will also have an important effect in minimizing the flood damage from the Tallapoosa and Alabama Rivers.

Muscle Shoals.—In accordance with the action of the directors, company submitted an offer to the Secretary of War, dated Feb. 15 1922, defining the terms upon which the Wilson Dam would be completed and the nitrate problem of the Government in connection therewith simplified without further advances or expenditures by the United States, a detailed discussion of which will be given later.

After this country entered the war, the Government in 1917 decided to construct a nitrate plant and in connection therewith a water power development. Muscle Shoals having been selected, the Government desired the site of Dam No. 2 on the Tennessee River, now known as the Wilson Dam site, for its war purposes. This site was at that time and had for many years been owned by this company. There were various discussions between the officials of the company and the Government representatives as to the terms upon which the Government should acquire this very important site and the flowage lands of the company owned in connection therewith. There were differences of view between the Government officials and the company as to the value of the property and as to the price which the Government should pay for the same; and as these differences might possibly have delayed the Government's war program, the company donated the lands to the Government for \$1, and addressed a letter to the Secretary of War dated Feb. 18 1918 making the offer of donation.

The Secretary of War accepted the company's offer of donation. And in due course the Government issued its voucher for \$1, payable to the Muscle Shoals Hydro-Electric Co., the subsidiary company which held the title to the property.

During the time the company owned the site of Dam No. 2, efforts were made for many years to bring about its development. Under date of Dec. 10 1913, company submitted a proposal to the Government in response to its request for the construction of Dams Nos. 2 and 3 and this plan was considered in very full report and recommended to Congress by Government engineers for acceptance under date of May 18 1914.

This was the first proposal made to the Government for the development of Muscle Shoals in the interest of both power and navigation. No action having been taken by Congress on the proposal of 1913, a further proposal was made by Government engineers and the proposal of 1913 was again approved and submitted to Congress with a favorable recommendation by the engineers on June 28 1916, with the suggestion, however, that action on the proposal be suspended until it was determined whether the Muscle Shoals power would be utilized in the manufacture of nitrate for war purposes.

The Wilson Dam site and the flowage lands of the company owned in connection therewith had a large value, far in excess of the \$500,000 which we had expended in connection with this development. Having acquired the site, the Government began the construction of Wilson Dam and expended during and subsequent to the war about \$17,000,000 on the project.

Congress refused to make any further appropriation to continue the project as a Government development and the Government addressed a letter to this company writing suggestions towards its completion in some manner which would insure the Government a reasonable return upon its investment already made. Company then addressed a letter to the Government officers on May 28 1921, in which it again expressed its interest in the development and stated that the project could be completed on a commercial basis and that when Congress authorized the use of any of the power for commercial and industrial purposes, company stood ready and willing to co-operate with the Government in any way desired looking toward its completion.

It appearing that Congress was prepared to give serious consideration to the disposal of the project and financial conditions having meanwhile become more stable so that this company could market its securities on a basis which would enable it to complete the project entirely at its own expense, this company submitted its offer of Feb. 15 1922, which was ratified and approved by the stockholders.

Under the offer of Feb. 15 1922, company agreed to take out a license under the Federal Water Power Act of June 10 1920 to complete the construction of the dam, locks and power house at Dam No. 2 at its own expense with an initial installation of 240,000 h. p., the subsequent installation to be made in accordance with the Federal Water Power Act as might be necessary to meet the market demands; to furnish free to the Government, or its nominee, 100,000 h. p. as required for the production of fertilizer and munitions of war and for research in connection therewith, and if not used by the Government, to purchase and pay for such power in accordance with a schedule to be set forth in the license; the power to be made available to the Government for this purpose to be the second 100,000 h. p. at any time available from the normal flow of the river.

Company also offered to purchase the Government's interest in the Warrior extension and transmission line from Warrior to Sheffield, including the generation station and transmission line from Warrior to Sheffield and the Government steam plant at Sheffield for the sum of \$5,000,000; it further offered to operate and maintain the power plant, dam and gates at its own expense and to supply power to the Government for its operation of the locks; and whenever the safety of the United States demanded, the Government to have the right to take over and operate the project for the purpose of manufacturing nitrates and for any other purpose involving the safety of the United States for such length of time as might appear to the President necessary; and, finally, it was proposed that the project should be subject to recapture by the Government at the end of 50 years under the terms of the Federal Water Power Act.

The offer of this company for the completion of the Muscle Shoals project would leave the Government in full title and possession of its nitrate plants and would provide sufficient power for the operation to full capacity without further expense and would create without cost to the Government immediately adjacent to these plants a large power reserve for any future emergency which might arise. Under these circumstances, the Government might go forward with plans for fertilizer production or engage in fertilizer production with titable provision to protect the price of fertilizer produced at the plant until it reached the ultimate consumer.

The subject remained before the committees of Congress for a large part of the year and reports were finally made as a result of the investigations of the committees, but no action was taken by Congress.

The directors are of the opinion that the offer submitted by the company was the best and the fairest method of dealing with the project of any suggested at any time during the completion of the matter and that the best interests of the public would be served by the completion of the water power project and placing the same in public utility service so that the power therefrom may be distributed over as wide an area as possible, thus giving every community within transmission distance the benefit of this great natural resource; and in view of the fact that the proposal was made under the terms of the Federal Water Power Act of 1920, which is now our national policy for dealing with the water power situation, it is believed that the ultimate solution of the problem will be along the lines of the proposal made by this company.

One of the offers submitted in connection with the project involved the taking over of the Government's interest in the Warrior steam plant of the company and the transmission line therefrom to Muscle Shoals, growing out of the contract mentioned above, which this company agreed to go forward and extend its plant and to build the line to meet the Government's war needs. There was much discussion with regard to this proposal of the offer mentioned, but after very full consideration, the committees of Congress considering the subject decided against the effort to take any part of these facilities, holding in effect that they were not a part of the Muscle Shoals project and that the Government should proceed with the sale of the same to this company under its contract.

A comparative income account was given in V. 116, p. 2769.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for various financial items like Cost of prop's, Operating equip't, Cash, U. S. Victory 4 1/2 % notes, etc.

x Cost of properties, balance at Dec. 31 1921, \$43,920,504, less cost of outside properties of subsidiary companies acquired by Alabama Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd., \$1,535,483; balance, \$42,405,021; plus additions for 1922—construction expenditures, \$5,436,957; total as above, \$47,841,978.

Great Northern Iron Ore Properties.

(16th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

The trustees under date of St. Paul, May 31, wrote in substance:

Since the close of the year the Jackson Iron Mining Co. sold its undivided one-sixteenth interest in the NW 1/4-NE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 56, Range 24 West, Itasca County, Minn., commonly known as Lewis Mine, and the Arthur Iron Mining Co. sold its lease on the NE 1/4-SE 1/4 and S 1/4-SE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 57, Range 21 West, St. Louis County, Minn., commonly known as Niagara Mine, to the Braddock Iron Mining Co. of Duluth, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corp.

During the year the Federal income and profits tax returns of the trustees and the companies for the years 1917 to 1920, inclusive, together with all capital stock tax returns filed by the companies to date, were audited by the Government with satisfactory results and conclusive agreements have been executed with the Government pursuant to Section 1312 of the Revenue Act of 1921.

Leases covering the Carmi and Draper Annex Mines, which were being negotiated at the close of last year between the Tyler Iron Mining Co. and the Mead Iron Co., and the Harrison Iron Mining Co. together with other fee owners and John A. Savage & Co., respectively, and referred to in the 1921 annual report, have not yet been executed, but are still under consideration.

On May 7 1923 the U. S. Supreme Court handed down an opinion sustaining the constitutionality of the so-called Minnesota Occupation Tax Law, adopted by the State of Minnesota on April 11 1921, which imposed "an occupation tax" equal to 6% of the value of the ore mined or produced during any year on all who are "engaged in the business of mining or producing iron ore or other ores" within the State of Minnesota.

The sustaining of this law by the Supreme Court, we believe, will not materially affect the Great Northern Iron Ore Properties, inasmuch as none of the Proprietary companies is directly "engaged in the business of mining or producing iron ore or other ores" in the State of Minnesota.

[Signed Louis W. Hill, James N. Hill, Edward T. Nichols, Ralph Budd, Trustees.]

I. Developed Mines, Operated by Others, Showing (1) Whether Held on Feehold or Leasehold (2) Shipments and Minimums also Royalties Receivable by Trust.

Table with columns: Mine, Interest of Trust, Number of Gross Tons Shipped (1922, To Jan. '23), Royalty to Trust, Net, 1923 Minimum Tons. Lists mines like Mahoning, Utica, Leetonia, etc.

Nos. 1 to 44 Operating Interests.—(1) Mahoning Ore & Steel Co.; (2) Crete Mining Co. (Pickands, Mather & Co.); (3) Leetonia Mining Co. (Jones & Laughlin Steel Co.); (4) McKinley Steel Co.; (5-6) McKinley Steel Co. (mines worked out); (7) Donora Mining Co. (U. S. Steel Corporation); (8-15) Butler Brothers; (16) Hanna Ore Mining Co. (under contract, mine exhausted Dec. 1918); (17-18) Mace Iron Mining Co. (No. 17 exhausted during 1921); (19) Mead Iron Co. (Tod-Stambaugh Co.); (20-29) Hanna Ore Mining Co.; (30) Dean Iron Co. (Tod-Stambaugh Co.); (31-32) Orwell Iron Co. (Inland Steel Co. and Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.); (33-35) Inter-State Iron Co. (Jones & Laughlin Steel Co.); (36) Cleveland-Chiffs Iron Co. and Struther Furnace Co.; (37-41) Mesaba-Cliffs Iron Mining Co.; (42) International Harvester Co.; (43) disposition of interest in this mine was explained in report for 1919; (44) Idle (not now under lease).

Total shipments and royalty rates are shown in this table, the proportions of the trustees being indicated where their interest is less than the whole. (a) Lease to Butler Brothers provides for exhaustion of mine before June 30 1931. (b) Includes both feeholds and leaseholds.

II. TRUSTEES' STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Table with columns for Receipts from (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and Disbursements (Interest, Federal taxes, Total receipts, Expenses, Dividends, Amount per share, Balance for period, Balance brought forward, Total surplus Dec. 31).

III. PROPRIETARY COMPANIES—RESULTS OF MINING, &c., OPERATIONS.

Table with columns for Revenue from (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and Deductions (Sundry expenses, Taxes, etc.). Includes sub-sections for 'Old Leases' and 'New Leases'.

(K) These items are in the nature of investments; some of the amounts have already been greatly reduced by collections. (l) Represent balances owing from lessees as reimbursement of amounts principally reported as mine expenditures in previous years. (z) Credit for payments of this character to the State of Minnesota expires with the year for which made.

IV. SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS—"OLD LEASES" AND ARTHUR MIN. CO.

Table with columns for Tons Shipped, Average Royalty, Revenue Received, Great West, Arthur M. Co., and Net Inc. for years 1907-1922.

Note.—The "old leases" cover the Mahoning, Utica, Leetonia (1/2), Stevenson and Sweeney (1/2) mines (owned in fee by the controlled companies above named, along with the other fee holds), and were made prior to March 1 1912. They are held by the several companies above mentioned.

The "new leases" have been made to various interests (see above) in and since 1913. The "shipments" here excel the proportions belonging to outside interests.—Ed.

On account of leasing its operating properties, mining operations by Arthur Iron Min. Co. ceased as of June 30 1917, and all ore in stock piles has been disposed of.

V. SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS UNDER "NEW LEASES."

Table with columns for Shipments, Total Royalty, Mines Included, and years 1915-1922.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for Assets (Mineral and non-mineral lands, Advances, Securities, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Current liabilities, etc.) for Trustees Great Northern Iron Ore Properties.

Indianapolis Street Railway. (Report for Year Ended Dec. 31 1922.)

Table with columns for INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31 (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and Balance sheet items (Assets, Liabilities).

x Includes six months' operation, Jan. 1 to June 30 1919, under the lease of the old Indianapolis Street Ry. Co. to the Indianapolis Traction & Terminal Co., and six months' operation, July 1 to Dec. 31 1919, under the operation of the new consolidated Indianapolis Street Ry. Co., incorporated June 30 1919.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for Assets (Property, plant & equipment, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.) for Indianapolis Street Railway.

a After deducting \$1,013,000 in sinking fund. b After deducting \$1,167,000 in sinking fund.—V. 116, p. 822.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

The following news in brief form touches the high points in the railroad and electric railway world during the week just past, together with a summary of the items of greatest interest which were published in full detail in last week's "Chronicle" either under "Editorial Comment" or "Current Events and Discussions." Wage Increases.—Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR., Cincinnati Northern RR., Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., Norfolk & Western RR., and Louisville & Nashville RR. have increased wages of employees, effective June 1, and Central of Georgia RR. effective June 15. "Times" July 4, p. 1. Baltimore & Ohio increases wages of clerks 10 cents a day and other classes of workers covered by agreement, from 1 cent to 2 1/2 cents per hour. "Times" July 1, Sec. 1, p. 5. Northern Pacific Ry. increases wages of clerical and station employees 2 cents an hour. "Philadelphia News Bureau" July 3, p. 3. Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR. increases wages of maintenance of equipment men 2 cents per hour, effective July 1. "Fin. Am." July 4, p. 1. Colorado & Southern increased shopmen's wages and Pere Marquette train dispatchers, also effective July 1, amount not known. "Financial America" July 4, p. 1. Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. increases wages of maintenance of equipment men from 1 to 2 cents per hour, effective as of June 1. "Wall Street Journal" June 29, p. 10. Third Ave. Ry. Co. (New York City) increased wages of motormen and conductors 5%, effective July 3. "Boston News Bureau" July 2, p. 3. Shopmen's Day Shortened.—Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR. reduces hours per day from 10 to 8 in Carbondale (Pa.) shops. "Times" July 4, p. 21. I.-S. C. Declares Ohio Coal Rates Too High.—Readjustment to be made Sept. 27; rates from Ohio mining districts to Michigan, northern Indiana and Northwestern Ohio to be reduced, while those from Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania to same districts will be slightly increased. "Times" July 4, p. 15. Car Surplus.—The Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announces that despite the fact that loading of revenue freight has exceeded the million-car mark for three consecutive weeks, a record unheard of at this season of the year in previous years, the number of surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service continues to increase. Surplus freight cars of all descriptions June 22, the latest figures available, totaled 58,671 cars, an increase of 6,653 over June 14. At the same time, reported shortage in freight cars for the country as a whole amounted to only 11,896 cars, a decrease since June 14 of 891 cars. Surplus box cars in good repair totaled 34,735, an increase in approximately a week of 4,875, while surplus coal cars numbered 4,269, or increase during same period of 1,140. Reports also showed 7,057 surplus stock cars,

June 22, an increase of 834 within a week, while surplus refrigerator cars showed an increase of 133 during the same period, which brought the total for that class to 11,769.

Of the total reported shortage of 11,896 freight cars, 2,054 were box cars, an increase of 357 since June 14, while the reported shortage in coal cars amounted to 7,976, a decrease within the same time of 1,281.

Car Loadings.—For the third consecutive week and the fourth time this year, loading of revenue freight exceeded the million mark for the week which ended on June 23, the total for the week being 1,002,740 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced.

Freight loading so far this year has been the heaviest in history. The total for the week of June 23 was an increase of 136,419 cars over the corresponding week last year, an increase of 227,293 cars over the corresponding week in 1921, and exceeded by a wide margin the corresponding weeks in 1918, 1919 and 1920.

The total for the week of June 23 this year, for the country as a whole, was 13.6% over the corresponding week last year. Freight loading in the Western districts alone was an increase of 8.5%, compared with the same week last year, while in the Southern district the increase was only 3.2%. The increase in the Eastern district, which includes the Pocahontas district, was approximately 19.8%.

Owing to decreases principally in the loading of coal and merchandise and miscellaneous freight, which includes manufactured products, the total was a decrease of 4,513 cars under the preceding week this year.

Principal changes compared with totals for week ended June 16 were: Coal, 183,350 cars, decrease 3,659; merchandise and miscellaneous freight, 581,244 cars, decrease 4,113; grain and grain products, 33,958, increase 55; livestock, 29,251 cars, increase 790; forest products 78,068 cars, increase 10 cars; ore, 82,041 cars, increase 2,743; coke, 14,828 cars, decrease 339.

Compared by districts, increases over the week before in the loading of all commodities were reported in the Central Western and Southwestern districts, while the Eastern, Allegheny, Pocahontas, Southern and North-western districts reported decreases. All districts reported increases over the corresponding week last year except the Pocahontas, while all except the Southwestern, which showed a slight decrease, reported increases over the corresponding week in 1921.

Freight Car Repair.—Fewer freight cars are now in need of repair than at any time since January 1921, according to reports just filed to-day by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association.

These reports showed that on June 15 this year 200,754 freight cars of various kinds, or 8.9% of the total number on line, were in need of repair. This was a decrease of 10,982 since June 1, at which time there were 211,766, or 9.4%.

Of the total number, 150,540 freight cars were in need of heavy repair, 5,024 less than on June 1. There were also 50,244 freight cars in need of light repair, which was a decrease of 5,958 compared with the number in need of such repair at the beginning of the month.

During the first 15 days in June 1,280,277 freight cars were repaired and turned out of the shops. This was an increase of 102,320 freight cars over the number repaired during the period extending from May 15 to June 1.

Locomotive Repair.—Locomotives in need of repair on June 15 totaled 12,659, or 19.9% of the total number on line, according to reports filed to-day by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association.

This was a decrease of 24 locomotives compared with the number in need of repair on June 1, at which time there were 12,683.

Of the total number, 11,473, or 18% of the total number on line, were in need of heavy repair on June 15. Under the program unanimously adopted by the railroads of the country in New York in April, the number of locomotives in need of heavy repair is to be reduced for the entire country to 15% by Oct. 1 this year.

Reports showed 1,186 locomotives, or 1.9%, in need of light repair, while 1,863 locomotives had been repaired and placed in storage up to June 15 to await increased transportation needs later in the year. On June 1 there were 1,569 locomotives in storage, or a net increase of 294 locomotives during the first 15 days in June.

The railroads of the country also repaired and turned out of the shops from June 1 to June 15 a total of 18,937 locomotives, compared with 21,406 during the last half of May.

New Equipment.—The following is authorized by the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association:

From June 1 to June 15 this year, 4,934 new freight cars were placed in service by the railroads of the country. This brought the total number of new freight cars placed in service since Jan. 1 1923 up to 70,594.

A total of 143 new locomotives were also delivered and placed in service during the first 15 days in June, which brought the total number of new locomotives delivered since Jan. 1 1923 to 1,840.

Of the total number of new freight cars delivered by car builders to the railroads, new box cars numbered 29,384; new refrigerator cars, 8,406, and new coal cars, 28,757.

The railroads on June 15 also had on order and awaiting delivery 104,068 new freight cars, while they also had on order on the same date 1,993 new locomotives.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" June 30.—(a) "Home rule" for the railroads, p. 2928. (b) Two new illustrations of railroad regulation, p. 2929. (c) Hearing before Inter-State Commerce Commissioner Hall on linking of Central RR. of New Jersey with New York Central RR; Port Authority's opposition; statement of A. H. Smith, p. 2951. (d) U. S. R. R. Labor Board again takes Pennsylvania RR. to task for attitude towards unions, p. 2953. (e) Election of employees on Northwestern Region of Pennsylvania RR. completed, p. 2953.

(f) Clerks, station employees and common laborers get wage increase on New York New Haven & Hartford RR., p. 2953. (g) Shopmen get wage increase on the Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR., p. 2953. (h) Canadian shopmen ask wage increase, p. 2953.

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—Construction.—See Fort Myers Southern RR. below.—V. 116, p. 2254, 2249.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Sells Coal Roads.—The company has sold to the Consolidation Coal Co. the Sandy Valley & Elk Horn Ry. and the Millers Creek RR. and to Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. the Long Fork Ry., subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission, or other commissions so far as same may be necessary. The Consolidation Coal will pay \$6,000,000 for Sandy Valley & Elk Horn Ry. and the Millers Creek RR. and the Chesapeake & Ohio will pay \$2,000,000 for the Long Fork Ry.—V. 116, p. 2991.

Bloomington & Normal Ry. & Lt. Co.—Exchange of Stock.—The holders of 6% Preferred stock are advised under date of June 1 of the consolidation of the company into the Illinois Power & Light Co. and offering them to exchange their stock for the 7% Cumul. Preferred stock of Illinois Power & Light Corp (par for par).

The Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, Ill., has consented to act as an agent for the receipt of certificates for the 6% Preferred stock of Bloomington & Normal Railway & Light Co. and for the delivery in lieu thereof of certificates for 7% Cumul. Preferred stock in the new Illinois Power & Light Corp. Those who so prefer may surrender their certificates by sending them direct to the corporation, in care of Geo. M. Mattis, Champaign, Ill., or of Daniel W. Snyder Jr., Bloomington, Ill. Compare also Illinois Traction Co. above, and Illinois Power & Light Corp. in V. 116, p. 1532, 2015, 2388, 2637.—V. 116, p. 1531.

Boston & Maine RR.—Joint New England RR. Committee Report.—Boston & Maine RR. Rehabilitation Proposed.—See New York New Haven & Hartford RR. below. Payment of \$100,000 in final settlement of the guaranty under Section 209 of the Transportation Act has been certified to the Treasury by the I.-S. C. Commission.—V. 116, p. 2992.

Canadian National Ry.—Expansion Program Defeated.—The Canadian Senate, by vote of 47 to 10, has rejected the Canadian National Railways branch line construction program, providing for expenditure of \$28,000,000 over three years. The opposition was based on the country's financial position and allegation that the proposed branches were in some instances political instead of commercial. This measure had previously passed in the House with the large majority.—V. 116, p. 2877.

Camaguey Electric Co.—Offering of Bonds.—The \$1,500,000 6 1/4% 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series "A," dated Oct. 1 1922, due Oct. 1 1952, and described in V. 115, p. 2904, were originated by the Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., Montreal. J. C. Mackintosh & Co. of Halifax only distributed a block, which they purchased from the original underwriters.

A circular to the bankers dated April 15 shows:

Earnings of the Properties Available for Int. on Funded Debt, Deprec'n. &c.

Table with columns: Calendar Years—, 1919., 1920., 1921., 1922. and rows: Light & power gross earnings, Tramway gross earnings, Miscellaneous earnings.

Table with columns: 1920., 1921., 1922. and rows: Total gross earnings, Oper. & maint. expenses.

Net earnings... \$194,812 \$315,584 \$379,998 \$352,200. The amount required to pay interest on the above \$1,500,000 bonds is \$97,500.—V. 115, p. 2904.

Central Illinois Public Service Co.—Acquisitions.—The company has acquired the Canton Gas & Electric Co. and the Lewistown (Ill.) Electric Co. by purchase of their capital stock.—V. 116, p. 2135.

Central of Georgia Ry.—Guaranty.—The I.-S. C. Commission on June 26 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of not exceeding \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds to be issued by the Ocean Steamship Co. of Savannah. See V. 116, p. 2766.

Central Indiana Ry.—Sale Ordered.—Charles Martindale of Indianapolis has been appointed special master by Federal Judge A. B. Anderson to sell the road at not less than \$945,000. The date for the sale has not yet been fixed. The order of sale was obtained on the petition of the Central Union Trust Co. of New York, trustee of the \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. 4s. The Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis in April last offered to take up the \$750,000 bonds which it guaranteed. See V. 116, p. 1892.

Central New England Ry.—Bond Extension.—See Hartford & Connecticut Western RR. below.—V. 116, p. 2636.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Acquisition.—See Baltimore & Ohio RR. above.—V. 116, p. 2992.

Chicago Aurora & De Kalb RR.—Tear Up Line.—Work on tearing up the rails of this company, which was bought for \$90,000 as junk several months ago by Israel Joseph, was begun June 22. The Illinois Commerce Commission, on the plea of farmer patrons, forbade Joseph to abandon service, but his lawyers advised him to go ahead with the wrecking.—V. 116, p. 1531.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—New Directors.—George W. Davidson, President of the Central Union Trust Co., and A. J. Brosseau, President of Mack Trucks, Inc., have been elected directors to fill two vacancies existing for some time.—V. 116, p. 2992, 2388.

Chicago South Bend & Northern Indiana Ry.—Wages.—The company has granted its employees, including city and interurban motormen and conductors, an increase of 3 cents an hour. This increase brings the wages of city street car employees up to 50c. and of interurban employees up to 52c.—V. 113, p. 70.

Chicago Surface Lines.—Municipal Ownership Proposed.—Mayor Dever of Chicago has recommended to the City Council municipal ownership and operation of the surface and elevated lines.—V. 116, p. 720.

Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern RR.—Guaranty.—Payment of \$83,092 as the balance due on the guaranty totaling \$132,092 has been certified to the Treasury by the I.-S. C. Commission.—V. 116 p. 175.

Cincinnati Traction Co.—Payment of Taxes Deferred.—The City Council of Cincinnati, Ohio, has passed an ordinance to defer consideration of taxes until January 1924. Passage of the measure prevents an increase in fares.—V. 116, p. 1275.

Dallas Cleburne & Southwestern RR.—To Cease Oper.—The road has been ordered to cease operations by Judge Wilson in the U. S. District Court at San Angelo, Texas. The road has a stretch of line between Cleburne and Egan, a distance of nine miles, and has been running one train each way daily. The line was leased to the Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry. in December 1902, and was operated by the Katy until the reorganization plan was completed on April 1 last. After this the line was operated under the receivership of W. C. Breg.—V. 90, p. 502.

Dallas (Texas) Ry.—6-Cent Fare Extended.—The 6-cent fare charged by the company was extended for 18 months from June 27 on condition that the railway spend \$705,915 on extensions, rebuilding and repairs and in the purchase of 30 additional cars during the 18 months. The company is given ten days to signify its acceptance or rejection and the 6-cent fare is extended for ten days. "Electric Ry. Journal."—V. 116, p. 1411.

Detroit United Ry.—Proposes to Inaugurate a Motor Truck Freight Line.—The company has applied to the Michigan P. U. Commission for permission to do a general freight hauling business with motor trucks and trailers. If the application is approved, it is understood that the Detroit United Ry. Trucking Co. will be organized with a capital of \$500,000.

The Michigan P. U. Commission has directed the continuation of the 2-cent a mile fare on the company's lines. The order is based on tentative appraisal and valuation fixed by the Commission. The total, including Detroit city and interurban property, was placed at \$33,975,613. The Commission fixed the value of interurban lines and the value of the use of city lines for interurban purposes at \$26,691,320 and believes the 2-cent fare will return the company 7% on this valuation.—V. 116, p. 720.

Dubuque (Iowa) Electric Co.—Wages Increased.—The company has granted the men an increase in wages. The new scale is as follows: 1st year, 40 cents an hour; 2d year, 44 cents an hour; thereafter 49 cents an hour. An additional 5 cents an hour will be paid to one-man car operators. The old wage scale ranged from 35 to 45 cents an hour. The scale proposed by the union provided for a maximum of 60 cents.—V. 116, p. 2636.

Electric Short Line Ry. (Minn.)—Receivers.—Willard Held and Erle D. Luce have been named receivers.—V. 116, p. 822.

Table with columns: 1922., 1921., 1920. and rows: Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Tax accruals, Operating income, Equipment rents, Net railway income, Other income, Gross, Deductions, Net income, Other credits, Surplus for year, Dividends, Other debits, Profit, Previous surplus, Surplus.

Eric Railroad.—New Equipment—Oil Contract.—The company announces that new equipment to cost \$5,500,000 has been ordered. Contracts also have been awarded, it was said, for the reconstruction of 4,459 box cars, 1,000 gondolas and 100 refrigerator cars.

Part of the equipment will be delivered and all the cars will be rebuilt in time to handle the heavy freight shipments expected for this fall.

The company has renewed its contract with the Vacuum Oil Co. for a further period of one year. This covers all lubricating oil and grease requirements of the Erie locomotives, passenger and freight cars, shops, power houses and the anthracite colliery subsidiaries.—V. 116, p. 2766.

Erie & Pittsburgh RR.—Tenders.—

The American Exchange National Bank, 128 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until July 23 receive bids for the sale to it of Gen. Mtn. 3½% bonds dated July 1 1890, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$36,650 at a price not exceeding par and interest.—V. 116, p. 78.

Florida East Coast Ry.—Equipment Trusts.—

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$2,000,000 5% Equip. Trust certificates, to be sold to Bankers Trust Co., New York, at 96.30% and the proceeds to be used for purchasing additional equipment.—V. 116, p. 2878.

Fort Myers Southern RR.—Construction.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 19 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct a new line of railroad in Lee County, Fla., but denied the request for permission to retain excess earnings.

The proposed line of road will extend from a point at or near Fort Myers in a southerly direction to a point in or near Marco, a distance of approximately 46 miles, all in Lee County, Fla.

The company was organized on June 27 1917 and was chartered in Florida on June 10 1918. On the date of organization 500 shares of capital stock (par \$100 each) were issued and paid for in cash at par. All of the capital stock, excepting directors' qualifying shares, is owned by the Atlantic Coast Line RR., and it is the intention that the proposed line, when constructed, shall be operated and maintained by the Coast Line under an appropriate contract.

The cost of construction, as estimated, is \$1,238,960. In addition to the above, an estimate of \$45,000 is submitted, covering the cost of construction of the Iona Spur, 3.31 miles long. Right-of-way for 24.5 miles, valued at \$17,000, is expected to be donated. Funds for construction will be advanced by the Coast Line as needed, and it is not the present intention to issue additional securities for that purpose.

The application is granted upon the express condition that the construction of that portion of the line of road extending from Fort Myers to Bonita Springs (2½ miles), shall be commenced on or before Sept. 1 1923, and completed on or before June 30 1924; and the construction of the line from Bonita Springs to Marco shall be commenced on or before July 1 1926 and completed on or before July 1 1927.

Georgia Light, Power & Railways.—Tenders.—

The New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Aug. 1 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Lien 5% 30-Year Gold bonds, dated Sept. 1 1911, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$75,000, and at a price not exceeding 105 and interest to Sept. 1.—V. 113, p. 182.

Hartford & Connecticut Western RR.—Bonds Extended.

Vice-President H. G. Buckland of the New York-New Haven & Hartford RR., issued the following statement June 30:

"An agreement has been reached with holders of \$550,000 out of a total of \$700,000 of Hartford & Connecticut Western 4½% bonds, maturing July 1 for an extension for ten years at 6%, the Central New England Ry., agreeing to purchase one-tenth, or \$70,000 each year, so that the entire issue will have been purchased at the expiration of the 10-year period of extension."—V. 116, p. 2636.

Helena (Mont.) Light & Ry.—Tenders.—

The Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., successor trustee, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, up to June 28 received bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtg. Sinking Fund 5% 20-Year Gold bonds, dated Sept. 30 1905, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$34,926.—V. 116, p. 515.

Homestead (Pa.) & Mifflin St. Ry.—Wages, &c., Inc.—

The company announces a wage and fare increase, affecting employees and patrons. The wage advance, effective June 1, brings the schedule up to 70 cents an hour. This compares with 60 cents an hour previously paid. Fares have been increased from 8 cents or 18 tickets for \$1 to 10 cents or 15 tickets for \$1.

Illinois Central RR.—Review & Analysis.—Clark,

Dodge & Co. have issued a 22-page booklet (with map) giving a comprehensive review and analysis of the road.

The bankers point out that probably no transportation system of the country to-day is better equipped, both physically and financially, to meet current transportation needs. Its present condition is the result of a program of intensive development to which the management has been committed for many years and which has required huge outlays for maintenance and for additions and betterments. These improvements are reflected in the steadily increasing earnings of the property and in the high investment position of its securities to-day. The fortunate geographical position of the road and the favoring influence of the Panama Canal are factors which have helped materially in this development. While practically all the larger Western roads have felt the competition of the Canal, it has contributed to the Illinois Central an added volume of business.—V. 116, p. 2388.

Illinois Power & Light Corp.—Exchange of Pref. Stocks

for Stocks of Constituent Companies.—

See Illinois Traction Co., Bloomington & Normal Ry. & Light Co., Western Rys. & Light Co., and Southern Illinois Light & Power Corp. elsewhere in this issue and compare V. 116, p. 1532, 2015, 2388, 2637.

Illinois Traction Co.—Exchange of Common and Preferred

Stocks for Preferred Stocks of Illinois Power & Light Corp.—

The stockholders, both preferred and common, are in receipt of a communication dated June 15, advising them of the acquisition by direct or indirect ownership of the property of all the corporations heretofore subsidiary to Illinois Traction Co., and of Southern Illinois Light & Power Co. by the Illinois Power & Light Corp., and offering to exchange the preferred stocks of the latter for the existing common and preferred stock as follows:

(a) *Common Stock.*—Illinois Traction Co. has received and now owns and holds most of the \$1,875,300 6% Cumul. Participating Preferred Stock of the Illinois Power & Light Corp. for the sole purpose of exchanging the same, share for share, for Common Stock of Illinois Traction Co. Common stockholders of Illinois Traction Co. desiring to take advantage of this offer and receive the immediate dividends payable on the Participating Preferred Stock, may deposit their stock certificates with any of the following depositories, viz.: Boddell & Co., 115 Broadway, New York, and 10 Weybosset St., Providence, R. I.; Nesbitt, Thompson & Co., Montreal; National Trust Co., Ltd., Montreal; Industrial Trust Co., Providence, R. I.; Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago; Geo. M. Mattis, Treas. Illinois Trac. Bldg., Champaign, Ill.

Dividends on the 6% Cumulative Participating Preferred Stock will accrue from June 1 1923, so that its holders of record on June 30 1923 on the books of the transfer agent, Central Trust Co. of Illinois, will be entitled to the first dividend payable on July 2 1923. It is contemplated that subsequent quarterly dividends will be declared regularly payable on Oct. 1, &c.

(b) *Preferred Stock.*—Holders of the Preferred stock of the Illinois Traction Co. are also advised that the Illinois Traction Co. has acquired and holds shares of the 7% Cumulative Pref. stock of the Illinois Power & Light Corp. for the sole purpose of exchanging the same for the 6% Pref. stock of the Illinois Traction Co. Holders who desire to avail themselves of this offer should deposit their certificates with one of the above depositories.

The regular quarterly dividend at the rate of 6% per annum will be paid on the preferred stock of Illinois Traction Co. on July 2 1923. An additional amount sufficient to make the combined payment equivalent to 7% per annum for the quarterly period ending July 1 1923, will be paid to shareholders who make the exchange offered above. Payment in adjustment of such amount will accompany the certificates of 7% Cumul. Pref. Stock of Illinois Power & Light Corp. issued in exchange. The certificates will be dated July 2 1923 or thereafter for exchanges subsequent thereto, and be delivered as soon as is possible after receipt of surrendered certificates of Illinois Traction Co. It is contemplated that dividends on the 7% Cumul. Pref. Stock of Illinois Power & Light Corp. will be declared regularly at the quarterly periods payable Oct. 1, &c.

Description of Pref. Stocks of Illinois Power & Light Corp.—

(a) *7% Cumulative Preferred (a. & d.) Stock* (par \$100).—(1) In the event of liquidation each share of 7% Cumul. Pref. Stock shall be entitled to

receive (a) If liquidation is involuntary, \$100 and divs., and no more; or (b) If liquidation is voluntary, \$105 and divs., and no more; before any amount whatever from the proceeds of the liquidation is distributed or paid upon any shares of capital stock, other than the 7% Cumul. Pref. Stock.

(2) Other than shares of the 7% Cumul. Pref. Stock, now or hereafter authorized, no capital stock having rank or precedence equal to, or superior to, the 7% Cumul. Pref. Stock, shall be created if holders of one-fifth of the outstanding shares shall in writing object thereto, other than the \$30,000,000 First & Ref. Mtg. Gen. Obl. Bonds and the \$10,000,000 now issued.

(3) Every share of 7% Cumul. Pref. Stock, whether presently or hereafter issued, shall have equal voting rights and powers, share for share, with every other share of capital stock at the time outstanding.

(4) No dividends shall be paid on any share of the other capital stock until all current and accumulated dividends on all outstanding shares of 7% Cumul. Pref. Stock shall have been paid in full.

(5) The 7% Cumul. Pref. Stock may be called and redeemed on any dividend date, upon 60 days' notice, at 105 and dividends.

(b) *6% Cumulative Participating Preferred Stock* (Par \$50) of Illinois Power & Light Corp.—(1) Subject always and in all respects to the prior rights and requirements of the 7% Cumul. Pref. Stock, the rights and status of the 6% Cumul. Participating Pref. Stock, shall be as follows: (1) In liquidation each share of the 6% Cumul. Participating Pref. Stock shall be entitled to receive from the proceeds of the liquidation: (a) If involuntary, \$50 per share, plus dividends, and no more; or (b) If voluntary, \$52 50 per share and dividends, and no more; before any distribution is made to common stockholders.

(2) Every share of 6% Cumul. Participating Pref. Stock shall have equal voting rights and powers, share for share, with every other share of capital stock of this corporation at the time outstanding.

(3) No dividends shall be paid on any share of the common stock until all current and accumulated dividends on all outstanding shares of the 6% Cumul. Participating Pref. Stock shall first have been paid in full.

(4) No dividends shall be declared and paid on the common stock in excess of \$3 per share, in any one year, unless there is likewise declared and paid, during the same year, upon each share of the 6% Participating Pref. Stock, in addition to the regular 6% dividend, a dividend equal to the amount by which the dividend on each share of common stock exceeds \$3.

(5) The 6% Cumul. Participating Pref. Stock may be called and redeemed on any dividend date upon 60 days' notice at 52½ and div. per share. Compare also Illinois Power & Light Corp. in V. 116, p. 1532, 2015, 2388, 2637.—V. 116, p. 1532.

Indiana Columbus & Eastern Traction Co.—New Co.

Control of the Lima-Defiance branch passed into the hands of the Lima & Defiance RR. on June 1 last.—V. 116, p. 2993, 2388.

International-Great Northern RR.—New Control.—

A group represented by Swartzout & Appenzeller, it was announced July 2, purchased control of the company in a transaction that involved the purchase of 28,000 voting trust certificates for \$630,000, or \$22 50 a certificate. This gave the group represented by Swartzout & Appenzeller 38,000 voting trust certificates of a total of 75,000. While the brokers would not reveal the identity of the members of the group for whom they made the purchase they stated that it was not for the immediate account of any other railroad.

The block of stock was purchased from the syndicate which underwrote the recent reorganization of the International & Great Northern and which was headed by J. & W. Seligman & Co. and Speyer & Co.

The block was a part of the stock that was to have been sold several weeks ago to the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. for \$26 50 a share. The acquisition of the road by the St. Louis-San Francisco was prevented by an order of the I.-S. C. Commission on May 19.—V. 116, p. 2884, 2766.

International Ry. of Buffalo.—Accident Injures Forty.—

Due to an accident on July 2 on the Niagara Falls high-speed line, about 40 persons were injured.—V. 116, p. 2388.

International Rys. of Central America.—Dividends.—

The company is offering to holders of the 5% Pref. stock in payment of the 2½ years' interest in arrears, accrued from Feb. 1 1921 to May 1 1923, 6% dividend notes due June 15 1936 at the rate of \$11 25 per \$100 Pref. share. The notes will be in denominations of \$10,000, \$1,000 and \$100 each, with coupons attached bearing interest at 6% per annum from June 15 1923. Fractions of \$100 will be paid in cash. (London "Stock Exchange Weekly Official Intelligence.")—V. 115, p. 538.

Joliet & Chicago RR.—May Sue Chicago & Alton RR.

For Bank Income Tax.—

According to a letter of Pres. Joseph Walker to stockholders, dated July 1, steps are being taken by the stockholders to bring suit by which they hope to force the Chicago & Alton RR. to reimburse them for all income taxes they have paid on the dividends received on Joliet & Chicago stock.

The suit is to be based on the perpetual lease obtained by the Chicago & Alton to the Joliet & Chicago trackage in 1864, in which the former guaranteed the dividends on the Joliet & Chicago stock to be free of Federal taxes. Unless a settlement is made by the Chicago & Alton it is expected that the suit will involve all the back income taxes paid on Joliet & Chicago stock, aggregating \$100,000.—V. 116, p. 2007.

Lehigh Valley Transit Co.—Bonds Paid.—

The \$924,200 6% Coll. Trust bonds due July 1 were paid off in cash to holders. No financing done and none now planned.—V. 116, p. 516.

Lima & Defiance RR.—Acquisition.—

See Indiana Columbus & Eastern Traction Co. above.—V. 116, p. 1769.

Long Fork Ry.—New Control.—

See Baltimore & Ohio RR. above.—V. 113, p. 848.

Louisville Ry.—Subsidiary Starts Bus Operation.—

The Kentucky Carriers, Inc., a subsidiary, capitalized at \$200,000, has started service on Third Ave., Louisville, Ky., using four buses, each seating 26 people, and being of the single-deck type. The fare will be 10 cents. A total of 12 double-deck buses will be placed in service in September or October.

The company recently authorized the purchase of 40 new cars, to cost approximately \$330,000.—V. 116, p. 1275.

Mexican Railway Co.—Report.—

Income Statement of the Mexican Railway Co.

Mexican \$—	1922		1921	
	2d Half.	1st Half.	2d Half.	1st Half.
Operating receipts	\$6,754,158	\$7,274,584	\$8,567,289	\$6,769,256
Operating expenses	5,505,074	5,752,679	6,610,360	5,750,427
Net earnings	\$1,249,084	\$1,521,906	\$1,956,929	\$1,018,829
	\$128,648	\$166,457	\$219,372	\$118,718
Other income	1,701	5,296	10,312	12,126
Total income	£130,349	£171,753	£229,684	£130,844
Interest, &c.	93,517	95,364	116,243	101,121
Profit and loss, deficit	471,323	508,056	581,546	694,986

—V. 116, p. 2884, 77.

Michigan United Rys.—Foreclosure Sale.—

The property has been purchased at foreclosure sale on behalf of the bondholders for \$5,000,000 by the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. of New York. (Compare reorganization plan in V. 115, p. 2684.)—V. 116, p. 2256.

Millers Creek RR.—New Control.—

See Baltimore & Ohio RR. above.

Minneapolis Street Ry.—To Operate Buses.—

The company has amended its incorporation articles to permit it to operate automobile buses in Minneapolis.—V. 113, p. 2721.

Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.—Leases, &c.—

The stockholders on June 28 approved the acquisition of the capital stock of the Okmulgee Northern Ry., a 21-mile line between Okmulgee and Henryetta, Okla. They also voted to lease to the Wabash Ry., with the option of purchase, the 69 miles of track between Moberly and Hannibal, Mo.—V. 116, p. 2993, 2637.

Monongahela West Penn Pub. Service Co.—Capital.—The New York Stock Exchange has received notice of a proposed reduction in the 6% Preferred stock to \$4,303,075 and an increase in the capital stock to \$10,606,925 7% Preferred stock and \$3,000,000 Common stock.—V. 116, p. 935.

Montreal Tramways & Power Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.
Income Account for Year Ended November 30 1922.

Income from securities owned.....	\$672,515
Deduct—Discount on bonds, \$10,588; interest, \$526,530.....	537,118
Montreal Hydro-Electric Co., \$7,569; misc. expenses, \$29,554.....	37,123
Balance, surplus.....	\$98,275

Balance Sheet November 30 1922.

Assets	Liabilities
Securs. of other cos.....\$17,089,800	Capital stock.....\$17,578,330
Canadian L. & P. Co. bds. 1,397,045	5-yr. 6 1/2% sec. gold notes 7,300,000
Montreal Tram. Co. deb. 6,168,852	Montreal P. S. Corp. loan account.....2,592,500
Montreal Dev. & Land Co. stock.....500,000	Accounts payable.....1,276,199
Mont. Tram. Co. Com. stk. 964,625	Accrued interest.....52,042
Accounts receivable.....828,581	
Cash.....75,531	
Profit and loss.....1,774,637	Total (each side).....\$28,799,071

x Represents 59,903 shares Canadian L. & P. Co.'s stock; 11,029 shares Montreal Tramways Co.'s Common stock; 1,250 shares Montreal Public Service Corp.; 42,500 shares Montreal Hydro-Elec. Co. stock.—V. 116, p. 935.

Morris & Essex RR.—New Directors.—G. E. Hustis and C. C. Hubbell have been elected directors, succeeding C. B. Rogers and F. D. Sturges.—V. 110, p. 1973.

New Orleans Public Service, Inc.—Interest Payments.—Holders of the General Lien 4 1/2% Gold bonds have been notified that the coupons due July 1 1923 will be paid on presentation at the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., and those of the underlying companies as follows: (1) New Orleans City & Lake RR. 5s, New Orleans City RR. 5s, New Orleans Power House Co. 5s, at the Interstate Trust & Banking Co.; (2) St. Charles St. RR. 4s at the Whitney-Central National Bank; (3) Edison Electric Co. 5s at the American Trust Co., Boston, Mass.; (4) Merchants' Electric Co. 5s at the Illinois Merchants' Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.—V. 116, p. 2993.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Dividends Declared on Stock of New Consolidated Corporation.

A dividend of 3% on the Preferred stock, series "A," and a dividend of 3% on the Common stock for the 6 months ending June 30 1923, being for the first two quarterly periods of the year 1923, has been declared payable July 16 (not July 15) to holders of record July 7 of full shares of stock of the new company and to holders of certificates of deposit of the stocks of the constituent companies and to stockholders who shall after July 7 and on or before Sept. 15 1923 present stock of the constituent companies for exchange and collection, said dividend payable on such full shares of stock as shall be issuable to stockholders and retainable by them in accordance with the plan (V. 116, p. 721) within 15 days after proper presentation of certificates of stock of constituent companies.

President J. J. Bernet, in a statement to the stockholders of the constituent companies, announced the action of the directors in declaring a dividend of 3% on both the Preferred and Common stocks was based on a net income of \$3,896,000 for the consolidated lines in first five months this year.

The New York Stock Exchange has admitted to the list New York Chicago & St. Louis RR., new "Nickel Plate" company 6% Cumul. Pref. stock, series "A," "when issued," and Common stock "when issued."

The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange has ruled that the following certificates of deposits shall be quoted ex-dividend July 6: New York Chicago & St. Louis 1st & 2d Pref. and Common \$3 a share; Lake Erie & Western Common, \$1 3/4 a share, and Pref. \$2.70 a share; Toledo St. Louis & Western Common, \$2.40 a share, and Pref. \$1.95 a share. No dividends will be paid on fractional shares.

The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange has issued the following statement:

"Inquiries having been received in the matter of transactions in New York Chicago & St. Louis RR. 6% Cumul. Pref. and Common stock, 'when issued,' as to basis of said transactions in relation to the dividend of 3% on each class declared payable on July 16 to holders of record July 7, notice is given that all 'w i' transactions in said New York Chicago & St. Louis Pref. and Common stocks are 'dividend on.' In other words, at time of settlement of 'w i' transactions, the seller must pay to the buyer amount of dividend if settlement is made after July 16, or deliver a due bill therefor if made prior to said date."—V. 116, p. 2993.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Joint New England Railroad Committee Report Suggest Plans to Rehabilitate B. & M. and New Haven Roads.—The Joint New England Railroad Committee comprising 30 representative citizens appointed by the Governors of the six New England States on July 1 rendered through the Chairman of the State Committees (James J. Storow of Lee, Higginson & Co. of Boston) its report on railroad consolidation in New England and the financial and operating conditions of these roads to the Governors assembled in conference at Poland Springs, Me. The work of the Committee has extended over a period of 10 months and its report comprises some 300 printed pages with a profusion of maps and diagrams.

The committee prefers some method of financial rehabilitation and a New England merger to reorganization or consolidation with outside trunk lines. The committee discusses various consolidation plans extensively. It finds objections both to consolidation plans as suggested by the L.-S. O. Commission and to those suggested by Professor William Z. Ripley of Harvard University. It opposes consolidation of New England roads with trunk lines, declaring a New England merger including the Bangor & Aroostook, Maine Central, Boston & Maine, New York New Haven & Hartford and the Rutland railroads and their respective controlled lines, including New York Ontario & Western and Central New England, is best for New England. The committee declares New England should be allowed to run its own railroads.

The report falls into three parts: (1) Examination into rail and water transportation in New England, and study of railroad operating results and efficiency; (2) consideration of various consolidation plans; (3) recommendations for rehabilitation of New Haven and Boston & Maine railroads. A digest of the report will be given in another issue of the "Chronicle."

That part of the report dealing with the rehabilitation of the New Haven and the Boston & Maine roads is summarized as follows:

Readjustment of New Haven Capitalization.

Losses in Investments.—It is pointed out that since 1915, the New Haven has sustained and written off losses of \$40,546,840 on its outside investments. It is carrying on its books at cost various consolidation plans, which are of little value. The shrinkage is very large, including, as it does, such items as New York Westchester & Boston, which brings in no income and costs the New Haven \$864,000 a year in interest on the guaranteed bonds, and also the trolley investments, some of which have but a nominal value.

Past Deficits.—There have been in the past three years large deficits after charges in the New Haven income account, as follows:

1920.....	\$4,276,726
1921.....	13,603,654
1922.....	5,309,779
Total.....	\$23,190,159

In the first four months of 1923 the New Haven had a deficit of \$4,999,483 after fixed charges. The management has estimated that the calendar year 1923 will show about the same deficit as in 1922. In order to fulfill this estimate the company will have to earn in the last eight months of 1923 about \$5,000,000 more than it earned in the same eight months of 1922.

Maturities Becoming Due.—The bearing of these facts on the road's credit is vital. During the next 12 years the New Haven and Central New England have \$127,824,201 maturing indebtedness, of which \$88,546,500 is to the Federal Government and \$39,277,701 represents bonds in the hands of the public. There is in addition \$12,819,505 for the leased lines. These maturities begin with \$2,506,900 in 1924, followed by \$24,431,251 of the European loan of 1907, due April 1925, less than two years away, which has already been once extended at the rate of 7% and in addition \$2,000,000 of other indebtedness coming due during the same year.

Receivership Would Involve Heavy Expense.—The committee declares that receivership for the New Haven would not only involve heavy expense, but would be accompanied by a depressing effect upon all business activity in New England. The advantages of the method of rehabilitation through co-operation speak for themselves, and belief is expressed that the prompt and successful achievement of such a venture would give New England a new impetus forward.

Estimated Earnings in 1925.—The committee estimates that the New Haven, if its operations can be conducted with a reasonable, attainable degree of efficiency, should earn in 1925, if average business conditions and the present level rate prevail, gross revenue from railway operations of \$143,232,000 and a net revenue before fixed charges of \$29,155,000. This, after deducting \$21,640,000 for fixed charges, would leave surplus, after charges, of \$7,515,000.

This is based on an estimated increase over 1922 of 4% a year in freight traffic, 3% a year in passenger traffic, and a similar gain in mail, express and other railway operating revenues. It also assumes that the embargo policy, which during 1922 seriously depleted net earnings, will be revised and put on a different basis, also that the "nimble freight car" will predominate on the New Haven system and bring the average freight car miles up to 17 per day. The President of the road has advised the committee that it can be brought to 19 miles per day. The committee assumes that there will be no important changes in the present scale of wages and that expenses for maintenance will be substantially the same as in the year ending June 30 1922, where they appear to have been about normal.

The estimate of transportation expenses assumes that the cost of coal will be substantially the same as for the year ending June 30 1922, that winter conditions will be normal and that traffic will be handled with reasonable attainable efficiency. It also assumes that during the next year or two the present excessive number of idle bad order freight cars, which averaged 10,951 during 1922, will be reduced to a normal of bad order cars, so that 7,951 cars will have been put back into service and be earning money. It is assumed that net non-operating income should be increased from \$2,650,000 in 1922 to about \$4,000,000 in 1925.

It is declared that the surplus over charges of \$7,515,000 estimated for 1925 is not enough. In the first place this 35% above fixed charges is an average figure. We are bound to have normal years, extra good years and extra bad years. Every time we have an extra bad year the road might not earn its fixed charges.

The rule for first-class railroad credit is that the net earnings must average close to twice the fixed charges.

It is pointed out by the committee that the scaling down of bonds as suggested would reduce the annual fixed charges by \$3,641,505. This would reduce the total fixed charges of the road from \$21,640,000 to \$18,000,000, as compared with earnings of \$29,155,000, a ratio between interest charges and average net earnings of 1.6. But this, as pointed out, does not go far enough to establish first-class credit.

To Realize \$15,000,000 Through Sale of Stock.—The \$15,000,000 to be obtained by the sale of new stock could be used to buy in outstanding bonds. It would, in the opinion of the committee, buy in at least enough bonds to reduced fixed charges \$750,000, which would bring the total charges down to \$17,250,000, compared with net earnings of \$29,155,000.

State to Remit Taxes.—This, however, does not go far enough and at this point the States can well play an important part by remission of taxes. The sum paid by the New Haven in taxes to the three States, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, in 1922 totaled \$3,569,934, and the committee is of the opinion that if the road has \$76,000,000 of its bonds cancelled, and \$15,000,000 fresh cash put in and operations are brought by the State Trustees up to the results believed possible of attainment, then thereafter at least it is improbable that the States will be called on for any help under their guaranty.

It is suggested that shippers should be asked to help for a time by reducing the present two days of free time for loading or unloading to one day—the second day to have a moderate demurrage charge of say two dollars.

Federal Government to Reduce Int. Charge & Fund Debt.—If co-operation on the part of the Federal Government is secured in reducing the interest charge by 2% on the \$85,000,000 of debt owed to the Government, it would bring the company's annual interest charges down by \$1,770,000. It is further suggested that the Federal Government fund the New Haven maturities into a long-time loan.

Other Maturities.—If these are extended as proposed, the problem is left of dealing with \$52,000,000 of other maturities, of which more than half mature in 1925, consisting principally of the \$24,431,251 Debentures of the so-called European loan. The remainder of the maturities for the entire 12-year period include several million dollars of street railway bonds assumed by the New Haven in connection with the acquisition of street railway properties, which in the opinion of the committee, should be refunded or paid off by the street railway properties, and almost the entire balance consists of underlying bonds, equipment trust obligations and bonds of leased lines, all of which the integrity of the system requires should be paid.

As to European Creditors.—Holders of the European loan the committee thinks should extend 30% of their principal, by taking in payment therefor new 6% 1st & Ref. Mgtg. bonds, maturing in November, 1937. They will receive 30% of their principal in cash and the remaining 40% they will, under the committee's plan, receive in Preferred stock.

To Dispose of Trolley Investment.—The committee recommends that all trolley investment of the New Haven should be disposed of as soon as their fair value can be realized, the capital invested in them thus becoming available for the use of the company.

Plan of Recapitalization of New Haven Proposes:

(1) To issue a Pref. stock, bearing dividend of 5% and to become cumulative on Jan. 1 1927; convertible into Common stock at any time in the ratio of 1 1/2 shares of Common stock for each share of Pref. stock; sharing all voting powers with the Common stock upon the basis of three votes for each share of Pref. stock and one vote for each share of Common stock, and preferred over the Common stock in liquidation at the rate of 100 and dividends, and no more.

(2) The capital stock now outstanding to be converted, share for share, into Common stock of no par value. Both the Pref. stock and the Common stock to be issuable up to such aggregate amounts as from time to time shall be authorized by the commissions and other authorities having jurisdiction.

(3) The Pref. stock is to be offered to bond and debenture holders, specified below, upon surrender of a portion of a certain proportion of bonds or debentures held.

For each \$100 of bonds surrendered bearing 5% int. or less, one share of Pref. stock of par value of \$100, and 1 1/5 shares of Pref. of \$120 par value for each \$100 of bonds bearing interest of 6% or more.

Securities Affected by the Proposed Exchange for Preferred Stock.

	Rate.	Due.	P.C. to be Conv.		
			Amount.	Amt. of Stock.	Amt. of Pref. Stock.
N. H. conv. deb. --- 3 1/2	1956				
Non-conv. deb. --- 3 1/2	1947				
Non-conv. deb. --- 3 1/2	1954	\$24,136,250	40	\$9,654,500	\$9,654,500
Naugatuck deb. --- 3 1/2	1930				
N. H. non-conv. deb. 4	1947				
Non-conv. deb. --- 4	1955				
Non-conv. deb. --- 4	1956				
Hart. Ry. deb. Ser. 'M' 4	1930				
Cons. Ry. deb. --- 4	1930	46,049,650	40	18,419,860	18,419,860
do deb. --- 4	1954				
do deb. --- 4	1954				
do deb. --- 4	1955				
do deb. --- 4	1955				
do deb. --- 4	1956				
N. H. conv. deb. --- 6	1948	38,541,200	40	15,416,480	15,499,776
do European lo'n 7	1925	24,431,251	40	9,772,509	11,727,000
B. & N. Y. Air Line. 4	1955	3,777,000	50	1,888,500	1,888,500
N. H. & North. ref. 4	1956	2,400,000	50	1,200,000	1,200,000
N. Y. Westch. & B. 4 1/2	1946	19,200,000	50	9,600,000	9,600,000
Prov. Sec. deb. --- 4	1957	5,595,000	60	3,357,000	3,357,000
N. H. deb. --- 4	1957	11,163,000	60	6,697,800	6,697,800
Totals.....				\$175,293,351	\$76,006,640 \$81,044,436

New Common is to be issued share for share of the present Common and \$15,000,000 new cash to be raised by the sale of new Common at about the market price.

The holders of the \$24,431,251 of debentures of the so-called European loan, now maturing 1925, to accept new 6% 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds maturing Nov. 1 1937 at par in payment of 30% of the principal of their debentures; 40% of the principal of these debentures to be converted into Pref. stock as above stated, and the balance to be paid in cash.

Rehabilitation of Boston & Maine.

Rehabilitation Necessary.—The committee declares the Boston & Maine is in weak condition and that there is immediate necessity for rehabilitation of its credit. In 1921 its deficit after interest charges was \$6,612,422. Although 1922 showed fixed charges earned by the narrow margin of \$27,992, it has a deficit after fixed charges for the first 4 months of 1923 of \$4,632,471, and a substantial deficit for the current year seems inevitable.

Maturities.—The Boston & Maine has heavy maturities in the next 12 years, a total of \$99,633,379, beginning with \$1,505,200 in 1924, \$5,194,200 in 1925 and \$10,720,200 in 1926. It is clear that the credit of the road cannot stand the strain of this financing.

1925 Earnings.—The committee assumes that in 1925 the gross revenue from railway operations should be about \$86,180,000 under average business conditions and that net revenue before fixed charges should be about \$10,667,000. After deducting estimated fixed charges of \$7,414,000, there should remain a surplus of \$3,253,000. The committee assumes normal expenses for maintenance and no change in wage scales or freight rates.

Purchase of Freight Cars.—It is probable that the Boston & Maine should purchase several thousand freight cars, but this estimate does not take into account the effect of the ownership of additional cars. It is estimated that fixed charges will increase about \$4,550,000 over 1922, representing interest on the estimated annual expenditure of \$2,500,000 for additions and improvements. The estimate of surplus over charges of \$3,253,000 would mean a margin in an average year of about 44% over fixed charges. This, however, is declared to be too close to establish a satisfactory credit for the road. In order to build a thoroughly sound credit the road should be able to earn in an average year approximately twice its fixed charges of \$7,414,000.

Requirements for Refunding.—Requirements for refunding during the next three years are approximately \$17,400,000, and in 1929 maturities to the public are \$11,984,200, besides the maturity of \$20,303,500 due the Government.

If the rehabilitation plan recommended goes through, these heavy nearby maturities should be dealt with by asking holders of \$46,000,000 of these bonds to assent to an extension for 12 years at the present rate of interest, except that for the period of the extension bonds now receiving a coupon rate of less than 5% shall be brought up to that level, and bonds now receiving a coupon rate of more than 6% shall be brought down to 6% for the period of extension.

Return of Taxes.—As in the case of the New Haven, the committee recommends that the States served by the Boston & Maine, namely, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont, should undertake to return to the Boston & Maine such portion of the taxes paid to these several States as may be needed to enable the road to meet any failure of net earnings to cover fixed charges of that year. The taxes paid by the Boston & Maine during 1922 to and within the New England States totaled \$2,488,049. It is not proposed that the cities and towns should be called upon to return the taxes paid. If State aid is to be thus given, the committee believes that control and management of the company should be vested in State trustees to be appointed for 10 years.

Stockholders Not Asked to Make Sacrifices.—The committee points out that as a result of receivership and reorganization of the Boston & Maine, holders of old leased line stocks waived their rights and took 1st Pref. stock upon which they are receiving no dividends and have received none since 1920. "Under the circumstances," says the committee, "we are not inclined to ask either the first or second classes of Preferred stockholders to make any sacrifice at the present time. Neither the 1st Pref. stock nor the second class of Preferred stock involves a fixed charge on the Boston & Maine and so does not constitute a factor adverse to its financial stability."

Although the committee considered asking the Boston & Maine Common stockholders to buy new Common stock, as in the case of the New Haven, it came to the conclusion that results commensurate with the effort could not be obtained, and therefore makes no recommendation for such a contribution by Common stockholders. It does suggest, however, that for the first 3 years of control by the trustees no Common stock dividends be paid and that during the last 7 years not more than half the amount applicable to dividends on the Common stock be actually declared or paid.

Would Ask Aid of Federal Government.—It is pointed out that indebtedness to the Government maturing in the next 12 years amounts to \$41,796,479, and it is suggested that the Federal Government be requested to aid in strengthening the credit of the Boston & Maine by taking bonds of longer maturity bearing 4% interest in place of those it now holds carrying 6%.

List of Bonds for Which Extension Is Proposed.

The committee recommends that B. & M. bonds maturing prior to Dec. 31 1935 be extended for 12 years, with interest during the period of extension at the rate of 5% in respect of all bonds now bearing 5% or less, and at 6% in respect of all bonds now bearing 6% or 7%. The list follows:

Name	Rate	Due	Amount
Boston & Maine	3 1/2	Feb. 2 1925	\$500,000
Boston & Maine	4	Sept. 1 1926	10,000,000
Boston & Maine	4 1/2	Apr. 1 1929	11,700,000
Boston & Maine, gen. mtge. F	6	June 1 1930	3,843,000
Boston & Maine, gen. mtge. I	7	Jan. 1 1931	609,000
Boston & Maine, Fitchburg	4	May 1 1925	3,690,000
Boston & Maine, Fitchburg	4	Mar. 1 1927	2,750,000
Boston & Maine, Fitchburg	4	Apr. 1 1927	2,000,000
Boston & Maine, Fitchburg	4	Jan. 1 1928	1,450,000
Boston & Maine, Fitchburg	4 1/2	May 1 1928	2,400,000
Boston & Maine, Fitchburg	4 1/2	Jan. 1 1932	1,200,000
Boston & Maine, Fitchburg	4 1/2	Jan. 1 1933	400,000
Boston & Maine, Fitchburg	5	Jan. 1 1934	1,872,000
Boston & Maine, B. & L.	3 1/2	Sept. 1 1925	500,000
Boston & Maine, B. & L.	4	Nov. 1 1926	500,000
Boston & Maine, B. & L.	4	July 1 1927	325,000
Boston & Maine, B. & L.	4	Apr. 1 1929	350,000
Boston & Maine, B. & L.	4	Apr. 1 1932	1,000,000
Boston & Maine, B. & L.	4 1/2	Feb. 1 1933	1,000,000

Total.....\$46,059,000

The above constitute all the Boston & Maine bonds maturing prior to Dec. 31 1935, with the exception of equipment trust obligations, of bonds held by the Federal Government, of bonds secured by underlying mortgages, and of the bonds next mentioned.

The \$4,000,000 of 6% General Mtge. Series M bonds, dated Jan. 1 1923, due Jan. 1 1933, to be similarly extended for 12 years. These bonds are not listed in the above statement for the reason that the statement is made up as of Dec. 31 1922, and the bonds are dated Jan. 1 1923.

Refuses Bill to Enjoin Road.

Judge Pierce of the Mass. Supreme Court has sustained the demurrer of the company in a bill in equity brought by Edmund D. Codman to enjoin the company from exercising control of about 28.3% of the capital stock of the Boston & Maine RR., which the trustees of the Boston RR. Holding Co., by a decree of the U. S. Court of the Southern District of New York on June 4 1923 were ordered to transfer and deliver to the New Haven, subject to the provisions of the statutes of Massachusetts. Mr. Codman declared that a sharply defined issue has arisen between the stockholders of the Boston & Maine who favor various plans for the future operation of the road, either as an independent property, or as a part of a group system in consolidation with other railroad properties, and he believes it is the intention of the New Haven to use the stock to his irreparable damage. As an individual and as a trustee Mr. Codman owns 769 shares of the Boston & Maine.—V. 116, p. 2993, 2884.

Okmulgee Northern Ry.—New Control.

See Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. above.—V. 116, p. 2007.

Oregon Short Line RR.—Construction.

The U. S. C. Commission on June 20 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct an extension of a line of railroad extending from a point on its main line at or near Orchard in a general northwesterly direction through the city of Boise to a connection with its Nampa-Boise line at or near Perkins, a distance of 27.25 miles, all in Ada County, Idaho. The estimated cost of construction is \$2,787,000, which includes \$221,400 for station buildings and \$92,000 for right-of-way. It is stated that the Boise Chamber of Commerce, by an agreement made Aug. 14 1922, under-

takes to donate right-of-way for the entire line, valued at \$120,000, and other lands at Boise for industrial trackage estimated to be worth \$430,000; and further agrees to provide sufficient funds to pay all taxes on the new line in excess of \$1,000 a mile, for 25 years. It is proposed to finance the construction cost from current funds or from advances made by the Union Pacific RR., which owns all of the company's capital stock. Work is expected to be finished by July 1 1924.—V. 114, p. 2360.

Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Co.—Proposes to Operate Buses Over Interurban Lines.

It is reported that the company is considering suspension of interurban electric car service between Youngstown, Girard, Nils and Warren, Ohio. The company, however, has made application to the P. U. Commission of Ohio to segregate lines operating west from Youngstown, Ohio, from the remainder of the system. Manager Graham stated that should it be decided to abandon the division, a fleet of buses may be placed in service between the towns. It is stated that for a number of years the Trumbull Division has not paid operating expenses and the loss on the lines last year was about \$75,000.—V. 116, p. 2994.

Pere Marquette Ry.—South Haven Branch.

The company on July 1 took over the operation of its line between Lawton and South Haven, Mich., which has been operated as part of the Kalamazoo Lake Shore & Chicago Ry.—V. 116, p. 2638.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry.—New Officers.

Joseph R. Kraus, Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, and Clarence E. Tuttle, of the Tuttle Coal Corp., have been elected members of the Executive Committee, succeeding Haley Fiske and W. H. Coverdale. Asa S. Wing has resigned as a director.—V. 116, p. 2994, 2131.

Public Service Investment Co.—Larger Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 1 1/4% on the Common stock, and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the Preferred stock, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 14.

On May 1 and Feb. 1 last dividend of 1 1/2% each were paid on the Common stock.—V. 114, p. 313.

Public Service Ry. (N. J.)—Valuation.

The company has filed objections to Special Master Thomas G. Haight's report regarding the valuation of the company. The company holds the valuation as being too low and the State, through the P. U. Commission, as too high. Compare V. 116, p. 2767.

Roanoke Traction & Light Co.—Bonds Called.

Various First Mtge. Coll. Trust 5% sinking fund gold bonds, dated Aug. 1 1908, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 105 and interest at the Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.—V. 115, p. 309.

Sandy Valley & Elk Horn Ry.—New Control.

See Baltimore & Ohio RR. above.—V. 107, p. 604.

Savannah Electric & Power Co.—Notes Offered.—Stone & Webster, Inc., are offering at 99 1/2 and int. to yield over 6 3/4%, \$1,000,000 2-Year 6 1/2% Gold notes. A circular shows:

Dated July 2 1923. Due July 1 1925. Int. payable J. & J. at New England Trust Co., Boston, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company agrees to refund Pennsylvania 4-mill tax. Denom. c*\$1,000 and multiples thereof. Callable as a whole on 30 days' notice at the following prices and int.: 101 before July 1 1924; 100 1/2 July 1 1924 to Dec. 31 1924; 100 Jan. 1 1925 to maturity.

Capitalization Outstanding upon Completion of this Financing.

Bonds, including underlying issues	\$4,897,000
2-Year 6 1/2% (this issue)	1,000,000
8% Cumulative Debenture stock	1,300,000
6% Preferred stock	1,000,000
Common stock	2,500,000

Company.—Incorporated in Georgia. Will upon completion of this financing do the entire electric lighting and power and street railway business in the city of Savannah, Ga., and its suburbs. Population served estimated at 90,000.

Purpose.—Georgia P. S. Commission has approved this issue of \$1,000,000 notes to provide funds for the purchase of the property formerly owned by Savannah Lighting Co., which has done a portion of the electric lighting and power business in Savannah.

Earnings—12 Months ending May 31 1923 (Combined Properties).

Gross earnings	\$1,942,083
Net after operating expenses and taxes	701,499
Annual int. on bonds requires \$278,600; annual int. on this issue	343,600
of notes requires	\$65,000

Balance.....\$ 357,999
Management.—Stone & Webster management.—V. 116, p. 2994.

South Carolina Gas & Electric Co.—Operations.

The South Carolina RR. Commission on June 22 authorized the discontinuance of operation within the city limits of Spartanburg, So. Caro., on July 21. Service will be continued on the Clifton and Saxon lines and buses will be used inside the city limits to connect with the interurban cars which the company will continue to operate.—V. 116, p. 1533.

Southern New York Power & Railway Corp.—Bondholders Offered Securities of Other Companies in Exchange for Their Holdings.

The holders of the \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. 6% bonds are offered in exchange for each \$1,000 of bonds, either (a) 20 shares of the Cumul. Pref. stock of the Associated Gas & Electric Co., without par value, paying dividends at the rate of \$3.50 per share per annum, payable quarterly (see description below); or (b) \$1,000 of 5 1/2% 1st Mtge. Gold bonds due 1962 of the New York State Gas & Electric Corp. (see description in V. 115, p. 2166); or (c) part Cumul. Pref. stock of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. and part 5 1/2% 1st Mtge. bonds due 1926 of the New York State Gas & Electric Corp. upon the basis above stated.

In the case of the latter two options, exchanges can only be made for New York State Gas & Electric Corp. 5 1/2% Gold bonds in blocks of \$500 or multiples thereof, as no denomination smaller than \$500 is available.

A circular to the bondholders further says in substance: The management of the Southern New York Power & Railway Corp. has made a careful study of the present and future needs of the properties securing the bonds and the means of meeting those needs. Heavy expenditures will be required in the near future for rail replacement and other necessary maintenance and replacements, and, as well, for the extension of service which the public demands and which is essential to maintain the earnings of the properties.

Under existing conditions, further financing by means of this company's mortgage is not feasible, nor can any other means of permanent financing be provided while the present bonds remain outstanding. The only funds available for the necessary expenditures are current earnings which, because of severe winter conditions, automobile competition and other causes, have not recently equalled expectations, and which cannot be applied to these necessities too liberally without interfering with the regular payment of bond interest.

In this situation, interests affiliated with the company and willing to sacrifice regularity of interest payments for the rebuilding of the properties pending permanent refinancing, have arranged for the exchange of securities, as above, which should prove attractive to the bondholders.

The dividend of \$3.50 per share per annum on the Pref. stock of Associated Gas & Electric Co. is at present being earned after all requirements, including depreciation, approximately 3.7 times. Each 20 shares pays \$70 annually, free from normal income tax, as compared with the \$60, subject to normal income tax over the 2% paid at the source, on each \$1,000 Southern New York Power & Railway Corp. bond, or an increase in income of \$10 per year without considering saving in taxes. The bonds of the New York State Gas & Electric Corp. are secured by a 1st Mtge. upon a prosperous and well-conducted public utility which is highly regarded from the standpoint of performance and earnings. These bonds are accorded a very high investment standing.

Those interested in the exchange are requested to send their bonds promptly to the Equitable Trust Co., 37 Wall St., New York, for exchange under the plan.—V. 116, p. 617.

Tallahul Falls Ry. of Georgia.—Receivership.—

Joseph F. Gray, formerly a member of the Georgia Railroad Commission, has been named receiver for this company by Judge J. B. Jones, of the Northeastern Circuit in the Superior Court of Habersham County, Ga. The petition for the receivership was presented by Attorneys Charters, Wheeler & Lilly, of Gainesville, Ga., on behalf of the Southern Ry., acting for itself and other creditors. The petition alleges that the Tallulah Falls owes the Southern \$1,155,472, this amount representing unpaid interest on the bonded debt of the Tallulah Falls and cash advances made to it by the Southern for the payment of taxes and current operating expenses. The Tallulah Falls extends from Cornelia, Ga., on the main line of the Southern, 58 miles to Franklin, N. C. The petition shows that the Tallulah Falls has outstanding \$1,519,000 5% bonds, issued March 1 1909, on which no interest has ever been paid and that for several years the road has not earned its operating expenses.—V. 88, p. 884.

Terre Haute Ind. & Eastern Trac. Co.—Decision.—

Judge Fred C. Gause, in the Superior Court at Indianapolis recently refused an injunction against the action of the Indiana P. S. Commission in permitting the company to enter the competitive field in Indianapolis for supplying electric light and power, on the ground that there was no showing that the Commission had acted beyond its jurisdiction, had acted with fraud, or that its order had violated any constitutional rights of the Indianapolis Light & Heat Co. or the Merchants Heat & Light Co.

Judge Gause in his ruling said: "The public authorities are not prevented from granting a franchise to a subsequent and competing corporation merely because the effect of such subsequent franchise may be the creating of competition which will injure the business of the original corporation. Even if there was no evidence of public necessity, yet if we are right, that no terms of any contract, the plaintiffs hold have been violated, and if they are not being deprived of any property unlawfully, then, if the action of the Commission was within its jurisdiction and no fraud was shown, the action of the Commission is final."—V. 116, p. 2994, 936.

Third Avenue Ry.—Wages Increased.—

The company on June 29 announced an increase of 5% in the wages of all motormen and conductors, effective July 3.—V. 116, p. 936.

Tide Water Power Co.—Doubling Capacity of Power Plant.

Orders have been placed with the General Electric Co. for a new 6,000 k.w. turbine for the Tide Water power plant at Wilmington, N. C. Delivery has been promised in 4 months, and installation will take a couple of months more. The cost of the new turbine with the accessories and changes necessary will amount to \$250,000. The present capacity of the power plant is 6,300 k.w. On the installation of the big new turbine, two of the original small 400 k.w. turbine will be removed, thus giving a net increase in the capacity of the power house of 5,200 k.w., or a total capacity of 11,500 k.w.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended April 30.

	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$1,580,330	\$1,537,221
Operating expenses, including maint. & taxes	898,128	958,756
Interest charges floating debt	9,553	27,045
Interest 1st Mtge. bonds	151,112	108,102
Interest 7% debentures	52,500	
Balance	\$469,036	\$443,316

—V. 116, p. 2258.

Toledo & Western RR.—Sale.—

The company's property has been sold at a special master's sale to Frank R. Coates, of the Henry L. Doherty Interests, for \$600,000. Attorney Morton Seely bid for Mr. Coates against Marion M. Miller, Chairman of the bondholders' protective committee. There are two underlying first mortgages on the entire property, one for \$1,250,000 on the Toledo & Western, and one for \$250,000 on the Toledo Fayette & Western, both of which aggregated together with matured coupons \$1,773,096 at the time of the decree. Bondholders, it is estimated, will receive between 25 and 30 cents on the dollar.—V. 116, p. 2258.

Union Terminal Co. of Dallas.—Note Extension.—

The company has asked the I-S. C. Commission for permission to extend the maturity date on \$510,000 6% Mtge. notes from Oct. 10, 1923 to Oct. 10 1924.—V. 115, p. 870.

United Railways Co. of St. Louis.—Valuation.—

The company has declared that the valuation of approximately \$52,000,000 placed by the Missouri P. S. Commission on its properties as a basis for establishing fares, is confiscatory.—V. 116, p. 2638, 2995.

Virginian Ry.—Petition to Construction an Extension of its Line of Railroad in Wyoming County, W. Va., Denied.—

The I-S. C. Commission on June 25 denied the company's application for authority to construct an extension of its Guyandot River Branch from its present terminus, 1.25 miles from Elmore, in a westerly direction down Guyandot River a distance of 1.19 miles, all in Wyoming County, W. Va.

The report of the Commission said in substance:
 "The proposed extension is in furtherance of the plans of the applicant for the development of its Guyandot River Branch, which is projected to a length of 42.6 miles, and is expected to be profitable in itself as well as a feeder of the main line. The line was graded and culverts built in 1917 and 1918. The applicant represents that there are approximately 17,800,000 tons of coal underlying the area to be served, which comprises 3,500 acres, of which 3,000 acres are in timber. The immediate object of the extension is to serve coal mines to be opened by the Pocahontas Fuel Co. on both sides of the river as soon as the line is completed. The timber will be exploited by the Raleigh Lumber Co. and is expected to furnish an immediately available traffic. There are no municipalities along the route and the estimated population in the tributary territory is 250.
 "The construction cost is estimated by the applicant at \$63,012, of which \$40,312 has been expended for the work done in 1917 and 1918. No equipment is to be provided especially for this extension.
 "It is expected that 95% of the revenues accruing to the system will be derived from coal traffic. Most of the coal will move to Sewall's Point, Va., for transshipment, the average length of haul being 383 miles.
 "The applicant is not now, nor has it in the past, been able to furnish the number of cars ordered by the mines already opened and dependent upon it in whole or in part for car supply. During the weekly periods from July 22, 1922 to June 9, 1923 it in no instance furnished cars in excess of 74% of those required and during only six weeks was the average percentage in excess of 70%. For 28 weeks of the above period the cars furnished the mines were less than 50% of the requirements. The opening of new mines would not, therefore, increase the coal supply; in fact, it would reduce it unless the applicant's car supply was greatly increased. There are at present more mines in the country than is consistent with the most efficient use of carriers' equipment, and their aggregate capacity exceeds greatly the country's demand. With the applicant now in a position to adequately serve the mines already dependent upon it for cars, the opening of new mines would necessarily mean that the already inadequate car supply would be made more inadequate because of the necessity of placing cars at the new mines. This makes more difficult the process of distribution as the cars in service can not be handled as efficiently, nor can as much coal be transported in the aggregate as if fewer mines were demanding service.
 "Under the circumstances we are unable to find that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the construction by the applicant of the extension of its line of railroad described in the application."
 It is expected that officials of the road will ask for a rehearing on the extension. See also editorial in last week's "Chronicle," p. 2929.—V. 116, p. 2995.

Wabash Ry.—Acquisition.—

See Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. above.—V. 116, p. 2008.

West Penn Power Co.—Acquisition.—

The company has acquired the property of the Springdale Township Electric Corp. and plans to extend the transmission system.—V. 116, p. 2768, 1894.

Western Pacific RR. Corp.—To Dispose of One-half Interest in New Denver & Rio Grande as Reorganized—Plans Stock Bonus, &c.—The stockholders will vote Aug. 6 upon:

The approval of a plan of reorganization of the Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. System (V. 116, p. 2881) involving the disposition of a part of the beneficial interest of this corporation in the unsatisfied portion of the judgment recovered by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York as trustee against the Denver & Rio Grande RR. on that certain contract dated June 23, 1905, entered into between the Denver & Rio Grande RR., the Rio Grande Western Ry., Western Pacific Ry. and the Bowling Green Trust Co. as trustee under the first mortgage of the Western Pacific Ry. dated June 23, 1905; the disposition in part of the interest of this corporation in certain recoveries effected through such judgment; the sale of a half interest in the Common stock of the reorganized Denver company to the Missouri Pacific RR. for the sum of \$9,000,000, and the performance of the acts to be done and performed by this corporation, or the Denver & Rio Grande Western RR., its subsidiary, under and in pursuance of such plan, and the approval of the resolutions of the directors adopted on June 19 approving the adoption of such plan, the execution of a contract between the Western Pacific RR. Corp. and the Missouri Pacific RR. providing for the sale of a one-half interest in the Common stock of the reorganized Denver company by the Western Pacific RR. Corp. to the Missouri Pacific RR. on the terms therein set forth, and the performance of certain acts in execution thereof.

Chairman Alvin W. Krech, in a letter to the stockholders July 3 says:

A plan of reorganization for the Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. System (V. 116, p. 2881) has, subject to the approval of the stockholders of this corporation, been adopted and approved by the directors. The plan has been agreed to also by the Missouri Pacific and has been approved and adopted by the Hammond and Perkins committees and by the Sutro Committee, representing Refunding or Adjustment bonds of the Denver & Rio Grande RR.

In order that the entire matter may be laid before the stockholders in a summary and condensed form, the following account of the past transactions, the proposed reorganization and the consequent situation of this corporation is here given:

This corporation has received in cash from the Equitable Trust Co. of New York as trustee of the bondholders of the old Western Pacific Ry. pursuant to the judgment obtained by the trustee against the Denver & Rio Grande RR., approximately \$8,200,000. And in the future will receive from such trustee in cash a sum estimated at approximately 200,000

These payments will represent 94.903% of the net cash recoveries made by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York as such trustee. [Holders of 5.1% of the bonds did not become parties to the Western Pacific plan of reorganization. The face amount of the judgment recovered in 1917 by the Equitable Trust Co. as trustee exceeded \$35,000,000 and in spite of the recoveries made there is still due and unpaid over \$30,000,000, the judgment debtor's assets, however, are believed to have been exhausted. This corporation has also received in cash or Liberty bonds, \$2,928,814. The same being dividends declared and paid by the Utah Fuel Co. (the equity in the stock of that company being one of the recoveries made under the judgment).]

And under the plan, if it be carried out, should receive in addition thereto, either from the Utah Fuel Co. by way of a dividend or as a payment to be made to this corporation under the plan, the further sum of 2,000,000

It also should receive as a consequence of the settlement of accounts between the Denver & Rio Grande Western and the receiver thereof at least the further sum of 740,821

The total cash receipts from the sources above mentioned will, it is estimated, amount to the sum of \$14,069,635

Other recoveries were made of property in kind under the judgment, including in this category stock of the Utah Fuel Co., the railway system of the Denver & Rio Grande RR. transferred to the Denver & Rio Grande Western RR., and other stocks and bonds. The net (cash) cost of acquiring these last-mentioned properties above stated, after crediting \$9,706,657 or 94.903% on the bonds held by this corporation, amounted to \$462,848. The net cash recovery under the judgment is therefore estimated at 13,606,787

The properties (not including cash) which have been acquired as stated above and which are not to be turned over to the reorganized Denver company, taken at the amounts bid therefor at judicial sale, are valued at 1,282,235

It is now proposed that this corporation shall turn over, or make available, to the reorganized Denver company (a) future earnings of the stock of the Utah Fuel Co. (to the extent provided in the plan), (b) \$10,000,000 in cash, and (c) properties now in the hands of the receiver of the Denver & Rio Grande Western System and will receive as consideration therefor all the Common stock of the reorganized Denver company. In connection with this transaction, however, and as a condition of its execution, a contract has been entered into between the Missouri Pacific RR. and this corporation by which simultaneously with the transfer provided for as above stated, the Missouri Pacific will purchase from this corporation one-half of the Common stock of the reorganized Denver company and one-half of the equity of this corporation in the stock of the Utah Fuel Co. (after earnings have been made available to the reorganized Denver company and charges created in favor of the bondholders of the company as provided in the plan) and will pay therefor to this corporation the sum of \$9,000,000 together with certain incidental costs and charges.

In the event that this proposed plan is executed, it is expected that this corporation will own:

- (a) All the stock of the Western Pacific RR.
- (b) One-half of the Common capital stock of the reorganized Denver company.

(c) One-half interest in the stock of the Utah Fuel Co., subject to (1) the existing pledge thereof under the Rio Grande Western Ry. Consol. 4% Mtge., and (2) the charges and trusts in favor of the security holders of the reorganized Denver company as set forth in the plan.
 (Cash and securities recovered from the Denver & Rio Grande RR. under or pursuant to the aforesaid judgment, or received from the sale of the half interest in the reorganized Denver company and the Utah Fuel Co., \$13,889,022.)

In brief, instead of owning all the stock of the reorganized Denver company, and all of the stock of the Utah Fuel Co. and contributing substantially \$10,000,000 to the reorganization of the reorganized Denver company, this corporation will own one-half of the Common stock of the reorganized Denver company, one-half the equity in the stock of the Utah Fuel Co., and while contributing \$10,000,000 towards the reorganization of that company will nevertheless receive for a one-half interest in that company from the Missouri Pacific RR. \$9,000,000.

This settlement has been made in order to avoid litigation which threatened to continue for a long period of time, and although in the opinion of counsel the final results of this litigation would not be adverse to this corporation, it is believed that the benefits which will in the long run be derived from the plan now submitted will exceed those which would result from the continuance of such litigation.

It is intended that in the event the reorganization contemplated shall be effected, a stock dividend will be declared, that is to say, additional Preferred and Common stock of this corporation will be distributed to its stockholders at the rate of one share of Preferred and one share of Common stock for each six shares of Preferred or Common stock held by them, respectively, Preferred and Common stockholders sharing alike. This dividend is to be declared for the purpose of capitalizing the recoveries above mentioned and recognizing the equal pro rata rights of the Preferred and Common stockholders in the benefits arising from the assets derived from such recoveries, as provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation.

[A balance sheet of the Western Pacific RR. Company is given under "Annual Reports" above.]—V. 116, p. 2885.

Western Rys. & Light Co.—Exchange of Stock.—

The holders of Preferred stock are advised under date of June 15 of the acquisition by the Illinois Power & Light Corp., directly or indirectly, of the property heretofore owned by the various corporations subsidiary to Illinois Traction Co., Western Rys. & Light Co. and by Southern Illinois Light & Power Co. Western Rys. & Light Co. has acquired shares of the 1% Cumul. Pref. stock of the new corporation sufficient to enable it to offer all the holders of its 6% Pref. stock the opportunity to exchange the same, share for share, for the shares of 7% Cumul. Pref. stock of Illinois Power & Light Corp., and recommends that the stockholders make the exchange promptly and obtain the increased dividend rate. The stockholders who desire to take advantage of this opportunity and obtain the increased dividend rate may deposit their certificates with any of the following depositories, viz.: Bodell & Co., 115 Broadway, New York

and 10 Weybosset St., Providence; Nesbitt Thompson & Co., Montreal; Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago; Geo. M. Mattis, Treas., Illinois Traction Bldg., Champaign, Ill.; National Trust Co., Ltd., Montreal, and Industrial Trust Co., Providence, R. I.

The regular quarterly dividend at the rate of 6% per annum will be paid on the Pref. stock of Western Rys. & Light Co. on July 2, 1923. An additional amount sufficient to make the combined payment equivalent to 7% per annum for the quarterly period ending July 1, 1923 will be paid to shareholders who make the exchange offered above. Payment in adjustment of such amount will accompany the certificates of 7% Cumul. Pref. stock of Illinois Power & Light Corp. issued in exchange. The certificates will be dated July 2, 1923, or thereafter for exchanges subsequent thereto. It is contemplated that dividends on the 7% Cumul. Pref. stock of Illinois Power & Light Corp. will be declared regularly at the quarterly periods payable on Oct. 1, &c. Compare also Illinois Traction Co. above and Illinois Power & Light Corp. in V. 116, p. 1532, 2015, 2381, 2637.—V. 114, p. 1536.

Wisconsin-Minnesota Light & Power Co.—Sale.—

In accordance with a vote of the citizens of Rice Lake, Wis., registered three years ago, the city of Rice Lake, Wis., will shortly issue bonds to take over the local electric light and power plant of the above company. The property was appraised by the Wisconsin RR. Commission in August 1922 at \$233,000 and, with subsequent improvements, is valued at approximately \$250,000.—V. 116, p. 213.

Yosemite Valley RR.—Jan. 1 1923 Interest.—

The Mercantile Trust Co. of San Francisco gives notice that funds have been deposited with them to pay coupons due Jan. 1 1923 on the 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, due 1936, it was announced yesterday. Provision has also been made for the payment of coupons from the same bonds due July 1 1923, which should be presented on or after July 1 1923.—V. 115, p. 2269.

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" July 5 said: "The steel trade enters upon the second half of 1923 with production of pig iron only 2% and that of steel ingots about 5% below the year's peak reached in May. There is no measurable change in the large volume of product moving into consuming channels. Prices of the important forms of finished steel are at a stand, but buyers are getting better delivery promises and are keeping orders close to known needs."

"As has been the case for several weeks, primary materials are giving ground, fresh declines being reported in coke, pig iron and scrap. "Pig iron figures for June, received on the first business day of July, show an output last month of 3,668,413 tons, or 12,280 tons a day, against 3,867,694 tons in the 31 days of May, or 124,764 tons a day. Eight furnaces blew in last month and seven blew out, 322 furnaces being active on June 1, against 321 one month previous."

"Humidity cut down the output in June, and a further slight falling off is looked for in July, as several furnaces are going out for relining. Active capacity May 1 was 125,100 tons a day and was practically unchanged on June 1."

"A number of sheet mills are closed down this week; some few will be idle next week also. The Steel Corporation's shutdowns are limited at most plants to July 4, and this is the program also of most independent companies."

"General speaking, labor shortage and weather conditions are offsetting in part the tendency of some rolling mills to catch up with their orders. Final specifications on second quarter contracts came in freely last week, indicating that consumers want what they have bought."

"The week's fabricated structural steel contracts were brought up to the average of recent weeks by unusual purchases, totaling 11,500 tons; for oil tanks. Private projects continue noteworthy among structural inquiries. Some recent bids on fabricated work indicate that plain material was figured considerably below the 2.50c. basis."

"That business in finished steel was better in June than in May was due chiefly to rail and other railroad buying. The gain shows no change of attitude by purchasers and definite deliveries. "The sheet market is inactive and the concession of \$1 a ton on black sheets continues. The mill shutdowns will bring supply and demand into closer relation. The automobile companies are buying body sheets rather more freely, some for third quarter and some for shorter periods. The Ford Motor Co.'s July schedule is 7,040 cars a day, or 176,000 cars for 25 working days."

"A good deal of tin plate inquiry has come up for July and August shipment, including one lot of 500,000 boxes and another of 100,000 boxes. "Variations in bolt, nut and rivet prices are still a feature, with evidences of weakness in several quarters."

"In the pig iron market, on limited sales, price recessions are general. Basic iron has declined \$1 50 to \$25 50, Valley, and 2,500 tons was sold at \$25 25. Prices on both foundry and steel-making grades are down \$1 at Chicago and on resales charcoal iron has been sold \$3 below furnace quotations. In Buffalo, Cleveland and eastern Pennsylvania quotations on foundry grades have receded, while in the South \$25, Birmingham, still prevails."

"Lake iron ore shipments were heavy in June, reaching 9,499,500 tons, making the total 16,185,482 tons to July 1. But with the expected curtailment in pig iron production in the Middle West some furnaces will not take as much ore as they planned early in the season. In consequence, mining operations will not be pushed and the 1923 Lake Superior output is now estimated at nearer 55 million tons, whereas 60 millions was the early season figure."

"Of the recent rail awards by the Imperial Government Rys. of Japan about 5,000 tons is reported to have gone to a Belgian mill at £9 18s. c.i.f. Japan, or not far from \$46."

"It takes 7,800,000 marks this week to buy a ton of sheets in Germany, or as much as would have bought a 4,000-ton cruiser ten years ago, but at current exchange this is only 2.03c. per pound. Sharp advances in German iron and steel prices on July 2 did not offset the fall in exchange and the steel bar quotation, for example, is equivalent to 1.25c. per pound and No. 1 foundry iron to \$18 68 per gross ton."

"For nine weeks the "Iron Age" finished steel composite price has stood at 2.789c. per lb.—within 1 1/2% of the highest point in 28 months."

"Lower than it has been since the first week of February last, the "Iron Age" pig iron composite price is now at \$26 79 per gross ton, against \$27 79 last week. It is now more than \$4 below its high point in March and April."

"American Iron & Steel Institute Assents to Abolition of Twelve-Hour Day "At Earliest Time Practicable."—Letter to President Harding, signed by directors of Institute, was in response to President's request for pledge to reduce hour basis.—"Times" July 6, p. 1.

Coal Production, Prices, &c.

U. S. Geological Survey, June 30 1923, estimated production as follows: "The rate of soft coal production continues steadily downward. The total output in the week ended June 23 is estimated at 10,411,000 net tons against a revised figure for the week preceding of 10,575,000 tons. For the fourth consecutive week the rate of production per working day has decreased and is now practically at the level of mid-April."

"Early returns on car loadings during the present week (June 25-30) indicate no improvement and as a matter of fact total loadings during the first three days were less than on the corresponding days of the week before. It seems probable therefore that a further decline in production will occur, the depth of which it is impossible at this time to accurately forecast."

"The trend of output for the last 6 weeks is shown in the following statement of cars loaded daily:

Table showing cars loaded daily from May 28 to June 24, 1923, with columns for date and number of cars.

"Production during the first 148 working days of 1923 was 262,803,000 net tons. During the corresponding periods of the six years preceding it was as follows (in net tons):

Table comparing Years of Activity (1917-1920) and Years of Depression (1919-1922) with production figures in net tons.

"Thus it is seen from the viewpoint of soft coal production 1923 stands slightly ahead of the average for the three years of industrial activity and 34.7% ahead of that for the three years of depression."

"There was no slackening in the rate of anthracite production during the third week of June, and production again passed the 2-million-ton mark. According to reports from the principal anthracite-carrying railroads, 39,055 cars were loaded and on this basis it is estimated that the total output, including mine fuel, local sales and the product of dredges and washeries, was 2,042,600 net tons."

"The cumulative output during the present calendar year to date stands at 49,287,000 tons and compares favorably with the output in the years of great activity in anthracite mining."

Estimated United States Production in Net Tons.

Table showing estimated production in net tons for Bituminous, Anthracite, and Beehive Coke from June 9 to June 23, 1923.

The "Coal Trade Journal" this week reviewed market conditions as follows:

"Midsummer easiness rules most of the bituminous markets of the country as the last half of the calendar year begins. The end of June witnessed improvement in demand only at Connellsville and Chicago, and there in limited scope."

"As for some time past, contract business continues the backbone of the trade. This supplemented by spot Lake buying and special railroad storage orders, answers the question so many producers ask when confronted with weekly tonnage figures and their own sales difficulties. The steel and by-product industries are consuming vast quantities of fuel, much of this tonnage coming from affiliated mines. Public utilities are steady customers. General industrial purchasing, however, appears to be on a hand-to-mouth basis."

"Bituminous export tonnage in May (the latest month for which figures are available) totaled 2,249,001 gross tons, as compared with 399,551 tons a year ago and 1,384,879 tons in April. By far the greater proportion of this tonnage, of course, moved to Canada. As a distinct factor in the market, the export trade, outside of Baltimore, is exerting little influence at the present time."

"Lake trade, on the other hand, is a factor of growing importance. During the week ended at 7 a. m. June 25 cargo dumpings of bituminous coal at Lake Erie ports totaled 1,127,771 net tons, bringing the total for the season to 8,682,024 tons, as compared with 3,314,330 tons in 1922. \$,847,275 tons in 1921 and 3,330,898 tons in 1920. During the week ended last Saturday 42 vessels were unloaded at the head of the Lakes. The approximate tonnage brought up in these bottoms was 375,000 tons. It is estimated that the docks at the upper ports began the month with approximately 3,000,000 tons of bituminous coal in storage."

"Spot prices on bituminous coal continue to decline. Compared with the preceding week, quotations for the week ended last Saturday showed changes in 53.9% of the figures. Of these changes 67.6% represented reductions ranging from 5 to 50 cents and averaging 25.5 cents per ton. The advances averaged 23.4 cents and also ranged from 5 to 50 cents. The straight average minimum for the week was \$2 07, as compared with \$2 14 the week preceding, while the straight average maximum dropped from \$2 49 to \$2 46. A year ago the averages were \$3 59 and \$4 11, respectively."

"Announcement of the anthracite miners' demands, not considered too seriously by the operators, has further spurred the householder consumer, with the result that the smaller independents are able to get still greater premiums. During the past week as high as \$13 was quoted on stove, egg and nut, while \$9 is now the independent minimum on these sizes and on broken. A stronger market is developing in steam sizes. Lake shipments from Buffalo last week totaled 108,110 tons. During the same period eight vessels discharged 72,000 tons at the head of the Lakes and stocks there are estimated at 200,000 tons."

"More activity is reported in both the beehive and by-product coke markets, although prices on the former fuel lack stability."

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 30 as follows:

Table showing oil production in barrels for various states from June 30 to July 2, 1923.

*California production was 830,000 barrels, as compared with 785,000 barrels, an increase of 45,000 barrels. Santa Fe Springs is reported at 304,000 barrels, against 258,000 barrels the previous week; Long Beach, 210,000 barrels, against 214,000 barrels, and Huntington Beach, 105,000 barrels, against 102,000 barrels."

"Crude Oil Price.—Humble Oil & Refining Co. reduced Gulf Coast crude 25c. to \$1 50 Grade "A" and \$1 25 Grade "B" per barrel. Also reduced Mexia 25c. and Currie 35c. to \$1 a barrel each.—"Philadelphia News Bureau" July 5, p. 3.

"Magnolia Petroleum Co. reduced Mexia crude to \$1 a barrel. Magnolia Petroleum again reduced Corsicana light crude and Powell crude to 75 cents per barrel. "Evening Post" July 6, p. 9.

Texas Co. reduced Mexia and Currie crude to \$1 a barrel. "Boston Financial News" July 5, p. 7.

Magnolia Petroleum Co. reduced Corsicana Texas light crude 15c. to 75 cents per barrel. "Financial America" July 6, p. 1.

Canadian Crude Oil Price Reduced from \$2 58 to \$2 48 a barrel. "Financial America" July 6, p. 8.

Export Prices Reduced.—Gasoline reduced 1 1/2 cents to 27.15 cents per gallon, cargo lots and 13 1/2 cents per gallon U. S. N. specifications in bulk. Kerosene, standard white, reduced to 5 1/2 cents a gallon in bulk, 12 1/2 cents in barrels and 15 1/2 cents in cases; water white, 1 cent higher in each instance. "Wall St. Journal" July 5, p. 15.

Prices, Wages and Other Trade Matters.

Price of Lead Reduced.—American Smelting & Refining Co. reduced price from 7 to 6.55c. on June 28; to 6.65c. on July 2; to 6.50c. on July 3 and to 6.35c. on July 6, p. 3.

National Lead Co. reduced price of all lead products 1/2 cent to 14c. a pound for 100-pound lots, effective July 2. "Financial America" July 6, p. 6.

Copper Price.—Actually sells at 14 1/2 to 14 3/4c. per pound, although leaders hold out for 15c. "Financial America" July 6, p. 6.

Automobile Price Increase.—Studebaker increases special six touring \$75, special six roadster \$50, light roadster and light touring, \$20 each. "Philadelphia News Bureau" July 2, p. 2.

Tire Price Guaranteed until October.—Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. guaranteed price against further reduction until Oct. 10. "Wall St. Journal" July 3, p. 10.

The plant at Akron, Ohio, closed July 1 for an indefinite period. About 500 men are affected. "Boston Financial News" June 29, p. 5.

Alcohol Price Advanced.—U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co. advanced price 3 cents per gallon, effective July 1. This makes cheapest grade sold at 35 cents a gallon in steel drums, carload lots.

Cable Rates Cut.—Commercial Cable Co., following reductions made by Western Union, announces following rates per word from New York, effective July 1: Denmark, 25c.; Estonia, 30c.; Finland, 29c.; Latvia, 34c.; Sweden, 26c. "Wall St. Journal" July 2, p. 14.

Telephone Strike in New England.—Company continues to recruit new operators. A few striking operators have returned, and in addition groups of traffic men are giving emergency service. "Boston News Bureau" July 6, p. 5.

Strike in Gillette Safety Razor Plant.—Stropping department wants increased wages and abolition of present bonus system. "Boston News Bureau" July 4, p. 1.

Wage Increases.—Fifth Ave. Coach Co. increases wages 5%, effective July 1, making conductors' rate range from 62 to 68 cents an hour, and drivers' from 69 to 75 cents an hour. Company also grants one week vacation with pay. "Evening Post" June 30, p. 3.

U. S. Shipping Board grants from \$10 to \$20 per month increase to various groups, effective July 1. "Times" July 2, p. 20.

American Sheet & Tin Mill workers at Sharon, Pa., receive 10% wage advance, effective as of July 1. "Financial America" July 7.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" June 30.—(a) Inquiry of Merchants' Association into results of 5-day week, p. 2930. (b) New capital flotations in May and the 5 months since Jan. 1, p. 2931-2935. (c) Agreement signed by bricklayers and Mason Builders' Association for 2 years, p. 2938. (d) Cement workers strike for more pay in local building trades, p. 2938. (e) Wage increase by Haverhill (Mass.) shoe manufacturers, p. 2938. (f) Einstein, Ward & Co., N. Y. Stock Exchange firm, 25 Broad St., New York, fail, p. 2944. (g) Laurence Tweedy heads N. Y. Consol. Stock Exchange, p. 2944. (h) Nelson S. Murray expelled from N. Y. Curb, p. 2944. (i) C. Ernest Gault, Montreal, falls, p. 2944. (j) Anthracite miners again ask 20% increase in wages, p. 2953.

Adirondack Power & Lt. Corp.—New Construction.—The New York P. S. Commission recently granted permission to the corporation to construct a transmission line through portions of the town of Stephentown, North Greenbush, Nassau and Sand Lake, Rensselaer County, N. Y. The transmission line is to be constructed under franchises obtained from the town boards of those towns. The order of the Commission provides that no electrical energy shall be sold or distributed by the corporation either directly or indirectly in any of the towns through which the said line will pass.

The transmission line will furnish a connecting link between the distribution lines of the corporation and those of the New England Power Co. and will be used for the transmission of energy between the two companies as needed.—V. 116, p. 2886.

Ajax Rubber Co., Inc.—Obituary.—Horace de Lisser, Chairman of the Board, died in New York City on June 27. Mr. De Lisser was also President of the Rubber Association of America.—V. 116, p. 2009.

Alabama Power Co.—To Construct Hydro-Electric Power Dam on the Tallapoosa River.—

Pres. Thomas W. Martin recently announced that company will expend \$10,000,000 in the construction of a hydro-electric power dam at Cherokee Bluffs on the Tallapoosa River. With the exception of the Wilson Dam at Muscle Shoals, the new dam will be the largest in the South, both in size and capacity. It will have an initial installation of 88,000 h. p., and an ultimate capacity of 132,000 h. p. The units of 44,000 h. p. capacity each will be the largest ever installed in the United States.

The dam will require 2½ years to build. It will be 120 ft. high, 800 ft. long, and will contain 200,000 cu. yds. of concrete. The reservoir impounded by the dam will cover 22,500 acres and hold 25,000,000,000 cu. ft. of water. The new dam will not only make available a large additional volume of power and improve service throughout the power company's system, but will permit of the regulation of flood waters to such an extent that floods will be greatly reduced in the Tallapoosa River, and in the upper reaches of the Alabama River, safeguarding from overflows one of the richest agricultural sections of the State. 28 miles of the Tallapoosa will be made navigable and a 4½-foot navigation stage on the Alabama up to Montgomery will be made possible throughout the year by increasing its minimum flow. On account of this relation to navigation, the Federal Government has assumed jurisdiction of the development.

The Alabama P. S. Commission has authorized the company to purchase the dam and power house of the Mt. Vernon-Woodbury cotton mills on the Tallapoosa River, near Tallassee, Ala.

The Alabama P. S. Commission recently denied the petitions of the company for authority to construct transmission lines between Huntsville and Sheffield and to build a hydro-electric plant at Lock 17 on the Warrior River.—V. 116, p. 2769, 2639.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.—Bookings, &c.—Bookings for the first five months of 1923, it is reported, were \$14,912,015. Unfilled orders, it is stated, exceed \$13,000,000, compared with \$8,215,545 Jan. 1 1923. See also V. 116, p. 2996.

American Light & Traction Co.—Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared a cash dividend of 1½% on the Preferred stock, a cash dividend of 1% on the Common stock and a dividend at the rate of 1 share of Common stock on every 100 shares of Common stock outstanding, all payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 13. Quarterly cash dividend of 1% and stock dividends of 1% each have been paid on the Common stock since Feb. 1921.—V. 116, p. 2010.

American Locker Co. (of Del.).—Board of Directors.—The stockholders on June 26 elected 11 directors, as follows: E. R. Baldinger, Pres. of the Dollar Savings & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh; Daniel M. Clemson, formerly V.-Pres. Carnegie Steel Works; Augustine Davis; George C. Forgeot; Arthur Hale of Washington D. C.; Thomas H. Lewis; De Witt D. V. Reilly; Curtis G. Metzler; Charles E. Schuertz; Sidney Van Dusen; George S. Pingree (Boston, Mass.) of Pingree, Winans, Van Dusen, Inc., fiscal agents for the company.—V. 116, p. 1896.

American Metal Co.—New Secretary and Treasurer.—Vice-President Julius Loeb has been elected Treasurer, and Vice-President H. K. Hochschild as Secretary, both succeeding Julian B. Beatty, who has resigned as Secretary and Treasurer.—V. 116, p. 1896, 1279.

American Public Utilities Co.—Petition Dismissed.—Chancellor Wolcott in the Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., on June 29 dismissed the petition of the minority stockholders against the company for an order to prevent the company from putting into effect the plan of stock reclassification made last February (V. 116, p. 518). See also V. 116, p. 2996, 2887.

American Range & Foundry Co., Minneapolis.—Notes.—Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis, are offering at 100 and int. \$250,000 6% Serial Gold notes. Date June 1 1923. Due semi-annually Dec. 1 1923 to June 1 1928. Interest payable J. & D. at Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$5000*. Redeemable on any interest date upon 30 days' notice at 102½ and interest.

Data from Letter of Vice-Pres. C. W. Nye, Minneapolis, May 10. **Company.**—Business established in 1891. Is one of the largest companies in the United States devoted to the exclusive manufacture of porcelain ranges marketed under the registered trade name of "Sanico." Factories located at Shakopee, Minn., and East St. Louis, Ill., have a combined capacity of 200 ranges per day. **Earnings.**—Combined net profits of the company and the Minnesota Stove Co. (now absorbed) for the five years 1918 to 1922 incl., applicable to interest, but before depreciation, have averaged \$50,264 per annum, or over 3¼ times the maximum annual interest charges on this issue of notes. From Jan. 1 1923 to April 10 1923 net profits applicable to interest, but before depreciation were in excess of \$44,000.

Capitalization Upon Completion of Present Financing. 6% Serial Gold notes.....\$250,000 7% Preferred Stock.....\$150,406 Special Preferred stock.....225,330 Common stock.....260,120 **Purpose of Issue.**—To retire current liabilities and for capital improvements and other corporate purposes.

American Shipbuilding Co.—Dividends.—The directors have declared four regular dividends of 2% each in cash, on the Common stock, for the fiscal year beginning July 1 1923, payable Nov. 1 1923, Feb. 1, May 1 and Aug. 1 1924 to holders of record Oct. 15 1923, and Jan. 15, April 15 and July 15 1924, respectively. Like amounts have been paid quarterly since July 1922. Regular quarterly dividends of 1¼% each were paid from February 1919 to April 1922 incl. Extras, in cash, paid since February 1919 are: 2¼% quarterly to February 1922; April 1922, 20%; June 1922, 10%.—V. 115, p. 2480.

American Teleg. & Teleg. Co.—Balance Sheet.—

Assets—	Mar. 31 '23	Dec. 31 '22	Liabilities—	Mar. 31 '23	Dec. 31 '22.
Stks. assoc. cos.	664,714,879	662,529,359	Capital stock	709,829,200	699,347,400
Stcks. other cos.	79,711,084	105,427,224	Cap. stk. install.	22,087,250	15,736,454
Bonds & notes of and net advs.			6% 5-yr. notes	40,000,000	40,000,000
to assoc. cos.	146,773,085	115,671,083	6% conv. bonds	12,618,900	14,070,500
Telephone plant	108,768,568	108,757,168	4% conv. bds.	6,894,200	7,191,800
Telep. instru'ts.	30,229,628	29,666,203	4% coll. tr. bds.	78,000,000	78,000,000
Real est., furn. & fixtures	14,428,915	12,369,484	5% coll. tr. bds.	74,753,500	74,783,500
Cash & deposits	40,432,719	26,517,547	5% West. T.&T. Co. bonds	9,970,000	9,970,000
U. S. obligations	48,698,849	-----	Acc'ts pay., &c.	2,562,768	6,465,453
Temporary cash investments	-----	93,162,767	Divs. payable	15,950,054	15,719,753
Bills receivable	38,017,000	-----	Int. & taxes accr	6,836,140	7,630,586
Acc'ts receivable	7,295,455	9,831,006	Other accr. liab.	2,332,948	-----
Other assets	3,890,079	-----	Empl. ben. fund	4,951,257	5,000,000
Oth. def'd debts	521,717	-----	Surp. unapprop.	-----	-----
Total (each side)	1183481978	1163931842	for divs. pay'le	15,785,978	31,471,956
—V. 116, p. 2996, 1764.			Surp. unapprop. & reserves	178,390,782	155,955,43

American Tobacco Co.—Denies Charges.—The company on July 3 entered specific denial with the Federal Trade Commission to charges that it had entered into a price-fixing agreement with the Keystone Tobacco Merchants' Association or the Central Tobacco Jobbers' Association of Pennsylvania.

Another tobacco case before the Federal Trade Commission is that involving P. Lorillard Co., the Ohio Wholesale Grocers' Association and others. The answer of the latter to the Commission's charge that it had tried to prevent the Lorillard Co. from selling to non-member wholesalers is a complete denial. The Ohio Wholesale Grocers' Association denies also that it has sought to prevent the Lorillard Company from selling to any dealer because of the prices at which such dealer resold its merchandise.—V. 116, p. 2639, 2133.

American Tube & Stamping Co.—New Chairman.—Edwin W. Harrison has been elected Chairman.—V. 115, p. 1213.

Anaconda Copper Co.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is now prepared to deliver definitive 1st Consol. Mtge. Series "A" 6% Coupon bonds, due 1953, in exchange for the outstanding temporary bonds. Holders of trust receipts issued by the National City Co. should present such trust receipts to the National City Co. for exchange. (For offering of bonds, see V. 116, p. 298.)—V. 116, p. 2997.

Arizona Commercial Mining Co.—Resumes Dividend.—The company has declared a dividend of 50c. a share, payable July 31 to holders of record July 18. This is the first dividend since July 1918.—V. 116, p. 2133.

Arizona Power Co.—Earnings.

Period—	Month of April 1923.	Year ended Apr. 30 '23.
Gross earnings	\$63,540	\$727,894
Operating expense	31,632	350,302
Net operating revenue	\$31,908	\$377,592
Non-operating revenue	50	3,657
Total corporate income	\$31,958	\$381,249

Stephens & Co., San Francisco, recently underwrote \$800,000 1st Lien & Unifying 6s of 1947, which were offered to the public at 97 and int. See offering in V. 116, p. 1279.

Armstrong Cork Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 1% was paid on the Common stock July 2 to holders of record June 27 in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the Common and 1¼% on the Preferred. An extra of 1% was also paid on the Common stock Jan. 2 last.—V. 116, p. 1181.

Arnold, Constable & Co., Inc.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 '22

Assets—	Total
Fixtures, equip., &c.: add'ns to leased bldg., cost, \$32,584; less reserves, \$11,378	\$21,205
Store & office fixtures, \$382,254; less reserves, \$79,353	\$302,901
Delivery equipment, cost, \$59,700; less reserves, \$45,639	14,061
Leasehold, goodwill, &c.	1,000,000
Cash	415,266
Acc'ts rec.: retail customers, \$541,625; less reserves, \$22,000	519,625
do Wholesale customers, \$155,920; less reserves, \$5,500	150,420
Other accounts receivable	3,260
Inventories at cost or less, retail department	647,912
do Wholesale department	360,313
Prepaid insurance, &c.	8,378
Supplies on hand	5,441
Deposits with mutual insurance companies	24,466
A. E. Little & Co., adv. repayable \$1,500 each year	4,500
Total	\$3,478,928
Liabilities—	
Common stock, no par value 175,000 shares, declared value	\$3,143,580
Accounts payable	295,688
Accrued pay-roll, taxes, &c.	3,967
Res'ves for possible add'l assessment of Fed. taxes and for other contingencies	35,693
Total	\$3,478,928

x Based on appraisal made by Atlantic Appraisal Co., Inc.—V. 116, p. 1415.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Exchange Offer, &c.—For offer to exchange Cumulative Preferred stock for bonds of Southern New York Power & Ry. Corp., see that company under "Railroads" above. **Description of Preferred Stock.**—Dividends of \$3 50 per share per annum cumulative, payable Q.-J. Redeemable on any div. date at \$60 per share and divs. Preferred both as to assets and divs. Stock is entitled in liquidation to \$50 per share and divs. before any distribution is made to Common stockholders. Transfer agent, Seaboard National Bank, New York. Registrar, Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., 60 B'way, New York.

Capitalization—

	Authorized	Outstanding	Stated Capital.
Preferred stock	100,000 shs.	28,500 shs.	\$1,425,000
Common stock	110,000 shs.	60,000 shs.	1,800,000
Bonds	\$2,182,400	\$1,396,300	
Earnings 12 Months ending Jan. 31—	1923.	1922.	
Revenues	\$2,910,302	\$2,528,734	
Operating expenses, incl. depreciation & taxes	2,061,957	1,842,990	
Gross income	\$848,345	\$685,744	
Int. on outstanding bonds, floating debt, amort. of bond diset. and income applicable to stocks of subsidiaries not owned	482,938	360,899	
Net income available for divs. on Pref. stock	\$365,407	\$324,845	
Dividend requirement on 28,500 shares	99,750	99,750	
Margin over dividend requirements	265,657	225,095	
Net income times dividend requirements	3.7	3.2	

Management.—J. G. White Management Corp.—V. 116, p. 2392.

Automatic Electric Washer Co., Inc., Newton, Iowa.—Bonds Offered.—The Central State Bank of Des Moines is offering at 100 and int. \$175,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½% Serial Gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated June 1 1923. Due serially June 1 1925 to 1933. Denom. \$1,000. \$500 and \$100 c*. Int. payable J. & D. at Central State Bank, Des Moines, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at par and int. plus a premium of ½% for each year or portion thereof between the date of redemption and maturity.

Guaranty.—Bonds will be guaranteed, principal and interest, by the personal endorsements of H. L. Ogg, John Nelson, E. C. Ogg and H. E. Nelson of Newton, Iowa. The combined net worth of these guarantors, exclusive of their interest in this business, exceeds the amount of these bonds.

Company.—An Iowa corporation with plants located at Newton, Iowa. Was the first company organized to exclusively manufacture and sell electric washing machines. Business established in 1908 and incorp. in 1913.

Earnings.—With the exception of 1921, the business has shown a profit in every year since its organization in 1908. For the seven years ended Dec. 31 1922 net earnings, after depreciation, available for int., Federal taxes and extraordinary charges, averaged \$38,360 per annum, or 3 3/4 times maximum annual interest charges of \$11,375 on these bonds. Net earnings for 1922 similarly computed were \$53,411, and for the five months ended May 31 1923 were \$93,613, or at the annual rate of over 19 times the maximum interest charge on these bonds.

Purpose.—To retire maturing obligations and to increase working capital.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—Receives Polish Payment.—The Polish Government June 30 paid the company the first installment of principal due July 1, through the National City Bank of New York and Drexel & Co., Phila., amounting to \$1,238,775, for 150 consolidation type locomotives, ordered in June 1919.

In confirming the Polish payment, F. de St. Phalle, V.-Pres. in charge of foreign sales of Baldwin Locomotive, said: "We received on June 30 the payment due us by the Polish Government July 1 for locomotive bonds and interest amounting to \$1,238,775. This payment has been made on time as have also all other payments of interest previously due since we entered into a contract with the Polish Government in 1919."—V. 116, p. 2997.

Batopilas Mining Co.—May Reorganize.—Application has been made to the New York Stock Exchange by the company to have its 450,000 shares of stock (par \$20) stricken from the list. The shares were suspended from the Boston Exchange some time ago. This action is being taken, it is said, with a view to reorganize the company. The stock is being quoted at 1/2 bid and offered at 1/4.

It was recently stated that the mortgage on the silver properties in southwest Chihuahua, Mexico, probably will soon be foreclosed, as not enough stockholders have approved the voluntary assessment of 60 cents a share to satisfy bondholders and provide working capital. Only 10% of 2,500 shareholders, representing about 11% of the outstanding shares, replied to a request for the approval or disapproval of the assessment. Most of those who replied favored it, some, it is stated, suggesting a larger assessment.—V. 114, p. 1894.

Beatrice Creamery Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for years ending Dec. 31 (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and Balance Sheet February 28. Rows include Assets (Real estate, plant, investments, cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, common stock, etc.).

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.—Listing.—The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$35,000,000 25-year 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, Series B, due Jan. 1 1948. (See offering in V. 116, p. 1801.)—V. 116, p. 2997.

Benjamin Electric & Mfg. Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for years ending Dec. 31 (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and Balance Sheet December 31. Rows include Assets (Land, bldgs., machinery, patents, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, common stock, etc.).

Big Ledge Copper Co.—Plan Operative.—The reorganization plan outlined in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 27 1923 has been declared operative. The name of the new company is the Huron Copper Mining Co. See also V. 116, p. 414.

Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Gas Output.—

Table with columns for months (June 1923, April 1923, Mar. 1923) and Gas output (cubic feet). Values range from 655,823,000 to 846,409,000.

Boston Store of Chicago.—Offering of Netcher Building Corp. Bonds.—See Netcher Building Corp. below.—V. 116, p. 1764.

Buda Co. (Harvey, Ill.).—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and Balance Sheet December 31. Rows include Assets (Land, buildings & machinery, cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, common stock, etc.).

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co.—

Table with columns for Earnings, Calendar Years (1922, 1921, 1920) and Balance Sheet December 31. Rows include Ore mined, production revenue, mining & mill'g costs, operating profit, etc.

Callahan Zinc-Lead Co.—Shipments.—

Table with columns for months (June 1923, April 1923, March 1923) and Zinc concentrates, Lead concentrates, Silver (ozs.).

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Production.—

Table with columns for months (June 1923, May 1923, April 1923, March 1923) and Copper production (lbs.). Values range from 3,548,000 to 3,506,000.

Cambridge (Mass.) Electric Light Co.—Notes Paid.—

The \$500,000 6% notes due July 1 were paid off at office of Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. In connection with this payment the company issued 2,600 shares of capital stock (par \$100) at \$180, the balance being provided from cash on hand. The stock was subscribed for by stockholders.—V. 116, p. 2519.

Canadian Converters Co., Ltd.—New Director.—

T. R. Rennie has been elected a director, succeeding O. N. Brooks.—V. 116, p. 2770.

Canadian Property Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—

S. W. Straus & Co. are offering at par and int. \$1,300,000 1st Mtge. Serial Gold bonds (safeguarded under Straus plan). Bonds maturing during the first 7 years will yield 6 1/2%. Bonds maturing during the second 7 years will yield 6 1/4% for the first 7 years and 6 1/4% during the second 7 years. Bonds maturing during the last 6 years will yield 6 1/4% for the first 7 years, 6 1/4% for the second 7 years and 6% during the last 6 years.

Dated June 1 1923; due serially, 2 to 20 years. Bonds to June 1 1930, 6 1/2%; from June 1 1930 to 1937, 6 1/4%; final six years, 6%. Bonds and coupons payable in U. S. gold coin at offices of S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., in New York and Chicago, and in Canadian gold coin at office of S. W. Straus & Co., Ltd., Toronto, and at the offices of the Royal Bank of Canada in Canada. Int. payable J. & D. Red. in whole or in part in inverse numerical order on any int. due at 102 1/2% and int. U. S. Federal income tax up to 2%, and Canadian taxes (deductible at the source) if any, paid by issuing corporation.

These bonds are the direct obligation of the company. This is a holding company which holds title to all banking properties of the Home Bank of Canada, which owns a controlling interest in its stock. The Home Bank of Canada is one of the oldest banking institutions in the Dominion, having 76 branches in the principal cities and towns in Canada. The properties securing this bond issue, 21 in number, including the main bank at Toronto, located in the more important cities and towns, have been appraised at \$1,909,700. All of the properties are rented under lease to the Home Bank of Canada for a period of 20 years from the date of these bonds at a total net annual rental more than sufficient to meet the interest and pay off the bonds as they serially mature, also to provide a sinking fund for payment of bonds in last maturity.

The rent is payable monthly and the Home Bank of Canada is obligated to pay all maintenance, insurance, operating expenses and any taxes that may be assessed against the lessor.

Canton Co. of Baltimore.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of \$1 per share was paid July 3 to holders of record June 30. An extra dividend of 50 cents per share was paid in July 1922 in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of \$3 per share. The outstanding stock consists of approximately 22,000 shares of no specified par value, though \$100 per share is generally recognized as par.—V. 115, p. 756.

Carey Printing Co., Bethlehem, Pa.—Receiver.—

Max Rosette has been appointed receiver by the U. S. District Court at Philadelphia.

Carm Motors Corp.—State Staps Sale of Stock.—

John J. Dwyer, Chief Deputy Attorney-General, acting under the Martin Act, closed down June 29 on the stock selling activities of the above concern, capitalized at \$5,000,000, after \$70,000 of its stock had been sold to the public. The petition alleged that not an automobile had been manufactured except for exhibition purposes, which was said still to be in the paint shop.

Chandler Motor Car Co.—Shipments—Earnings.—

In a letter to stockholders President F. C. Chandler says: "Up to June 30 shipments were about 15% greater than for the entire year of 1922. During the first six months of 1923 the great success of the 'Pikes Peak motor' has developed an exceptional volume of business for the company. We have every confidence that a satisfactory volume of business will be maintained during the remaining six months of the current year. Our earnings for the first six months were greater than the dividend requirements for the entire year."—V. 116, p. 1182.

Chicago Mill & Lumber Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and Balance Sheet. Rows include Earnings after taxes & int., Assets (Real estate, timber, employees' notes, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, common stock, etc.).

Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.—Earnings.—

Net earnings for the three months ended March 31 1923 after Federal taxes and depreciation, available for dividends, amounted to \$203,863.—V. 116, p. 1416, 1182.

Chickasha (Okla.) Gas & Elec. Co.—Franchise.—

The citizens of Minco, Okla., have voted a franchise to the company. Construction of a power line, it is stated, will be started at once. The franchise provides for supplying the town of Minco with electricity for 25 years. The citizens also voted to sell the municipal power plant to the company for \$15,000.—V. 101, p. 530.

Climber Motor Co., Little Rock, Ark.—Rec. Asked.—

W. H. Owens, Tulsa, Okla., as trustee for bondholders, has filed a petition in the Pulaski Chancery Court asking for the appointment of a receiver for the company and a judgment for \$60,019 claimed to be due on bonds of the company. The suit also asks the foreclosure of a deed of trust on the company's property, executed to secure the bond issue, and the sale of the company's property to satisfy the claim of the bondholders. According to the complaint, on Dec. 1 1922 the company issued \$300,000 6% 10-year bonds. The deed, and the bonds themselves, provided that they should be invalid for any purpose unless countersigned by the trustee for the holders. Regardless of this provision and without any certification the complaint alleges that officials of the company sold bonds of the issue amounting to approximately \$58,000. Default was made in the payment of interest on these bonds some time ago, the complaint alleges.

Commercial Cable Co.—Rates Reduced.—

The company on July 3 announced the following reductions in cable rates from New York, effective July 1: Denmark, from 35 to 25 cents per word; Estonia, 43 to 36 cents; Finland, 40 to 29 cents; Latvia, 41 to 34 cents; Sweden, 38 to 26 cents.—V. 116, p. 1280.

Consolidated Gas, El. Lt. & Power Co.—Tenders.—

The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Aug. 1 receive bids for the sale to it of First Refunding Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Series "A," "C," "D" and "E," at prices not exceeding: Series "A," 110 and int.; Series "C," 102 and int.; Series "D," 110 and int., and Series "E," 107 1/2 and int.—V. 116, p. 2770, 2261.

Consolidated Coal Co.—Acquisition.—

See Baltimore & Ohio RR. above.—V. 116, p. 2135, 1272.

Continental Oil Co., Denver, Colo.—Stock for Empl's.

The stockholders will vote Aug. 2 on issuing stock to employees along lines of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana's employees stock plan. It is pro-

posed that the directors shall fix the price when the plan is declared operative and every six months thereafter.—V. 116, p. 1280.

Continental Paper & Bag Mills.—New Timber Limits.—The Province of Ontario has accepted the tender of the Continental Paper & Bag Mills, Ltd., a Canadian subsidiary of the Continental Paper & Bag Mills, for the right to cut pulp wood and timber from an area comprising 1,049 sq. miles situated in the watershed of the Trout and Chapeau rivers, in the districts of Sudbury and Algoma. Additional license and freehold timber lands will give the Continental company control of approximately 1,340 sq. miles, all tributary to the saw mill and wood preparing plant at Elsas, Ontario. Approximately 4,000,000 cords of pulp wood and timber are located in this territory. The future development of these large timber resources will include the construction of pulp mills, it is said.—V. 113, p. 1892.

Copper Merger.—Southwest Copper Merger Under Way.—The "Wall Street Journal" July 3 says: By Oct. or Nov., leading copper mines of the Southwest probably will have been combined into an operating whole. This will round out the major integration of the industry on the producing end that began with Anaconda's absorption of American Brass and Chile, second step of which was Kennecott's absorption of Utah and Nevada. Accomplishment of this third and final step will complete the most constructive move in the history of copper, and will be of the greatest ultimate value to producer, fabricator, consumer, stockholder and worker.

Negotiations, which have been progressing for over two months, have begun to take definite shape. The proposal has been accepted in principle, it is understood, by all or practically all the companies that have been approached. There is some doubt as yet as to just what company will take the leadership.

One of the prominent Southwest mining companies may be the nucleus around which the combination is made. A composite nucleus may be resorted to, with the affiliated porphyry companies, Ray, Chino and Nevada, the nucleus. Listing of Calumet & Hecla Mining Co. on the New York Stock Exchange, and the most detailed examination that is being made of the possibilities of that company and its subsidiaries, may have much significance, so that it is not impossible that Calumet & Hecla might become the nucleus for the combination. However, it is more probable that the merger as finally accomplished will include only producers in New Mexico, Arizona and northern Mexico.

The motive in this merger is to bring together into one operating whole a considerable part of the United States output that is as yet uncoordinated. At present about 55% of the North and South American output is uncoordinated. The companies that are being considered in connection with this merger include: Calumet & Arizona, Calumet & Hecla, Chino, Greene-Cananea, Inspiration, Magma, Nevada, New Cornelia and Phelps Dodge.

It is not the intention to combine all of these properties. It is fairly certain that the merger as accomplished will include Ray, Chino, Inspiration and Magma. New Cornelia and Calumet & Arizona will also probably be included, and possibly Greene-Cananea. But if Phelps Dodge should not come in, Calumet & Hecla would probably stay out, so as not to have output of the third unit too large, as it is probable that the new merger will be kept in tonnage below 30% of North and South American production.

Whether the merger will be accomplished by voluntary exchange of shares in other companies at previously agreed upon ratios in some new holding company, especially organized for the purpose, or whether it will be accomplished by capital enlargement of some existing company selected as the nucleus, as was the case in the Kennecott-Utah combination, remains to be determined.

(Wm.) Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Bldg. Co.—Bonds.

The \$1,022,000 5% bonds due July 1, 1923 were paid off at maturity at office of the Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

George D. Martin has been elected Secretary and Treasurer, to succeed the late Charles T. Taylor.—V. 116, p. 2998, 1899.

Cumberland Tel. & Tel. Co.—Injunction Granted.

The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals on June 29 handed down a decision granting the company's petition for an injunction to restrain the State of Mississippi from interfering with the company in the collection of reasonable rates for service, fixed by the Mississippi Railroad Commission in December 1922.—V. 116, p. 2998.

Davis-Daly Copper Co.—New Suit, &c.

A suit for \$470,000 for ores extracted and damage resulting from injury to plaintiff's property was filed in the Federal Court at Butte, on June 16, against the company by attorneys for Thomas F. Hickey and the heirs of Edward and Michael Hickey. The ore involved was mined from the Lizzie lode. The company is already engaged in litigation with the Anaconda Copper Co. The officials of the Davis-Daly Copper Co. state the ores in question were owned by their company.

On motions of attorneys for the plaintiffs, the suit for an accounting instituted by Daniel F. Dillinger and David F. Roach against the company (V. 116, p. 1766) was on May 15 ordered dismissed without prejudice in the Federal Court. The plaintiffs wanted an accounting, permission to examine the books, records and contracts of the company and the Smokehouse Mining Co., and an injunction perpetually restraining the Davis-Daly from mining in the Smokehouse ground.—V. 116, p. 2262.

Delaval Separator Co.—Tenders.

The New York Trust Co., trustee, will until July 20 receive bids for the sale to it of 10-Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold notes due Mar. 1 1931 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$150,000 at a price not exceeding 104 1/4 and int.—V. 116, p. 81.

De Long Hook & Eye Co.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding \$220,000 1st Mtge. 6% Gold bonds dated Feb. 1 1919 have been called for redemption Aug. 1 at 102 and int. at the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co., trustee, Philadelphia.—V. 108, p. 1514, 686.

Dodge Bros. (Automobile Mfrs.), Detroit.—Sales.

Sales in the first six months of 1923 totaled approximately 104,000 cars, against 85,890 the last six months of 1922.

President Haynes is quoted as saying: "We have laid out our schedule until Jan. 1 at approximately the same rate of production as the first half of the year."—V. 116, p. 2771.

Dome Mines Co., Ltd.—Production.

Month of—	June 1923.	May 1923.	April 1923.	Mar. 1923.
Gold production (value).	\$421,779	\$355,532	\$160,111	\$259,866

—V. 116, p. 2888, 2771.

Downey Shipbuilding Corp.—Files Suit Against Govt.

The company has filed a suit for \$3,733,077 against the U. S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corp., claiming that sum as the balance due for the construction of 10 steamships for the Government.—V. 114, p. 2722.

Duplex Envelope Co., Richmond, Va.—Pref. Stock.

Wheat, Williams & Co., Inc., Richmond, Va., are offering at 100 and div. \$170,000 8% Cumulative Sinking Fund Class "A" Pref. (a. & d.) Stock. Dividends payable Q.-J. Redeemable, all or in part, upon 60 days' notice, at 105 and dividends, up to and including Jan. 1 1929; and at 110 and divs. thereafter. Transfer agents, American Trust Co., Richmond.

Capitalization—

8% Cum. Sinking Fund Class "A" Pref. Stock	-----	\$170,000	\$170,000
Preferred stock Class "B"	-----	30,000	30,000
Common stock	-----	100,000	100,000
Surplus	-----		157,520

Company.—Is engaged in the manufacture and sale of church and Sunday-school financial plans, records, envelopes and supplies of all kinds; printing, engraving and the sale of mail order specialties. Founded in 1902 and incorporated in 1903, company has continued to grow. Customers represent every denomination in every State in the Union in virtually every city and town with a population of 1,500 or more.

Earnings.—Net earnings available for dividends on Pref. stock, for the 10-year period ending March 31 1923, after all charges including depreciation, interest, Federal taxes, and taxes on unimproved properties on Broad St., have averaged \$36,469, or 2.68 times dividend requirements.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire current debt and for betterments and extensions.

Elder Manufacturing Co.—New Directors, &c.

Daniel W. Gurnett has been elected a voting trustee to succeed the late Arthur C. Wright. Arthur T. Lyman has been elected a director.—V. 116, p. 2888, 2771.

Fairbanks Company (New York).—Earnings.—

Month of—	April.	March.	Feb.	Jan.
Net loss after int., deprec., &c.	-----	\$17,131	\$39,381	\$69,210

—V. 116, p. 2771.

Fifth Avenue Coach Co.—Wages Increased.

President Frederic T. Wood announces that "effective July 1 1923 the rates of pay of drivers and conductors will be increased. The new rate for conductors will range from 62 cents to 68 cents per hour, depending on the length of service, and correspondingly the rates for drivers will range from 69 cents to 75 cents per hour. Increases have also been made in the rates of pay of various other employees of the transportation department."—V. 116, p. 1057.

Fisher Body Corp.—Merger of Sub. Companies—Suit.

President Fred J. Fisher states that the Ternstedt Manufacturing Co. has acquired the Shepard Art Metal Co., Detroit. Both of these companies have for a number of years been owned by the Fisher Body Corp. and the amalgamation of the two companies is made with a view of effecting economies inherent in such a combination.

The recent decision handed down by the New York Supreme Court, the company is given complete rights to all patents and devices acquired by it from Alvar Ternstedt. Suit was brought against the corporation two years ago for \$2,000,000 damages by Perfect Window Regulator Co., alleging it was entitled to use of the Ternstedt devices.—V. 116, p. 2764.

(H. H.) Franklin Mfg. Co.—Shipments.

The Franklin Automobile Co. shipped 7,064 cars in the first six months of this year, an increase of 63% over the corresponding period of 1922.

A dispatch from Syracuse, N. Y., states that the company has reduced the factory operating schedule on Franklin motor cars from 6 1/2 days to 5 days a week. The company will, however, make no reduction in the number of employees, it is stated.—V. 116, p. 2520.

Freeport Sulphur Co.—New Hoskins Mound Plant.

Plant "E" at Hoskins Mound produced its first sulphur on April 1 1923, the day originally scheduled for completion of the plant. Before actual construction work could be started it was necessary to build 15 miles of railroad to reach the site. Construction of this railroad was started in June 1922 and construction of the actual plant, which started operation recently, was not begun until Oct. 1922. See "Manufacturers' Record" of June 7, pages 107 and 108.—V. 116, p. 2263.

Gay Engineering Corp. of Calif.—Pref. Stock Offered.

Aronson & Co., Los Angeles, are offering, at 100 and div., \$300,000 8% Cumulative, Convertible, Preferred (a. & d.) Stock. Dividends payable Q.-J. Redeemable, all or part, at any time, at 110 and divs. Convertible at any time prior to Dec. 31 1924 (or if called for earlier redemption, until and including redemption date) into Common Stock at \$25.

Capitalization (No Bonds)—

Common Stock	-----	Authorized.	Outstanding
8% Preferred Stock	-----	\$600,000	\$300,000
	-----	600,000	300,000

The corporation, through predecessors, has been engaged in the installation of cold storage and refrigeration in all its branches since 1910, operating through nine Western States. Corporation has the largest corps of highly specialized engineers, plant and equipment of its kind west of Chicago. Customers include the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe RR., Pacific Fruit Express, members of the California Fruit Growers Exchange, Imperial Ice & Development Co.

The average net earnings for the past six years, ending Oct. 31 1922, after all taxes and charges, were \$87,783, equal to \$29 per share per annum, or over 3.6 times the annual dividend requirement on this issue.

General Gas & Electric Corp.—Tenders.

The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until July 18 receive bids for the sale to it of 5% 10-Year Gold bonds due Jan. 1 1925, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$14,602, at a price not exceeding par and interest.—V. 116, p. 1281.

General Motors Corp.—Expansion—Sales.

Plans have been completed for the erection of three foundry units to be added to the Cadillac factory at Detroit. These plans are part of a program by Cadillac to take care of an increased production schedule.

H. H. Rice, President of the Cadillac Motor Car Co., says: "With the completion of the new unit Cadillac will have a foundry not only equal in capacity to its main plant production but will match the plant in efficiency and layout. Our expansion program is based not only on our large business in the past two years, but also upon the optimism for the immediate and future prosperity of the country."

The Chevrolet Motor Car Co. in May last delivered 44,453 cars, against 45,791 in April. June sales were slightly more than 45,000 and July sales, it is stated, will be between 45,000 and 47,000, according to firm orders now on hand.—V. 116, p. 2771.

Gilliland Oil Co.—New Officers.

P. J. Hurley, formerly co-Federal receiver, has been elected President; J. H. Maxey, Vice-Pres.; D. W. Johnson, Sec. & Treas. H. W. Gibson, of the Federal Reserve Board, and R. G. Hutchins, of Hallgarten & Co., have been elected directors. The receivers were recently discharged by the Court.—V. 116, p. 2520.

Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.—To Reorganize.

In a report filed July 3 in the U. S. Equity Court at Boston, by Arthur J. Santry, co-receiver, the formation of a new company was suggested. Furthermore, it was stated that negotiations for the formation of the proposed new corporation had been carried on for some time by William L. Putnam. The sale of the company's assets, the report states, should be subject to an upset price sufficient to pay claims against the company and all unpaid expenses of the receivership, which would mean about \$1,300,000. It is suggested that in the event that the proposed new corporation is the successful bidder for the plant, the receivers be authorized to accept in payment approximately \$600,000 of first mortgage 6% 10-year bonds of the corporation and a balance in cash sufficient to pay creditors and all expenses of the receivership under certain provisions.

In general, the plan contemplates that the creditors shall be paid the principal amount of their claims, without interest, except as interest has already been paid, prior to the appointment of receivers. Said payment will consist of approximately 53% in cash and the balance in first mortgage bonds of the new corporation, the cash payment to be made from the cash in the hands of the receivers at the date of the transfer of the property and business, and the balance from the new corporation as part of the purchase price.—V. 116, p. 2643.

Habirshaw Electric Cable Co.—Objects to Reorg. Plan.

In a letter to the creditors under date of July 1, Thomas C. Perkins, Chairman of the stockholders' protective committee, takes objection to the plan of reorganization prepared by a reorganization committee representing the two creditors' committees and the bondholders' committee (published in V. 116, p. 3001). The letter says in part:

"This plan of reorganization is, in the opinion of the writer, so inequitable to all of the interests concerned, including the stockholders who are not recognized in any way, and there are so many proper objections that may be raised against it on behalf of the creditors, that in my judgment there is no possible chance of this plan becoming effective if the creditors and the bondholders understand fully just what this plan contemplates.

"Furthermore, I cannot dissociate myself from the feeling that this plan is for the benefit of the few and to the disadvantage of the many, and contains in its essence the kind of plan of reorganization that has brought in the past so much odium and unfavorable comment upon Wall Street methods.

"One of the principal objections to this plan and to its presentation is that very few who read it will in my judgment be able to understand what it is all about, and it is my belief that such creditors as subscribe to it will go into it blindly and will in the end be very much dissatisfied with the outcome of the same.

"Furthermore, I wish to call to the attention of the creditors and debenture bondholders the fact that this situation has been allowed to drag on for over two years without, to the best of my knowledge, any statement having been sent in by any of these committees to the creditors giving the facts as to these companies, their operation, et cetera.

"During this period, the stockholders' protective committee has exhausted every effort to either co-operate with these various committees in an equitable plan of reorganization or to bring the situation out into the open so that all parties in interest could understand just what the situation was, until finally the stockholders' protective committee was forced to present a

complete statement of the situation to the creditors, as well as a plan of reorganization under date of June 1 1923, as a result of which the creditors are now in receipt of a plan of reorganization submitted by a creditors' reorganization committee which I believe is so filled with legal terms that very few laymen can understand what it is all about.

"Furthermore, no statements are made in this plan as to the present situation of the company, except very briefly in the most general way. Nothing is said about the company having made a \$500,000 profit since Jan. 1 up to the present time; nothing is said as to the company earning a profit of approximately \$100,000 a month at present; nothing is said about the amount of business the company is doing; no statement is made that the receivers are discounting all their bills, nor is any statement made as to how much cash the receivers have accumulated in the bank; nor is there any financial statement shown giving the present financial condition of the properties, the amount of inventory carried at the present time and assets and liabilities.

"As I read this plan, it amounts to about this: the creditors are not given any information about the situation, but are simply told—'Here is a small pie; you have got to go through it, whether you like it or not.'"
Compare V. 116, p. 3001.

Harper & Bros., New York.—Par Value Changed.—

The stockholders on June 8 changed the authorized Common stock from 20,000 shares, par \$100 (all outstanding), to 25,000 shares of no par value. (a) 11,000 shares shall be issued in exchange at the rate of one share thereof for twenty shares of the present Common stock, par \$100. (b) 2,000 shares shall be issued in exchange at the rate of one share thereof for five shares of the present outstanding Preferred shares, par \$100. (c) 144 shares shall be issued in exchange at the rate of one share thereof for each \$2,000 of the outstanding income bonds. (d) 5,000 shares to remain unissued for the time being. (e) The balance to be issued for providing capital, taking care of debts and other lawful purposes. See also V. 116, p. 2643.

Hartford (Conn.) Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co.—To Increase Capital—Stock Dividend.—

The stockholders will vote Aug. 15 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$2,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$2,500,000, par \$100. If the increase is authorized it is proposed to declare a 25% stock dividend to become payable Oct. 20.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2½% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2½%.

Hartman Corp., Chicago.—Net Sales for Half Year.—

Six Months ending June 30—	1923.	1922.	Increase.
Net sales.....	\$9,599,743	\$6,664,031	44.05%

—V. 116, p. 2843, 2136.

Haverhill (Mass.) Electric Co.—To Issue Stock.—

The company has applied to the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Utilities for authority to increase its capital stock by \$313,950, par \$25, to be issued at \$30, the proceeds to be used for additions to plant.—V. 116, p. 2395.

Hayes Wheel Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—	1922.	1921.	Liabilities—	1922.	1921.
Land, bldgs., mach. & equipment.....	\$3,344,439	\$2,992,835	Common stock.....	\$2,000,000	\$1,633,320
Trade names, patents & goodwill.....	1		First mtge. bonds.....	682,100	771,000
Treasury stock.....	26,045		Accounts payable.....	897,476	296,687
Investments.....	36,491	37,605	Accr. payroll, int., taxes, &c.....	107,119	97,095
Marketable securities.....	42,621	42,621	Fed'l tax provision.....	188,000	
Cash.....	291,334	352,543	Contingency res'v'e.....	100,000	
Inventories.....	1,957,172	1,490,346	Deprac'n reserve.....		730,257
Notes & acc'ts rec.....	1,608,443	674,246	Surplus.....	3,330,462	2,127,464
Deferred charges.....	41,230	65,627			
Total.....	\$7,305,157	\$5,655,822	Total.....	\$7,305,157	\$5,655,822

—V. 116, p. 3000, 2395.

Holly Sugar Co.—Bal. Sheet Mar. 31 (Incl. Subs.).—

Assets—	1923.	1922.	Liabilities—	1923.	1922.
Real est., plants, machinery, &c.....	\$9,437,776	\$9,367,426	Prof. 7% stock.....	\$3,300,000	\$3,300,000
Investments.....	1,332,224	1,289,765	Com. stock equity.....	3,975,328	4,199,618
Goodwill, water rts., contracts, &c.....	1,705,918	1,849,604	Minor stkholders' int. in Santa Ana Sugar Co.....	\$39,729	1,372,522
Cash.....	378,335	544,035	1st M. 7% s. f. bds.....	3,500,000	
Notes & acc'ts rec.....	395,581	733,209	Accounts payable.....	134,917	74,932
Agric. & other adv.....	458,857	867,621	Accr. int., taxes, &c.....	450,365	
Refined sugar.....	1,470,777	1,268,344	Bills payable.....		3,982,400
Materials & supp.....	513,865	607,446	Res'v'e for deprcc.....	3,435,321	2,958,745
Cattle and feed.....	152,331	129,641	Contingency res'v'e.....	1,031,093	841,742
Deferred charges.....	869,740	72,868	Insurance reserve.....	48,651	
Total.....	\$16,715,406	\$16,729,960	Total.....	\$16,715,406	\$16,729,960

x Equity, being capital and surplus applicable to 67,298 shares of no par value, subject to deferred cumulative dividends of \$442,750 on Prof. stock. The usual income account was published in V. 116, p. 3002.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Consol. Balance Sheet.—

Assets—	May 31 '23	Nov. 30 '22	Liabilities—	May 31 '23	Nov. 30 '22
Real estate, plant & equipment.....	\$8,871,641	\$8,828,301	Capital stock.....	\$13,201,000	\$13,201,000
Cash.....	6,329,939	7,236,548	Current accounts pay., not due.....	6,811,155	3,957,491
U. S. Treas. Notes.....	4,000,000		Taxes, payrolls & sundries accr.....		1,122,189
Slight drafts against B. L. attached.....	2,886,402	2,385,802	Federal taxes.....	591,056	20
Accts. rec. & trade acceptances.....	618,837	497,220	Fed. taxes pay.....	635,200	1,012,200
Inventories.....	7,190,926	5,378,007	Surplus.....	7,934,764	5,289,475
Investments.....	69,110	68,220			
Deferred charges.....	329,410	139,989	Tot. (each side).....	\$30,296,265	\$24,534,087

x Real estate, plant and equipment, \$13,599,233 (including equity in land purchased, subject to \$267,700 balance of purchase price not due), less depreciation reserve, \$4,727,591. y Capital stock: 1,200,000 shares without par value, \$13,200,000, and 100 shares, \$10 par value, \$1,000.

The income account for the six months ended May 31 1923 was published in V. 116, p. 2889.

The company in June last shipped 4,695 Hudson and 5,290 Essex cars, a total of 9,985. Production schedule for July, it is stated, has been set at 10,625.—V. 116, p. 2889.

Humble Oil & Refg. Co.—Orders New Equipment.—

The company has closed a contract with the Chicago Bridge & Iron Works, calling for the delivery and erection of 10 80,000-barrel oil storage tanks. This order is in addition to one for a similar amount placed a few weeks ago. Both contracts call for the consumption of approximately 6,000 tons of steel.—V. 116, p. 3002.

Hupp Motor Car Co.—Output.—

The company in the first six months of 1923 turned out 24,126 cars, an increase of 37% over the corresponding period of 1922. The schedule for the last half has been placed at 20,000 cars, which will bring total production for the year up to about 44,000, or 10,000 more cars than were turned out last year.—V. 116, p. 2771.

Huron-Copper Mining Co.—New Company.—

See Big Ledge Copper Co. above.

Indiana Electric Corp.—Bond Issue Authorized.—

The Indiana P. S. Commission has authorized the company to issue at once \$500,000 of bonds at 90% of par. In June last the corporation pe-

titioned for authority to issue \$2,760,000 bonds, \$300,000 Preferred stock and \$619,000 Common stock. Later it urged the Commission, because of an emergency, to issue an order immediately authorizing it to sell \$500,000 worth of securities while the Commission is investigating the merits of the complete petition.—V. 116, p. 2772.

Indiana General Service Co.—Earnings.—

Quarters ended March 31—	1923.	1922.
Gross operating revenue.....	\$715,662	\$591,137
Operating expenses and taxes.....	511,557	428,982
Net non-operating revenue.....	Cr. 1,072	Cr. 1,013
Total net revenue.....	\$205,177	\$163,168
Interest on bonds.....	53,850	42,324
Other interest and deductions.....	10,472	24,952
Net income.....	\$140,855	\$95,892

—V. 115, p. 766.

Indianapolis Water Co.—Retires Preferred Stock.—

All of the outstanding \$1,017,000 7% Preferred stock has been retired at 103 and dividends. The company now has an authorized capital of \$5,000,000 Common stock, all outstanding. (See also V. 116, p. 1282, 1184.)—V. 116, p. 2772.

International Agricultural Corp.—May Reorganize.—
It is stated that the corporation is completing plans for a reorganization and readjustment of its capital, which will furnish the needed working capital.—V. 116, p. 2015.

International Paper Co.—Earnings.—

President Philip T. Dodge says in substance: "Our earnings continue satisfactory. The consumption of newsprint shows no signs of diminution and demand is at the peak. Beginning with March net earnings available for dividends showed an improvement and that month's statement showed about \$415,000 available for dividends. There has been some slight falling off since then on account of wage advances, but earnings are close to March figure. Our mills are operating at slightly above normal capacity."—V. 116, p. 2521.

Jersey Central Power & Light Corp.—Debenture Bonds Offered.—Bolster, Pratt, Gillespie & Co., Inc., Frederick Peirce & Co. (Phila.), Charles D. Robbins & Co., Bainbridge & Ryan, and Untermyer, Richardson & Moss, Inc., New York, are offering, at 98¼ and interest, to yield about 7¼%, \$1,250,000 10-Year 7% Conv. Deb. Gold Bonds. A circular shows:

Dated May 1 1923. Due May 1 1933. Int. payable M. & N. at Equitable Trust Co. New York, trustee, or Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Penn. 4 mill tax, Conn. 4 mill tax, Maryland 4½ mill tax and Mass. 6¼% income tax refundable. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Redeemable, all or part, on 30 days' notice on any interest date to and including May 1 1924 at 107 and int.; thereafter to and incl. May 1 1925 at 105 and int.; this premium of 5% decreasing at the rate of ½% of 1% on each Nov. 1 thereafter; and on Nov. 1 1932 at 100 and interest.

Company.—Supplies electric light and power service to some 40 communities in Central New Jersey, through local operating companies, all the stocks and bonds of which are owned by it. The territory served includes part of a great metropolitan district, tributary and suburban to New York City, and which is steadily growing in population. Present population in excess of 100,000. The communities served include Morrisstown, Summit, Lakewood, Spring Lake and Toms River. Corporation also controls (through ownership of more than 78% of its Common stock) the Tide Water Power Co. This company does all the electric light and power, gas and electric railway business in Wilmington, N. C., and suburbs and, through a subsidiary, all the electric light and power business of St. Petersburg and Clearwater, Fla.

Security.—Secured by a lien, subject only to the lien of the First Lien bonds, on all the properties of the New Jersey operating companies referred to above, through pledge of all outstanding securities of such companies, including all of their bonds and stocks, except that in the case of Toms River Electric Co. no bonds are outstanding or pledged. The issuance of such pledged bonds and stocks has been authorized by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners of New Jersey. The Debenture bonds are additionally secured by a first lien on over 78% of the common stock of Tide Water Power Co. pledged with the trustee as collateral.

Combined Earnings of Corporation and of Its New Jersey Constituent Companies for Twelve Months Ended April 30 1923.

Gross earnings.....	\$1,217,024
Oper. exp. (incl. curr. maint. & taxes other than Fed. inc. taxes).....	740,899
Net earnings.....	\$476,125
Non-operating income.....	32,970
Gross income.....	\$509,095
Annual interest requirements on First Lien Bonds, Series A.....	227,500
Annual int. requirements on 10-Year 7% Deb. bonds outstand'g.....	87,500
Balance.....	\$184,095

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund is provided in an amount equal to 1% of this issue of Debenture bonds in each of the years from 1924 to 1928, incl., and 1½% of this issue of debenture bonds in each of the years from 1929 to 1932, incl. The sinking fund is payable semi-annually in cash or may be satisfied by the surrender of bonds of this issue at their par value. All moneys in the sinking fund are to be used for the purchase or redemption of Debenture bonds and all bonds acquired by the sinking fund are to be canceled.

Conversion Privilege.—Debenture bonds are convertible at any time into the fully paid and non-assessable 7% Cumul. Prof. stock on the basis of par for Prof. stock and the then current redemption price for the Debenture bonds. This privilege may be exercised at any time until the maturity date of the Debenture bonds or the redemption date of any Debenture bonds which may be called prior to maturity.

For further description of property, capitalization, &c., see V. 116, p. 2395 and 2772.—V. 116, p. 2889.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.—Permanent Certificates.—

The Bankers Trust Co. is now prepared to deliver permanent engraved stock certificates for Preferred and Common stock in exchange for temporary certificates.—V. 116, p. 944, 612.

Kaufman-Straus Co., Inc., Louisville.—Prof. Stk. Offered. James C. Wilson & Co., George T. Wood & Son and Block, Fetter & Trost are offering at 100 and div. \$100,000 7% Cum. Prof. (a. & d.) stock. Divs. payable Q.-M. Red., all or part, at 110 and div. on 60 days' notice. A circular shows:

Capitalization (No Bonds)—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
7% Cumulative Preferred stock.....	\$300,000	\$298,800
Common stock (par value \$100).....	750,000	510,000

Company.—Engaged in merchandising of ladies' ready-to-wear, millinery, shoes, gloves, hosiery, silks, velvets, dress goods, upholstery, draperies, rugs and carpets, laces, ribbons and vellings, china and glassware, books and stationery, men's furnishings, boys' and youths' clothing, infants' goods, toilet articles, perfumery, leather goods and jewelry, wash goods, art work and housekeeping articles, &c. Business established in 1878.

Earnings.—Net earnings applicable to payment of dividends, after allowing for inventory charge offs and adjustments, reserves and Federal taxes, have averaged, for a period of 5 years, \$126,068 per annum, or more than 6 times amount required to pay dividends on this Preferred stock.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in the retirement of Common stock held in an estate, the beneficiaries of which have no active part in the management of the company.

Keefe Realty Corp., Montreal.—Bonds Offered.—W. A. Mackenzie & Co., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at 100 flat to July 1 1923 \$750,000 6½% 1st (Closed) Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated June 1 1923, maturing June 1 1943. Int. payable J. & D. at Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal, Toronto, or at the agency of the bank in N. Y.

at the holder's option. Red, as a whole on any int. date on 30 days' notice on or after June 1 1933, and in part for sinking fund purposes only on or after June 1 1927 at 105 and int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Trustee and registrar, Montreal Trust Co., Montreal, Que.

Capitalization table with columns: Capitalization, Authorized, Issued. Rows include Capital stock (par value \$100), First (closed) Mortgage bonds, Second Mortgage bonds.

The corporation will acquire the property known as Cadastral lot number 1580 in Montreal. This property has a frontage of 123 ft. on St. Catherine St. by 111 ft. on Mackay St. and contains approximately 13,653 sq. ft. on which the corporation will proceed immediately to erect a modern 10-story and office building to be completed not later than March 1 1924.

Kellogg-Mackay Co., Chicago.—Notes Offered.—Federal Securities Corp., Chicago, and the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, are offering at prices ranging from 96.45 and int. to 100 and int., to yield from 6 1/2% to 7%, according to maturity, \$800,000 6 1/2% Serial Gold notes.

Dated June 1 1923. Due serially June 1 1924 to 1933. Int. payable J. & D. in New York City or Chicago or at Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penna. and Conn. 4-mills tax, Mass. income tax not in excess of 6 1/2% and Maryland securities tax refundable. Denom., \$1,000 and \$500, and \$100 c*. Red. all or part at 105 and int.

Data From Letter of Pres. C. V. Kellogg, Chicago, June 26. Company.—Has grown from a small business, originally organized in 1898 with an investment of approximately \$10,000, to its present position in the industry, with net assets approximating \$2,600,000.

Company, incorporated in Maine, is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country, engaged in the sale of steam and hot water heating apparatus, including boilers and radiators, as well as plumbing supplies, pipe and fittings.

Capitalization After This Financing table with columns: Capitalization, Authorized, Outstanding. Rows include 6 1/2% Serial Gold notes (closed issue), 7% Cumulative Preferred stock, Common stock (par \$100).

Earnings Years Ending Dec. 31 1922. Table with columns: Year, Net Sales, Net Earnings. Rows for 1917, 1918, 1919.

Net earnings available for interest after amortization and depreciation, but before taxes. y After \$120,000 inventory depreciation. Gross sales for the first five months of 1923 are almost double those for the same period last year, while the net earnings for these months on the basis reported above are greater than any similar five months period in the company's history.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire mortgages on the property now owned and to reduce outstanding debt.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1922 (After This Financing).

Balance Sheet table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Cash in bank, Notes & acct's receivable, Inventories, U. S. Govt., &c., securities, Life insurance, Fixed assets, Other assets, Total.

Kemper-Thomas Co., Cincinnati.—Pref. Stock Offered. Irwin, Ballmann & Co., Cincinnati, are offering at 103 and div. \$300,000 7% Cum. Pref. (a. & d.) stock. Divs. payable Q.-M. Red. at 110 and div. Transfer agent, First Nat. Bank of Cincinnati; registrar, Citizens Nat. Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati. A circular shows:

Capitalization table for Kemper-Thomas Co. with columns: Capitalization, Authorized, Outstanding. Rows include Common stock, Preferred stock, Preferred stock special.

Listing.—Application will be made to list securities on Cin. Stock Exch. Purpose.—To pay for the enlargement of factory and the purchase of new machinery and equipment.

Company.—Is known favorably all over the United States. Reproducing by color process work, original oil and water color paintings by well-known artists, copyrighted by the company; manufactures high-grade art calendars for advertising purposes, direct-by-mail monthly service, fans, &c., also cloth goods, in large quantities, used by national manufacturing firms, and numerous novelties used as gifts and souvenirs for advertising purposes, including high-grade leather goods.

Kentucky & West Virginia Power Co., Inc.—Acquis.—The company has acquired the lines and franchises of the Sandy Valley Light & Power Co. and will extend the system.—V. 115, p. 1949.

Laconia Car Co.—Notes Paid—Earnings.—The \$200,000 8% notes due July 1 1923 have been paid off. Earnings for the seven months ending April 30 1923, after interest and other charges, is reported at \$137,000. This compares with earnings for the year ended Sept. 30 1922 of \$131,726.—V. 115, p. 2801, 2693.

Lanston Monotype Machine Co.—Bal. Sheet Mar. 1.—Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Real est., mach., Rigs, fixt., &c., Rights, franchises, Impr. & patents, Cash, Bills & acct's. rec'd, Inventory, Investments, Total.

The income account for the past four years was given in V. 116, p. 2015, 2395.

Lawrence Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet April 30.—(As filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.)

Lawrence Mfg. Co. Balance Sheet table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Real estate, Machinery, Merchandise, Cash & acct's. rec'd, Securities, Prepaid insurance, Total.

Libbey-Owens Sheet Glass Co.—New Plant.—The directors have authorized immediate construction of a new glass plant at Toledo, O. For this purpose, the company recently purchased the 117-acre Rideout farm on the mainline of the New York Central RR. at its junction with the Hocking Valley Ry. in East Toledo, O. The new plant, it is stated, will have an ultimate capacity of 15,000,000 square feet of polished plate glass annually.—V. 116, p. 622.

Loew's Boston Theatres Co.—Special 4% Dividend.—The directors have authorized a dividend of 4%, payable in Preferred stock of the State Theatres Co. to holders of record July 2, as soon after this record date as possible.

The directors have also authorized the purchase of additional Preferred stock of the State Theatres Co. at 90 to enable the company to distribute the dividend.—V. 116, p. 2396.

Long-Bell Lumber Co.—Consol. Bal. Sheet (Incl. Subs.)

[Balance sheet as at Dec. 30 1922, after giving effect to the application of the proceeds to be derived from \$10,000,000 1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund bonds, Series "B." See offering in V. 116, p. 3003.]

Long-Bell Lumber Co. Assets table with columns: Assets. Rows include Plant, buildings & equipment, less depreciation, Timber land, farm & ranch lands, &c., Townsites, &c., Columbia River bottom lands, Cash, Proceeds from 1st Mtge. 6% S. F. bonds, Securities readily marketable, Notes and accounts receivable, Freight paid—recoverable, Inventories, Cash surrender value of life insurance, Demand loans, due from brokers, 1st M. 6% S. F. bonds in treasury for corporate purposes, Other assets, Deferred charges, Total.

Long-Bell Lumber Co. Liabilities table with columns: Liabilities. Rows include Capital stock (authorized \$30,000,000) outstanding, Minority shareholders' interest in subsidiary companies' capital, 1st M. 6% S. F. Gold bonds (auth. \$30,000,000), outstanding, Timber land & plant purchase contracts & mortgage notes, Other notes payable, Notes payable to individuals, Accounts payable, Accrued interest and taxes, Res. for income taxes, \$629,000; res. for contingencies, \$260,145; other reserves, \$328,712, Surplus, including appreciation of book value of land and stumpage to basis of appraisal, Total.

McCrory Stores Corp.—Preferred Stock Offered.—Merrill, Lynch & Co., are offering at par and div. the unsold portion of \$3,000,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) Stock not taken by stockholders.

Dividends payable quarterly, beginning Aug. 1 1923. Sinking fund 3% per annum beginning May 1 1926. Redeemable, all or part, at 110 and divs.

McCrory Stores Corp. Capitalization table with columns: Capitalization, Authorized. Rows include Preferred Stock, 7% Cumulative (par \$100), Common Stock (no par value), Common Stock, Class "B," no par value.

Corporation.—Operates 165 5-and-10-cent stores in nearly all the States east of the Mississippi River. Business has not had an unprofitable year during the past 37 years.

McCrory Stores Corp. Earnings for Calendar Years (with 1923 Estimated). Table with columns: Year, Stores, Sales, Net after Taxes, Divs. on New Pref. Stock, Div. on Pref. Stock.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each Pref. stock certificate, at the time of issue, will be accompanied by a stock purchase warrant entitling the holder of such warrant to purchase on or before Dec. 31 1930 new non-voting Class "B" Common Stock at \$40 per share on the basis of 2 1/2 shares of Class "B" Common Stock for each share of Pref. Stock represented by each such Pref. Stock certificate. The warrants contain appropriate provisions by which the number of shares of Class "B" Common stock, which the holders of the warrants will be entitled to receive, without additional payment, will be increased in the event of the payment of stock dividends prior to Jan. 1 1928, exceeding a certain fixed amount per annum, or the sale by the corporation of Common or Class "B" Common stock at less than \$40 per share.

Listing.—Application will be made to list Pref. stock on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31 1922 [Adjusted to Give Effect to New Financing, Including Redemption of the Former Issue of Preferred Stock on July 1 1923].

McCrory Stores Corp. Consolidated Balance Sheet table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Merchandise & supplies, Due from employees, acct' of stock subscribers, &c, Acct's receiv., less res'v'es, Life insurance policies, Cash, McCrory Realty Corp.—Common stock, Advances, &c., Permp. imp s., &c., less dep., Rents paid in adv., &c., Goodwill, Total.

Mack Trucks, Inc.—Earnings for Second Quarter.—For the second quarter of 1923, ending on June 30, the volume of business and net profits of the company were the largest they have ever been in the history of the company.

Earnings for the six months ended June 30 (June partly estimated) will be in excess of \$4,000,000, after setting up ample reserves for taxes and contingencies.

Orders are coming in at a greater rate than ever before at this season of the year, and reports from the company's branches indicate that it will not experience the usual seasonal summer lull in business to any extent. The company has shown great judgment in the purchase of its inventory and has no material on hand except to take care of orders booked.—V. 116, p. 2016, 1539.

Magee Furnace Co.—New Financing.—See Magee Realty Corp. below.—V. 116, p. 2773.

Magee Realty Corp., Taunton, Mass.—Bonds Offered.—C. D. Parker & Co., Boston, are offering at 100 and int. \$575,000 20-Year 7% 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund Gold bonds. A circular shows:

By the provisions of a 30-year lease, the Magee Furnace Co., Boston, agrees to pay a rental sufficient for interest, sinking funds, taxes, maintenance, renewals, dividends and all expenses of the Magee Realty Corp. Dated June 15 1923. Due June 15 1943. Int. payable J. & D. at Citizens National Bank, Boston. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Corporation agrees to refund all income taxes (other than succession, estate and inheritance taxes) assessed by Mass. not in excess of 8% per annum (present rate 6.6%) and agrees to pay the normal Federal income tax of 2% and to refund an additional amount not in excess of 2%. Citizens National Bank, Boston, Mass., trustee.

Sinking Fund.—Company shall on or before Nov. 15 1924 and each year thereafter, deposit not less than \$28,750 (in monthly payments of \$2,396 each, beginning Nov. 15 1923) in the sinking fund for retirement of bonds of this issue.

Security.—A closed first mortgage on the entire real estate, plant and equipment now owned, and on any fixed assets that may hereafter be acquired by the corporation or by the Magee Furnace Co., and is further

secured by a 30-year lease of its property to the Magee Furnace Co., which lease is deposited with the trustee.

Net Income.—The annual net income under the terms of the lease will amount to more than 2½ times the interest on the largest amount of bonds that will be outstanding at any one time.

Purpose.—The Magee Realty Corp. bonds, Preferred and Common stock were issued to the Magee Furnace Co. in payment for its entire real estate, machinery and equipment.

Mayflower-Old Colony Copper Co.—Annual Report.—Calendar Years—1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Receipts, Payments, Balance, surplus, etc.

Metropolitan Edison Co. (of Pa.)—Bonds Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at 97½ and int., to yield about 6.20%, \$1,000,000 First & Ref. Mtge. Gold Bonds, Series B, 6%. Dated Feb. 1 1922. Due Feb. 1 1952

Listing.—The original issue of Series B bonds is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and application will be made to list these bonds.

Data from Letter of President E. L. West, Reading, Pa., June 27.

Company.—Owns and operates electric light and power properties in an extensive territory in eastern Pennsylvania, serving Reading and Lebanon, Pa., and 64 other communities, and supplies practically all of the power used by the Reading Transit & Light Co.

Principal plant located at West Reading on the Schuylkill River, will have, upon completion of a 30,000 k. w. unit now being installed, a generating capacity of 71,500 k. w. Power is distributed through 12 principal sub-stations having aggregate installed capacity of 50,800 k. w.

Capitalization After Present Financing—Metrop. Edison Co. mtge. Series A 8s, 1935, Series B 6s, 1952, Series C 5s, 1953, Underlying 5% bonds, Pref. stock, Common stock.

Issuance of additional bonds restricted by the provisions of the mortgage. Closed mortgage—bonds are issuable under the mortgage securing this present issue for retirement of underlying bonds.

Company has agreed to guaranty by endorsement the payment of principal and interest on \$3,250,000 First Mtge. Gold Bonds, Series A, 6%, due June 1 1953, of the Metropolitan Power Co.

Purpose.—For capital expenditures in accordance with the provisions of the mortgage.

Earnings 12 Months Ended—May 31 '23, Dec. 31 '22, Dec. 31 '21. Gross earnings, Oper. exp., Net earnings.

Middle States Oil Corp.—M. S. O. Road.—The company has received reports from Wyoming that the railroad and transportation facilities being constructed in that State by a Middle States syndicate expects to have its first section from the Chicago & North Western Ry. to the Salt Creek oil field, hauling freight by the end of July.

Miliken Bros. (Inc.), N. Y.—Final Liquidating Dividend.—The liquidating trustees have ordered the final distribution, amounting to 65 cents, upon each share of Pref. stock, payable to Preferred stockholders of record July 12 upon surrender of certificates at the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., 22 William St., N. Y., on or after July 18.

Modern Glass Co., Toledo.—Sale.—The sale of the properties has again been set for July 17 at Toledo.

Montgomery, Ward & Co., Chicago.—Sales—Purchase.—1923—June—1922. Increase. 1923—6 Mos.—1922. Increase.

Montpelier & Barre Light & Power Co.—Rates.—The Vermont P. S. Commission has issued an order approving an increase in the power rates of the company, to become effective from April 1 1923.

Moon Motor Car Co. (St. Louis).—Earnings.—Period—Month of May 1923. 5 Mos. end. May 31 '23. Net income before taxes.

(J. W.) Murray Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Earns. after int. & taxes.

Assets—1922, 1921. Liabilities—1922, 1921. Preferred stock, Common stock, Serial debentures, Pureh. money oblig, Mtges. payable, Notes & accts. pay, Acceptances, Deprec. reserve, Res. for taxes, Deferred liabilities, Surplus.

Total (ea. side), \$5,305,042, \$2,826,226. V. 116, p. 2890, 2265.

Netcher Building Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Ames, Am-erich & Co. and A. G. Becker & Co. are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. Leasehold 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1923. Due July 1 1933. Callable as a whole, but not in part except for sinking fund, on 30 days' notice at 107½ on any int. date prior to July 1 1928, and at 105 on that date and on any int. date thereafter.

Company.—Organized in Illinois to acquire the leasehold and building at 16 North State St., Chicago, occupied by the Boston Store.

The building consists of 17 stories and 2 basements, constituting the north section of the Boston Store located at what is known as "the busiest corner in the world" at State and Madison Sts., Chicago.

Security.—The bonds will be secured by a closed first mortgage on all the property of the corporation, which has an appraised value of \$1,790,000.

Income.—Boston Store of Chicago, Inc. has a lease on this building until 1941 at an annual rental of \$180,000 plus maintenance, insurance and taxes.

New Cornelia Copper Co.—Production.—Month of—June 1923, May 1923, April 1923, March 1923. Copper production (lbs.)

New England Steamship Co.—Balance Sheet May 8.—[As filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.] Assets—1923, 1922. Liabilities—1923, 1922.

New Mexico & Arizona Land Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—Assets—1922, 1921. Liabilities—1922, 1921.

New York State Gas & Electric Corp.—Exchange Offer.—For offer to exchange 1st Mtge. 5½% Gold bonds for bonds of Southern New York Power & Ry. Corp. see that company under "Railroads" above.

Capitalization.—(a) Bonds: 1st Mtge. bonds, 5½% series, due 1062, \$2,314,000; 6% series, due 1952, \$700,000; Divisional Lien bonds, \$82,000; total bonds, \$3,096,000.

Earnings—Calendar Years—1920, 1921, 1922. Gross earnings, Expenses & taxes (except Federal taxes), Net earnings.

Nichols Copper Co.—New Officer.—Julian B. Beaty has been elected Vice-Pres. & Secretary.

Oldham, (N. Y.) Saw Works, Inc.—Bond Issue.—The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for \$250,000 1st & Ref. 8% Gold bonds dated June 1 1923, due June 1 1933.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Obituary.—John A. Britton, Vice-President and General Manager, died June 29.

Packard Motor Car Co.—Production.—The company in the first six months of 1923 produced approximately 12,000 cars, against 5,800 for the same period of 1922 and 9,600 in the last half of 1922.

Park City Mining & Smelting Co.—Production.—This company and the Park-Utah Co., both of Park City, and under the same management, during the first quarter of 1923 together produced 2,524 oz. gold, 1,470,430 oz. silver, 5,373,054 lb. lead, 572,152 lb. copper, 2,648,999 lb. of recoverable zinc, and 670,000 lb. spelter.

Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co.—Earnings.—It is estimated that net earnings for the half-year ended June 30 were in excess of \$16,000,000, or \$6 40 a share on approximately 2,500,000 shares outstanding.

Pan Motor Co., St. Cloud, Minn.—Sale.—The company's plant will be sold at public auction Aug. 1 at St. Cloud, under an order issued by Judge John A. Roesser in the U. S. District Court.

Pathe Exchange, Inc.—Bonds Called.—Seventy 10-Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold bonds of \$1,000 each, 18 bonds of \$500 each and 30 of \$100 each (total \$82,000) have been called for payment Sept. 1 at 110 and int. at the Harriman National Bank, trustee, New York City.

Peerless Truck & Motor Corp.—Declares Two Dividends—New Directors—Earnings.—

President R. H. Collins states: "In view of the present financial condition of the company, it was the consensus of opinion of the board that as the dividend for the year had been earned it might as well be declared at this time. Consequently it was voted to declare dividends at the rate of \$1 a share for the last two quarters of the year, one being paid Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 20 and the other will be paid Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 20."

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.—Listing—Acquis'n.

The London Stock Exchange has granted an official quotation to \$1.315... 000 First Mtge. Sinking Fund 5% gold bonds, making the total amount of bonds listed \$1,473,000.

Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.—Shipments.—

The company in June shipped 170 passenger cars and 152 trucks, a total of 322 vehicles. For the six months ended June 30 last 1,118 passenger cars and 1,039 trucks were delivered, making a total of 2,157 units, compared with 509 passenger cars and 635 motor trucks, or an aggregate of 1,144 vehicles for the period in 1922.

Pittsburgh Rolls Corp.—Bonds Stricken Off List.—

The Committee on Securities of the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has stricken from the list \$1,000,000 6% 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund Conv. Gold bonds, due July 1 1932. The directors on Feb. 10 1923 ordered these bonds redeemed on July 1 1923 at 105.

Potomac Edison Co.—Officers.—

Officers include: Emory L. Coblenz, Chairman; M. F. Riley, President; C. M. Harris, Vice-President, all of Hagerstown, Md., and R. Paul Smith, of Cumberland, Md., General Manager.—V. 116, p. 2522; V. 109, p. 682.

Public Service Electric Power Co.—Plant Site.—

President Thomas N. McCarter announces that the company has selected the site for the erection of the new \$4,000,000 plant. The station will be built in two units of 200,000 h. p. each, and will be located on the Hackensack River between the Lincoln Highway and the Newark Turnpike, and when completed will constitute one of the largest steam power plants in the world.—V. 116, p. 1770, 1659.

Punta Alegre Sugar Co., Boston, Mass.—Status.—

A published statement, understood by the "Chronicle" to be substantially correct, says: The company on May 31 had cash, receivables and unsold sugars inventoried at 5.60 cents, totaling \$10,300,000. Payables, including tax reserves, bond interest accrued and \$225,000 bond sinking fund requirements, totaled \$1,500,000, leaving excess of cash, receivables and sugar on hand \$8,800,000.

Pure Oil Co.—To Open New Service Stations.—

The company recently announced that it is to open 22 new service stations within the next two months. Eleven new stations have been opened in the New York metropolitan district during the past week. The opening of the additional stations will give the company 40 stations in and about New York, consisting of 7 in New Jersey, 8 in Westchester County, 8 in Manhattan and Bronx, and 17 in Brooklyn and Long Island.—V. 116, p. 2891.

(Robert) Reis & Co.—Sales (Incl. Subsidiaries).—

Six Months ended June 30— 1923. 1922. Gross sales \$3,889,460 \$3,183,605 —V. 116, p. 1659, 1286.

Reliance Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1922. 1921. 1920. 1919. Earnings after int. but bef. Fed. tax. \$1,012,425 \$481,756 \$79,159 \$1,087,005

Balance Sheet December 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for 1922 and 1921. Assets include Land, bldgs. & eq., Cash, Accts receivable, Inventory, Investment, Life insur. policies, cash surr. value, Deferred charges. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, Notes payable, Accounts payable, taxes, &c., Reserve for contingencies, Surplus.

Replogle Steel Co.—Earnings 3 Mos. ended March 31 1923.

Net loss after expenses, taxes, &c. \$36,106 Reserve for depreciation 73,759 Total loss \$109,865

Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31 1923.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Property, plant & railroads, less depreciation & depletion, Stocks & bonds, Cash, Accounts & notes receivable of affiliated companies, Inventories, Deferred charges, Deficit. Liabilities include Capital stock, Accounts & wages payable, Reserve for insurance, taxes, &c., Deferred items in suspense.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.—Outlook, &c.—

Hayden, Stone & Co., in their weekly market letter June 29, state: "The company is now in excellent financial position, with current assets as of March 31 1923 of over \$30,000,000, as against liabilities of \$4,368,000, a ratio of 7 to 1. It had unfilled orders at the same date of 333,000 tons, the largest amount on its books since the close of 1919. Preferred dividends in arrears amount to \$5 per share."—V. 116, p. 2397.

Salt Creek Producers' Association.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 16. Like amounts were paid May 1 last Compare V. 116, p. 1542, 2140.

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Harris, Forbes & Co., Blyth, Witter & Co. and

H. M. Bylesby & Co. are offering, at 98 and interest, to yield about 6.15%, \$1,438,000 First & Ref. Mtge. 6% Gold Bonds, Series C. Dated March 1 1921. Due March 1 1947. A circular shows

Optional at 105 and interest to and including Sept. 1 1930; at 104 and interest through Sept. 1 1935; at 103 and interest through March 1 1938; at 102 and interest through Sept. 1 1942; at 101 and interest through March 1 1946; at 100 1/2 and interest through Sept. 1 1946. Interest payable M. & S. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%.

Table with columns for Capitalization and Earnings. Capitalization includes Preferred Stock (7% Cumulative), Common Stock (paying 10%), First Mortgage 5s, March 1 1939, First & Ref. Mtge. Bonds, Series A 6s, 1939, Series B 5s, 1947 (V. 115, p. 769), Series C 6s, due March 1 1947 (this issue). Earnings Years Ended April 30: 1923, 1922.

Table showing Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earn. avail. for int., depr., amort. & divs., Annual bond interest, Balance, and V. 116, p. 2140.

Scranton (Pa.) Electric Co.—Tenders.—

The United States Mortgage & Trust Co., trustee, will until July 16 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds dated July 1 1907, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$127,978, and at a price not exceeding 110 and int.—V. 115, p. 184.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—June Sales.—

1923—June—1922. Increase. \$13,333,349 \$10,910,108 \$2,423,241 \$106,777,257 \$82,503,225 \$24,274,032 —V. 116, p. 2523, 2018.

Seneca Copper Corp.—Authorizes Bond Issue.—

The shareholders on June 30 authorized the issuance as of July 1 1923 of \$1,500,000 10-Year Convertible 7% bonds. To cover conversion of the bonds the stockholders have authorized an increase in the capital stock to 450,000 shares of no par value from 350,000 shares of no par. Compare V. 116, p. 2892.

Silver Dyke Mining Co.—Listing.—

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized for the list temporary notes for \$600,000 7% Sinking Fund Gold notes dated June 1 1923, due June 1 1928, guaranteed as to principal and interest by American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co. See offering in V. 116, p. 2647.

Sonoco Products Co., Hartsville, S. C.—Bonds Offered.—

Fred'k E. Nolting & Co., Richmond, Va., Trust Company of Norfolk (Va.) and Trust Company of South Carolina, Hartsville, S. C., are offering at par and int. \$600,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 15-Year 7% Sinking Fund Convertible Gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated July 2 1923. Due July 1 1938. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Int. payable J. & J. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Callable by lot for sinking fund purposes and as a whole after three years at 107 1/2 and int. for first two years and at 1/2 of 1% less each year thereafter. Convertible at any time after date of issue into 8% Cumulative Preferred stock. Trust Co. of South Carolina, Hartsville, S. C., trustee (and transfer agent and registrar for the Preferred stock). Interest and principal payable at office of trustee and at First National Bank, Richmond, Va.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to retire \$100,000 of Preferred stock now outstanding and to provide in part funds for the erection of additional plant and installation of machinery, so as to practically double the present capacity output of company.

Company.—Manufactures and sells paper and paper cones and tubes used by yarn mills. Commencing business about 25 years ago with a paid-in capital of approximately \$5,000, company has from earnings increased its assets to approximately \$1,000,000 and is now experiencing so large a demand for its products from the Southern and Eastern yarn mills that the management has decided to double its output capacity. Company supplies about 80% of the tubes and cones used by the yarn mills in the South and a large percentage of those used by the yarn mills in the East. Company manufactures its own paper, converting this into cones and tubes. Property consists of paper and board mills and 31 acres of land situated at Hartsville, S. C.

Earnings.—Since date of its organization company has shown uninteruptedly net profits earned each year and during this period has averaged in net profits, after all interest charges and depreciation, 19.42% on the amount of capital employed. During the last 3 1/2 years net earnings after depreciation have averaged \$77,825. Applying this rate of earnings to its increased capitalization, the company would earn its interest charges over 4 1/2 times.

Table with columns for Capitalization and Authorized. Capitalization includes First Mortgage 7% Conv. bonds (this issue), 8% Cumulative Preferred stock, Common stock, Surplus. Authorized amounts are \$600,000, 600,000, 600,000, 363,089.

Southern Illinois Lt. & Pr. Corp.—Exchange of Stocks.—

Under date of June 1 the holders of certificates of the 6% Pref. stock were advised of the consolidation of the properties formerly owned into the Illinois Power & Light Corp. and offering to exchange their stock for stock of the new corporation. Holders of certificates for the Pref. stock of Southern Illinois Light & Power Co., for each share owned, are entitled to receive one share of the 7% Cumulative Pref. stock of Illinois Power & Light Corp. The Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, has consented to act as an agent for the receipt of certificates for the 6% Pref. stock of certificates for 7% Cumul. Pref. stock in the new Illinois Power & Light Corp. Those who so prefer may surrender their certificates direct to the corporation, in care of Guy C. Lane, Compton Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. Compare Illinois Traction Co. above and Illinois Power & Light Corp. in V. 116, p. 1532, 2015, 2388, 2637.—V. 116, p. 1542.

Southwestern Gas & Electric Co.—Rates Increased.—

The Louisiana P. S. Commission has ordered an increase in the rates for industrial gas, no change in the rates for domestic gas, and a reduction in electric light and power rates, all effective June 1 1923.—V. 115, p. 1847.

Springfield (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—To Issue Stock.—

The company has applied to the Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities for authority to issue at \$37.50 per share \$647,925 additional capital stock, par \$25, the proceeds to be used to pay off floating debt incurred for plant extensions. The company recently changed the par value of its stock from \$100 to \$25 per share.—V. 116, p. 2398.

Springfield (Mass.) Realty Corp.—Listing.—

The Boston Stock Exchange has authorized for the list \$250,000 8% 20-Year 1st Mtge. Gold Coupon bonds, guaranteed as to principal and interest by Van Norman Machine Tool Co. The bonds are dated Feb. 15 1922, due Feb. 15 1942. Int. payable F. & A. at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee.

Standard Oil Co. of California.—Oil Purchase, &c.—

The company is notifying all producers from whom it is purchasing crude oil under contract that, effective immediately, deliveries under such contracts will be restricted to the maximum quantity specified therein. Further contracts entered into by the company will specify a maximum delivery of not to exceed 30,000 bbls. per month, notwithstanding the large increase in pipel line and storage facilities provided by the company within the past few months, to which the company is still adding. The above action has become necessary in order to enable the company to meet its contractual obligations.

An official announcement says: "All contracts the company has for the purchase of crude oil specify a maximum quantity the company is obligated to buy, but it has been the practice under normal conditions for the company to accept all the oil from the wells covered by the contract, even though in excess of the specified maximum. In April of this year the company found it necessary to cut off 25% of such excess deliveries. Last week the company made a further cut of 50% of all excess deliveries and the present action restricts all deliveries to contract maximums."

The company has contracted to deliver 3,200,000 barrels of Panuco heavy crude oil as follows: 1,200,000 barrels to the National Rys. of Mexico at 75 cents a barrel, deliverable 60,000 barrels monthly to loading racks at Tampico; 500,000 barrels to the Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd., at 70 cents a barrel, delivery to tanker at Tampico; 300,000 barrels monthly for two months to the Freport Sulphur Gulf Co. at 72 cents a barrel at Tampico; 900,000 barrels to the East Coast Oil Co. (Southern Pacific Co.) at 70 cents a barrel, deliverable 10,000 barrels daily at Panuco on renewed contract.—V. 116, p. 2647.

Standard Underground Cable Co.—Obituary.—

Vice-President Chauncey C. Baldwin died June 7 at Perth Amboy, N. J.—V. 113, p. 2828.

Steel & Tube Co. of America.—Purchase by Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. Completed—Minority Stockholders May Appeal Decision.—

See Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. below.

Chancellor Wolcott Grants Preliminary Restraining Order.—

Chancellor Wolcott at Wilmington, Del., July 6 granted a restraining order for a preliminary injunction against the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. at request of W. S. Hilles, representing the Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. The case was brought to restrain distribution of \$110 a share to holders of Steel & Tube Co. of America Preferred stock, pending the outcome of a hearing now under way.

The directors of the Steel & Tube Co. of America on July 6 recommended that the capital stock of the company be reduced through the retirement of the Preferred stock and the reduction of the Common stock to a nominal amount. A special meeting of stockholders has been called for Aug. 7 to act on these proposals. The Preferred stock will be retired at 110 and accrued dividend.—V. 116, p. 2893, 2523, 2512.

Sterling Salt Co., N. Y.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 2% was paid July 2 in addition to a dividend of 2%.—V. 115, p. 2805.

Studebaker Corp. of America.—Prices—Production.—

The corporation has announced advances in prices of its various models, ranging from \$20 to \$75 a car.

The company is reported to have produced 81,000 cars in the first six months of 1923, all of which were sold. The production schedule for the third quarter of the year, it is said, calls for an output of 41,000 cars.—V. 116, p. 2647.

Stutz Motor Car Co. of America.—To List Stock.—

The New York Stock Exchange has received application to list 263,000 shares of capital stock of no par value. The stock was stricken from the list on April 15 1920, following the Allan A. Ryan corner.—V. 116, p. 2513.

Superior Steel Corp.—Tenders.—

The company, at its office, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until July 13 receive bids for the sale to it of \$52,518 1st Preferred stock and \$60,732 2d Preferred stock, at a price not exceeding 115 and divs.—V. 116, p. 1287, 1063.

Texas Co.—Closed Deal with Transcontinental Oil Co.—

A deal has been closed between the Texas Co. and the Transcontinental Oil Co. whereby the former will drill a test well on 1,600 acres on the Hamilton Dome, Moffat County, Colo. It is understood that the Texas Co. is to carry the Transcontinental a half interest free on this structure. The rig is now up and drilling will be started in a few days. "Financial America."—V. 116, p. 1543.

Tomahawk Kraft Paper Co.—Bonds Offered.—Second Ward Securities Co. and First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee., are offering at 98½ and int., to yield 6.15%, \$1,200,000 First Mtge. Sinking Fund 15-Year Gold Bonds, Series "A" 6%, due April 1 1938.

The company has been organized to manufacture and sell Kraft paper. Its management is in the hands of men closely identified with the Wausau Sulphate Fibre Co. There is an immediate and well-developed market for the company's product and the earnings are estimated at \$500,000 annually before interest and taxes. This is about 7 times the interest on this issue.

Tonopah Mining Co.—New Officers.—

Walter L. Haehlen has been elected Vice-President, succeeding Charles R. Miller, who has been elected President, succeeding J. Harvey Whiteman. Mr. Whiteman has been elected Chairman, a new officer.—V. 116, p. 2648, 1772.

Tropico Potteries, Inc.—New Control.—

Control of this company, which owns and operates one of the largest plants on the Pacific Coast engaged in the manufacture of architectural terra cotta, vitrified sewer pipe, faience tile and kindred clay products, has been purchased by the Gladding McBean Co. of San Francisco. The company in July 1922 placed through Stephens & Co., San Francisco, an issue of \$400,000 1st Mtge. 15-Year 7% bonds. See V. 115, p. 83.

Troy (N. Y.) Foundry & Machine Co., Inc.—Notes.—

The \$250,000 10-year 7% Gold Notes are being sold at par through S. T. Pink & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., and C. L. Howard & Co., Inc., Troy, N. Y. See also V. 116, p. 3008.

Underwood Typewriter Co.—Balance Sheet.—

Apr. 30 '23			Dec. 31 '22		
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Pat's, goodwill, &c.	7,995,720	7,995,720	7% Cum. Pt. stk.	3,700,000	3,800,000
Real estate, bldgs., plant, &c.	4,640,291	4,567,772	Common stock	9,000,000	9,000,000
Office furniture, &c.	302,071	319,383	Notes payable	2,000,000	1,000,450
Stock in other cos.	292,987	292,985	Accs. pay., curr't.	793,521	796,628
Invest. spec. surp. capital reserve	181,500	181,500	Reserves for:		
Inven., cost or less	5,651,952	5,570,073	Exp. pay-rolls, &c.	229,396	282,093
Accts. & notes recv., less res'v.	5,750,377	5,594,468	Federal, &c., tax	657,331	689,205
Cash	2,128,449	1,202,543	Profit-sharing plan reserve		108,416
Invest' in bonds	64,999	64,999	Prof. stock div., payable Jan. 2		66,500
Prepaid insurance, &c., expenses	134,565	117,020	Com. stock div., payable Jan. 2		225,000
			Surplus	10,762,664	9,935,172
Total	27,142,912	25,906,463	Total	27,142,912	25,906,463

Union Oil Co. of California.—Tenders.—

The Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y., trustee, will until July 17 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Lien 5% 20-Year Sinking Fund bonds, dated Jan. 2 1911, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$9,038.—V. 116, p. 2780, 2286.

United Oil Producers Corp.—Tenders.—

The Coal & Iron National Bank will until July 26 receive bids for the sale to it of 8% Guar. & Partic. Production bonds, dated July 25 1921, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$35,967.—V. 116, p. 2399, 1907.

United States Finishing Co.—Acquisition—Directors.—

The directors have authorized the purchase of mill property at Cedar-town, Ga., which the company will improve and operate within the next few months. This is the company's first Southern plant. It has two plants in Connecticut and three in Rhode Island.

John G. Bausher, Charles A. Wimpfheimer and William T. Joyce have been elected directors to fill vacancies.—V. 116, p. 2156.

U. S. Food Products Corp.—Reorganization.—

It is reported that a final plan of reorganization will be announced before the end of the summer.—V. 115, p. 2168, 2058.

United States Stores Corp.—Additional Pref. Stock.—

E. T. Kongsberg & Co., Chicago, are offering additional 7% Prior Cumul. Conv. Pref. (a. & d.) stock. (For description, &c., see V. 116, p. 2019.)

A circular shows: Corporation operates through subsidiaries 582 stores throughout Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, northern New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. The system represents the consolidation of various groups of chain stores which have been in continuous business for many years and are well established in their respective territories.

The consolidated net earnings for the calendar year 1922 of the properties taken over as going concerns and now part of the system, available for interest of the parent company and subsidiary companies, depreciation, Federal taxes and holding company expenses, were \$357,997. The company has acquired selected assets of Direct Stores, Inc., Aaron Ward & Sons, Inc., and John J. Lane Co., but no effect for the earning power of such assets has been included in the foregoing figure. After deduction of interest charges on 6½% Notes and dividend on minority Pref. stock, the balance is equivalent to over three times the dividend requirements on the 7% Prior Preferred stock.

Capitalization—

	Authorized	Outstanding
Three-Year Convertible 6½% Gold Notes	\$2,500,000	\$500,000
7% Prior Cumul. Conv. Pref. Stock (par \$100)	\$10,000,000	1,500,000
8% Conv. Pref. stock (cumul. after July 1 1923) (par \$100)	10,000,000	1,514,982
Common Stock, Class "A" and "B" (no par value)	500,000 shs.	109,408 shs.

x \$5.50 par value held in treasury. See also V. 116, p. 2019.

Utah-Apex Mining Co.—Earnings—Production, &c.—

In a letter accompanying dividend checks mailed to stockholders June 15, President R. F. Haffner, Jr., says in part: In accordance with a ruling of the Treasury Department a certain percentage of earnings is charged to depletion account. These dividends are paid from that account, and, therefore, stockholders are not liable for payment of income tax on this distribution.

Development work has been actively prosecuted, and our extraction is being carried on down to and including the 1,800 level. The shaft is down 2,250 feet, and exploration is advancing rapidly at the 2,000 level for development of probable extension of the ore bodies now being exploited in the upper levels. Ore reserves have been maintained to keep ample ore in sight for a year's uninterrupted extraction in advance of the workings.

The management has recently acquired, by purchase, a number of mining properties contiguous to the Utah-Apex. These properties mean added life to the mine, and a consolidation of all the mines now owned by us.

Production during the first eight months of the present fiscal year is as follows:

Gold.	Silver.	Lead.	Copper.	Zinc.
1,718 ozs.	276,670 ozs.	14,730,695 lbs.	925,440 lbs.	5,494,282 lbs.

After paying the dividends (25 cents quarterly and 25 cents extra), all litigation expenses, mill improvements, and the purchase of mining properties, there is a balance of \$1,073,834 in cash and negotiable securities in the treasury exclusive of ore in transit. Compare V. 116, p. 2019.

Victor Monaghan Mills, Greenville, S. C.—Tay Sell.

A meeting of directors will be called within the next few days to consider an offer made by Eastern textile interests to purchase the \$6,600,000 Common stock, according to President W. E. Beattie, who retires as President, to be succeeded by Vice-President T. M. Marchant.—V. 111, p. 903.

Virginia Coal & Coke Co.—Tenders.—

The Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, Lynchburg, Va., will until July 19 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund bonds, dated June 11 1900, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$13,000, at a price not exceeding par and interest.—V. 111, p. 598.

Wabash Valley Electric Co.—Consolidation.—

The Indiana P. S. Commission has approved the petition of the company to take over the physical properties of the Putnam Electric Co., the Cayuga Electric Co., the Martinsville Gas & Electric Co., Spencer Light, Power Heat & Water Co., the Gosport Electric Co., the Morgan County Light & Power Co. and the Roachdale Electric Co.

The common stock of these companies already is owned by the American Public Utilities Co., which is the parent company of the Brewer group in Indiana, and is controlled by the Central Indiana Power Co., which is a holding company controlling electric light, heat, power and railway companies in Indiana. See also V. 116, p. 2400.

Waldorf System, Inc.—Sales.—

Sales	1923—June—1922	1923—6 Mos.—1922
	\$1,151,600	\$983,276 \$6,829,727 \$5,757,060

—V. 116, p. 2648, 2532.

Warren Bros. (Asphalt) Co.—Status.—

During the six months to June 30 the company and its licensees received contracts for 4,638,881 sq. yds. of new work. Carryover from 1922 was 4,347,758 sq. yds., making a total of 8,986,639 sq. yds. under contract as of June 30 1923, an increase of 14% over the year before. New contracts received in June approximated 1,053,000 sq. yds. During the year to May 31 the company and its licensees laid 2,275,000 sq. yds., as compared with 1,143,000 sq. yds. during the corresponding period of 1922.—V. 116, p. 1192.

Washington Pulp & Paper Corp., Seattle.—Complaint.

The Federal Trade Commission has dismissed its proceedings against the corporation. The concern was named in a complaint with a number of other respondents and the Commission's dismissal of this particular respondent was for the reasons that the company is not a wholesaler of paper and paper products, is not and never was a member of any of respondent associations, and is not engaged in the practices set out in the complaint.—V. 114, p. 1782.

Western States Oil Corp.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial monthly dividend of 1%, payable July 31 to holders of record July 15.—V. 116, p. 2532, 2286, 2020.

West Side Lumber Co.—Listing.—

There was recently admitted to the regular list of the Chicago Stock Exchange \$750,000 6% serial gold notes, dated May 1 1923, due \$150,000 annually May 1 1924 to 1928. Trustees, Chicago Title & Trust Co. and Abel Davis, Chicago.—V. 116, p. 2156.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Earnings, &c.—

Six Months ended June 30—		
	1923.	1922.
Gallons sold	1923.	1922.
Sales	x73,100,000	62,355,554
Net earnings before Federal taxes, depletion and depreciation	x\$7,900,000	\$6,187,185
x June estimated.	x\$1,725,000	\$1,434,610
	2782, 1908.	\$595,279

—V. 116, p. 2782, 1908.

(C. H.) Wills & Co.—Sale and Reorganization.—

The property of the company was bid in at receiver's sale on July 3 for \$750,000 by Kidder, Peabody & Co. (reorganization managers). The sale included all the property with the exception of cash, accounts and bills receivable accruing during the receivership, and drafts secured by bills of lading covering cars in transit in the hands of the receiver upon date of sale.

Digest of Reorganization Plan.

In view of the sale, certain creditors and other parties interested, including C. H. Wills, have formulated the following plan for the protection of their interests:

New Company.—A new company (Wills Sainte Claire, Inc.) will be organized in Michigan to acquire the assets and to carry on the business heretofore carried on by C. H. Wills & Co.

Original Authorized Capitalization of the New Corporation.

7% Prior Preference Stock, cumulative after Jan. 1 1924.....	\$5,000,000
6% First Pref. Stock (cumulative after July 1 1924).....	5,000,000
6% Second Pref. Non-Cum. Stock (convertible into common stock at \$30 a share).....	5,000,000
Common Stock (no par value).....	400,000 shs.

New Money.—It is proposed to raise not less than \$2,855,000 in cash, to be used so far as necessary to make part payment of the purchase price, the balance to be turned over as working capital to the new company.

Provisions as to Different Classes of Stock.—The Prior Preference and First Pref. Stocks will be callable at 105. As a sinking fund 20% of the net earnings in each calendar year, after providing for and paying dividends on the Prior Pref., First Pref. and Second Pref. stock, including any accrued and unpaid dividends for previous years, shall be applied to the purchase or retirement of Prior Pref. and First Pref. Stock, an equal amount being applied to the purchase of Prior Pref. or the Common Stock, nor shall funds be used to retire any Prior Pref. and First Pref. stock under the operation of the sinking fund, if the net quick assets are there by reduced below \$4,000,000. All shares of stock, both Common and Pref., shall have equal voting powers.

How New Cash Needed to Carry Out the Plan Will Be Raised.

Deferred Liabilities.—Holders of deferred liabilities of C. H. Wills & Co. (that is, of the revolving credit) amounting to \$4,400,000, who have proved their claims before the special master (and who on or before June 19 filed with the managers their assent to this plan) upon payment to the managers when called of an amount equal to 30% of their claims, will be entitled to receive therefor an amount of First Pref. Stock of the new company equal at par to the cash so paid, and in addition an amount of Second Pref. stock equal to 50% of the face amount of their claims.

If the holders of all the deferred liabilities assent to this plan and exercise their privilege, this will provide \$1,320,000 in cash and call for an issue to them of \$1,320,000 Prior Pref. Stock and \$2,200,000 of Second Pref. Stock of the new company.

Certain of the holders of the deferred liabilities have already assented to the plan and agreed to pay in cash 30% of their claims, so that the raising of not less than \$2,855,000 of new money is already provided for.

First Preferred Stock.—Holders of the First Pref. Stock of C. H. Wills & Co. who on or before June 19 filed with the managers their assent to this plan, upon payment to the managers when called of an amount in cash equal to 30% of the par value of the stock held by them, will be entitled to receive therefor an amount of Prior Pref. Stock equal at par to the cash so paid, and in addition an amount of Second Pref. Stock equal to 40% of the par value of the Preferred Stock held by them.

If the holders of all the First Pref. Stock assent to this plan and exercise their privilege, this will provide \$600,000 in cash and call for an issue to them of \$600,000 Prior Pref. Stock and \$800,000 Second Pref. Stock of the new company.

Additional Sale of Stock.—Arrangements have also been made for the sale of \$587,000 Prior Pref. Stock, \$51,000 Second Pref. Stock and 300,000 shares of the Common Stock (no par value) for \$1,925,000.

Creditors.—Creditors of C. H. Wills & Co., including merchandise creditors and banks having claims, amounting to about \$4,000,000, which have priority over the holders of the revolving credit, and who have proved their claims before the special master, will be given the opportunity to exchange their claims for an amount of First Pref. Stock of the new company equal at par to the face of their claims (provided that on or before June 19 they filed with the managers their assent to the plan).

Amount of Stock to Be Outstanding.—If all the holders of the deferred liabilities and the First Pref. Stock make the payment as provided, the new money raised will be \$3,845,000, and if all the merchandise and other creditors having claims against the company in priority to the revolving credit exchange their claims as provided, the original issue of stock of the new company will be approximately as follows:

Prior Preference Stock.....	\$2,507,000	Second Preferred Stock.....	\$3,051,000
First Preferred Stock.....	4,000,000	Common Stock (no par).....	300,000 shs

As representing this issue of capital, the new company will have the assets of C. H. Wills & Co., purchased at the receiver's sale and all of the \$3,845,000, except such portion as may be needed to make part payment of the purchase price at the receiver's sale. To the extent that holders of deferred liabilities and of the First Pref. Stock do not pay their assessment, and to the extent that holders of other than deferred liabilities do not care to exchange their claims, the amount of cash raised and the original issue of Prior Pref., First Pref. and Second Pref. stock will be relatively reduced.

Reorganization Managers.—For the purpose of carrying out the plan, Kidder, Peabody & Co. have consented to act as managers without compensation, upon the understanding that they are to have the sole right to determine all questions which may arise in connection with carrying out the plan, including the organization and issue of stock of the new corporation, except so far as the same are specifically provided for, and in particular to determine whether or not the plan shall become operative.

Kidder, Peabody & Co., in a letter, June 22, say: "We are advised that during the reorganization the output of new cars has been substantially as great as during the corresponding period of last year, that the sales by dealers exceed in amount the sales during the corresponding period, and that there are now on hand firm commitments for 464 new cars. Substantial quantities of creditors' commitments have been taken and paid for by the receiver, and we are advised that the new company's requirements will probably be such as to result in a continuance of existing business relationship upon terms satisfactory to merchandise creditors. The new cash provided by the plan should assure the new company of adequate credit and ample working capital.

We have agreed to act as managers without compensation, and are ourselves furnishing a substantial part of the new money for which we are to receive Common Stock.—V. 116, p. 2896.

Willys Corp.—Sale of Willys Overland Stock.

Federal Judge Knox, New York, has notified the different interests that unless plans for reorganization are submitted to him by July 23, he will present a plan of his own for straightening out the affairs of the company. Keen contest for possession of 739,846 shares of Willys Overland Co. representing about one-third of the company has developed among various factions, and several bids have been made to the Court.—V. 116, p. 3013.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—Bonds Offered.

Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, National City Co., New York, Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Union Trust Co., Cleveland, Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, and the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, are offering at 99 and int. to yield over 6.05%, \$40,000,000 20-Year 6% Debenture Gold bonds. (See advtg. pages.)

Dated July 1 1923. Due July 1 1943. Denom. \$1,000*. Interest payable J. & J. at Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income Tax up to 2%. Redeemable on any interest date upon 30 days' notice at 105 and interest, as a whole only (except for sinking fund) up to and incl. July 1 1933, and thereafter also by lot at that figure in amounts of \$1,000,000 and multiples thereof. A sinking fund is to be provided commencing July 1 1924, sufficient to retire \$750,000 bonds annually through purchase at not exceeding 105 and interest, or redemption by lot at that figure.

Data from Letter of Pres. J. A. Campbell, June 29 1923.

Company.—Incorporated in 1900 in Ohio. Recently acquired the properties of Brier Hill Steel Co. and the Steel & Tube Co. of America. [The purchase price of the Brier Hill Steel Co. was as follows: The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. agreed to exchange a part of its Common stock for the Common stock of Brier Hill Steel Co. as follows: 1 share of Youngstown Common stock for 4 shares of Brier Hill Common stock, and agreed, at its option, to either retire the Preferred stock of Brier Hill, according to the terms of its issue, or to exchange therefor 1 share of the Preferred stock of the Youngstown company for 1 share of the Preferred stock of Brier Hill company.]

[The purchase price of the Steel & Tube Co. of America was as follows: The contract provided for the assumption and payment by the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. of all of the debts, obligations and liabilities of the Steel & Tube Co. and in addition the payment in cash of a sum equal to \$10, and accrued dividends for each share of preferred stock outstanding in the hands of the public (being the full amount to which holders of the Preferred stock would be entitled if the Preferred stock were called for redemption) and \$14,509,954 in cash, being equal to \$15 for each share of the Common stock of the Steel & Tube Co. outstanding.]

With these acquisitions the company now has large manufacturing plants in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. This wide geographical distribution of manufacturing facilities is of great benefit to the company as it affords productive capacity located near its principal markets, which materially lessens the cost of distributing its products. The newly acquired properties have also increased the diversification of the company's product and have added new types of ore to its holdings, thus rounding out its ore supplies.

The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. is one of the leading producers of steel in the United States, and the largest independent manufacturer of tubular products. As now constituted it is a self-contained, well-rounded organization. It has an approximate annual production capacity of 2,500,000 gross tons of pig iron, 2,800,000 gross tons of ingots and 3,000,000 net tons of by-product coke. Its approximate annual capacity of finished products is 860,000 net tons of tubular products, 840,000 net tons of bars, billets, plates, &c., 450,000 net tons of sheets and 150,000 net tons of wire products. The iron ore properties it owns or controls are equipped to produce the company's full current requirements. The coal mines it owns or controls are equipped to produce 4,200,000 tons of coking, steam and gas coal annually, which is about 65% of the company's requirements, with estimated reserves of 230,000,000 tons.

Capitalization after New Financing—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common Stock (no par value).....	1,000,000 shs.	987,606 shs.
7% Cumul. Pref. Stock (par \$100).....	\$15,000,000	\$14,974,400
6% Debenture bonds.....	50,000,000	40,000,000
Underlying bonds.....		x34,972,066

x Includes (1) \$10,000,000 Brier Hill Steel Co. 1st 5 1/2%, (2) \$540,000 Brier Hill Steel Co. 1st Serial 6s, (3) \$5,802,000 Series "B" 6s and \$9,334,000 Series "C" 7s Gen. Mtge. Sinking Fund bonds of Steel & Tube Co. of America, and (4) about \$6,700,000 underlying bonds of the latter company as follows: \$892,000 Iroquois Iron Co. 1st 5s, \$568,000 Iroquois Iron Co. Ref. 6s, \$3,430,000 Mark Mfg. Co. 1st Serial 6s, \$1,010,000 Northwestern Iron Co. 1st Serial 6s and \$800,000 Gen. Mtge. Serial 7s of Northwestern Iron Co.

Purpose.—Approximately \$33,000,000 of the proceeds from the sale of these bonds is to be used to reimburse the company for the expenditures made in connection with the acquisition of the properties of the Steel & Tube Co. of America, and the balance for additional working capital.

Court Proceedings Against Acquisition of Steel & Tube Co.—A temporary injunction against the sale of the business and assets of the Steel & Tube Co. of America, obtained by certain minority stockholders thereof, having been vacated by the Delaware Court, the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. acquired such business and assets under the terms of a contract dated Jan. 6 1923. One of such minority stockholders has stated its intention to take an appeal from such decision, or to commence other legal proceedings. In the opinion of counsel such proceedings, if any, will not succeed in setting aside the sale. If, however, such sale should be set aside, it is the opinion of such counsel (in which counsel for the bankers concur) that the purchase price, approximately \$33,000,000, must be refunded to the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. The indenture will provide that such amount, if and when received, must be paid into the sinking fund and used to retire bonds or to acquire additional properties.

Consolidated Sales & Earnings for the Ten Years ended Dec. 31 1922.

	Net Sales.	xNet Earnings.	y Deprec.	z Balance.
1913.....	\$52,440,534	\$6,406,488	\$1,164,891	\$5,241,597
1914.....	44,348,527	3,444,013	795,989	2,648,024
1915.....	59,002,694	9,065,477	1,503,550	7,561,927
1916.....	105,607,679	35,407,243	2,294,044	33,113,199
1917.....	183,091,890	72,504,373	5,379,137	67,131,836
1918.....	182,494,007	44,602,930	19,738,102	24,864,828
1919.....	138,367,987	18,792,350	7,255,513	11,536,837
1920.....	212,608,566	31,256,936	8,471,107	22,785,829
1921.....	76,847,415	def 4,619,842	4,685,268	def 9,305,110
1922.....	124,331,551	10,637,315	6,180,419	4,456,896
Average.....	117,914,085	22,749,788	5,746,202	17,003,586

x Net earnings before depreciation, interest and Federal taxes. y Includes depreciation and depletion and amortization of ear facilities. z Balance available for interest before Federal taxes.

Consolidated earnings available for interest, before Federal taxes but after depreciation, &c., for the ten years ended Dec. 31 1922, as above shown, averaged \$17,003,000 or over 3 1/4 times the annual interest requirements of \$4,513,000 on total funded debt to be outstanding upon completion of this financing. Of the average annual earnings of \$17,003,000, as above stated, the properties comprising the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. alone contributed \$10,132,000.

Current Earnings.—Current earnings are very satisfactory; for the first four months of this year earnings available for depreciation and interest were \$9,836,000.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1922 (After Proposed Financing).
[Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., Brier Hill Steel Co., Steel & Tube Co. of America and Subsidiaries.]

Assets—	Liabilities—
Land, bldgs., mach'y, &c. equip. & mining prop. less \$53,164,222 res. for deprec. of plants, deplet of mineral resources & amort. of war facilities.....	Fund. debt: underlying bds., \$34,972,066; 6% Deb. bonds (this issue) \$40,000,000.....
Inv. in adv. to mining &c. companies.....	Notes payable.....
Due on employees' dwelling purchase contracts.....	Bonds maturing Jan. 1 1923 (since paid).....
Stk. res. for officers & empl. sinking fund assets.....	Accounts payable.....
Cash.....	Acct. gen. taxes, Int., &c.....
Call loans & accrued interest.....	Deferred ore payments.....
Marketable investments.....	Acct. Fed. income taxes.....
Notes & acct. rec. less res.....	Deferred bonus payments.....
Adv. paym'ts on ore contr.....	Res. (1) for relin. & rebuild. furnaces, \$2,707,507; (2) for ins., conting., &c., \$1,494,038.....
Invent. of fin. and semi-fin. prods., raw mat'ls & suppl.....	Min. stkhlders' equity in subsidiary companies.....
Deferred charges.....	Preferred 7% Cumul stock.....
	Common, no par value (outstanding 987,606 shs.).....
	Surplus.....
Total.....	Total.....

Total.....\$215,123,999 Total.....\$215,123,999 Contingent Liabilities.—(a) In respect of notes receivable discounted, \$708,793; (b) in respect of 25% of outstanding bonds of Elkhorn Piney Coal Co. guaranteed by Steel & Tube Co. of America, \$541,375.

The report of the Youngstown company was given in V. 116, p. 1192; that of the Brier Hill Steel Co. in V. 116, p. 1528, and the Steel & Tube Co. of America in V. 116, p. 2512. [William E. Manning, Vice-President and General Sales Manager, died June 15 at Youngstown, Ohio.—V. 116, p. 3013, 2896.]

CURRENT NOTICES.

—The tenth edition of "Borton's Pocket Manual of Cleveland Securities," prepared and published by Borton & Borton, Hanna Building, Cleveland, Ohio, is a booklet of over 250 pages, which briefly describes corporations whose securities are bought and sold in the Cleveland market in addition to giving reference data concerning these securities. Investors interested in Cleveland securities are invited to send for copies of this manual, which will be sent without charge on request.

—Towar Bates, of the firm of Goodbody & Co., who has had charge of the bond activities of that firm for a number of years, is now retiring in order to organize a new firm which will transact a bond and stock investment business. For the present Mr. Bates will continue his headquarters at 115 Broadway.

—The board of directors of Gorden N. Selby & Co., investment bankers, Chicago, announce the selection of Harry F. Kasting as First Vice-President, Ray H. Morris as Second Vice-President and Hugh A. Green as Secretary. The policy of the organization, it is stated, will be entirely the same, "with additional activity."

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 a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."]

Friday Night, July 6 1923.

COFFEE on the spot quiet and lower; No. 7 Rio, 11c.; No. 4 Santos, 18@14c.; fair to good Cucuta, 13¼@14½c. Futures declined with falling prices in Brazil and steady liquidation. The Department of Commerce says the Brazilian Government has announced that it has not changed its policy in regard to valorization and will if necessary support prices over a certain level by purchasing in the market throughout the crop. The level of prices to be maintained will depend upon exchange, the size of the crop and the policy followed by North American consumers. Restriction by the Government on Santos entries will be enforced whenever they exceed the announced quota of 35,000 bags daily. If the demand in Santos justifies it, a sufficiently large amount will be let in to take care of this demand. The New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange reports the receipts for the year ended June 30 of 9,477,000 bags at Rio and Santos, compared with 11,833,000 the previous year. Laneville gives his figures on the world's production for the season just ended as follows: Rio, 2,669,000 bags; Santos, 6,759,000; Victoria, 569,000; Bahia, 197,000; other kinds, 5,705,000, or a total crop of 15,899,000 bags. According to this authority the world's visible supply as of July 1 amounted to 5,330,000 bags, against 8,593,000 last year.

Duuring & Zoon put the world's visible supply on July 1 at 5,340,000 bags, a decrease in June of 147,000 bags. A year ago the visible supply was 8,639,000 bags. Estimates of the 1923-24 coffee crop of the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, vary from 12,000,000 to 18,000,000 bags of 60 kilos each, the Department of Commerce is advised. The estimate most frequently made, the report stated, is 14,000,000 bags, which is the figure usually given by the growers in the interior. To-day futures declined with cables down and long liquidation a feature, especially in July. The market was in no condition to stand further long selling. Brazilian shippers seem more disposed to sell. Spot trade is stagnant. Probably the short interest is increasing, and it may tell later on. But for the moment at least the market lacks snap. Final changes for the week show a loss of 34 to 57 points, the latter on July.

Spot (unofficial)---11c. | September---7.36@7.38 | March-----6.88@6.90
July-----8.13@8.20 | December---6.94@6.96 | May-----6.88@6.90

SUGAR.—Cuban raws early in the week were quiet at 5½c. but later on became steadier, with 5¼c. bid and 5½c. asked. The Java crop is reported short by something like 15%. In Java prices on Thursday were ½c. higher. It is recalled that the decline in New York and European markets recently was largely due to sales against Java sugar. If the Java crop should turn out to be disappointing there may be interesting developments ahead. British cables reported a better trade demand for Java white, and higher quotations on Thursday for British refined. Some resale granulated has been selling here latterly at 9 to 9.10c. But stocks of such sugar are said to be much depleted. Refiners have been quoting 9.25c. Much of the time there business has been slow. Futures on the 2d inst. were dull with Cubas selling at 5½c. The demand for refined was not urgent. Most of the buying of raws continued on a hand-to-mouth basis, supposedly merely or largely to keep machinery moving. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 23,755 tons, against 47,184 last week and 94,051 last year; exports, 42,525 tons, against 64,202 last week and 166,949 last year; stocks, 590,209 tons, against 608,979 last week and 844,622 last year. Centrals grinding numbered 6, against 8 last week and 20 last year. Of the exports, 25,235 tons went to United States Atlantic ports, 10,086 to New Orleans, 1,229 to Galveston, 643 to Canada, 3,285 to Europe and 2,047 to Chile. Havana cabled "Rains decreasing." United States Atlantic ports receipts for the week ended July 4 were 21,107 tons, against 43,854 tons last week and 73,263 last year; meltings, 36,000, against 52,000 last week and 80,000 last year; total stock, 164,417 tons, against 173,310 last week and 193,015 last year.

The Java crop is estimated at 15 to 30% under last year, when it was 1,750,000 tons. British refiners advanced August delivery 3d. Here refined was in rather better demand on Thursday and Cuban raws firmer. One report put the Porto Rico crop at 338,000 tons, against a previous estimate of 350,000. The last previous crop was 362,000 tons. To-day futures declined 7 to 14 points at the opening, with local and Front Street interests selling. Wall Street bought. One thousand tons of Philippines in port sold at 7.03c., equal to 5¼c. for Cuba. The net loss for the day, however, proved to be only 4 to 6 points. For the week

there is a rise of 25 to 33 points. Of Cuba for the second half of July shipment, 30,000 bags sold to-day at 5 5-16c. c. & f. Some of this is understood to have been done between operators. Refined was quiet at 9.25c.

Spot (unofficial)---5½c. | September---5.28@5.29 | March-----3.76@3.77
July-----5.38@ --- | December---4.72@4.74 | May-----3.82@ ---

LARD firmer; prime Western, 11.65@11.75c.; refined to Continent, 12.50c.; South America, 12.75c.; Brazil in kegs, 13.75c. Futures fluctuated within narrow limits early in the week. Later they advanced. July was steadier with signs of lessened liquidation and with hogs higher. European stocks too, it is surmised, must be becoming depleted. Liverpool on June 30, it is true, fell 6d. to 1s. 3d., which was certainly not very encouraging and on July 2 September fell in Chicago. But the undertone seemed fairly steady. Buying for a turn has at times been reported. On the 5th inst. prices advanced with hogs up 25 to 35c., Liverpool 3d. to 9d. higher, a demand at Chicago from the Continent, and packers' commission houses and shorts buying. At western points, it is true, stock of lard increased in June 41,000,000 lbs., reaching 86,000,000 lbs. Washington wired that the commercial supply of hogs will be as large this year as that from the spring crop of last year, according to indications of semi-annual special swine report of the Department of Agriculture. There was an increase of nine-tenths of 1% in the number of pigs saved from farrowings in the six months ended June 1 as compared with the number saved in the same period last year. For fall pigs, hog raisers have expressed an intention to breed 28.3% more sows than farrowed last fall. The fall crop this year which will be marketed next summer, would then be larger than that of last year. To-day futures advanced, ending at a rise for the week of 45 to 48 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	10.75	10.72	10.82	Holl-	11.02	11.15
September delivery	10.97	10.97	11.07	day.	11.25	11.37
October delivery	11.10	11.07	11.07		11.35	11.45

PORK quiet; mess, \$25; family, \$30; short, clear, \$21 to \$25 50. Beef, dull; mess, \$15; packet, \$14 50 to \$15; family, \$16 50 to \$17 50; 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. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 10 to 24 lbs., 14½ to 17¾c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 13 to 13½c. Butter, creamery seconds to high scoring, 34½ to 39c. Cheese, flats, 18 to 26c. Eggs, fresh gathered trade to extra, 21 to 32c.

OILS.—Linseed meets with a fair jobbing demand and prices showed no change. Spot carloads, \$1 08 to \$1 12; tanks, \$1 09; less than carloads, \$1 14 to \$1 17; less than 5 barrels, \$1 20; boiled, tanks, \$1 05 to \$1 07; carloads, \$1 10 to \$1 12; 5 barrel lots, \$1 13 to \$1 15; less than 5 barrels, \$1 16 to \$1 18; refined, barrels, carlots, \$1 15; varnish type, barrels, \$1 15; double boiled, barrels, cars, \$1 11 to \$1 13. Coconut oil, Ceylon, barrels, 9¾ to 9½c. Cochin, 10¾c. Corn, crude, tanks, mills, 8¾c.; spot New York, 10½c.; refined, 100-barrel lots, 12¾c. Olive, \$1 15. Cod, domestic, 68 to 70c.; Newfoundland, 70 to 74c. Lard, strained winter, 12c.; extra, 11½c. Spirits of turpentine, 93c. Rosin, \$5 85 to \$7 50. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 7,800 barrels; crude S. E., 9c. asked. Prices closed as follows:

Spot-----10.50@11.00 | September 10.57@10.58 | December- 8.62@ 8.65
July-----10.64@10.90 | October--- 9.62@ 9.64 | January--- 8.63@ 8.66
August---10.70@10.75 | November- 8.76@ 8.78 | February-- 8.63@ 8.75

PETROLEUM.—Despite recent general cuts in crude oils, refined products are held firmly. Many feel that the reduction in raw materials warrants a cut of 30% in the tank wagon schedules for gasoline and kerosene. It is also said that Eastern refiners could reduce prices several cents a gallon under existing conditions and still make as good profits as they did before the recent crude oil cuts went into effect. Approximately 50% of the crudes now being run in Eastern refineries is said to be California crudes which are a great deal cheaper than Mid-Continent. And aside from all this, the increased production in California offsets the small receipts of Mexican oil. On the other hand, many look for a high record consumption of gasoline during July and August, and have not believed that prices would be reduced much until later on in the season. In spite of a further increase in output, stocks of gasoline during May declined 7,884,624 gallons, according to the Bureau of Mines. They are now 328,533,247 gallons. Production made a new high record during the month, totaling 631,704,693 gallons, against 619,042,667 gallons in April. The daily average, however, declined from 20,634,756 to 20,377,571 gallons. With imports of 14,642,980 gallons, the total available supply of gasoline in May was 646,347,673 gallons. Consumption in this country increased to 582,554,181 gallons, as compared with 487,837,277 in April. The daily average shows a gain of 2,500,

000 gallons. With exports of 71,678,116 gallons, the total in May was 654,232,297 gallons.

Penn.	\$3 00	Ragland	\$ 90	Illinois	\$1 87
Corning	1 70	Wooster	1 90	Crichton	1 45
Cabell	1 71	Lima	2 08	Currie	1 00
Somerset	1 55	Indiana	1 98	Plymouth	1 25
Somerset, light	1 75	Princeton	1 87	Mexia	1 00

The export prices of gasoline was reduced by the Standard Oil of New Jersey 1½c. a gallon. The new price on gasoline in cases of cargo lots is 27.15c. a gallon, and on U. S. Navy specifications, in bulk, 13½c. Standard white kerosene is reduced to 5½c. a gallon, in bulk, 12½c. in bbls. and 15½c. in cases. Water white kerosene prices are 1c. higher than these. Export naphtha is also reduced 1½c. a gallon, to 16½c. in cargo lots, 18c. for 63-66-deg. and 19c. for 66-68-deg. In the oil fields east of the Rocky Mountains 2,522 wells were completed in June, 41 less than in May, although 370 more than during June last year, according to the Oil City "Derriek." Initial production was 469,597 bbls., an increase of 80,314. At the close of June, new work consisted of 1,322 rigs and 4,828 drilling wells, a reduction from May of 143 and 161, respectively. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, 28.65c.; U. S. Navy specifications, bulk, per gallon, 15c.; export naphtha, cargo lots, 16c.; 63-66-deg., 18c.; 66-68-deg., 19c. Kerosene in cargo lots, cases, 15½c. Petroleum refined, tanks, wagon to store, 14c. Motor garages (steel bbls.), 21½c.; bulk, delivered, New York, 14½c.

RUBBER quiet and easier. Buyers are not inclined to meet sellers' prices and very little actual business is being done. London of late, however, has been firmer. First latex crepe spot and July 25½c.; August 25¾c.; September 26c.; October-December 26¼c. Smoked ribbed sheets spot and July 24¾c.; August 25c.; September 25½c.; October-December 26¾c. Later the market here became firmer with higher London cables. First latex crepe and smoked ribbed sheets spot and July 25c.; August 25¾c.; September 25¾c.; and October-December 27c. In London plantation on the June 30 fell to 13¾d., a decline of ¼d. In London on the 2d inst. plantation standard on the spot dropped ¼d., reaching 13¾d. But a further reduction of 324 tons was made last week in the London stock, which, according to official returns, were 50,766 tons, against 51,090 tons a week ago, 71,771 tons a year ago and 69,310 tons in 1921. In London on July 4 plantation standard was firm on the spot—closing at 13¾d., recovering the loss of a week. In London on the 5th inst. plantation standard on the spot advanced ¼d. to 14d.

HIDES were quiet and in some cases weak. About 2,000 Brooklyn small packer April-May and June bulls sold at 8½c. Country hides have been neglected. Small lots of Pennsylvania all weights sold early in the week at 7¼c. selected, with 7c. generally the top otherwise. Later for Eastern small packer cows and steers bids were 10¾c. and 11c. asked. Foreign hides declined again and cables from the River Plate reported that 7,000 Sansinena steers sold at 14c. and 4,000 Wilson steers at 14¼c. Common dry hides were weak. Bogota, 20c.; Orinocos, 17c. Leather was dull. Later in the West packer sold a little more readily, with several cars of April-May native bulls sold at 10c.; also some June-July take-off. Several thousand April-May heavy cows also sold in the West at 10½c. Foreign hides were in a trifle better demand with sales reported of 6,000 Swift Montevideo cows at 11½c., 3,000 Sansinena 11½c. About 2,000 Armour steers sold at 14 11-16c., with 4,000 later at 14½c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS were in fair demand at first. Later the demand was poor and rates weakened.

Charters included coal from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg, \$2 15 prompt; grain from Montreal to Genoa direct, 17¾c., July; grain from Montreal to West Italy, 3s. 6d., July; coal from Atlantic range to West Italy, \$3, option Venice or Trieste at \$3 30, prompt; coal from Atlantic range to West Italy, \$3, July; to Marselles, \$3 25, prompt; to West Italy, \$3 20, late August; deals from Miramichi to Preston and (or) Belfast, 65s., August; four months' time charter, 1,292-ton steamer in West India trade, \$1 25, prompt; grain from Montreal to West Italy, 17c., July; grain from Montreal to Genoa, 18c., prompt; deals from Miramichi to Sharpness, 67s. 6d., prompt; kaint from Hamburg to Jacksonville or Savannah, \$3, July; coal from Swansea to Halifax, 10s., prompt; coal from Hampton Roads to Rotterdam-Hamburg range, \$2, July; coal from Hampton Roads to Rotterdam-Amsterdam, \$2 10, July; coal from Virginia to Three Rivers, \$1, July; six months' time charter, 1,134-ton steamer in West Indies trade, \$1 40, July; grain from Montreal to West Italy and islands, 17c., 17½c., 18c., last half July loading; grain from Montreal to Avonmouth, 2s. 7½d., July; coal from Hampton Roads to Rotterdam, \$2 10, July; from Hampton Roads to Rio de Janeiro, \$3 25, July; to Italy, \$3 10, prompt; grain from Montreal to West Italy or islands, 4s. one port, 4½s. two ports, July; coal from Atlantic range to Pernambuco, \$3 60, prompt; coal from Baltimore to Dunkirk, \$2 50, prompt; one round trip in United States and West Coast South America trade, 1,881-ton steamer, \$1 85, July; one-year time charter, 1,471-ton steamer in West Indies trade, \$1 15, prompt; six months' time charter, 1,443-ton steamer in West Indies trade, \$1 20, prompt; one round trip, 1,640-ton steamer in West Indies trade, \$1 15, prompt; one round trip in West Indies trade, 850-ton steamer, \$1 60, prompt.

COAL.—Bituminous was dull at the north. Low and high volatile early in the week was steadier. Anthracite was firm for a time with a steady demand, but the Welsh are competing in the American market. Later prices were steadier. Low volatile coals for Hampton Roads were \$5 50 and none too freely offered at that price. Southern operators have bought up much of the stocks on coal piers of Navy standard. Pool 2 was quoted at \$5 00; high volatiles were in better demand at \$4 30 to \$4 35, but higher was asked, say, \$4 40 to \$4 45. Still later on, Northern coal prices quoted were Pool 1, \$3 25 to \$4 00; Pool 71, \$2 50 to \$2 80; Pool 9, \$2 25 to \$2 75; Pool 10, \$2 to \$2 50; Pool 11, \$1 75 to \$2; all net ton, run of mine. Spot prices for coal at New York piers were firmer; Pool 1 coal was quoted at \$6 to \$6 50; Pool 9, \$5 55 to \$5 80; Pool 10, \$5 to \$5 50. Boston has bought 2,000 tons of Welsh anthracite at prices,

it is said, 35 to 40c. under those for Pennsylvania. Several more cargoes are enroute to Boston.

TOBACCO has remained steady enough, but trade has for the most part been rather slow. Now and then, it is true, the demand appeared to revive, but when it came to actual buying it was usually a matter of nothing more than small lots that were taken. Some firms reported a fair business in this way in both wrappers and fillers. Supplies in general have been anything but burdensome; in some cases being it seems quite moderate. Under the circumstances it seems no very difficult matter to maintain prices. But the interest of nine-tenths of the trade centres on the new crop.

COPPER, like other metals, is weaker. It could be had, it is reported, at 14½c. Though first hands refused to quote that price openly, it is believed they would accept business at that level. Buyers in some cases, it is said, have asked for postponements of finished products, which in turn has caused requests for postponements of deliveries of refined copper. Imports are running ahead of exports. The weakness of the stock market has helped to depress copper. The shut-down of the North Butte Mining Co. is an indication of what others may do. Zinc and lead ore operators in the Tri-State District have curtailed drastically and copper producers may follow suit.

TIN lower in spite of a decrease of 890 tons in the world's visible supply. London prices declined. The total visible supply at the end of June was 21,297 tons, against 22,187 tons at the end of May and 24,082 tons in June 1922. In the United States at the close of June it was 11,079 tons, against 11,305 tons in the previous month. Shipments in June were: Straits, 5,390 tons; Banka, 2,097 tons; Chinese, 592 tons.

LEAD lower. The American Smelting & Refining Co. in the forepart of the week cut its price \$4 per ton to 6.65c., New York. The East St. Louis price was lowered about \$3 per ton in sympathy, i.e., to 6.40c.

ZINC easier. Spot New York, 6.05 to 6.10c.; East St. Louis, 5.70 to 5.75c. One maker, it is reported, reduced high grade zinc ½c., to 8.50c. London has been weaker.

STEEL production has fallen off somewhat and prices in the main have been steady. But deliveries continue to improve. Steel ingot production is only 5% under the "high" reached in May. Prices have stood about stationary in spite of recent declines in pig iron, coke and scrap. Some of the sheet mills will be idle this week and next. Recently the weather has been hot and there is also a labor shortage. Sheets have dropped \$1 on black sheets. Here and there the gap between supply and demand, however, is bridged by mill shutdowns. Body sheets are being taken in rather large quantity by automobile makers for the third quarter and also for nearer delivery. In July the Ford Co. plans to make 176,000 cars. Tin plate has met with a pretty good demand for July and August shipment. In fact it is said that there are inquiries for some 600,000 boxes. Prices for bolts, nuts and rivets show a downward drift. Semi-finished steel at Pittsburgh has been weaker. It is said that structural and boiler rivets are obtainable at \$1 to \$2 under nominal quotations of \$3 25 to \$3 35 base on a good-sized order. Smaller rivets, it is added, are also obtainable at attractive quotations on liberal orders.

PIG IRON has been lower. Eastern Pennsylvania furnaces have named \$28 base, \$29 for No. 2x and \$30 for No. 1x. This reduction is general. Recently the official price was \$29 base. Latterly there has been rather better inquiry, even if actual business has not been liberal. Pig iron production keeps up well. The total for June was 3,668,413 tons, or 122,280 tons a day, as against 3,867,694 tons in May, or 124,764 tons a day. This marks a big increase since last February, when the total was 2,994,187 tons, or an average of 106,935 tons a day. In January it was 3,229,604 tons, or 104,181 tons a day. The point is that 1923 continues to show totals far in excess of recent years. Basic has latterly declined \$1 50. It is now \$25 50 Valley. And it is understood that 2,500 tons sold as low as \$25 25. Foundry and steel-making grades dropped \$1 at Chicago. Charcoal iron resold at \$3 under the furnace price. Lower prices are reported at Buffalo and Cleveland, as well as in eastern Pennsylvania. At the South the general quotation is \$25 Birmingham. Chicago wired on the 3d inst. that prices were down to \$28 to \$30, or a drop of \$2 to \$3 within a month.

WOOL has been dull, but on the whole rather steady, owing to the fact that the London auctions as a rule have been turning out better than expected. Prices there wavered at first last week, then they steadied, much to the satisfaction of the trade on this side of the water. The results had evidently been awaited with some uneasiness. It cannot be said that the London sales have shown any marked recovery of prices; far from it. They have simply resulted more favorably than most people had dared to hope. And now some are predicting a firmer tone here despite the present slowness of business. They think business is likely to increase before many weeks. The trouble is that the woolen industry is in none too promising shape. Cancellation of orders hit it when retail demand slumped. Predictions some months back of an advance this fall of 10 to 15% in spring goods may not be verified. Some prominent manufacturers still predict advances. Predictions and the verification of them are of course different matters. An

increase in the American consumption of 5,000,000 pounds in May is reported by the Census Bureau. Condensing its figures from 603 manufacturers, they show that 51,154,244 pounds of wool were consumed in May, as against 48,197,619 pounds in April. There was a slight gain in the number of woolen spindles in operation, but slightly fewer worsted spindles. In spindle hours gains occurred in looms wider than 50 inches reed space. The consumption included 40,613,784 pounds in the grease, 7,521,786 pounds of scoured wool and 3,018,674 pounds of pulled wool. Reduced to a grease equivalent these quantities would amount to 59,682,254 pounds. The grease equivalent for April was 56,410,887 pounds.

In London on June 29 joint offerings were 11,000 bales, mostly crossbreds. Prices were rather firmer. Sydney, 329 bales; greasy merino 22d. to 31d.; Victoria, 1,746 bales; crossbreds, greasy, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 24d.; pieces, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 31d. New Zealand, 5,563 bales; crossbreds, greasy, bulk to home operators, with a good quantity to America, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 36d.; pieces, 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; slipe, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Puntas, 2,744 bales; Falklands, 498 bales; greasy crossbreds, the bulk to the Continent, the best, 24d. and 20d., respectively. In London on July 2 joint offerings were 12,620 bales. Good demand; prices firm. But withdrawals rather numerous, owing to the limits. Sydney, 2,005 bales; greasy merino, bulk to Continent, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 33d. Queensland, 758 bales; scoured merino, 45d. to 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Victoria, 4,405 bales; crossbreds, best greasy, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand, 4,145 bales; crossbreds, chiefly to Yorkshire, best greasy, 21d. Cape, 972 bales; mostly withdrawn, best greasy, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; snow white, 42d.

In London on July 3d, 10,250 bales of free wools were offered. Attendance good. Selection mostly crossbreds. Demand active, especially from Yorkshire. Prices firm. Sydney, 326 bales; greasy merino, 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 32d., the bulk to the Continent; Queensland, 690 bales; scoured merino, 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 56d., also largely to the Continent. Victoria, 1,237 bales; scoured merino, 35d. to 49d.; pieces, 16d. to 43d. West Australia, 1,093 bales; greasy merino, 20d. to 29d.; scoured, 41d. to 48d. New Zealand, 5,789 bales; greasy crossbred, 8d. to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured, 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to 40d. Falkland, 906 bales; greasy crossbred, the bulk to the Continent at prices showing little change compared with May; the best brought 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

In London on July 4 joint offerings were 12,000 bales, chiefly crossbreds. Sydney, 1,218 bales; greasy merino, 26d. to 32d., mostly withdrawn owing to the firm limits. Queensland, 448 bales; scoured merino, the bulk to the Continent at the best prices of the series—51d. to 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Victoria, 3,440 bales; greasy merino, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; pieces, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 31d.; greasy crossbred, 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to 17d. New Zealand, 6,155 bales; crossbreds, best greasy, 26d.; scoured, 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; slipe, 24d. Capes, 405 bales, all withdrawn owing to the limits.

In London on July 5 offerings were 10,000 bales of free wools. Australian greasy merinos were plentiful, mostly second-hand lots, but they met with a steady demand, it is said, in one dispatch. British and Continental operators bought. Prices, one dispatch said, were unchanged, but there were a number of withdrawals on the limits. Sydney, 1,630 bales, greasy merino, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 32d. Queensland, 2,004 bales; greasy merinos, 23d. to 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Victoria, 1,939 bales; greasy merino, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 32d.; scoured merino, 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 53d. Adelaide, 1,560 bales; greasy merinos, best, 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured, 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. West Australia, 1,147 bales; greasy merino, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand, 1,918 bales; greasy crossbred, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., practically all sold to Yorkshire. Another London dispatch said the offerings on the 5th inst. were 10,370 bales and that the increase in the discount rate of the Bank of England led to an easier tone. Buyers were not keen; sale slow. Greasy merinos sold 10%; fine crossbreds, 5%; medium crossbreds, 10%, and coarse crossbreds, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ % under the last series. Cape of Good Hope and Natal grades were unchanged to 5% cheaper.

COTTON.

Friday Night, July 6 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 24,472 bales, against 29,371 bales last week and 30,728 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1922, 5,663,020 bales, against 5,976,817 bales for the same period of 1921-22, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1922 of 313,797 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	563	800	755	437	---	1,951	4,506
Houston	---	---	905	---	---	---	905
New Orleans	1,597	116	463	1,183	127	759	4,245
Mobile	65	---	211	---	250	368	894
Savannah	174	2,452	1,047	---	31	1,030	4,734
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston	152	80	50	---	60	80	422
Wilmington	---	81	807	1,704	301	718	4,021
Norfolk	166	1,860	260	---	66	238	2,590
New York	---	---	1,000	---	---	---	1,000
Boston	334	181	---	180	---	---	695
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	456	456
Totals this week	3,132	6,296	6,395	2,101	1,252	5,296	24,472

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1922 and stocks to-night, compared with the last year:

Receipts to July 6.	1922-23.		1921-22.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1922.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1921.	1923.	1922.
Galveston	4,506	2,327,274	21,340	2,492,600	35,375	111,685
Texas City	---	69,798	966	31,683	13	1,011
Houston	905	723,413	5,974	472,056	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	---	---	---	10,305	---	---
New Orleans	4,245	1,351,106	16,277	1,242,992	56,097	120,221
Gulfport	---	---	---	8,123	---	---
Mobile	894	89,286	971	159,812	718	2,276
Pensacola	---	9,220	---	3,350	---	---
Jacksonville	---	9,156	---	4,034	2,614	1,433
Savannah	4,734	435,424	7,352	747,705	18,590	73,499
Brunswick	4	28,252	---	29,662	243	1,465
Charleston	422	131,578	905	154,111	25,443	57,433
Georgetown	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wilmington	4,021	101,017	719	107,201	7,897	16,630
Norfolk	2,590	279,713	924	347,926	32,094	43,052
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	583	---	---
New York	1,000	9,460	100	32,089	83,512	184,411
Boston	695	74,944	38	43,414	7,053	5,959
Baltimore	456	18,165	618	59,595	1,548	1,218
Philadelphia	---	4,942	---	29,576	3,919	3,403
Totals	24,472	5,663,020	56,184	5,976,817	275,116	623,702

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Galveston	4,506	21,340	40,944	5,211	35,517	10,737
Houston, &c.	905	966	21,861	361	7,506	627
New Orleans	4,245	16,277	13,120	11,471	23,070	8,342
Mobile	894	971	2,671	599	565	1,052
Savannah	4,734	7,352	15,298	3,781	28,064	5,785
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	5,000	2,000
Charleston	422	905	575	10	3,681	105
Wilmington	4,021	719	1,390	15	3,419	618
Norfolk	2,590	924	2,273	1,176	8,131	211
N'port N., &c.	---	---	36	29	148	---
All others	2,151	6,730	2,018	2,306	1,166	2,585
Tot. this week	24,472	56,184	100,186	24,959	116,267	32,062
Since Aug. 1—	5,663,020	5,976,817	6,432,310	6,741,321	5,744,592	5,716,106

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 59,495 bales, of which 16,035 were to Great Britain, 11,325 to France and 32,135 to other destinations. Below are the exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1922.

Exports from—	Week ending July 6 1923.				From Aug. 1 1922 to July 6 1923.			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	1,483	3,965	13,293	18,741	421,569	315,735	1,162,633	1,899,937
Houston	---	---	---	---	235,284	153,292	331,157	719,733
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,765
New Orleans	8,825	4,151	6,569	19,545	206,803	84,491	508,123	799,417
Mobile	---	---	750	750	24,162	4,945	29,779	58,886
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	75	---	600	675
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	7,960	---	1,260	9,220
Savannah	---	5,255	5,255	129,329	4,410	142,781	276,520	
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	21,365	---	7,059	28,424
Charleston	---	---	---	---	31,869	1,094	50,226	83,189
Wilmington	---	---	---	---	11,600	---	81,000	92,600
Norfolk	504	835	4,538	5,877	105,674	1,758	48,491	155,923
New York	5,021	2,374	1,155	8,550	62,714	46,721	143,206	252,641
Boston	202	---	---	202	4,029	---	7,165	11,194
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	1,479	---	167	1,646
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	---	215	1,754	1,969
Los Angeles	---	---	---	---	12,897	1,977	3,925	18,799
San Fran.	---	---	575	575	---	200	68,912	69,112
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	---	9,532	9,532
Total	16,035	11,325	32,135	59,495	1,276,809	614,838	2,601,535	4,493,182
Total '21-22	37,455	17,930	114,350	169,735	1,699,923	739,824	3,391,324	5,831,071
Total '20-21	14,409	14,106	108,502	137,017	1,667,319	539,288	2,962,556	5,169,163

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above table exports of cotton to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the crop year from Aug. 1 to May 31 (no later returns are as yet available) the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 181,544 bales. In the corresponding period of the preceding season the exports were about 174,000 bales.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named.

July 6 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.	
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger-many.	Other Cont'nt.	Coast-wise.		Total.
Galveston	200	800	1,500	2,000	500	5,000	30,375
New Orleans	410	1,788	100	2,584	100	4,982	51,115
Savannah	---	---	---	---	500	500	18,090
Charleston	---	---	---	---	---	---	25,443
Mobile	160	---	---	350	---	510	208
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	---	32,094
Other ports*	7,500	2,000	3,000	1,500	250	14,250	92,549
Total 1923	8,270	4,588	4,600	6,434	1,350	25,242	249,874
Total 1922	20,153	11,167	17,654	22,202	3,053	74,229	549,473
Total 1921	37,404	8,220	38,586	62,700	3,900	150,810	1,364,732

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been rather small than otherwise and prices declined some 60 to 75 points on the Government report of July 2. The condition of 69.9 then given was not bearish; quite the contrary. But it had been discounted. And the acreage and crop figures were distinctly larger than had been expected, especially the acreage—12.6% increase. It surprised and mystified people. The condition given of 69.9 was .7 of 10% above an average of many previous private reports, i. e. 69.2, and was the same as the average estimate by members of the New York Cotton Exchange of exactly 69.9, compared with the Government figures of 71 last month, 71.2 last year, 69.2 in 1921, 70.7 in 1920, 70 in 1919 and 85.8 in 1918 and 76 as the 10-year average. But when it came to the figures on the acreage they

were a kind of thunderclap from a clear sky. The range of estimates had pointed to an increase in acreage of 5.9 to 8.75%. But the Government put it at 12.6% and the total at the unprecedented aggregate in Government reports of 38,287,000, against 34,016,000 last year, 31,678,000 in 1921, 37,043,000 in 1920, 35,133,000 in 1919, 37,207,000 in 1918 and 34,925,000 in 1917. This was too much. Liquidation poured down on the market from all directions and prices broke sharply. Yet the condition of 69.9 showed a deterioration of 1.1% during June instead of the normal improvement. That has often been 2 to 5%. In 1920 it was 8.3%. The condition of 69.9%, too, is 6.1% below the 10-year average. But the report came upon a listless market relaxed by a decline in stocks, poor Liverpool cables, dulness of cotton goods, slowness of spot markets, quietness in general trade and a general indifference to bull speculation, whether in commodities or anything else. To be sure, there was a rally of some 30 to 40 points in the later trading on July 2, when stocks suddenly advanced and cotton shorts tried to cover. There is believed to be a big short interest in Wall Street and uptown and what looked like uptown short interests bought 15,000 to 20,000 bales of October in the afternoon. Not a few, too, were buying on a scale down. They believe that abandonment owing to weevil and labor shortage will cut down the acreage and also that July crop estimates are not as a rule to be relied upon. They may be 1,300,000 to 3,000,000 too high, as they were in 1922 and in 1918, respectively.

But with trade dull at home and abroad and private crop reports in not a few cases favorable, the turn of prices has been downward. In about 10 days October has fallen 250 points. Spot markets have been declining. Liverpool has latterly been dull, with very small spot sales. There has been a certain amount of reversing of straddles there, long liquidation and depression generally, partly owing to the decline in New York, while the disturbed state of European politics has also counted for not a little. Manchester has been dull and unsettled, partly because of the political tension in Europe. Early in the week there was talk of strained relations between England and France. The London stock market was unsettled, with some predictions of a higher bank rate, which came on Thursday, a rise to 4%. Moreover, the Ruhr situation did not improve. Things were still in their old impasse. On this side of the water the stock market was for a time a distinct depressant. Wall Street operators, too, have been bearish on the cotton situation, and although some of them have covered from time to time they have put out new short lines later on if they judged the moment opportune. Worth Street has been quiet. Fall River has been dull. Its sales for the week are estimated at 45,000 pieces of print cloths. Commodities generally have been more or less depressed. Finally, liquidation of July cotton has been renewed. As for the crop, it is believed to be in better shape than it was on June 25, the real date of the report of July 2.

But on the other hand there are those who believe that the short side is being overdone. They think there is a large short interest in October, not to mention other months. October, it seems, has been the favorite sale of many in and out of Wall Street. Wall Street and uptown interests are supposed to be rather heavily committed to the short account. And some criticize the Government report as being too high on the acreage and crop. Some question the correctness of the Government figures, especially as they give the acreage as "in cultivation." Many doubt whether the acreage in cultivation is as large as 38,287,000. In any case the acreage report is considered more or less ambiguous. It is pointed out that it makes no allowance for abandonment of acreage. And one thing is certain, namely that a critical period for the crop of some six or seven weeks lies just ahead. Of course, what may happen to the plant is purely conjectural. But in the ordinary course of nature there is deterioration. Moreover, the statistical position is regarded by many as strong, quite as strong as ever, if not more so.

Meanwhile it is not believed to be possible that general business of the world can long remain in its present dull state. Sooner or later it must emerge from the fog which has recently settled down over it and cotton will share in any improvement. Stocks of cotton at home and abroad are down to a low stage. This means visible and invisible stocks. Also, some believe that the Ruhr trouble must be nearing an end. It has come to such a pass that the Vatican is endeavoring to use its good offices toward a settlement of the vexed question. "When things get to their worst they mend." On this principle there are those who believe that a settlement of the trouble over the reparations question is not far off. Latterly Liverpool and Japanese interests have been buying. July, in spite of liquidation, has maintained a good premium over October. New Orleans has latterly been buying. Spinners have been buying October and other months. With the technical position stronger and a recent decline of about \$12 a bale not a few believe that a rally at any rate, whether prolonged or not, is due.

Cotton advanced 95 points on July from the "low" on Thursday and 50 to 66 on other months, when it was found that the market had become oversold here and in New Orleans, if not in Liverpool. Early prices here were lower, it is true, owing to generally good weather, poor cables, a decline in stocks and foreign exchange and renewed liquidation of July. Later came the upturn as the weekly report

was not so good as expected and stocks rallied despite the rise in the Bank of England rate of discount to 4%. Contracts became scarce. The crop is still two to three weeks late. The plant is small and the first week of July is gone.

To-day prices declined early, and then rallied sharply in the later business, especially on July. That was wanted by spot people, according to the general impression. Some of the buying was attributed, rightly or wrongly, to Southwestern or Texas interests. Freight engagements have been made for the shipment of some 15,000 bales of the New York stock to Europe and Japan this month, and double or more than this quantity to Japan, according to one rumor, during August. In fact, it is said even more than this will go out within the next two months from New York. The Continent wants New York cotton, especially, it appears, Havre. The strength of July offset poor spinners' takings for the week and on the whole a favorable weather map. A higher stock market helped cotton. Spot prices were up 30 to 40 points here and at the South. The technical position is considered much better than it was after a decline of about 250 points from the recent high. Yet in spite of all this the final prices to-day show a decline for the week of 47 to 81 points, July standing up the best and the next crop suffering the most. Spot cotton closed at 28.05c. for middling, a decline for the week of 50 points.

The official quotation for Middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

June 30 to July 6—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands	28.25	27.85	27.25	27.65	28.05	

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

1923	28.05c.	1915	9.50c.	1907	13.50c.	1899	6.12c.
1922	22.70c.	1914	13.25c.	1906	10.80c.	1898	6.25c.
1921	12.05c.	1913	12.35c.	1905	11.10c.	1897	7.88c.
1920	40.00c.	1912	12.15c.	1904	10.75c.	1896	7.44c.
1919	34.40c.	1911	14.85c.	1903	12.10c.	1895	7.12c.
1918	31.80c.	1910	15.35c.	1902	9.31c.	1894	7.25c.
1917	26.15c.	1909	12.75c.	1901	8.88c.	1893	7.94c.
1916	13.00c.	1908	11.30c.	1900	10.12c.	1892	7.31c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot. Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet 30 pts. dec.	Steady			
Monday	Quiet, 40 pts. dec.	Steady			
Tuesday	Quiet, 60 pts. dec.	Steady			
Wednesday		HOLIDAY			
Thursday	Steady, 40 pts. adv.	Steady			
Friday	Steady, 40 pts. adv.	Barely steady			
Total					

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

July 6—	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Stock at Liverpool	454,000	875,000	1,117,000	1,034,000
Stock at London	2,000	1,000	2,000	12,000
Stock at Manchester	42,000	56,000	93,000	142,000
Total Great Britain	498,000	932,000	1,212,000	1,188,000
Stock at Hamburg	19,000	33,000	30,000	30,000
Stock at Bremen	47,000	203,000	693,000	88,000
Stock at Havre	57,000	143,000	136,000	254,000
Stock at Rotterdam	6,000	12,000	10,000	
Stock at Barcelona	81,000	84,000	116,000	108,000
Stock at Genoa	9,000	11,000	25,000	94,000
Stock at Ghent	15,000	8,000	26,000	
Stock at Antwerp	3,000	1,000		
Total Continental stocks	237,000	495,000	536,000	564,000
Total European stocks	735,000	1,427,000	1,748,000	1,752,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	80,000	84,000	38,000	110,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	119,000	346,000	344,274	138,470
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Eur'e	47,000	77,000	42,000	42,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	165,000	243,000	271,000	88,000
Stock in Bombay, India	591,000	1,114,000	1,202,000	1,340,000
Stock in U. S. ports	275,116	623,702	1,515,542	874,848
Stock in U. S. interior towns	331,666	498,935	1,240,354	957,497
U. S. exports to-day		3,188	18,768	12,632
Total visible supply	2,343,782	4,416,825	6,419,938	5,315,447
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:				
American—				
Liverpool stock	170,000	519,000	711,000	716,000
Manchester stock	23,000	41,000	76,000	129,000
Continental stock	144,000	409,000	463,000	458,000
American afloat for Europe	119,000	346,000	344,274	138,740
U. S. port stocks	275,116	623,702	1,515,542	874,848
U. S. interior stocks	331,666	498,935	1,240,354	957,497
U. S. exports to-day		3,188	18,768	12,632
Total American	1,062,782	2,440,825	4,368,938	3,286,447
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock	284,000	356,000	406,000	318,000
London stock	2,000	1,000	2,000	12,000
Manchester stock	19,000	15,000	17,000	13,000
Continental stock	93,000	86,000	73,000	106,000
India afloat for Europe	80,000	84,000	38,000	110,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat	47,000	77,000	42,000	42,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	165,000	243,000	271,000	88,000
Stock in Bombay, India	591,000	2,114,000	1,202,000	1,340,000
Total East India, &c.	1,281,000	1,976,000	2,051,000	2,209,000
Total American	1,062,782	2,440,825	4,368,155	3,286,447
Total visible supply	2,343,782	4,416,825	6,419,938	5,315,447
Middling uplands, Liverpool	15.62d.	13.50d.	7.84d.	25.12d.
Middling uplands, New York	28.05c.	22.90c.	12.20c.	40.50c.
Egypt, good saket, Liverpool	17.15d.	22.25d.	18.00d.	64.50d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool	18.75d.	14.50d.	11.00d.	46.00d.
Broach fine, Liverpool	12.70d.	12.05d.	7.55d.	19.85d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool	13.85d.	12.95d.	8.05d.	21.10d.

Continental imports for past week have been 60,000 bales. The above figures for 1923 show a decrease from last week of 121,892 bales, a loss of 2,073,043 from 1922, a decline of 4,076,156 bales from 1921 and a falling off of 2,971,665 bales from 1920.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and a 'Week' column. Rows include months from July to May, with 'Range' and 'Closing' prices.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table comparing movement into sight for years 1921-1919, with columns for 'Bales' and 'Since Aug. 1'.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table showing closing quotations for MIDDLING COTTON at various markets (Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, etc.) from Saturday to Friday.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing closing quotations for NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET from Saturday to Friday, including 'Spot' and 'Options'.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Large table titled 'Movement to July 6 1923.' and 'Movement to July 7 1922.' showing receipts, shipments, and stocks for various towns.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that showers have been frequent and scattered and in a few instances rainfall has been heavy.

Texas.—The condition of cotton continues very good except the late planted, which in some few instances is affected by drouth.

Mobile.—Low temperatures have retarded the growth of cotton and favored the development of the boll weevil.

Charleston, S. C.—There has been very little rain, which now would be an aid in the growth of the plant.

Table titled 'Rain. Rainfall. Thermometer' showing weather data for various locations like Abilene, Brenham, Bronsville, etc.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

Table showing overland movement for the week and since August 1, comparing 1922-23 and 1921-22.

Table showing 'Total gross overland' and 'Deduct Shipments' for various regions like N. Y., Boston, &c.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 13,785 bales, against 21,753 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 325,598 bales.

Table titled 'In Sight and Spinners' Takings' showing receipts at ports to July 6 and net overland to July 6.

Nor. spinners' takings to July 6... 21,042 2,316,931 29,632 2,163,921

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing the height of rivers at various points (New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, etc.) on July 6 and July 7, 1922.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that

part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week ending, Receipts at Ports (1923, 1922, 1921), Stocks at Interior Towns (1923, 1922, 1921), Receipts from Plantations (1923, 1922, 1921). Rows include April, May, June, and July with specific bales and percentages.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1922 are 5,139,198 bales; in 1922 were 5,261,859 bales, and in 1921 were 6,812,723 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 24,472 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 8,662 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 15,810 bales during the week.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Table: Cotton Takings. Week and Season. Columns: 1922-23 (Week, Season), 1921-22 (Week, Season). Rows: Visible supply June 29, Visible supply Aug. 1, American in sight to July 6, Bombay receipts to July 5, etc.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 4,149,000 bales in 1922-23 and 3,454,000 bales in 1921-22—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 13,765,400 bales in 1922-23 and 13,050,573 bales in 1921-22, of which 7,578,938 bales and 8,364,553 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table: India Cotton Movement. Columns: 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21. Rows: July 5 Receipts at Bombay, Exports From Bombay (1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21), Total all (1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21).

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 10,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 61,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 632,550 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table: Alexandria Receipts and Shipments. Columns: Alexandria, Egypt, July 5, 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21. Rows: Receipts (cantars) This week, Since Aug. 1.

Table: Exports (bales). Columns: Week, Since Aug. 1. Rows: To Liverpool, To Manchester, &c., To Continent and India, To America, Total exports.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. * This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending July 5 were 8,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 6,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is quiet. Demand for both yarn and cloth is poor. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table: 1922-23, 1921-22. Columns: 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/2 lbs. Shirtings, Cotton Mid. Upl's. Rows: Mar. 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6.

NEW YORK.—Shipments in detail:

Table: Shipments in detail. Columns: City/Route, Date, Quantity. Rows: NEW YORK (To Havre, Liverpool, Bremen, etc.), GALVESTON (To Genoa, Rotterdam, etc.), BOSTON (To Liverpool), MOBILE (To Bremen), NORFOLK (To Rotterdam, etc.), SAN FRANCISCO (To Japan), SAVANNAH (To Bremen, Gothenburg, Genoa).

LIVERPOOL.—Sales, stocks, &c., for past week:

Table: Liverpool Sales, stocks, &c. Columns: June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6. Rows: Sales of the week, Of which American, Actual export, Forwarded, Total stock, Total imports, Amount afloat.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table: Market prices for spot cotton. Columns: Spot, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows: Market 12.15, P.M., Mid. Upl'ds, Sales, Futures Market, Market 4 P.M.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table: Prices of futures at Liverpool. Columns: June 30 to July 6, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Rows: July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, July 6 1923.

Flour has been quiet, with prices veering upward or downward with wheat. Last week there was some improvement in business, but the flour trade would not have objected at all to a much greater increase. At times, when wheat advanced on black rust reports from the Northwest, flour took on rather more steadiness. The state of supplies here is not quite so much in buyers' favor. The big piling of stocks last fall is, of course, not forgotten. Dealers hope for a more normal state of things this season. And for one thing it is said that mills seem less inclined to consign flour to New York, that is, to a slow market. Such consignments have

naturally had a tendency to make bad worse. Still, it is said that regular mill prices have been shaded at times recently in order to do business. With the export demand slow and the home demand of a tentative and more or less hesitant sort, it would be easy to imagine a much better condition of business here. Later the demand increased somewhat, but the actual business was only moderate. Kansas City continued the third largest milling centre in the United States in the crop year ended July 1. It had a production exceeding 5,000,000 bbls. In all, the twelve Kansas City mills produced 5,080,144 bbls. of flour, compared with the previous record set last year of 4,656,000 bbls. The addition of one mill, the Washburn-Crosby plant, was largely responsible for the increased production. Last year at this time the daily capacity of the mills was 19,150 bbls. at present it is 23,150 bbls. The weekly capacity has increased from 114,900 to 132,900 bbls. The Kansas Flour Mills' new plant in North Kansas City will be ready in August, adding 3,000 bbls. daily and an ultimate capacity of 6,000 bbls. The best prices of the year were recorded early in the season, when high patent sold up to \$7 and \$7 15 in cotton 98s. The low for the season occurred toward the close of the crop year, when prices dropped below \$6. Short patent now \$5 40 to \$5 70 and very quiet. At Minneapolis flour has been hard to sell. The sales were mostly for prompt shipment; shipments increased sharply with a gain in ordering out recent purchases. The out movement for the week was 60,000 bbls. larger than the week before. The total was 310,000, against 250,000 a year ago. It is said that some mills are well sold ahead. The reduced rate on winter wheat to Duluth milled in transit here may lead to larger buying for mixing. Minneapolis in carlots, best family patents, \$6 10 to \$6 30 f. o. b. The "Northwestern Miller" said: "Not since early summer of 1916 has flour been as cheap as it is now; the short wheat crop of 1916 started an advance which was maintained at a level higher than the present one for seven years."

Wheat advanced on reports of black rust in the Northwest, higher cables, small world's shipments, covering of shorts, talk of measures to be taken at the West to help the farmer, and so forth. Liverpool on the 2nd inst. advanced 3/4 to 7/8c. per cental. The world's shipments last week dropped to 11,721,000 bushels, against 12,657,000 in the week before. The quantity on passage fell off by the remarkable amount of 7,000,000 bushels. And the American visible supply decreased last week 2,030,000 bushels and the bonded supply 1,733,000 bushels. The decrease in the visible supply in the same week last year, to be sure, was 4,229,000 bushels. But the total is now down to 26,313,000 bushels, though this must be contrasted with 17,773,000 bushels a year ago. Another drawback was the dullness of export trade. Declines in the stock and cotton markets at times have also militated more or less against wheat as tending to lessen outside interest in the buying side. Also, recent Government interference with grain trading has had a distinct tendency to drive out speculative buyers. Big operators have avoided the market. There was a decline on the 2nd inst., with the weather good. On the other hand, the cables were steady, there were some crop complaints as usual and there was talk to the effect that a plan was being proposed for holding back 200,000 bushels of wheat. But some pointed out that it would merely help Canada, that the United States would shake the bush and Canada catch the bird. At the same time American crop estimates showed a tendency to rise. But the next day prices advanced with rains in Kansas, light receipts, scanty sales by farmers and some less favorable crop news. Farmers were supposed to be holding back for higher prices. Also, an unexpected thing happened. Snow's report was unsatisfactory. It put the spring wheat condition at 82.8%, against 90.2 in the June official report. On this basis the yield was estimated at 238,000,000 bushels. The winter wheat yield he put at 591,000,000 bushels, making a grand total of 829,000,000 bushels, against 817,000,000 bushels last month. This was not up to the expectations of many. The suggestion made by the American Farm Bureau Federation that the intermediate credit banks finance the warehousing of 200,000,000 bushels of wheat, to keep that much grain off the market after harvest and stabilize the price of wheat got a noticeably cool reception in Washington official circles. The scheme was described as impractical and as incapable of producing the desired end. It was called a wild-cat remedy. Paris wired on July 3 that France is now buying wheat all over the world to secure a three months' supply. Wolff & Co. of Chicago and Dreyfus Bros. of Paris have been doing this buying. Recently it was thought that only a month's supply would have to be bought by France to last till the next harvest. French buying has depressed francs. Rome cabled July 3 that the Italian harvest prospect was good and it was hoped that the wheat production might reach approximately 52,000,000 quintals, which meant a considerable diminution in the amount necessary to be imported. About \$50,000,000 worth of Russian grain, according to reports, will be exported by the Soviet Government to Germany, one-half to be paid for in goods. Canada is also complaining of low prices for wheat. Saskatoon, Sask. wired to-day: "Canadian wheat prices will fall below the cost of production, exerting a disastrous effect on the entire economic life of Western Canada, unless a voluntary wheat pool is formed, J. H. Haslam, economic adviser to the Farmers' Union of Canada, declared at the annual convention to-day. It has become obvious during the last month that new low level prices will be

reached unless relief is provided, he said." To-day prices declined for a time with Liverpool down 1/2 to 1 1/2d., the weather in the main favorable, not a little hedge selling and some general liquidation. Also, shipments from Argentina reached the liberal total of 3,223,000 bushels, while India shipped 1,720,000 bushels. Australia, to be sure, took the edge off these figures to some extent by shipping only 248,000 bushels. In the end shorts covered and prices rallied. The final for the week shows a rise of 1 to 2 cents. Everybody is now awaiting the Government report with a good deal of interest.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red.....	cts. 127	Sat. 126 3/4	Mon. 127 1/2	Tues. 127 1/2	Wed. 126 1/2	Thurs. 126 1/2	Fri. 126 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator.....	cts. 103	Sat. 102 1/2	Mon. 103 1/4	Tues. 103 1/4	Wed. 102 3/4	Thurs. 103 1/4	Fri. 103 1/4
September delivery in elevator.....	103 3/4	103	103 1/4	103 1/4	102 3/4	103 1/4	103 1/4
December delivery in elevator.....	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	105 3/4	106 1/2	106 1/2

Indian corn declined under heavy July liquidation in a long market. The drop in a little over a week has been about 8c. But on July 2 there was an early advance of 1 1/4c. on July, with receipts light, shorts covering, bull support and two houses, it seems, taking the deliveries. The July deliveries on the 2nd inst. were expected to be 500,000 bushels. They were 551,000 bushels. The American visible supply increased last week, however, 202,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of 1,989,000 bushels. But the total is only 3,367,000, against 29,337,000 last year. July at one time acted firm, rising on the 2nd inst. 3/4c. despite July deliveries of 550,000 bushels, but it reacted later. Some of the crop estimates have been 2,867,000,000 bushels to 3,068,000,000 bushels, against 2,891,000,000 last season. The weather has been favorable for the crop. Also, some dwell on the fact that the visible supply last week increased 202,000 bushels, as against a decrease in the same week last year of nearly 2,000,000 bushels. They thought that was a bit significant, especially as the receipts on the 2nd inst. greatly exceeded the estimates. But after some further decline a rally occurred the next day in sympathy with an advance in wheat and also because of small receipts. That caused shorts to cover, partly for the reason that Snow's report was disappointing to them. It put the area at 101,456,000 acres, or a reduction of 1,000,000 acres, suggesting only 2,800,000,000 bushels, against 2,890,000,000 bushels harvested last year, when this was inadequate. Later in the week prices fell further, owing to good weather. December broke to a new "low." To-day prices, after a momentary decline, advanced on short covering, something which offset favorable weather. Last prices show an irregular result for the week, July being up 5/8c. and September down 5/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow.....	cts. 99 1/2	Sat. 100	Mon. 100 1/4	Tues. 100 1/4	Wed. 100 1/4	Thurs. 100 1/4	Fri. 100 1/4
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator.....	cts. 78 1/2	Sat. 78 1/2	Mon. 79 1/2	Tues. 79 1/2	Wed. 79	Thurs. 79 1/2	Fri. 79 1/2
September delivery in elevator.....	75 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74	74 3/4	74 3/4
December delivery in elevator.....	63 3/4	62	62 3/4	62 3/4	61 3/4	62 3/4	62 3/4

Oats declined with trade light and July under liquidation. The deliveries on July 2, however, were only 10,000 bushels, and at one time on that day July advanced a fraction. On June 30, too, 100,000 bushels, it was said, were taken for London. Weakness in corn at times held oats back. The visible supply in the United States decreased last week 1,266,000 bushels, against 1,834,000 in the same week last year. The total is now down to 8,522,000 bushels, as against 42,733,000 a year ago. But favorable weather, dullness of cash trade, heavy selling of September and December caused depression. September and December dropped to the lowest prices of the season. On Tuesday prices rallied a little, though they sagged later. Nothing seems to rouse the market. And on the 5th inst. July astonished everybody by a vertical drop of 3 3/4c. and December fell 1 1/2c., with crop reports favorable and predictions of an early movement of the crop. Stop orders were met on the way down. Naturally, they hastened the decline. To-day prices were lower early, but rallied later on with other grain, in spite of favorable weather over much of the belt. The recent liquidation has put the market to all appearance in rather better technical shape. Last prices, however, show a decline for the week of 1 3/4c. to 2 3/8c., the latter on July. July at one time was down to 36 1/2c. on the 5th inst.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white.....	cts. 54	Sat. 54	Mon. 54	Tues. 54	Wed. 54	Thurs. 54	Fri. 54
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July delivery in elevator.....	cts. 40 1/2	Sat. 40	Mon. 40 1/2	Tues. 40 1/2	Wed. 38 3/4	Thurs. 38 3/4	Fri. 38 3/4
September delivery in elevator.....	36 3/4	35 3/4	35 3/4	35 3/4	34 1/2	35	35
December delivery in elevator.....	38 3/4	37 3/4	37 3/4	37 3/4	36 3/4	36 3/4	36 3/4

Rye advanced on July early in the week if September hung back. On July 2 the deliveries were expected to be 800,000 bushels, and they did reach 813,000 bushels. But large as they were they had no great effect. In fact, at one time on that day prices advanced slightly. Later, exporters took 50,000 bushels. This was, of course, only a small business, but prices showed for a moment more steadiness, with a decrease in the estimate of the crop in a private report. It put the yield at 63,600,000 bushels, compared with 72,500,000 in the Government crop last month and last year's final crop of 95,500,000 bushels. This is a decrease of about 35%. The visible supply in the United States last week decreased 1,091,000 bushels, against 945,000 in the same week last year.

The total is 14,329,000 bushels, against 1,635,000 a year ago. Later, export sales were made of 200,000 to 300,000 bushels.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO. July delivery in elevator... 62 3/4

The following are closing quotations:

Table with columns for Wheat, Oats, Barley, FLOUR, and Barley goods. Includes prices for No. 2 red, No. 2 hard winter, No. 2 yellow, etc.

For other tables usually given here, see page 54. Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday June 30 1923 follow:

Table showing receipts at various ports for Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Rye. Columns include Receipts at, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye.

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

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, June 30 1923, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing exports from various ports for Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, and Peas. Columns include Exports from, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, Peas.

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

Table showing exports for week and since July 1 to various destinations for Flour, Wheat, and Corn. Columns include Exports for Week and Since July 1 to, Flour, Wheat, Corn.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, June 29, and since July 1 1922 and 1921, are shown in the following:

Table showing world's shipment of wheat and corn by destination for 1922-23, 1921-22, 1922-23, and 1921-22. Columns include Exports, 1922-23, 1921-22, 1922-23, 1921-22.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, June 30, was as follows:

Table showing grain stocks for United States and Foreign for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley. Columns include United States, Foreign, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley.

Table showing grain stocks for Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas, Peoria, Indianapolis, Omaha, On Lakes, On Canal and River, Total June 30 1923, Total June 23 1923, Total July 1 1922, Canadian, and Summary.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT REPORT ON COTTON ACREAGE AND CONDITION.—The Agricultural Department at Washington on Monday of this week (July 2) issued its report on cotton acreage and condition as of June 25 and the following is the complete official text of the report:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Washington, D. C., July 2 1923.

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture estimates, from the reports of its correspondents and field statisticians, that the area of cotton in cultivation this year (1923) in the United States is about 38,287,000 acres, as compared with 34,016,000 acres, the revised estimate of acreage in cultivation a year ago, being an increase of 4,271,000 acres, or 12.6%.

The condition of the growing crop on June 25 was 69.9% of a normal condition, as compared with 71 on May 25 1923, 71.2 on June 25 1922 and 76 the average condition for the past ten years on June 25.

Table showing details by States for Area June 25 1923, Preliminary Estimate, Condition, Per Cent Compared with 1922, Acres, Ten-Year Avege, 1922, 1923, 10-Yr Avege, 1923.

U. S. total (a) 112.6 38,287,000 76.0 71.2 69.9 +2.4 -1.1

(a) About 157,000 acres in Lower California (Old Mexico) included in California figures, but excluded from United States total. b 6-year average. Pima Egyptian cotton in Arizona is estimated at 43,000 acres this year, compared with 77,000 acres in 1922.

Note.—Previous June 25 forecasts were above final yields per acre 6 times, range 2% to 25%, average 14.8%; 2 times below, range 3% to 13%, average 8%. Average of last 8 years, 9.1% above. Reversing the comparison, and using the forecast instead of the final yield as the basis, the 6 final yields below the forecast averaged 12.5% below, with a range of 2% to 20%, the 2 above the forecast averaged 8.5% above, with a range of 3% to 14%, and the average final yield of the entire 8 years was 7.2% below the average June 25 forecast yield. (Yield equivalent used this year 4.5% below that of July a year ago.)

Approved: C. F. MARVIN, Acting Secretary.

CROP REPORTING BOARD. W. A. Schoenfeld, Chairman; W. F. Callander, S. A. Jones, G. K. Holmes, J. A. Becker, Z. R. Pettet, H. H. Schutz.

CRITICISM OF AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S COTTON ACREAGE FIGURES.—REPLY OF DEPARTMENT.—As the increase in cotton acreage reported by the Department of Agriculture is so much larger than was expected, the estimate has naturally caused considerable comment.

Widespread trade criticism of the Department of Agriculture for having failed in making its record breaking cotton acreage estimate to allow for abandonment of cotton lands was answered to-day by the official declaration that this factor had been disregarded in early forecasts since 1919.

While the crop reporting board asserts that it was fully conscious of the fact that its estimate of 38,387,000 acres was far in excess of the trade expectation, it expresses a willingness to allow the future to justify the forecast. According to Dr. S. A. Jones, Secretary of the Crop Reporting Board, the Department's sources of information were more complete this year than ever before.

The number of farmers reporting directly the acreage planted now totals about 15,000, it was stated.

Estimated in December.—Not until December will the Department of Agriculture make an estimate of the abandonment of acreage for the present year, Dr. Jones declared.

"It is true that the Crop Reporting Board made no allowance for the abandonment of cotton acreage in the July 2 statement," Dr. Jones stated. "Our studies have shown us that the correspondents make allowance for this factor in their condition figures, which shows the percentage of the normal crop. Therefore, after 1919 we stopped making any deduction as the percentage of abandonment was reflected in the condition figure. In the December report, however, the Department will ascertain from its correspondents what the abandonment in the cotton States has been and will deduct this in estimating the yield for the 1923 season."

The trade, in criticizing the Government for its failure to take into account this factor, has pointed out that in 1922-23, the acreage abandonment was figured at 3%, 3½% in 1921-22, 3% in 1920-21 and 4% in 1919-20. It was contended that, if the average abandonment for the past four years had been reflected in the recent crop estimate, the yield would have been not 11,412,000 but 11,085,000 bales. Or, even if the abandonment were placed at only 1%, the prospective crop would be 11,309,000 bales.

Former Forecasts Too High.—The Government has been making crop forecasts in cotton for eight years, according to officials here. They admit frankly that in six of the years the early forecasts as to future yields have been too high. It is their belief, however, that there has been an unusually high proportion of bad seasons since the Government first undertook to forecast what the yields would be. Furthermore, it is stated candidly that the number of predictions have been too few to give stable averages.

Studies of past years, extending over a long period, do not indicate that the string of bad seasons will continue, according to Dr. Jones, who says that it would seem there has just been too many bad seasons to the few good ones when viewed by and large.

The Federal Board contends that the trade will be in a better position to judge as to the accuracy of the forecast when the last ginning report is submitted. While it was fully conscious of the fact that the private estimates of the acreage fell far short of the 12.6% increase, the members felt that it had no other recourse but to announce the result of its studies on the growing crop.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 5.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending July 5, is as follows:

Early in the week, ending July 3, there was a marked change to much cooler weather in all sections east of the Rocky Mountains. The middle and latter parts of the week were unseasonably cool in the Central and Northern States, with night temperatures much below normal in the South. Light frost was reported in some portions of the western upper Lake region. On the other hand it was much warmer west of the Rocky Mountains and the week was rainless in nearly all sections of that area.

Heavy rain fell in most Gulf Coast sections from the Mississippi River eastward, which, together with the cool weather, was unfavorable for agricultural interests, as field work was hindered, and it was too cool for best plant growth. There was sufficient moisture in nearly all Ohio Valley localities, and crops made satisfactory advance in that area, although it was rather cool for best growth. Timely rains occurred in the extreme lower Missouri Valley, and grasses and grains were greatly benefited by rainfall in most Central-Northern States.

The general dry and much warmer weather, following the cool, damp conditions of last week, was very beneficial in the more northwestern States, where the soil is in unusually good shape at the present time. Crops were favorably affected also by the warmer weather in California and Nevada, but drought continued in the Southwest, being especially severe in Arizona and western New Mexico.

Rainfall was mostly of a local character in the middle Atlantic area and the Northeastern States, but many sections received beneficial rains, particularly in New Jersey. Many other sections, however, are still dry, and crops were suffering greatly. Many crops are reported as almost failures in New Jersey.

The weather was exceptionally favorable for harvesting in the middle Atlantic States and good progress was made in the northern Ohio Valley States. Rain caused some delay, however, in the trans-Mississippi area. There was some hail damage in portions of Kansas and in some localities of the central Rocky Mountains, while crops were harmed by flooding in Milk River Valley of Montana.

SMALL GRAINS.—Wheat harvest was begun in Pennsylvania and was in progress in the northern Ohio Valley States. This work was completed in Missouri, except along the northern border and was started in the Plains area northward to southeastern Nebraska. The weather was generally favorable for this work east of the Mississippi River, but there was some delay by rain in southern Iowa, and rather slow progress was reported from Nebraska, with much complaint of lodging and muddy fields in northern Kansas. Winter wheat made good progress in the more northern States and fine wheat weather prevailed in the northwestern sections of the country.

Cooler weather favored the development of spring wheat and soil moisture was sufficient in nearly all sections, except that it was too dry in parts of North Dakota. It was exceptionally favorable for this crop in South Dakota and Montana, while fairly good progress was reported from the eastern portions of the belt.

Oats improved in most of the Northern States, but were heading short in the interior sections east of the Mississippi River. They were greatly benefited by rain in Iowa and were filling nicely, and were maturing well in the northern Great Plains. Oat harvest was under way in Virginia and in the interior to Kentucky, while this work was well along in Oklahoma. Flax did well in South Dakota and the early crop was in excellent condition in North Dakota, but the late crop was not so good. Grain sorghums were favorably affected by the weather in the southern Great Plains. Warmer weather was favorable for rice in California, and this crop made good progress in the west Gulf States.

CORN.—While the weather was rather cool in the principal corn producing States, that crop made satisfactory growth generally, as moisture was sufficient in most sections and the soil was warm at the beginning of the week following the preceding warm weather. The crop was fairly well cultivated in the Ohio Valley States, although there was considerable complaint of weeds in the southern portions of Indiana and Illinois, and in western Kentucky.

The condition of the crop was reported as fair in Iowa; about one-third laid by, and considerable waist-high. Vigorous, healthy growth was noted in Missouri and good advance generally in the Plains States. Corn grew well in the middle Atlantic area, although more moisture would be beneficial, while improvement was noted in the south Atlantic Coast States. The warmer weather favorably affected this crop in the more northwestern States.

COTTON.—Generally cool weather prevailed throughout the Cotton Belt, except that the weekly mean temperatures were about normal in the southwestern portion and along the immediate Atlantic Coast. Showers were rather frequent in the eastern half of the belt, with heavy rainfall from the extreme lower Mississippi Valley eastward.

Beneficial showers occurred at about two-thirds of the reporting stations in Texas, and temperatures were fairly favorable; cotton made fair to very good progress, except the late planted in the dry sections, where it was poor. Some increase in weevil activity was noted. The progress and condition of the crop were fair in Oklahoma, but it continued considerably later than the average; fields were mostly clean.

Except for the cool weather the middle part of the week, conditions were mostly favorable in Arkansas where cotton made very good advance. Squares and blooms were forming in Tennessee, and cultivation was satisfactory in that State, with progress and condition fair to very good. The weather was cool and showery in Mississippi and Alabama, the nights being unprecedentedly cool in the former State; growth was generally poor, although fair the first part of the week in Alabama.

Heavy rains occurred again in much of Georgia and the nights were cool; growth was fair the first part of the week, and there was a slight improvement in cotton generally, but its condition continued very poor as a rule, with increasing weevil damage and the weather too wet to apply poison. It was cool, cloudy, showery and unfavorable in Florida, but conditions were more favorable in the Carolinas. Progress and condition were reported as very good in North Carolina, although rain was needed in some sections. Beneficial showers occurred in the Piedmont section of South Carolina, and the progress and condition of cotton were fair in that State, though plants were still backward; weevil were numerous, but doing little damage, with active preventive measures being taken.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Friday Night, July 6 1923.

While textile markets are in a more or less unsettled condition at present, there is a feeling that buying will be resumed in a moderate way by the middle or latter part of the current month. Readjustment is again under way and merchants are now said to be striving to interest their customers in goods to be made. Lower prices have been named on many stock goods, which are expected to encourage a moderate volume of new buying. Resistance to higher prices is still manifest in many directions, and it is stated that while jobbers and their representatives talk of good business they have not as yet displayed much indication of it in the form of active ordering for future distribution. On the other hand, it is believed in many quarters that cotton goods buyers who are counting upon goods being plentiful enough to meet their needs are being misled, in some directions at least. For instance, there is said to be no substantial stock of percales or prints in first hands. Bleachers have been very cautious about stocking up, and when any large orders are submitted they have been obliged to ask the buyers to wait and take a later delivery. In raw materials, troubles continue. Cotton goods merchants are of the opinion that goods will be priced low and cotton high for the next 60 days, and they are not only expecting but are encouraging a substantial volume of curtailment of operations among mills. With costs very high, mills are being forced to operate on very narrow profit margins, thus causing a general desire to shut down machinery when orders expire and to refrain from tying up money in merchandise produced at high costs. There are many prices which are below cost of production, and if the mills do not lose on them it will be because of fortunate purchases of cotton some months ago. However, while the uncertainty about cotton is believed by many to be at the bottom of the slow trade in cotton goods, this opinion is not universal.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Quietness has prevailed in markets for domestic cotton goods during the past week, which has been partly due to the national holiday. The lack of confidence in values appears to be very general, and goods are only moving when lower prices are named. Dull conditions continue in the market for gingham except on the few highly styled lines where wash goods buyers and cutters have placed fair-sized mill orders. It appears to be generally accepted among leading cotton merchants, and in some other divisions of the market, that a revision of finished goods prices must take place before buyers will make future commitments on a liberal scale. Some lines have already been reduced 10%, and the expectation is that other lines will have to be similarly revised before buyers will display much interest. Whether or not the predicted price concessions will take place remains to be seen. There is a very decided disposition among the larger houses in the primary markets to make every effort possible to secure their share of the business that is to be had. Not only are styles being changed, but the new prices that are being named are taken to indicate that every resource of the more prominent factors is being brought to bear to make competition felt and to assure buyers that excessive profits are not being sought. On the other hand, summer curtailment of production should do much to bring out more strongly the fact that the textile trades are not facing over-production so much as they are contending with a restricted consumption. As far as stocks are concerned, the situation is believed to be fairly healthy. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 7½c., and the 27-inch, 64x60's, at 6½c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68x72's, are quoted at 11½c., and the 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 12½c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Summer dulness has characterized the markets for woollen and worsted goods during the past week, and the dulness is expected to continue for another week or two. Clothing manufacturers have been buying sparingly, as they have not been able to secure goods at the prices they had counted on for a full output, and are now said to be bearish in their views of the worth of fabrics for future use. On the other hand, leading manufacturers do not believe that wool or labor will be any cheaper during the coming season, which will make it impossible for them to name as low prices as they did at the opening of the fall season. The spot piece goods market continues quiet and unchanged. The jobbing trade has been doing a little business, mostly dress fabrics, but aside from this, quietness prevails. Mills continue to make deliveries on fall goods, but re-orders are slow to come in.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Markets for linens have been less active during the week, partly due to the holiday. There has been less evidence of retailers shopping for bargains, while mail orders have also been less numerous. Orders for low-end crashes have been very light in volume, and the better grades showed little or no sales animation. Dress linens displayed the most activity, and prices on present season offerings have been well maintained. There has been no incentive to reduce prices during the prevailing season as importers have been behind with deliveries. In various quarters fall handkerchief linen business has halted, as many lines have been completely sold up in all importing houses. The demand for stock goods at present is said to be confined to low and medium priced goods. Burlaps have been in light demand, and prices developed an easier undertone. Light weights quoted at 5.35 to 5.40c.; heavies at 7.25 to 7.30c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN JUNE.

As a result of the sale of two very large State bond issues the aggregate of State and municipal bonds placed during June was swelled to the figure of \$156,366,800, the largest total reached in any month of June. This month, however, has often in the past been distinguished for bond disposals of exceptional extent. It is to be noted, also, that municipalities issuing obligations during the past month were fewer in number than in June 1922. A year ago the largest block of bonds placed was \$13,000,000, that being by the State of Michigan, and the ten largest disposals aggregated \$46,242,000. In June 1923 the State of Kansas sold \$25,000,000 and the State of Iowa \$22,000,000, both issues having been made for payment of bonuses to war veterans, and the five largest issues alone aggregated \$63,720,000.

It should be pointed out, too, that in the earlier months of 1923 the sales ran well behind those for the same months of 1922. The result is that notwithstanding the big State issues brought out last June, and some large issues as well in other months, the aggregate of State and municipal bonds that have come on the market during the half year of 1923 falls considerably short of that for the half year of 1922, being in fact only \$571,893,563, against \$655,086,150.

The two issues which attracted the most attention during the past June were the \$25,000,000 Kansas and the \$22,000,000 Iowa bonds. The State of Kansas awarded its issue, which bore 4 1/2% interest, to a syndicate composed of the Bankers Trust Co., National City Co., Wm. R. Compton Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., E. H. Rollins & Sons and Hayden, Stone & Co., all of New York; Harris Trust & Savings Bank, First Trust & Savings Bank, Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank and Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., all of Chicago, at 100.68, a basis of about 4.43%.

The State of Iowa, after trying for some time to sell its \$22,000,000 issue at 4 1/4% interest, on June 2 awarded the bonds at a price which makes the money cost the State approximately 4.36% annual interest. The bonds were awarded to a syndicate composed of Estabrook & Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., Redmond & Co., Curtis & Sanger, First National Bank, Brown Bros. & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Blodget & Co., Bankers Trust Co., Kountze Bros., Hornblower & Weeks and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, all of New York; Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit; Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, and Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport on a bid of par for \$12,345,000 4 1/4s and \$9,655,000 4 1/2s.

Other prominent issues of the month were: Moffat Tunnel Improvement District, Colorado, 5 1/2s, in the amount of \$6,720,000, purchased by R. M. Grant & Co., Inc., of New York at 103.199, a basis of about 5.28%; \$5,000,000 4% bonds of Chicago, Ill., Sanitary District, awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, the National City Co., the First Trust & Savings Bank, the Illinois Merchants' Trust Co. and the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago on a basis of 4.44%; State of New Jersey road and bridge 4 1/4s, \$5,000,000 in amount, disposed of to several financial institutions in New Jersey at various prices; two issues of Jersey City 4 3/4s, in amounts of \$2,228,000 and \$2,046,000, awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co., the National City Co. and the Bankers Trust Co. of N. Y. at prices which cost the city 4.44% annual interest; City of Milwaukee bonds, four issues, aggregating \$3,790,000, bearing 4 1/2% interest, awarded to a syndicate composed of the Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis; Eldredge & Co., First National Bank, Stacy & Braun, Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. and Redmond & Co., New York; Northern Trust Co., Chicago; Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, and Edmunds Bros., Boston, at 100.631, a basis of about 4.43%; four issues of 4 1/2s of Trenton, N. J., aggregating \$3,210,000, two of which were awarded to Estabrook & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, Remick, Hodges & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Hornblower & Weeks and H. L. Allen & Co. of New York as follows: \$1,993,000 at 101.87, a basis of about 4.36%, and \$1,075,000 at 101.25, a basis of about 4.37%, and the other two to John A. Robbling & Sons Co. of Trenton at a price to yield about 4.21%; \$3,000,000 4 1/2% highway bonds of the State of Alabama, purchased by the Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati; \$2,750,000 5 1/2% navigation channel bonds of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, awarded to Sutherlin, Barry & Co., Inc., of New Orleans and Caldwell & Co. of Nashville

at 100.60, a basis of about 5.45%; two issues of Hennepin County, Minn., 4 3/4% bonds, one for \$2,000,000, issued for road purposes, awarded to the Bankers Trust Co., Estabrook & Co. and Eldredge & Co. of New York at 101.47, a basis of about 4.52%, and the other for \$750,000, issued for a tuberculosis sanatorium, awarded to a syndicate composed of the Bankers Trust Co., Estabrook & Co. and Eldredge & Co. of New York, the First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, the Wells-Dickey Co. and the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis at 101.609, a basis of about 4.57%; \$2,500,000 4 1/2% public building and improvement bonds of St. Louis, Mo., awarded to Geo. H. Barr & Co., P. F. Cusick & Co., Rutter & Co., H. L. Allen & Co. of New York and the Federal Securities Corporation of St. Louis at 101.17, a basis of about 4.375%; and \$2,200,000 refunding water bonds of Portland, Ore., awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago and the Ladd & Tilton Bank of Portland on a bid of 100.077 for 4 1/2s, a basis of about 4.49%.

Bonds offered but not sold during June aggregated \$7,519,121. Included in this total are \$3,700,000 bonds of the State of North Dakota.

In addition to the long-term bonds placed during June, an aggregate of no less than \$53,089,124 securities of a short-term character was issued. This includes \$30,629,000 borrowings of New York City and \$15,000,000 of the State of North Carolina. The latter consisted of one-year notes. The State has as yet disposed of only \$15,073,000 out of the \$20,073,000 4 1/2% serial bonds offered last January.

Canadian provinces and municipalities placed \$12,752,246 new bonds during June. Of this total, \$8,155,000 was contributed by three provinces: Saskatchewan issued \$3,155,000 5s, Manitoba \$3,000,000 5s and British Columbia \$2,000,000 5s.

Below we furnish comparison of all the various forms of obligations sold in June during the last five years:

	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Permanent loans (U. S.)	156,366,800	118,969,285	110,632,059	45,113,020	100,378,461
*Temporary loans (U. S.)	53,089,124	23,321,465	50,651,500	31,894,225	36,470,000
Canadian loans (perm't)					
Placed in Canada	9,597,246	10,514,539	10,818,561	7,660,752	8,505,410
Placed in U. S.	3,155,000	450,000	4,002,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Bonds U. S. Possessions	None	4,700,000	180,000	None	None
Total	222,208,170	157,955,289	176,284,120	86,167,997	146,853,871

* Includes temporary securities (revenue bonds and bills and corporate stock notes) issued by New York City, \$30,629,000 in June 1923, \$11,000,000 in June 1922, \$38,944,500 in June 1921, \$21,145,000 in June 1920, and \$27,600,000 in June 1919.

The number of municipalities in the United States issuing permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during June 1923 were 390 and 550, respectively. This contrasts with 394 and 571 for May 1923 and 560 and 752 for June 1922.

For comparative purposes we give the following table, showing the aggregates for June and the six months for a series of years. In these figures temporary loans and bonds issued by Canadian municipalities are excluded:

	Month of June.	For the Six Months.	Month of June.	For the Six Months.
1923	\$156,366,800	\$571,893,563	1907	\$21,390,486
1922	118,969,285	655,086,150	1906	21,686,622
1921	110,632,059	466,635,487	1905	19,016,754
1920	45,113,020	322,661,532	1904	24,425,909
1919	100,378,461	305,650,839	1903	16,926,619
1918	27,821,083	151,766,284	1902	28,417,172
1917	28,510,832	221,579,100	1901	13,468,098
1916	47,555,691	283,464,572	1900	19,670,126
1915	108,976,230	322,928,610	1899	29,348,742
1914	54,403,737	357,557,177	1898	9,704,925
1913	39,388,230	218,879,270	1897	16,385,065
1912	49,485,807	246,289,293	1896	12,792,308
1911	27,470,820	223,262,370	1895	15,907,441
1910	19,369,775	162,846,110	1894	16,359,377
1909	*32,124,450	207,125,317	1893	1,888,935
1908	31,606,064	169,082,579	1892	12,249,000

* Incl. \$40,000,000 4s of N. Y. City. z Incl. \$71,000,000 4 1/2s of N. Y. City.

In the following table we give a list of June 1923 loans in the amount of \$156,366,800 issued by 390 municipalities. In the case of each loan reference is made to the page in the "Chronicle" where accounts of the sale are given:

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2673	Abington Sch. Dist., Pa.	4 1/4	1927-1943	\$350,000	102.596	4.05
2797	Adams, N. Y.	4.70	1927-1943	8,100	100.087	4.69
3024	Akron, Ohio (3 issues)	4 3/4	1924-1932	1,075,000	100.911	4.67
2905	Alabama (State of)	5	1924-1932	187,500		
3024	Alabama High S. D., Calif.	4 3/4	1943-1948	3,000,000		
3024	Alameda County, Calif.	5	1924-1963	750,000	101.56	4.62
2797	Alamosa, Colo.	5 1/2	1924	50,000	100.53	4.45
2673	Alcoa, Tenn.	5	1924-1943	13,000		
2905	Alliance Sch. Dist., Neb.	4 3/4	1924-1953	55,000	97.98	5.24
3024	Anguilla, Miss.	6	1924-1943	75,000		
2797	Ansonia, Conn.	4 1/4	1924-1943	200,000	102.25	4.23
2797	Appleton, Wis.	5	serially	425,000	102.49	
2905	Archbold, Ohio	5 1/2	1924-1933	10,400	101.25	5.24
112	Ascalmore Dr. D. No. 1, Miss.	6	1925-1944	80,000		
112	Ashtabula, Ohio	5	1924-1947	120,000	101.72	
2797	Aspinwall, Pa.	4 1/2	1927-1943	20,000	102.10	4.21
112	Atlanta, Ga.	5	1924	150,000		
2905	Bandon, Ore.	6	1923-1940	40,000	96	6.42
3024	Beaufort County, No. Caro. (2 issues)	5	1929-1953	250,000	100.28	4.97

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3024	Beaumont, Tex.	5 1/2		220,000	98.06		2907	Green Co., Ohio	5 1/2	1923-1932	114,600	100.90	5.29
3024	Beauregard Parish, La.	5 1/2	1924-1933	150,000	101.52	5.70	2675	Greene Co., Ind. (5 iss.)	5	1924-1933	144,000	101	4.80
3024	Bellville Sch. Dist., N. J.	5	1925-1951	68,000	104.19	4.63	2800	Greene County, Ind.	5	1924-1933	13,500	101	4.79
3024	Bellville Sch. Dist., N. J.	5	1925-1936	12,000	101.52	4.76	3026	Greene Un. Fr. S. D. No. 4, N. Y.	5	1924-1953	60,000	100.385	4.47
2905	Beloit, Wis.	4 1/2	1924-1938	70,000	100.71	4.40	3026	Greenfield, Mass. (3 iss.)	4 1/2	1924-1929	12,000	100.25	4.92
2905	Bernalillo Co. S. D. No. 4, N. Mex.	6	d1933-1943	6,000	100	6.00	3027	Greensboro, N. Caro.	5	1924-1944	1,000,000	100	5.11
2905	Bernalillo Co. S. D. No. 9, N. Mex.	6	1933	8,500			3027	Greensboro, N. Caro.	5	1925-1964	300,000	100.08	4.99
2905	Bernalillo Co. S. D. No. 11, N. Mex.	6		8,000			2800	Greenville S. D. No. 17, So. Caro.	5	1924-1947	240,000	100.81	4.92
2905	Bernalillo Co. S. D. No. 61, N. Mex.	6		4,000			2800	Gregory S. D., So. Dak.	5	1943	70,000	100.25	4.98
113	Bessemer, Ala.	5	1943	150,000	99	5.08	2800	Hamburg (Town), N. Y.			2,400		
2905	Bever Spec. S. D., Mo.	5		18,000	100	5.00	3027	Hamlet Pub. S. D., No. 4, N. Y.	5 1/2	1924-1952	110,000	100.31	5.23
2797	Birmingham, Ala.	5 1/2		140,000	102.64		2800	Hardin County, Ohio	5 1/2	1924-1932	34,000	100.11	5.47
3025	Bismarck, N. Dak.	5	yearly	225,000	100	5.00	2908	Haverford Twp. S. D., Pa.	4	1953	21,000	100	4.00
3025	Bismarck, N. Dak.	7	yearly	450,000	100	7.00	2800	Hayti, So. Dak.	6	1933	210,000	100.15	5.47
3024	Blanchester S. D., Ohio	5 1/2	1924-1947	75,000	103.66	5.095	3027	Heath Springs, So. Caro. (2 issues)	6	1943	35,000	100	6.00
2906	Boonton, N. J.	5	1924-1933	19,000	100.12	4.97	2908	Hendricks Co., Ind.	4 3/4	1924-1933	11,500	100	4.75
2798	Boonton Sch. Dist., N. J.	5	1924-1951	68,000	103.27	4.70	3027	Hennepin Co., Minn.	4 3/4	1928-1942	750,000	101.609	4.57
2798	Boulder, Colo.	6		8,500	100	6.00	2675	Hennepin Co., Minn.	4 3/4	1928-1942	2,000,000	101.47	4.52
2906	Boulder Co. S. D. No. 25, Colo.	5	serially	11,000	101.59		2908	Henry Co., Tenn.	5	1924-1943	85,000	100.58r	
2798	Bradley Beach S. D., N. J.	5	1924-1953	125,000	100	5.00	2675	Herkimer, N. Y. (2 iss.)	5	1924-1943	36,000	103.85	4.50
2673	Branch County, Mich.	5		65,000	100.04		2908	Herrington, Kan.	5	1924-1943	19,000	99.75	
2906	Branson, Colo.	5		35,000			3027	Hermann S. D., Mo.	5	1924-1943	50,000		
3025	Brookline, Mass.	4 1/2	1924-1941	250,000			3027	High Point, No. Caro.	4 1/2	1925-1948	45,000	100	4.50
2906	Brownwood, Tex.	5		82,000	100	5.00	114	Howard County, Md.	4	1953	834,000	100.10	5.24
2798	Brule County, So. Dak.	5	d1928-1933	55,000	100	5.00	114	Hudson, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1934	240,000	103.09	4.32
2798	Buncombe Co., No. Caro.	5		250,000	101.04		2908	Hudson Falls, N. Y.	5	1925-1934	7,500	100.14	4.48
113	Burlington County, N. J.	5	1924-1933	221,000	101.85	4.61	114	Huntington County, Ind.	5	1924-1933	5,600	102.32	4.58
2673	Calcasieu Parish, La.	5 1/2	1923-1952	2,750,000	100.60	5.45	114	Huntington County, Ind.	5	1924-1933	8,800	100.61	4.89
3025	California (State of)	4 1/2		1,000,000	100	4.25	114	Huntington County, Ind.	5	1924-1933	15,000	100.11	4.98
2906	Canajoharie, N. Y.	5	1924-1928	10,000			114	Huntington County, Ind.	5	1924-1933	6,300	100.51	4.89
113	Cape-Au-Gris Dr. D., Mo.	5 1/2	1925-1943	50,000			2908	Huntington Spec. S. D., Tenn.	6	serially	17,600	100.58	4.88
113	Carlton County, Minn.	5	1933-1942	175,000	101.55		2908	Huntington Un. Fr. S. D. No. 3, N. Y.	6	1928-1952	475,000	102.31	4.30
2798	Carroll County, No. Caro.	6	1925	50,000	100.65	5.66	2675	Huron Co., Mich. (5 iss.)	5 1/2	yearly	199,400	101.22	
2798	Cass County, N. Dak.	5 1/2	1924-1940	68,931	101.49		115	Huron County, Mich.	5	yearly	199,400	100.61	
2798	Celina Vill. S. D., Ohio	5 1/2	1924-1940	17,000	100.576	5.17	3027	Huron, So. Dak.	5	1943	25,000	100.42	4.97
3025	Center Sch. & Center City Twps., Ind. (2 issues)	5	1924-1943	58,000	102.50	4.78	3027	Idalou Ind. S. D., Tex.	4 1/2		50,000		
2906	Chamois, Mo.	5		30,000			3027	Indiana (State of)	4 1/2	1923-1942	200,000		
3025	Charlotte County, Fla.	6		200,000	100.37		2675	Iowa (State of)	4 1/2	1923-1942	12,345,000	100	4.36
3025	Chautauqua Union Free S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4 1/2	1925-1943	152,000	100.278	4.48	3027	Iowa (State of)	4 1/2	1923-1942	9,655,000		
3025	Cherokee Co., So. Caro.	5		20,000	100.31		2908	Isabella Co., Mich. (3 iss.)	5 1/2	1933	69,600		
2906	Chicago Sanitary D., Ill.	4 1/2	1925-1943	5,000,000	96.177	4.44	2675	Jackson Sch. Twp., Ind.	5	1924-1934	11,000	101.52	4.70
2674	Chicopee, Mass.	4 1/2	1924-1928	18,000	101.517	4.16	2801	Jasper Co., Ind.	5	1924-1933	19,600	101.02	4.79
2674	Chicopee, Mass.	4 1/2	1924-1933	175,000			2801	Jay County, Ind.	4 1/2	1924-1933	27,200		
2798	Chouteau County Rural S. D., Mont.	6	1933	51,500	101.54	5.77	2801	Jefferson Co., Ind.	5	1924-1933	600,000	104.03	4.58
2798	Clairton Sch. Dist., Pa.	4 1/2	1928-1953	550,000			2801	Jennings Co., Ind. (2 iss.)	5	1924-1933	18,200	100.96	4.80
2674	Clark County, Ind.	4 1/2	1924-1933	10,000	101.11	4.27	2801	Jennings Co., Ind. (2 iss.)	5	1924-1933	29,000	100.94	4.80
2798	Clarks, Neb.	5		30,492			2675	Jersey City, N. J.	4 1/2	1924-1957	2,228,000	103.47	4.44
3025	Clinton S. D., N. J.	5	1924-1953	55,000			2675	Jersey City, N. J.	4 1/2	1924-1957	2,045,000	103.29	4.44
113	Clark County, Ind.	5	1924-1933	18,000	100.33	4.93	115	Johnson County, Ind.	5	1924-1933	18,000	100.55	4.88
2798	Clay & Cicero (Towns) Un. Free S. D. No. 12, N. Y.	4 1/2	1926-1952	78,000	100.395	4.47	2908	Johnstown, Pa.	4 1/2	1924-1953	825,000	100.634	4.20
3025	Cleveland City S. D., Ohio	4 1/2	1924-1943	700,000	100	4.50	2908	Kalamazoo (City & Twp.) S. D. No. 1, Mich.	4 1/2	1924-1948	64,000	100.65	
2906	Cody, Neb. (2 issues)	6	d1933-1943	24,000			3028	Kalamazoo (City & Twp.) S. D. No. 1, Mich.	4 1/2	1924-1948	25,000,000	100.68	4.43
3025	Colorado (State of)	5 1/2		1,500,000	100.61		3028	Kenmore Un. Fr. S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4 1/2	1928-1957	495,000	100.56	4.46
2798	Collier Hill S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1928-1947	30,000	102.41	4.28	2801	Kenosha, Wis.	4 1/2	1929-1943	500,000	100.23	4.48
3025	Columbia Twp. S. D., Ind.	4 1/2		16,800	100.52		2801	Key West, Fla. (2 issues)	6	1926-1950	25,000	103.29	5.65
2799	Conejos Co. S. D. No. 10, Colo.	5 1/2	d10-20 yrs	7,000			3028	King City, Mo. (2 issues)	5		175,000	103	
3025	Concord, Mass.	4 1/2	1924-1928	29,000	100.583	4.29	2801	King County S. D. Union "R," Wash.	4 3/4		53,000	100	4.75
2799	Conrad Sch. Dist., Iowa	4 1/2	1928-1943	150,000	100.70	4.70	2801	La Grange S. D., Texas	5		115,000		
2906	Cook Co. S. D. No. 9, Ill.	5 1/2	1928-1943	83,000	100	4.50	3028	Laird S. D., Calif.	5 1/2	1925-1950	15,500	101.31	5.37
2674	Corsicana, Tex.	5	1928-1963	600,000	102.75		115	Lake County, Ill.	4 1/2	1924-1943	300,000		
3025	Cuba, N. Y.	4 1/2	1926-1952	110,790	100.417	4.92	2675	Lake County, Ohio	5	1925-1942	225,000	101.53	4.78
2906	Cumberland Co., No. Caro	5		210,000	100.78		3028	La Junta, Colo.	4 1/2	d10-15 yrs.	20,000	98.02	
113	Curry Co. S. D. No. 52, N. Mex.	6	d10-20 yrs.	60,000			2801	La Porte Co., Ind. (4 iss.)	5	1924-1933	210,300		
113	Curry Co. S. D. No. 68, N. Mex.	6	d10-20 yrs.	5,000			2909	Larchmont, N. Y. (2 iss.)	6	1928-1953	78,000	100.12	5.99
2674	Custer Co. High Sch. Dist. No. 1, Colo.	5		25,000			26	La Salle, N. Y.	4 3/4		25,500	103.13	
2674	Cuyahoga County, Ohio	5	1924-1932	23,972	100.329	4.93	115	Las Animas Co. S. D. No. 5, Colo.	6	d10-20 years	5,500		
2674	Cuyahoga County, Ohio	5	1924-1932	71,917	100.329	4.93	115	Las Animas Co. S. D. No. 63, Colo.	6		5,500		
2906	Dade Co. Spec. Tax S. D. No. 6, Fla.	6	1943	17,000	105	5.58	115	Las Animas Co. S. D. No. 69, Colo.	6	d10-20 years	8,500		
2799	Daivison County, So. Dak	5	d1928-1933	25,000	99.62		2909	Lawrence Co., Ohio	6	1933	23,000	98.86	
2799	Dearborn County, Ind.	5	1924-1938	62,400	101.78	4.73	3028	Lebanon Ind. S. D., So. Dak.	6	1924-1943	45,000		
113	Deertail, Colo.	5 1/2		400,000			3028	Lecompte, La. Calif.	6	1924-1943	175,000		
2799	Deland, Fla.	6	1934-1953	314,000	106.10	5.48	3028	Lemore Un. High S. D., Calif.	5	1924-1943	100,000	101.39	4.32
2907	Delta Co. S. D. No. 9, Colo.	6	d10-20 years	5,000			2676	Lewisville, Me.	4 1/2	1924-1930	5,000	100	5.50
3026	Denver (City & County), (Moffat Tunnel Dist.), Colo.	5 1/2	serially	6,720,000	103.199		115	Lima, Ohio (14 issues)	5 1/2	1924-1932	210,300	100.82	5.33
114	Dewey County, So. Dak.	5 1/2	1933	30,000	101.03	5.10	115	Lima, Ohio	5 1/2	1924-1947	280,000	103.75	5.10
3026	De Witt Un. Free S. D. No. 14, N. Y.	4 1/2	1928-1957	90,000	100.385	4.47	2909	Lincoln S. D., Neb.	5 1/2		175,000		
114	Dillon S. D. No. 8, So. C.	4 1/2	1943	30,000	100.65	5.20	116	Lincoln Co. S. D. No. 19, Wyo.	5		100,000	100	5.00
2907	Donora Sch. Dist., Pa.	4 1/2	1933-1940	25,000	104.081	4.34	2909	Linden Twp. S. D., N. J.	4 1/2	1924-1963	203,000	100	4.50
2674	Doylestown, Pa.	4 1/2	1943	40,000	102.073	4.11	2801	Littleton, N. H.	4 1/2	1924-1943	130,000	100	4.50
3026	Dubois County, Ind.	4 1/2	1924-1933	4,500	100	4.50	3028	Los Angeles City High S. D., Calif.	4 1/2	1923-1962	1,760,000	100.29	4.73
3026	Duluth, Minn. (2 issues)	4 1/2	1924-1948	275,000	100.58	4.45	2676	Loveland, Wyo.	5 1/2		60,000		
2907	Eagle School & Civil Twp., Ind. (2 issues)	5	1924-1939	77,670	101.70	4.74	2909	Lowndes Co., Miss.	5 1/2		100,000	100	
114	East Side Levee & Sanitary District, Ill.	5	1938 & 1939	200,000			3028	Lucas Ind. S. D., Tex.	5	1924-1932	80,000		
2907	East Whittier Sch. Dist., Calif.	5	1924-1943	30,000	100.56	4.91	115	Lucas Co., Ohio (10 iss.)	5	1924-1932	452,658	100.27	4.94
2907	Eastwood, N. Y.	6	1926-1946	105,000	101.14	5.87	115						

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Includes entries for Montgomery Co., Ohio; Montebello S. D., Calif.; Montana (State of); etc.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Includes entries for Taylorsville Village S. D., Ohio; Terra Ceia Road & Bridge District, Fla.; Texas (State of) (35 iss.); etc.

Total bond sales for June (370 municipalities covering 550 separate issues) \$156,366,800

REVISED TOTAL FOR PREVIOUS MONTH.

The following item, included in our total for the month of May should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which the reason for the elimination may be found:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Amount. Includes entry: 2914 - Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. (May list) \$120,000

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Includes entries for Clay County, Ky.; Cordell Sch. Dist., Okla.; Faith, So. Dak. (3 iss.); etc.

All the above sales (except as indicated) are for May. These additional May issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$93,482,692.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN JUNE.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Includes entries for Alberta (Province of); British Columbia (Prov.); Chicoutimi, Que.; etc.

Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
120	-Orillia, Ont.	5 1/2		99,493	101.87	5.37
2805	-Oshawa, Ont.		Yearly	273,938	96.13	5.45
3033	-Parrsboro, N. S.	5 1/2		12,000	100	5.50
2805	-Pointe Claire, Que.	5 1/2		200,000	99.18	5.59
120	-Queens County, N. B.			8,000	100.77	
2915	-Red Deer Mun. Hospital					
	Dist., Alta.	7	Yearly	10,000	99.56	
2681	-Saskatchewan (Prov. of)	5	1943	3,155,000	95.09	5.46
120	-Shanawinagan Falls, Que.	5 1/2	1924-1953	75,000	99.57	5.53
2915	-Sherbrooke Protest Sch.					
	Commission, Que.	5 1/2	1924-1953	100,000	100.413	
2681	-Sudbury, Ont.	5 1/2	Yearly	37,000	97.09	5.85
120	-Sydney, N. S.	5 1/2	1942	142,000		
2915	-Teck Twp., Ont.	6	Yearly	60,000		
2681	-Thorold, Ont.	6	Yearly	35,937	102.212	
2806	-Vernon, B. C.	5 1/2	1938	30,000	96.337	
3033	-West Vancouver Dist., B. C.	5 1/2		5,000	93.22	6.10
3033	-Windsor, Ont. (2 issues)	5 1/2	Yearly	249,123	100.11	
2915	-Woodworth R. M., Man.	5 1/2	Yearly	60,000	97	5.78
2915	-York Twp., Ont. (3 iss.)	Var.	Yearly	554,414	99.458	5.375
Total amount of debentures sold in Canada during June				\$12,752,246		

Average date of maturity. d Subject to call in and during the earlier year and to mature in the later year. k Not including \$53,089,124 of temporary loans reported, and which do not belong in the list. r Taken by sinking fund as an investment. y And other considerations. z Refunding bonds. * But may be redeemed two years after date.

NEWS ITEMS.

Alabama (State of).—Certain County Indebtedness not to be Included in 3 1/2% Debt Limit. Court Rules in Russell County Case.—In a suit brought by the Troy National Bank, of Troy, Ohio, against Russell County, to force the county to recognize some of its securities, about \$100,000 in amount, consisting, in the main, of road warrants which the county had repudiated on the ground that the securities which were placed by previous county officials, had exceeded the debt limit of 3 1/2% as defined in Sec. 224 of the State Constitution, the U. S. District Court at Montgomery has upheld the validity of the obligations, and has decided that the county must pay the principal on them. Judge Henry D. Clayton, who wrote the decision, held that obligations of a county, which are mandatory and involuntary, are not "debts" within the meaning of Sec. 224. The Birmingham "Age-Herald" of June 24 contained the following in reference to the decision:

An interesting interpretation of the law as it affects Alabama counties in contracting debts is found in the opinion handed down by U. S. District Judge Henry D. Clayton in the case of the Troy National Bank vs. Russell County. Judge Clayton held that obligations of a county which are mandatory and involuntary are not "debts" within the meaning of Sec. 224 of the Constitution of Alabama, and further that in such a case where a county seeks to repudiate an obligation on the ground that it is invalid the burden of proof is upon the county to establish the invalidity of the obligation.

The case in question was that in which Russell County authorities sought to repudiate obligations of the county on the ground that a previous Board of County Commissioners had exceeded the constitutional limitation of 3 1/2% of the assessed value of the county property in contracting the debts. M. S. Carmichael, appointed by Judge Clayton as special master, held that the county had not exceeded its debt limit and that the obligations were valid, and his report was sustained in Judge Clayton's opinion which held that Russell County must pay the sum sought to be repudiated, amounting to nearly \$100,000. The suit was brought by the Troy National Bank of Troy, Ohio, one of the purchasers of the contested securities.

Road warrants constituted a considerable proportion of the obligations which Russell County sought to repudiate.

In his opinion Judge Clayton stated: "The Legislature of the State has wholly or in a large measure delegated its power and authority over the public roads of the State to the several counties; and as to that subject the county has legislative, judicial and executive authority. Acting through its Court of County Commissioners or Board of Revenue, the county may by virtue of the statutes make all reasonable laws, rules, regulations and contracts with respect to the construction, maintenance, repair, use and operation of its public roads, including the right to levy a special county tax for that purpose, and as has many times been said by the Supreme Court of Alabama, every reasonable intent must be indulged in favor of the legality of such acts, rules, regulations and contracts. It may be seriously doubted that such obligations of the county, and temporary loans made in anticipation of taxes for the current year, for the purpose of raising revenue to care for the mandatory and involuntary obligations of the county, are or ought to be considered 'debts' within the meaning of the constitutional provision in question.

"Indeed, this seems to be substantially the view entertained by the Supreme Court of Alabama and likewise by the Attorney-General of the State as indicated by his opinion introduced in evidence, and the view adopted by the Examiner of Public Accounts of the State in his investigation and report upon the financial condition of the county; and since the original bill was filed in this case counsel for the county has petitioned this Court monthly for the payment of such claims and expenses on the ground that they are mandatory obligations, absolutely essential to the functioning of the county, and such claims have been uniformly allowed by this Court, amounting in the aggregate to something approximating \$120,000.

"There is admittedly conflict of authority on this question, but the Supreme Court of the United States, as also the Supreme Court of Alabama, have indicated that they favor that line of authorities which make for a liberal construction of such constitutional provisions—a construction which accords with reason and common sense. I am therefore inclined to the opinion that those obligations of the county are mandatory and involuntary and not 'debts' within the meaning of Sec. 224 of the Constitution.

Again, in his opinion, Judge Clayton stated: "When as here it is admitted that these obligations were issued, sold and marketed in good faith; that the revenues derived therefrom were properly expended by the county in order to enable it to discharge its duties and functions; and that the holders thereof acquired them in good faith, for value; and when the county now, and in the face of the expressed solemn recitals and declarations of its constituted authorities, on the faith of which they were sold, seeks to repudiate these obligations, common honesty and the principles of fair dealing suggest that their invalidity should be shown by clear, satisfactory and convincing evidence, and may not be left to doubt surmise, or conjecture, and the burden of establishing the fact rests upon the county."

Judge Clayton held further that "It appears that one of the duties of the Commissioners Court in issuing the obligations of the county is to ascertain whether or not the debt limit has been, or will be thereby exceeded. It would seem not only reasonable, but necessary, that this duty should resolve upon some one—some official or tribunal of the county. The purpose of the county in issuing its obligations is of course to raise revenue or to pay debts and it is manifest that if the prospective creditors or purchasers of such securities are required to investigate and ascertain each for himself, whether or not the debt limit has been exceeded, it is hardly reasonable to suppose that the county would make much if any progress in the disposition of such securities."

Toward the conclusion of his opinion, Judge Clayton called attention to the fact that it is not the public policy of the State of Alabama "to repudiate its obligations on technical grounds."

Judge Clayton held at another point in his opinion that the road certificates and warrants issued by the county are not negotiable.

Georgia.—Legislature Convened.—On June 27 the Legislature convened in regular session. The new Governor, Clifford M. Walker, assuming office on June 30, in his inaugural address, expressed the opinion that the taxation system of the State needed to be reformed. He urged the General Assembly to enact legislation which would tax intangible personal property.

Illinois (State of).—Governor Signs \$100,000,000 Road Bond Bill.—Governor Small on June 29 affixed his signature to the \$100,000,000 road bond bill passed at the present session of the Legislature. The measure will be submitted to the voters for ratification in November 1924.

San Diego.—East San Diego Votes to Become Part of San Diego.—On June 26 the voters of East San Diego, by a majority of 235, balloted in favor of annexation to the City of San Diego.

Texas (State of).—Gasoline Tax in Courts.—The constitutionality of the Gasoline-tax law passed at the recent session of the Legislature (V. 116, p. 2905) is being tested in the courts. The Pioneer Oil & Refining Co. and the Slimp Oil Co. have refused to pay the one-cent-a-gallon levy imposed by the law, and Assistant Attorney-General Frank Kemp has now brought suit to force payment of the tax in the Fifty-third Travis County Court.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS This week have been as follows:

ADA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32 (P. O. Kuna), Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on June 23, \$31,200 school building bonds were voted.

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Natchez), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% coupon bonds offered on July 2 (V. 116, p. 2905) were awarded to the City Bank & Trust Co., Britton & Koontz Bank and the Bank of Commerce, all of Natchez, at par.

AKRON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Akron), Summit County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$800,000 4 3/4% school bonds offered on July 3 (V. 116, p. 2797) was not sold. The bonds will probably be re-advertised.

ALABAMA (State of).—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The Well, Roth & Irving Co. of New York and Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc. of New Orleans are offering to investors, at prices to yield 4.40%, the \$3,000,000 4 3/4% coupon or registered series "B" highway construction bonds awarded to them as stated in V. 116, p. 2905.

ALAMANCE COUNTY (P. O. Graham), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. July 12 by B. M. Rogers, Clerk Board of County Commissioners for \$95,000 coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only) funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold coin at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1936 incl.; \$3,000, 1937 to 1944 incl.; \$3,000, 1945 to 1953 incl. Bidder to name rate of interest not to exceed 5 1/2%. A certified check for 2% of bid, upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to Alamance County, required. Successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of N. Y. City, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the County of Alamance.

ALBION, Orleans County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 coupon or registered street-improvement bonds offered on July 2 (V. 116, p. 2905) were awarded to Faron, Son & Co., of New York, on a bid of 100.68 for 5s, a basis of about 4.86%. Date Aug. 10 1923. Due \$1,400 yearly on Aug. 10 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Thos. J. Connelly, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. July 10 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following issues of 5% coupon bonds:

\$16,000 Rodenbeck Road construction bonds. Denom. \$800. 9,000 Reynolds Road construction bonds. Denom. \$450. Date July 5 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

ALTON, Madison County, Ill.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Aug. 7 to vote on the question of issuing \$115,000 playground and city hall impt. bonds.

ARCHBOLD, Fulton County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—There were no bids received for the \$10,400 5 1/2% Union Street improvement bonds offered on July 2 (V. 116, p. 2797).

ASCALAMORE DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Charleston), Tallahatchie County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 6% bonds offered on June 26—V. 116, p. 2797—were awarded to the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Memphis. Due 1925 to 1944, incl.

ASHEVILLE, Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—E. G. Thompson, Secretary of Board of Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. July 9 for the following 6% bonds, aggregating \$925,000: \$275,000 public impt. bonds. Due as follows: \$6,000, 1925 to 1939, incl.; \$7,000, 1940 to 1954, incl.; and \$8,000, 1955 to 1964, incl. 650,000 street impt. bonds. Due as follows: \$32,000, 1925 to 1934, incl.; and \$33,000, 1935 to 1944, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in gold in New York. A certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for required. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mtge. & Trust Co. of N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon, and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Chester B. Masielich, N. Y. City. Bids to be made on blank form by above trust company.

ASHTABULA, Ashtabula County, Ohio.—PURCHASER—PRICE.—The issue of 5% coupon main sanitary sewer bonds offered on June 6—V. 116, p. 2420—was awarded to Wm. R. Compton & Co. of New York, in an amount of \$120,000, for \$122,065—equal to 101.72. Date April 1 1923. Due serially from 1924 to 1947. A list of the bids received for this issue was given in the "Chronicle" of June 16.

ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. W. Howes, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, until 1 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 16 for \$22,500 5 1/2% road impt. bonds, issued under Sec. 6929 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due \$2,500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1932, incl. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer.

ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—Our Western representative advises us that the Loury Bank & Trust Co. of Atlanta has purchased \$150,000 market bonds.

ATLANTIC CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 18 by Albert Beyer, Director of Revenue and Finance, for the purchase at not less than par and int. of an issue of \$1,620,000 coupon (with privilege of registration as to prin. and int. or prin. only) bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5%. No more bonds will be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$1,620,000. These bonds are issued in four blocks as follows: \$993,000 general impt. bonds. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$33,000 1924; \$30,000 1925 to 1934 incl.; \$35,000 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$25,000 1938 to 1949 incl.; \$30,000 1950 to 1953 incl.; \$35,000 1954, and \$25,000 1955 to 1958 incl.

295,000 school bonds. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$10,000 1925 to 1953 incl., and \$5,000 1954.

183,000 water bonds. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$8,000 1924; \$10,000 1925 to 1934 incl., and \$5,000 1935 to 1949 incl.

ATLANTIC COUNTY (P. O. Atlantic City), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 5% coupon or registered building-construction bonds offered on July 3 (V. 116, p. 2905) was awarded to the Bankers Trust Co. of Atlantic City on a bid of \$140,012.50 for \$136,000 bonds, equal to 102.95—a basis of about 4.65%.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amt. Bonds, Bid. Includes Wm. R. Roberts & Co., A. W. Lamport & Co., Seasongood & Mayer, Union National Bank, Atlantic City, and Atlantic Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Atlantic City.

BAILEY COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$10,000 6% 10-40 year school bonds on June 20.

BELLAIRE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bellaire), Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. T. Tyler, Clerk Board of Education, Box 175, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 23 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$80,000 5% coupon school bonds, issued under Sec. 7630-1 of General Code.

BEN FRANKLIN, Delta County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 68 "for" to 28 "against" a proposition to issue \$16,000 school building bonds carried at an election held on June 16.

BERGHOLZ VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bergholz), Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 6 p. m. (Central standard time) July 24 for the purchase of \$50,000 5% coupon bonds, issued under Sec. 7630-1 and Secs. 7625 et seq. of the General Code.

BESSEMER, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—Ward, Sterne & Co. of Birmingham have purchased the \$150,000 5% school bonds offered on June 19—V. 116, p. 2905—at 99, a basis of about 5.08%.

BESSEMER, Lawrence County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On July 2 the \$28,000 5% coupon paying bonds offered on that date—V. 116, p. 2905—were awarded to Remond & Co. of Philadelphia at 101.63, a basis of about 4.71%.

BLASDELL, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On July 3 the \$39,718 80 sewer bonds, offered on that date—V. 116, p. 2906—were awarded to Farson, Son & Co. of N. Y. on a bid of 101.283 and interest for 4 3/4%, a basis of about 4.64%.

BOUNTFUL, Davis County, Utah.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 23 an election will be held to vote on issuing the following bonds: \$5,000 city hall purchase bonds; \$10,000 street bonds; 35,000 water supply bonds; 3,000 fire bonds.

BRIDGEPORT VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bridgeport), Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—P. A. Kennedy, Clerk Board of Education, will receive proposals until 1 p. m. July 25 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$35,000 5 1/2% school bonds, issued under Sec. 7630-1 of General Code.

BRISTOL, Sullivan County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The following bonds, aggregating \$99,500, offered on July 3—V. 116, p. 3025—were awarded to the Bank of Bristol at a premium of \$1,500, equal to 101.51, a basis of about 5.21%.

BROWARD COUNTY (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Lauderdale State Bank of Fort Lauderdale has purchased the \$200,000 6% highway bonds offered on July 3—V. 116, p. 2673—at a premium of \$5,160, equal to 102.58, a basis of about 5.76%.

BROWN COUNTY (P. O. Georgetown), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. July 21 by John B. Stephan, County Auditor, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following 5 1/2% bonds, issued under authority of Sec. 1223 of the General Code.

BRUSH CREEK TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Otway), Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by F. H. Hill, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. July 20 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$24,000 5% school bonds, issued under the authority of Sec. 7630-1 of General Code.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—During the month of June the city issued the following 4% securities: \$9,361.41 monthly local works bonds. Date July 15 1923. Due June 15 1924.

BURKBURNETT, Wichita County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Englemann, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until July 16 for \$38,000 water works and \$48,000 street improvement 6% bonds.

BURLINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Holly), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 5% coupon or registered road impt. bonds offered on June 29—V. 116, p. 2798—was awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia on a bid of \$225,105.81 for \$221,000, equal to 101.85, a basis of about 4.61%.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The temporary loan of \$400,000 in anticipation of revenue for the year 1923, offered on July 2 (V. 116, p. 3025), has been awarded to the Harvard Trust Co. of Cambridge on a 4.17% discount basis.

CAMDEN TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kipton), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—P. E. Sharp, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. July 18 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$30,000 5% coupon emergency school building bonds, issued under Sec. 7630-1 of General Code.

CAP-AU-GRIS DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Lincoln County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—Browne, Simrall & Co. of St. Louis have purchased \$50,000 5 1/2% drainage bonds. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the State National Bank, St. Louis.

CARLTON COUNTY (P. O. Carlton), Minn.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$175,000 5% road bonds awarded as stated in V. 116, p. 3025, are described as follows: Coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

CARVER COUNTY (P. O. Chaska), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—William Schimelpfenig, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 10 for \$250,000 5% road bonds.

CASPER, Natrona County, Wyo.—BOND ELECTION.—A special telegraphic dispatch from our Western correspondent advises us that an election will be held on Aug. 7 to vote on the question of issuing \$200,000 water and \$95,000 sewer bonds.

CAYUGA COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On July 2 the \$150,000 4 1/2% court house bonds offered on that date (V. 116, p. 2906) were awarded to Lamport, Barker & Jennings of New York at 100.311, a basis of about 4.38%.

CHADRON, Dawes County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 24 to vote on the question of issuing \$25,000 6% Paving District No. 6 bonds.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 5% coupon Harry H. Bean et al. road in Silver Creek Township bonds offered on June 30—V. 116, p. 2906—were awarded to Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis for \$18,061—equal to 100.33—a basis of about 4.93%.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Manchester), Ky.—BOND SALE.—Caldwell & Co. of Nashville have purchased \$160,000 5% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank of Manchester or at the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati.

The above firm has resold \$85,000 to investors and is still offering at prices to yield 4.75% the remaining \$75,000, which mature yearly from 1928 to 1950, inclusive.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation (1922) \$5,449,789. Total bonded debt (this issue only) 160,000. Population, 1920 Census, 19,795.

CORSON COUNTY (P. O. McIntosh), So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 10 by A. R. Kersten, County Auditor, for \$40,000 5 1/2% coupon bonds.

CROWLEY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Crowley), Crowley County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$100,000 6% drainage bonds, submitted to a vote of the people at an election held on June 16—V. 116, p. 2674—carried.

CURRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—Sidlo, Simmons, Fels & Co. of Denver have purchased \$60,000 6% 10-20-year (opt.) school building bonds.

CURRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68 (P. O. Clovis), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—Sidlo, Simons Fels & Co. of Denver have purchased \$5,000 6% 10-20-year school building bonds.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 11 a. m. (Cleveland time) July 25 A. J. Hieber, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed proposals for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$116,953.50 5% coupon "Hill-side Road Bridges" bonds, issued under authority of the General Laws, particularly Secs. 5643 and 5644 of the General Code.

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) July 18 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$50,000 5% coupon sewer district and water supply special assessment bonds, issued under Sec. 6602-20 of Gen. Code.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York are offering to investors at prices to yield from 4.60% to 4.70% (according to maturities) \$370,560 62 5% coupon road and sewer bonds.

DARROUZETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Darrouzett), Lipscomb County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 7 to vote on the question of issuing \$15,000 6% serial school bonds.

DAWSON COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$1,900 6% 10-20-year school bonds on June 28.

DEERTRAIL, Arapahoe County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$400,000 5 1/2% water bonds were voted. These bonds had been sold subject to being voted to the International Trust Co. of Denver.

DEFIANCE COUNTY (P. O. Defiance), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. T. Miller, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 19

for \$47,350 5 1/2% Inter-Co. highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$3,501. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$5,350 in 1924 and \$6,000, 1925 to 1931, incl. Enclose a certified check for \$1,000.

DEWEY COUNTY (P. O. Timber Lake), So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5 1/2% coupon bonds offered on June 26—V. 116, p. 2907—were awarded to the Swain-Collins Co. of Aberdeen at a premium of \$311, equal to 101.03, a basis of about 5.10%. Date May 1 1923. Due May 1 1933.

DILLON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Dillon), Dillon County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 coupon school bonds offered on June 25—V. 116, p. 2907—were awarded to the Lowry Bank & Trust Co. of Atlanta as 5 1/4% at 100.65, a basis of about 5.20%. Date July 1 1923. Due July 1 1943.

EAST SIDE LEVEE AND SANITARY DISTRICT, St. Clair and Madison Counties, Ill.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$200,000 5% bonds has been purchased by R. M. Grant & Co., Inc., of Chicago, who re-offered the bonds to investors at prices to yield 4.65%. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the District Treasurer's office in East St. Louis. Due \$134,000 June 1 1938 and \$66,000 June 1 1939.

Table with 2 columns: Financial Statement, Real valuation, Assessed valuation, Total bonded debt, Population (present estimate).

ELIZABETH CITY GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elizabeth City), Pasquotank County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 coupon school bonds offered on July 2—V. 116, p. 2549—were awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo as 5 1/2% at a premium of \$2,868, equal to 102.39, a basis of about 5.30%. Due \$4,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1927 to 1956 inclusive.

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Boston), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—P. H. Sandmeyer, Secretary of Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 24 for the purchase of \$60,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Interest semi-ann. Due \$10,000 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948 and 1953. Enclose a certified check for \$1,000. Purchaser to pay for printing of bonds.

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Roy M. Stark, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. July 12 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$64,000 4 1/4% Melvin C. Ulgert et al. County Unit Road No. 39 coupon bonds. Denom. \$400. Date June 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$3,200 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

EL SEGUNDO, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The Wm. R. Staats Co. and Cyrus Pearce & Co., both of Los Angeles, have jointly purchased \$150,000 water-supply bonds at a premium of \$318, equal to 100.21.

EUNICE SCHOOL DISTRICT, St. Landry Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5% school-construction bonds offered on July 2—V. 116, p. 2907—were awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co., Inc. of Chicago, at par. Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1926, incl.; \$3,000, 1927 to 1931, incl.; \$4,000, 1932 to 1936, incl.; \$5,000, 1937 to 1941, incl.; \$6,000, 1942 to 1945, incl.; \$7,000, 1946 to 1949, incl.; and \$8,000, 1950 to 1953, incl.

BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 5% refunding bonds offered at the same time were also awarded at par to the above company. Date July 1 1923. Due \$1,500 yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1924 and 1925; \$4,000, 1926 to 1928, incl.; \$5,000, 1929 to 1932, incl.; and \$6,000, 1933.

FAIRMONT, Robeson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 6% water and sewer bonds offered on June 29—V. 116, p. 2674—were awarded to the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Cincinnati at a premium of \$477, equal to 101.66, a basis of about 5.84%. Date July 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1950 inclusive.

FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Floydada), Floyd County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$90,000 5% 20-40-year school bonds on June 25.

FRANKFORT, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 paving bonds offered on June 28 as 5s (V. 116, p. 2907) were awarded as 4 1/2% to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York at 101.375, a basis of about 4.62%. Date June 1 1923. Due \$3,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1927 to 1951 inclusive.

FREEMONT, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered water works bonds offered on July 2—V. 116, p. 2907—have been awarded to J. S. Rippl & Co. of Newark for \$60,511, equal to 100.85, a basis of about 4.65%. Date April 1 1923. Due \$3,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1943 inclusive.

FREMONT GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fremont), Wayne County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—E. G. Deans, Secretary Board of Trustees, will receive sealed proposals until 3 p. m. July 12 for \$15,000 6% coupon registerable as to prin. and int. school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold coin at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. Due on July 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1951 incl., and \$1,000, 1952 and 1953. A certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials of the school district and the seal impressed thereon. Successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of N. Y. City that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of Fremont Graded School District, Wayne County.

FROSTBURG, Allegheny County, Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John Stewart, City Clerk, until 5 p. m. July 16 for \$55,000 4 1/2% water-improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1923. Interest F. & A. Due Aug. 1 1923. Enclose a certified check for 2% of the amount bid for.

GAINES COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 20 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$9,000 6% 5-40-year school bonds.

GALVESTON, Hunt County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 18 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$615,000 5% refunding bonds.

GARY, Lake County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 refunding bonds offered on June 30—V. 116, p. 2907—were awarded as 4 1/2% to Bonbright & Co. of Chicago at par. Date July 15 1923. Due \$10,000 yearly on July 15 from 1936 to 1939 inclusive.

GARY SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Gary), Lake County, Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$364,000 coupon school bonds offered on June 28—V. 116, p. 2799—were not sold. The issue will be offered at a private sale.

GORMAN, Eastland County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on June 15 a proposition to issue \$25,000 new high school building erection bonds was voted.

GOSHEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Lingle), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5% school building bonds offered on June 18—V. 116, p. 2550—were awarded to the State of Wyoming at par. Date July 1 1923. Due July 1 1948.

GRAND ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Grand Island), Hall County, Neb.—BIDS REJECTED.—The \$350,000 coupon school bonds offered on June 28—V. 116, p. 2550—were not sold, as all bids received were rejected.

GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Canyon City), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Mabel Ferguson, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. July 7 for \$140,000 5 1/4% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. A cert. check for \$7,000 required.

GREEN FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Green Forest), Carroll County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,500 6% school bonds offered at public auction on May 10—V. 116, p. 2042—were purchased by the First National Bank of Green Forest at par.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Green Lake), Wisc.—BOND OFFERING.—G. A. Weinkauff, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 24 for \$100,000 highway bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on Apr. 1 as

follows: \$38,000, 1930; \$60,000, 1931; and \$2,000 1932. A certified check for 2% required.

HALLS, Lauderdale County, Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 129 "for" to 60 "against" \$35,000 school bonds were voted at an election to be held on June 25.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. July 9 by G. R. Morehead, County Auditor, for \$5,500 5 1/2% McMillen Road impt. bonds, issued under authority of Sec. 6929 of the General Code. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$500, 1925, and \$1,000, 1926 to 1930 incl. Certified check or cash, on some solvent bank, for \$100 required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$34,000 5 1/2% Sec. "A" of I. C. H. No. 228 road bonds offered on June 30—V. 116, p. 2800—were awarded to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo for \$34,039, equal to 100.11, a basis of about 5.47%. Date June 1 1923. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 and 1925, and \$4,000, 1926 to 1932 inclusive. Other bidders were:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Premium, Name, Premium. Lists Federal Securities Corp., Bohmer-Reinhart & Co., and Seasongood & Mayer.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 26 by Ethel Holycross, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following 5 1/2% ditch bonds, issued under authority of Section 6496, General Code: \$2,240 Bartlett Ditch No. 540 bonds, Denom. \$560. Due \$560 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1927 incl.

\$24 Crozier Ditch No. 551 bonds. Denom. \$412. Due \$412 Sept. 1 1924 and 1925.

4,500 Price Ditch No. 552 bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$1,500 Sept. 1 1924 and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1925, 1926 and 1927.

1,136 Sauer Ditch No. 555 bonds. Denom. \$568. Due \$568 Sept. 1 1924 and 1925.

5,100 Bader Ditch No. 562 bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$275. Due \$1,275 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1927 incl.

5,586 Hefflinger Ditch No. 560 bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$862. Due \$1,862 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1926 incl.

1,695 Wm. Thomas Ditch No. 565 bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$695. Due Sept. 1 1924.

5,180 Wallace Ditch No. 566 bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$180. Due Sept. 1 1924.

710 Reese Hill Ditch No. 568 bonds. Due Sept. 1 1924.

405 Hastings Ditch No. 571 bonds. Due Sept. 1 1924.

4,430 Tighe Ditch No. 752 bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$430. Due Sept. 1 1924.

725 Shuster Ditch No. 577 bonds. Due Sept. 1 1924.

Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Cert. check on a Kenton bank for \$500, payable to Dean O. Jones, County Auditor, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within fifteen days from date of award.

HARRIS COUNTY (P. O. Houston), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$4,000,000 5% serial ship channel bonds on June 28.

HEARNE, Robertson County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 24 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$51,000 6% sewer construction bonds. W. H. Ely, Mayor.

HENDERSON COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 28 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$1,200 5% 20-year school bonds.

HIGHLAND PARK, Dallas County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 28 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$65,000 municipal building bonds.

HIGHTSTOWN, Mercer County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Geo. P. Dennis, Borough Clerk, until 8 p. m. July 27 for the purchase at not less than par of an issue of 4 1/4% coupon (with privilege of registration as to both principal and interest or principal interest) bonds, not to exceed \$88,500. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1923, inclusive; \$4,000, 1932 to 1947, inclusive, and \$3,500, 1948. A certified check for 2%, drawn on an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the order of the Borough Collector, must accompany each bid. These bonds were offered without success on June 26 as 4 1/2%.

HOLLISTER, San Benito County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Howard O'Brien, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. July 9 for \$48,000 6% sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & D. Due \$2,000 on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1946, incl.

HOLYOKE, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds offered on July 3 (V. 116, p. 3027) have been awarded to Edmunds Bros. of Boston at 101.26—a basis of about 4.10%: \$55,000 playground bonds, payable \$2,000 yearly from July 1 1924 to July 1 1948, inclusive, and \$1,000, July 1 1949 to 1953, inclusive. \$5,000 "land and building" bonds, payable \$5,000 yearly from July 1 1924 to 1928, inclusive, and \$4,000, July 1 1929 to 1943, inclusive. \$40,000 "sewer" bonds, payable \$2,000 yearly from July 1 1924 to 1943, inclusive. \$45,000 "park" bonds, payable \$2,000 yearly from July 1 1924 to 1943, inclusive, and \$1,000 July 1 1944 to 1948, inclusive. \$23,000 "fire department equipment" bonds, payable \$5,000 yearly from July 1 1924 to 1927, inclusive, and \$3,000 July 1 1928. Other bidders were:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Rate. Lists Old Colony Trust Co., R. L. Day & Co., Merrill, Oldham & Co., Estabrook & Co., Stacy & Braun, and Brown Bros. & Co.

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Ellicott City), Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$240,000 4 1/2% coupon tax-free series "B" public road bonds offered on June 29 (V. 116, p. 2424), were awarded to Alexander Brown & Sons of Baltimore at 103.093, a basis of about 4.32%. Date July 1 1923. Due July 1 1933.

HUDSON, Columbia County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,500 4 1/2% coupon or registered fire truck and equipment bonds offered on June 28—V. 116, p. 2908—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York at 100.14—a basis of about 4.48%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1927 to 1933, incl., and \$500, 1934.

HUDSON COUNTY (P. O. Jersey City), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter O'Mara, Clerk of Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive bids until 3 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 12 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following two issues of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to prin. and int. or prin. only) bonds, no more bonds of either issue to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of bonds offered: \$986,000 road bonds. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$51,000 1924 and 1925, and \$52,000 1926 to 1942 incl. 386,000 boulevard reconstruction bonds. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$25,000 1924 to 1927 incl., and \$26,000 1928 to 1938 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the County Treasurer's office. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer, required. Bonds will be prepared under supervision of U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York; legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On June 29 the six issues of 5% road bonds, offered on that date (V. 116, p. 2908) were awarded as follows:

To J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank, Indianapolis. \$5,600 David McEntarfer Road, Huntington and Whitley counties, bonds, for \$5,628, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 4.896%. Denom. \$280. To Thomas D. Sheerin & Co., Indianapolis. \$8,800 Wm. H. Deemer et al. road in Warren and Clear Creek townships bonds for \$8,853.75, equal to 100.61, a basis of about 4.875%. Denom. \$440.

15,000 L. Kimmel et al, road in Dallas Township bonds, for \$15,016 50, equal to 100.11, a basis of about 4.98%...

To Fletcher-American National Bank, Indianapolis. \$9,760 John Rindchen et al, road in Jackson Township bonds for \$9,817, equal to 100.58, a basis of about 4.88%...

HURON, Beadle County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% sewer bonds offered on June 26—V. 116, p. 2800—were awarded to Gates, White & Co. of St. Paul...

Merchants Trust & Savings Bank, St. Paul—Par, plus premium of \$126 50 and accrued int. from date of bonds to date of delivery...

Gates, White & Co., St. Paul—Par, plus premium of \$106 with accrued interest from date of bonds to date of delivery, int. payable annually...

HURON COUNTY (P. O. Bad Axe), Mich.—BOND SALE.—On June 18 Kinsey & McMahon, of Toledo, were awarded \$193,400 5 1/2% coupon Convert Act road bonds at par plus a premium of \$1,220...

IRIDALOU INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Idalou), Lubbock County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 25 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$25,000 6% serial school bonds.

IREDELL COUNTY (P. O. Statesville), No. Caro.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$300,000 5% coupon (registerable as to principal) road and bridge bonds offered on July 2—V. 116, p. 3027...

IRWIN, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John Wagoner, Borough Secretary, until 8 p. m. (standard time) July 9 for \$35,000 4 1/2% paving State-tax-free bonds...

JAY COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by O. Leroy Morrow, County Treasurer, until 1 p. m. July 16 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds...

JEFFERSON SCHOOL TWP. (P. O. Upland), Grant County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ross Troyer, Township Trustee, until 2 p. m. July 21 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$105,000 5% coupon high-school building bonds...

JENNINGS COUNTY (P. O. Vernon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Harry Y. Whitcomb, County Treasurer, until 1 p. m. July 10 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued int. of \$4,320 5% bonds...

JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Franklin), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 5% Barnes et al. road in Pleasant Twp. bonds offered on June 27—V. 116, p. 2908—have been awarded to J. E. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis...

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 34, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$8,000 6% serial bonds on June 21.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Waukegan), Ill.—BOND SALE.—Seipp, Princll & Co., of Chicago, have been awarded the \$300,000 4 1/2% courthouse bonds offered on June 29 (V. 116, p. 3028). Denom. \$1,000.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Value. Actual value of taxable property, estimated: \$100,000,000. Assessed valuation as equalized for 1922: 44,294,221.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Painesville), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On July 2 the \$170,000 5% Mentor Sewer District No. 1 bonds, offered on that date—V. 116, p. 2908—were awarded to Richards, Parish & Lamson...

LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. O. Guild, Director of Finance will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern time) July 16 for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds:

- 50,000 city portion street impt. bonds. Date July 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1924 and 1925, and \$4,000, 1926 to 1935 inclusive.
- 11,360 Arliss Drive paving bonds. Date day of sale. Denom. \$360 and \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$360, 1924; \$1,000, 1925 to 1929 inclusive, and \$2,000, 1930 to 1932 inclusive.

Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Director of Finance. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the "City of Lakewood."

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John Line, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. July 17 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following two issues of 5% coupon bonds:

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Trinidad), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Boettcher, Porter & Co., of Denver, have purchased \$5,500 6% 10-20-year (opt.) school-building bonds. Denom. \$500.

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—BOND SALE.—At a recent election an issue of \$5,500 6% 10-20-year school-building bonds were voted.

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (P. O. Broadhead), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—BOND SALE.—At a recent election \$8,500 6% 10-20-year (opt.) school-building bonds were voted.

LEVELLAND, Hockley County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election an issue of \$50,000 school building bonds was voted. These bonds had been sold, subject to being voted, at par.

LEESBURG, Lake County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 1 p. m. July 18 sealed bids will be received by W. E. Harkness, City Clerk, for \$25,000 6% public utility bonds. Denom. \$500.

LEWISTON, Androscoggin County, Me.—BOND OFFERING.—Eugene J. Cronin, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 m. July 11 for \$200,000 4 1/2% coupon armory bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

LExINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Lexington), Lexington County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 12 by the Secretary Board of School Trustees, for \$45,000 coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Prudden & Co. of Toledo on June 20 were awarded bonds in the amount of \$566,300 as follows: The following 5 1/2% bond issues, notice of the offering of which was given in V. 116, p. 2551—for \$212,027, equal to 100.82 and interest, a basis of about 5.33%:

- \$22,800 Baxter St. paving bonds. Denom. \$800 and \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,800, 1924; \$2,000, 1925 to 1927 inclusive, and \$3,000, 1928 to 1932 inclusive.
- 10,300 Atlantic Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$300 and \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1930 inclusive; \$1,300, 1931, and \$2,000, 1932.
- 9,100 Ohio St. paving bonds. Denom. \$100 and \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1931 incl., and \$1,100, 1932.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On June 29 the two issues of Toledo-Napoleon I. C. H. No. 51, Secs. N-1, N-3 and part of the "Maumee" stone road improvement No. 175 6% bonds, offered on that date (V. 116, p. 2801) were awarded to a syndicate composed of Sidney Spitzer & Co., Stacy & Braun and Prudden & Co., all of whom are located in Toledo, as follows:

- \$296,111 10 bonds for \$306,522 10, equal to 103.51, a basis of about 5.21%. Denom. \$1,111 10 and \$1,000. Due yearly on Sept. 2 as follows: \$32,111 10, 1924, and \$33,000 yearly thereafter from 1924 to 1932, inclusive.
- 150,505 05 bonds for \$155,818 05, equal to 103.53, a basis of about 5.21%. Denom. \$505 05 and \$1,000. Due yearly on Sept. 2 as follows: \$15,505 05, 1924; \$16,000, 1925, and \$17,000, 1926 to 1932, inclusive.

Date July 2 1923. The following are the bids received: \$150,505 05 Issue: \$296,111 10 Iss. Premium Offered.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Premium Offered, and Total Bid. Tucker, Robinson & Co., Toledo: \$1,606 00. Slayton & Co., Toledo: \$5,102 25.

Bids of 103.15 and 102.85 were also received from American Exchange National Bank and the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., both of whom are located in New York respectively. These bids were declared to be irregular because they were for the two issues combined.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Afton), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on June 30—V. 116, p. 2801—were awarded to the State of Wyoming at par.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,250,000 5% impt. bonds offered on July 2 (V. 16, p. 2909) were awarded to a syndicate headed by the Bank of Italy of San Francisco, at a premium of \$39,652, equal to 103.17, a basis of about 4.68%. Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$62,000, 1928 to 1937, incl., and \$63,000 1938 to 1947, inclusive.

LOWELL GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Lowell), Gaston County, N. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by T. P. Rankin, Secretary, Board of Trustees, until 10 a. m. July 15 for \$25,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and int. payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City. Due \$1,000 yearly on June 1 from 1926 to 1930, incl. A cert. check for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry P. Hardie, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 16 for the purchase of \$125,000 5% coupon Orphans' Home bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 16 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on July 16 as follows: \$5,000 1924; \$10,000 1925 to 1936 incl. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 3% of the amount bid for, payable to the Board of County Commissioners.

MAMARONECK, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Edgar L. Howe, Village Clerk, until 8:30 p. m. July 9 for \$30,000 5% fire house bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 15 from 1926 to 1940 incl. Enclose a certified check for 5% of the amount bid for.

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. O. McAllister, City Treasurer, until 2 p. m. July 9 for \$300,000 4% coupon bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston. Due \$15,000 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1943, incl. The bonds are certified as to genuineness by the Amoskeag Trust Co. of Manchester. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

MARIETTA TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. R. D. No. 1, Marietta), Washington County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Louise Rose Mitchell, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. July 20 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$75,000 5 1/2% school impt. bonds, issued under Sec. 7630-1 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the above official's office. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1924 to 1926 incl., and \$3,000 1927 to 1947 incl. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Board of Education.

MARION, Plymouth County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. F. Landes, City Auditor, until 12 m. July 26 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$24,000 5 1/4% street lighting hydrant rentals and fireman and police salary bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Interest M. & S. Due \$60,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1927, inclusive. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

MARILLA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—H. B. Foster, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 16 for the purchase of the following two issues of 5% bonds: \$16,000 bridge bonds. Due \$1,000 April 1 from 1928 to 1943, incl. 10,000 highway bonds. Due \$1,000 April 1 from 1929 to 1938, incl. Denoms. \$1,000 or \$500. Date Oct 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Bank of East Aurora. Enclose a certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the Town Supervisor.

MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DIST No. 1 (P.O. Marion), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—R. J. Blackwell, Secretary of School Trustees, will receive bids until July 13 for \$100,000 high school bonds.

MARYLAND (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 9 by John M. Dennis, State Treasurer, for an issue of \$250,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) Baltimore-Southern Maryland Trunk Line Road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 15 1923. Int. F. & A. 15. Due serially on Aug. 15 as follows:

Series	Amount.	Redeemable Series.	Amount.	Redeemable f
"N"	\$14,000	Aug. 15 1926"V"	\$20,000	Aug. 15 1933f
"O"	15,000	Aug. 15 1927"V"	21,000	Aug. 34 1934f
"P"	16,000	Aug. 15 1928"W"	22,000	Aug. 15 1935f
"Q"	16,000	Aug. 15 1929"X"	23,000	Aug. 15 1936f
"R"	17,000	Aug. 15 1930"Y"	24,000	Aug. 15 1937f
"S"	18,000	Aug. 15 1931"Z"	25,000	Aug. 15 1938f
"T"	19,000	Aug. 15 1932		

The bonds are advertised as free from Federal income taxes and from State, county and municipal taxation. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the State Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the State Treasurer's office on Aug. 15.

MASSENA, Saint Lawrence County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—H. A. Little, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. July 16 for \$18,000 4 1/2% street paving bonds. Date Aug 1 1923. Interest semi-ann. Due \$1,200 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1928 to 1945, incl.

MAUNABO (Municipality of), Porto Rico.—BOND OFFERING.—Manuel Ortiz Suya, Commissioner of Public Service, Police and Prisons, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 18 for \$60,000 coupon impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. Due \$3,000 yearly on July 1 from 1927 to 1946, incl. Prin. and int. payable in Washington, D. C., N. Y. City or Porto Rico. A certified check for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to the Commissioner of Finance, required.

MAYFIELD RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gates Mill), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Homer L. Hunscher, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 12 m. July 17 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$226,000 5 1/4% coupon school building bonds issued under authority of Sec. 7630-2, Gen. Code. Denoms. \$100 and \$1,000. Date Apr. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education. Due \$9,100 Oct. 1 1924; \$10,000 on Oct. 1 in 1927, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1945 and 1947, and \$9,000 on Oct. 1 in 1925, 1926, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1944 and 1946. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bid, payable to the District Clerk, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within five days from date of award.

MAYWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk (P. O. Los Angeles), will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 23 for \$63,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasury. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1926; \$2,000, 1927 to 1933, incl. A certified check for 3%, payable to the Chairman of Board of Supervisors, required.

MEEKER COUNTY (P. O. Litchfield), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 1 p. m. July 9 bids will be received by J. A. Simonson, County Auditor, for \$180,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. A certified check for 5% of issue required.

MENNO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Menno), Hutchinson County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on June 29—V. 116, p. 2909—were awarded to Ballard & Co. of Minneapolis at par. Date June 1 1923. Due June 1 1943.

METAMORA SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Metamora), Franklin County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis B. Foster, Township Trustee, will receive bids at 12 m. July 14 at the Farmers Bank, Metamora, for \$14,350 5% coupon bonds. Denom. \$400, except bond No. 1 for \$350. Date May 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due \$350 July 1 1924 and \$400 each six months from Jan. 1 1925 to Jan. 1 1942. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

METAMORA CIVIL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Metamora), Franklin County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—At 12 m. July 14 bids will be received by Louis B. Foster, Township Trustee, at the Farmers Bank, Metamora, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$14,350 5% coupon bonds. Denom. \$400, except bond No. 1 for \$350. Date May 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due \$350 July 1 1924 and \$400 each six months from Jan. 1 1925 to Jan. 1 1942 incl.

METHUEN, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$223,000 4 1/4% coupon "School Loan Act of 1923" bonds offered on July 2—V.

116, p. 3029—were awarded to the National City Co. of Boston at 100.941, a basis of about 4.14%. Date July 1 1923. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1924 to 1926 incl., and \$11,000, 1927 to 1943 incl.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Peru), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,560 4 1/2% Julius Pritz et al. road in Allen Twp. coupon bonds offered on June 26 (V. 116, p. 2802), with three other issues of 4 1/2% bonds, were awarded to the First National Bank of Peru at par and accrued interest. Date June 15 1923. Due \$378 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl. The other three issues, aggregating \$25,160, which were offered at the same time, were not sold.

MILAN COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$3,600 5% serial bonds on June 28.

MINNESOTA (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—T. O. Ofsthun, Secretary of the State Rural Credit Bureau (P. O. St. Paul), will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 10 for \$3,000,000 4 1/2% coupon (registerable as to prin. and int.) rural credit bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the State Treasurer's office or at State's fiscal agency in N. Y. City at option of holder, and exchange if desired. Due July 15 1943. A certified check on a solvent bank or trust company for \$15,000, payable to the State Treasurer, required.

MOGADORE, Portage County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—George Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 12 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$4,000 6% East Middleburg Street improvement bonds, issued in anticipation of the collection of special assessments and under Sec. 3914 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Interest A. & O. Due \$2,000 on Oct. 1 in 1927 and 1928.

MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Fred M. Kressbach, City Clerk, until 7:30 p. m. July 9 for the purchase of the following two issues of bonds to bear interest at such per cent as will insure their sale at par:

\$150,000 water works bonds. Due \$25,000 yearly on July 1 from 1944 to 1949, inclusive. 50,000 storm sewer bonds. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$13,000 1944, \$15,000 1945 and 1946 and \$7,000 1947. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Each bid must be accompanied with a certified check, payable to the city of Monroe, in the amount of \$1,000 and shall include the cost of printing and furnishing of the bonds. The legality of the proceedings held in connection with both issues have been approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. A. Kilmer, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 10 a. m. (Central time) July 9 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$568,000 5 1/4% coupon Belmont Sanitary Sewer District No. 1 bonds, issued under Secs. 6602-1 and 6602-4 of General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$37,000, 1926; \$38,000, 1927 to 1939 incl., and \$37,000, 1940. The approving opinion of D. W. & A. S. Iddings, Dayton, and Peck, Shafer & Williams, Cincinnati, will be furnished to the successful bidder, otherwise bids must be strictly unconditional, the question of legality of this issue to be determined before the bids are made. A certified check, drawn on any solvent bank or trust company, for \$25,000 is required with each bid.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. A. Kilmer, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 9 a. m. (Central standard time) July 16 for \$33,000 5 1/4% Mt. Auburn Sewer District No. 1 bonds, issued under Sec. 6602-1 and 6602-4 et seq. of Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1928, incl.; \$3,000, 1929; \$2,000, 1930 to 1933, incl.; \$3,000, 1934; \$2,000, 1935 to 1938, incl., and \$3,000, 1939. Enclose a certified check for \$1,000, payable to the County Treasurer. Legality approved by D. W. & A. S. Iddings, Dayton & Peck and Shaffer and Williams of Cincinnati.

MOORS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Moers), Clinton County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—H. Wallace Knapp, President of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 12 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$10,000 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of Champlain. Due \$500 yearly on July 1 from 1930 to 1950, incl. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 3% of the amount bid for.

MOREHOUSE PARISH ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Bastrop), La.—BOND OFFERING.—C. N. Dalton, Clerk of the Police Jury, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 25 for the following 5% road bonds: \$820,300 Road District No. 2 bonds. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1924, \$11,000 1925, \$12,000 1926, \$13,000 1927 to 1929, incl.; \$15,000 1930 and 1931, \$16,000 1932 and 1933, \$18,000 1934 and 1935, \$19,000 1936, \$21,000 1937 and 1938, \$22,000 1939, \$24,000 1940, \$25,000 1941 and 1942, \$29,000 1943 and 1944, \$31,000 1945, \$32,000 1946, \$34,000 1947, \$36,000 1948, \$37,000 1949, \$39,000 1950, \$41,000 1951, \$43,000 1952, \$45,000 1953, \$48,000 1954 and \$49,300 1955.

329,700 Road District No. 1 bonds. Due as follows: \$4,000 1924, \$5,000 1925 to 1928, incl.; \$6,000 1929 to 1932, incl.; \$7,000 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$8,000 1936 and 1937, \$9,000 1938 to 1940, incl.; \$10,000 1941, \$11,000 1942 and 1943, \$12,000 1944 and 1945, \$13,000 1946 and 1947, \$14,000 1948, \$15,000 1949, \$16,000 1950, \$17,000 1951 and 1952, \$18,000 1953, \$19,000 1954 and \$19,700 1955. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. A.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of amount of each issue payable to the Parish Treasurer required. Notice of this offering was given in V. 116, p. 3029; it is given again as additional data have come to hand.

MURCHISON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Henderson County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 20 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$17,000 5% 20-40 year school bonds.

NEWBERRY COUNTY (P. O. Newberry), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The Exchange Bank of Newberry has purchased the \$118,000 5% road and bridge bonds offered on July 2—V. 116, p. 3029—at a premium of \$2,134.60, equal to 101.80, a basis of about 4.85%. Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1931 incl.; \$2,000, 1932 to 1939 incl.; \$3,000, 1940 to 1948 incl.; \$4,000, 1949 to 1956 incl., and \$5,000, 1957 to 1963 incl.

NEWCASTLE SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Newcastle), Henry County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 1:30 p. m. July 23 by the Board of School Trustees, for the purchase at not less than par, \$50,000 4 1/4% school building bonds of 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at any bank or trust company at Newcastle. Due July 1 1943. Certified check on a responsible bank or trust company located within the State of Indiana for at least 3% of the face value of the bonds bid for, payable to the Board of School Trustees required. Accrued interest to be paid by the successful bidder from July 1 1923 to date of delivery. It is stated that the bonds will be exempt from all taxes levied or to be levied by the State of Indiana, or by any political subdivision of the State, or by the United States of America, bidders to pay the principal and accrued interest concurrently with the delivery of bonds.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Tiscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. C. Kaiser, City Auditor, until 12 m. July 9 for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/4% paving bonds, aggregating \$80,208.43:

\$22,672.93 city's portion bonds, issued under Sec. 3939 of General Code. Denom. \$500 and one for \$672.93. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1925 to 1932 incl., and \$2,672.93, 1933. 57,535.50 assessment bonds, issued under Sec. 3814 of General Code. Denom. \$500 and one for \$535.50. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$6,500, 1925 to 1932 incl., and \$5,535.50, 1933. Date May 15 1923. Int. A. & O. A certified check for \$200 required with each bid.

NEWTON FALLS, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,300 6% water main bonds offered on June 29—V. 116, p. 2910—were awarded to the First National Bank of Newton Falls for \$2,307.50, equa

to 100.32, a basis of about 5.89%. Date May 15 1923. Due yearly on May 15 as follows: \$500, 1925, and \$600, 1926 to 1928 inclusive.

NEW YORK CITY.—TEMPORARY LOANS.—During the month of June this city issued short term securities in the aggregate of \$30,629,000, consisting of revenue bills and bonds, corporate stock notes and tax notes:

Table with columns: Amount, Int. Rate, Maturity, Date sold. Includes Revenue Bills of 1923, Corporate Stock Notes, and Various Municipal Notes.

PIERRE, Hughes County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 9 by E. B. Peterson, City Auditor, for \$51,065 96 5% paving bonds. Date June 20 1923. Int. J. & D. 20.

PIKE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. North Hampton), Clark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on June 29—V. 116, p. 2911—were awarded to Bohmer, Reinhardt & Co. of Cincinnati for \$46,377, equal to 103.06, a basis of about 5.15%. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1945 inclusive, and \$1,000, 1946.

PINAL COUNTY ELECTRICAL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Casa Grande), Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.—A proposition to issue \$528,150 electric bonds will be submitted to a vote of the people at an election to be held on July 23. F. C. Templeton, Secretary.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The following five issues of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$1,021,000, which were offered on June 29—V. 116, p. 2911—were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh for \$1,040,654.25, equal to 101.925, a basis of about 4.07%: \$630,000 funding bonds. Due \$21,000 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1953 inclusive. \$250,000 fire apparatus bonds. Due \$12,500 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1943 inclusive. \$1,700 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1953 inclusive. \$1,500 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1953 inclusive. \$1,500 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1953 incl. Date May 1 1923.

PLANO, Collin County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—The election to vote on the question of issuing \$65,000 high school bldg. bonds which was scheduled to have taken place on June 23 (V. 116, p. 2678) has been postponed.

BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$10,000 5 1/2% serial city hall bonds on June 20.

POCATELLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Pocatello), Bannock County, Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 25—V. 116, p. 2911—the \$100,000 school building, \$10,000 site, \$15,000 impt., and \$15,000 equipment bond issues, submitted to a vote of the people, were voted by a count of 512 to 50.

PORTSMOUTH, Rockingham County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—C. R. Kimball, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (standard time) July 10 for the purchase of \$105,000 4 1/4% coupon paying and impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Payable \$7,000 and impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in June 1 1925 to 1939 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer, or at the First National Bank gold coin at the office of the City Treasurer, and all certified to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; whose opinion will be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with said bank, where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser about July 12 at the First National Bank of Boston.

PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY (P. O. Princess Anne), Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 30 by John C. Wood, Chairman Board of Supervisors, for \$250,000 5 1/2% (registerable as to principal only) Lynnhaven Magisterial District road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J. 15) payable in gold at the County Treasurer's office or at the Hanover National Bank, at option of holder. Due on July 15 as follows: \$3,000 1928; \$4,000 1929 to 1932 incl.; \$5,000 1933 to 1936 incl.; \$6,000 1937 to 1939 incl.; \$7,000 1940 to 1942 incl.; \$8,000 1943 and 1944; \$9,000 1945 and 1946; \$10,000 1947 and 1948; \$11,000 1949 and 1950; \$12,000 1951 and 1952; \$13,000 1953; \$14,000 1954, and \$15,000 1955 to 1957 incl. A cert. check, \$10,000 1953; \$14,000 1954, and \$15,000 1955 to 1957 incl. payable to above or draft upon a bank or trust company for 2% of issue, payable to above official, required. Opinion of John C. Thomson, New York City, will be furnished free of charge.

PUKWANA, Brule County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 6% municipal bonds offered on June 18—V. 116, p. 2803—were awarded to Leo Stransky, a local investor. Date June 15 1923. Due June 15 1943; optional June 15 1933.

QUINCY, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/4% coupon serial municipal bonds offered on July 2 (V. 116, p. 3030) were awarded to Estabrook & Co. of Boston at 100.71—a basis of about 4.15%. The issues are described as follows: \$50,000 sewer loan, payable \$10,000 July 1 from 1924 to 1928, inclusive. \$250,000 school loan, payable \$15,000 July 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive and \$10,000 July 1 1934 to 1943, inclusive.

QUITMAN COUNTY SUPERVISORS DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Lambert), Miss.—BOND SALE.—A. K. Tigrett & Co. and the Central State National Bank, both of Memphis, jointly purchased \$50,000 5 1/2% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due as follows: \$1,000 1924 to 1928 incl., \$2,000 1929 to 1945 incl., \$3,000 1946 and \$4,000 1947 and 1948.

RAILROAD SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. San Pierre), Starke County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,000 6% school impt. bonds offered on June 26 (V. 116, p. 2678) were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis for \$50,001 50, equal to 104.17, a basis of about 5.35%. Date June 26 1923. Due each six months as follows: \$1,600 June 26 1924 to Dec. 26 1937 and \$3,200 June 26 1938.

RATON MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Raton), Colfax County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver, have purchased \$50,000 5% school bldg. bonds at 98.50.

RED CREEK, Wayne County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 coupon or registered highway impt. bonds offered on July 3 (V. 116, p. 3030) were awarded as 5s to Fred B. Maloney of Red Creek, at 101.25 for 5s, a basis of about 4.74%. Date July 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1933, incl. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Name, Rate Bid, Int. Rate. Includes Union National Corporation, Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., and Sherwood & Merrifield.

RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Mansfield), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 11 by A. B. Cunningham, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for \$44,000 5 1/2% Ritter's Run Bridge bonds issued under auth. of Sec. 2434 and 6929 of the Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924, and \$5,000, 1925 to 1932, incl. Cert. check on any bank in the City of Mansfield, or any national bank, or cash, for 3% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Auditor, required. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser at the office of the County Treasurer or as soon after the sale thereof as the same are prepared. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BOND OFFERING.—The above official is also scheduled to receive bids until 2 p. m. (eastern standard time) July 26 for \$250,000 5 1/2% funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$28,009, 1924 to 1930, incl., and \$27,000, 1931 and 1932. Cert. check on some bank in Mansfield or on some national bank for 3% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Auditor, required. Auth. Secs. 5656, 5658 and 5659 of the Gen. Code. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser at the office of the County Treasurer, or as soon after the sale thereof as the same are prepared. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

RIDGEVILLE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ridgeville), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by M. B. Robinson, Clerk, Board of Education, until 7 p. m. (central standard time) July 20 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$160,000 5 1/4% coupon deficiency bonds, issued under the auth. and Int. of \$160,000 5 1/4% coupon deficiency bonds, issued under the auth. of Sec. 7625 et seq. of the Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Lorain. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000, in each of the even years from 1924 to 1938, incl., and \$7,000 in each of the odd years from 1925 to 1939, incl., and \$7,000 will also mature yearly from 1940 to 1947, incl. Cert. check upon an Ohio bank other than the bidder for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above official, required. Bonds to be delivered

NILE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Friendship), Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward Warren, Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. July 24 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$36,000 5% school building bonds, issued under authority of Sec. 7630-1 of the General Code. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the District Clerk. Due \$1,500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1947 incl. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Board of Education, required.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. July 10 by the County Treasurer for \$39,000 4 1/4% coupon school of agriculture bonds. Date July 15 1923. Due 1924 to 1930.

NORTH DAKOTA (State of).—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The following two issues of 5% bonds, offered on June 28—V. 116, p. 2554—were not sold: \$2,500,000 real estate series. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$500,000 1934, and 1939; \$750,000, 1944; \$500,000, 1949 and \$250,000, 1952. The Commission reserves the right to reduce this amount as soon as the bonds are printed; at least \$2,000,000 may be delivered at once if desired. 1,200,000 mill and elevator series. Date June 1 1923. Due \$300,000 on Jan. 1 from 1929 to 1932 incl. At least \$500,000 of this amount will be sold on above date and from \$500,000 to \$700,000 more may be sold. Bids to be received on each block of \$300,000 or a portion thereof in amounts of not less than \$100,000 or multiples thereof.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Elsie A. Wickey, Clerk, at Carle Place, Westbury, until 12 m. July 11 for the purchase at not less than par of \$3,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$500. Int. J. & J. Principal and interest payable at the Bank of Westbury, Westbury. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1936 to 1941, inclusive. Certified check for 10% of the par value of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required. The official notice of the offering of these bonds may be found on a subsequent page.

NORTH WILDWOOD, Cape May County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—P. L. Peterson, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 m. July 9 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following two issues of bonds: \$50,000 5% registered bonds. Denom. \$2,000. Date June 1 1923. Due \$2,000 yearly beginning June 1 1924. 16,000 6% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1; redeemable at par and interest after ten years.

OAKLEY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oakley), Cassia County, Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 30—V. 116, p. 2910—the \$5,000 site purchase and \$5,000 school impt. bond issues were voted by a count of 51 to 1.

OWOSSO, Shawassee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—B. K. Lucas, City Clerk, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. July 11 for the purchase of \$17,600 East Main St. paving and \$8,000 South Water St. 5% special assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$600. Due yearly as follows: \$2,600, 1925; \$3,000, 1926; \$4,000, 1927; \$5,000, 1928 and 1929, and \$3,000, 1930 and 1931. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 3% of the amount bid for, payable to the "City of Owosso." Bonds are printed and ready for delivery.

OXFORD, Granville County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or both principal and interest) street-improvement bonds offered on June 29 (V. 116, p. 2911) were awarded to the H. D. Fellows Co. of Chicago as 5 1/4% at a premium of \$1,058, equal to 100.58—a basis of about 5.66%: \$88,000 Series 1, maturing on July 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1924 and 1925, and \$99,000 Series 2, maturing on July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924 to 1929, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1930 to 1943, inclusive. Date July 1 1923.

OYSTER BAY (P. O. Oyster Bay), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On July 3 the \$135,000 coupon or registered Central Park Water District bonds offered on that date (V. 116, p. 2911), were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of New York, on a bid of \$135,094 50 (100.07) and interest for 4.35s, a basis of about 4.34%. Date July 1 1923. Due \$9,000 yearly on July 1 from 1928 to 1942, inclusive. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Name, Bid, Int. Rate. Includes Union National Corporation, Bank of Hicksville, W. R. Roberts Co., and Geo. B. Gibbons & Co.

PAMLICO COUNTY (P. O. Bayboro), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5 1/2% bonds offered on July 2—V. 116, p. 2554—were awarded to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$50, equal to 100.05.

PANOLA COUNTY ROAD PRECINCT NO. 4 (P. O. Carthage), Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 78 to 35, the voters approved the proposition to issue \$10,000 road bonds at the election held on June 16—V. 116, p. 2554.

PARKE COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. N. Chapman, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. July 10 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following two issues of 5% road bonds: \$4,200 John Wilson et al. road in Union Township bonds. Denom. \$210. \$4,200 Township Road in Liberty Township bonds. Denom. \$542 50. Date June 19 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

PENDER, Thurston County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Mark J. Ryan, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until July 24 for \$8,000 ice plant bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Date July 15 1923. Due July 15 1943; optional July 15 1928.

PIERCE COUNTY EAST SIDE WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Tacoma), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—O. E. Tisch, Chairman Board of Water Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 16 for \$30,000 coupon water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. rate coupon water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office, or at the fiscal agency in New York. A certified check for 5% required.

and paid for within 10 days from time of award. A full and complete transcript will be furnished to the successful bidder.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. C. Wilson, City Comptroller, until 2:30 p. m. July 9 for City of Rochester bonds for improvement notes.

ROCKWELL CITY, Calhoun County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 18 to vote on the question of issuing \$47,000 city hall and \$28,000 memorial bldg. bonds.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Poplar), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 1 p. m. July 21 by the Board of Trustees for \$10,087 20 bonds. Denom. \$504 36. A certified check for \$200 required.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Portales), N. Mex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 23 (V. 116, p. 2678), \$20,000 school building bonds were voted. R. H. Grisson, Secretary.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 (P. O. Poplar), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—A. M. Loddell, Clerk Board of Trustees, will receive bids until 1 p. m. July 16 for \$17,000 coupon school bonds.

ROYALTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Brecksville, R. No. 2), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by B. W. Veber, Township Clerk, until 8 p. m. (central standard time) July 20.

PEARL STREET SAVINGS & TRUST CO. OF CLEVELAND.—All bids must be accompanied by a cert. check on some solvent bank or trust company other than Township Trustees. Purchaser to receive bonds within 10 days of the award.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,500,000 4 1/2% coupon building and improvement bonds, offered on June 29—V. 116, p. 2912—Cusick & Co., Rutter & Co., H. L. Allen & Co., all of New York, and Date July 1, 1923.

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000 bonds disposed of as stated in V. 116, p. 2046, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) Sept. 1 from 1928 to 1953, incl. Int. rate 5 1/2%. The purchasers of the Co., both of St. Louis.

SPICER, Kandijohi County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000 village hall bonds offered on June 26—V. 116, p. 2912—were awarded to Mrs. Martha Nelson, a local investor, at a premium of \$75, equal to 103.75.

SPRINGDALE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Harwick), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on June 26 (V. 116, p. 2679) were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh. Date July 1 1923. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$5,000 1948 and \$15,000 1953.

STUBEN COUNTY (P. O. Angola), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl Tuttle, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 12 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued int. of the following issues of 5% coupon road bonds:

\$12,200 Burk Handy et al. road in Clear Lake Twp. bonds. Denom. \$610. 24,000 Burl Hughes et al. road bonds. Denom. \$600. 12,500 John W. Butz et al. road in Scott Twp. bonds. Denom. \$625. Date July 27 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one-twentieth of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

STURGIS, Saint Joseph County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 25 (V. 116, p. 2913) the \$88,000 bonds were voted. The main project was a bond issue of \$30,000 for the installation of new fire protection. The voters also voted on \$5,000 for sanitary sewers and \$13,000 on paving.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Scott Porter, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 12 m. (Central standard time) July 10 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$154,200 5% Secs. "A-2" and "B" of Barborton-Springfield Road, C. H. No. 14 in the city of Kenmore, and one for \$200. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Commissioner's office. Due yearly on Oct 1 as follows: \$17,000, 1924 to 1930 incl.; \$18,000, 1931, and \$17,200, 1932. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, on some solvent bank, payable to the Board of County Commissioners.

TACOMA, Wash.—BOND SALE.—During the month of May the City of Tacoma issued \$14,414.70 6% Paving District No. 4115 bonds. Date May 9 1923. Due May 9 1935. Bonds are subject to call yearly in May.

TAYLORSVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Philo), Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on June 25 (V. 116, p. 2679) have been awarded to Ryan, Bowman & Co. of Toledo at par plus a premium of \$11, plus cost of printing bonds. Date June 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1945 incl.

TERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$3,500 6% 15-20 year school bonds on June 21.

TETON COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Driggs), Ida.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 16 to vote on the question of issuing \$10,000 6% high school building bonds. M. R. Killpack, Clerk.

TEXAS (State of)—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following bonds have been registered by the State Comptroller of Texas:

Table with columns: Amount, Place, Due, Int. Rate, Date Reg. Entries include Gaines Co. C. S. D. No. 7, Gaines Co. C. S. D. No. 12, Houston Co. C. S. D. No. 28, Wise Co. C. S. D. No. 30.

THROCKMORTON, Throckmorton County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held to-day (July 7) to vote on the question of issuing \$40,000 5% 10-40-year water bonds.

TORRANCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Moun taineer), N. Mex.—PRICE.—The price paid by Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver for the \$30,000 6% school bldg. bonds awarded to them, as stated in V. 116, p. 3031, was par plus a premium of \$950, equal to 103.01.

TRENTON, Mercer County, N. J.—BIDS.—Following is a complete list of the bids received for the four issues of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to both principal and interest or principal only) bonds, reported sold in V. 116, p. 3031, the first two issues going to a syndicate composed of Estabrook & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, Remick, Hodges & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Hornblower & Weeks and H. L. Allen & Co., and the other two to John A. Roebling Sons Co. of Trenton:

Table with columns: Funding Bonds, Amount Purchased, Price Paid, For \$1,088,000 General, Amount Purchased, Price Paid, 74,000 Assessm't, Amount Purchased, Price Paid, 68,000 Assessm't, Price Paid, Price Paid.

Names of Bidders.—(A) Estabrook & Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., Hornblower & Weeks, Hannahs, Ballin & Co. and H. L. Allen & Co. (B) Graham, Parsons & Co., Nat. Bank (Trenton), Mechanics Nat. Bank (Trenton), Broad Street and Robert Winthrop & Co. (C) Barr Bros. & Co., Dillon, Read & Co., Compton Co. (D) Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Eldredge & Co., Wm. R. (E) W. A. Harriman & Co., Equitable Trust Co., Clark, Williams & Co., Priem, Stone & Co., and Huntington, Jackson & Co. (F) Bankers Trust Co., Hayden, City Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co. (G) John A. Roebling Sons Co. (H) Edward C. Rose & Co.

TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William A. Toohy, City Comptroller, will receive bids until 10 a. m. July 10 for the tered water works bonds. Date Aug. 1 1923. Denom. 20 for \$1,000, from 1924 to 1943 incl. Cert check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City of Troy, required.

TREZEVANT, Carroll County, Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 20 the proposition to issue \$35,000 6% water works and electric light bonds carried by a vote of 138 to 77.

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—CORRECTION.—We are informed by Sherwood & Merrifield of New York, that the nine issues of bonds, which is a basis of about 4.19%.

VAN BUREN WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Van Buren), Crawford County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—Our Western representative advises us in a special telegraphic dispatch that the First National Bank of Fort Smith has purchased the \$210,000 5 1/2% water works improvement bonds offered on June 30—V. 116, p. 2913—at 97.13. Date July 1 1923.

VANCOUVER, Clarke County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. July 16 by D. E. Crandall, City Clerk, for \$35,000 municipal bonds not to exceed 6% interest. Denom. \$100. Date July 20 1923. A certified check, or cash, for 5% of amount of bid required.

VAN WERT COUNTY (P. O. Van Wert), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$117,800 5% coupon county's share road impt. bonds offered on June 27 (V. 116, p. 2679) were awarded to a syndicate composed of the People's Savings Bank, First National Bank and the Van Wert National Bank of Van Wert at par and accrued interest. Date July 1 1923. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$12,800 1924; \$13,000 1925 to 1931 incl., and \$14,000 1932.

TUCSON, Pima County, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 23 to vote on the question of issuing the following 5 1/2% bonds: \$30,000 garbage disposal bonds; 25,000 sewerage disposal bonds; 75,000 arroyo culvert bonds.

Voorheesville, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sherwood & Merrifield of New York have been awarded an issue of \$38,500 4 1/4% water bonds on May 23 for \$39,019 70, equal to 101.34.

Wallingford, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Harry Biggins, Borough Clerk, until 7 p. m. July 30 for the purchase at not less than par of \$150,000 4 1/4% water bonds.

Waltham, Middlesex County, Mass.—PURCHASER—PRICE.—The \$350,000 high school bonds offered on June 14—V. 116, p. 2679—were awarded as 4 1/4% to the National City Co. of Boston at 101.487, a basis of about 4.07%.

Warrick County (P. O. Booneville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,650 5% Thos. W. Miller et al. bonds offered on June 20 (V. 116, p. 2804) were awarded to the Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis at par plus a \$15 premium, equal to 100.41, a basis of about 4.92%.

Washington School Township (P. O. Milton), Wayne County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William H. Miller, Township School Trustee, until 2 p. m. July 27 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$72,000 4 1/2% school-construction bonds.

Weatherfield Township Rural School Township (P. O. Niles), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Charles Brooks, Clerk Board of Education until 1 p. m. July 18 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$200,000 5% school bonds.

Weld County School District No. 52 (P. O. Severance), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election an issue of \$6,000 5 1/2% refunding bonds was voted. These bonds were sold, subject to being voted at election, to the International Trust Co. of Denver.

WEST PALM BEACH, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$114,000 5 1/4% coupon special impt. bonds offered on July 3—V. 116, p. 3032—were awarded to the Farmers Bank & Trust Co. of West Palm Beach at a premium of \$2,800, equal to 102.45, a basis of about 5.48%.

Wheeler Independent School District (P. O. Wheeler), Wheeler County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 28 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$40,000 5 1/2% 1-20-year school bonds.

White County (P. O. Monticello), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% road bonds offered on June 27—V. 116, p. 2914—were awarded as follows: \$11,500 Herman Schroeder et al., road in Big Creek Township, bonds to the State Bank of Monticello for \$11,560, equal to 100.52, a basis of about 4.89%.

Whitman, Plymouth County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$80,000 has been awarded to the Grafton Co. of Boston, on a 4.27% discount basis. Date July 6 1923, and payable July 6 1924.

Table with columns: Name, Disc., Name, Disc. listing S. N. Bond Co. and First Nat. Bank, Rockland.

Willard Village School District (P. O. Willard), Huron County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bert Wolff, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 20 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$185,000 5 1/4% fireproof school impt. bonds.

Williams County (P. O. Bryan), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. C. Miller, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 17 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$85,455 5 1/4% Secs. "D" and "C" I. C. H. No. 312 impt. in Springfield Township.

Williamson County Road District No. 95 (P. O. Georgetown), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 21 to vote on issuing \$30,000 5 1/2% road bonds.

Wilson County Road District No. 2 (P. O. Floresville), Texas.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$200,000 5 1/2% road bonds submitted to a vote of the people at the election held on June 23—V. 116, p. 2558—failed to carry.

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\$60,000

Township of Susquehanna, Cambria County, Pa.

4 1/2% Improvement Bonds.

The Township of Susquehanna, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, will offer for sale to the highest responsible bidder \$60,000.00 of Improvement Bonds 1923, of said Township of the par value of \$1,000.00 each.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check, payable to the "Treasurer of the Township of Susquehanna," in the sum of \$1,000.00, which will be retained by the Township of Susquehanna as liquidated damages for failure of the successful bidder to fulfill his contract.

The said Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All bids must be sealed and marked "Bid on Bonds" and in the hands of J. Harrison Westover, Spangler, Pennsylvania, Solicitor for Supervisors, before eleven A. M. July 24, 1923, at which place and time said bids will be opened.

E. J. ROSS, Secretary. J. HARRISON WESTOVER, Solicitor.

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LIQUIDATION

THE HAYDEN-CLINTON NATIONAL BANK OF COLUMBUS.

Notice of Liquidation.

The Hayden-Clinton National Bank of Columbus, located at the city of Columbus, in the State of Ohio, is closing its affairs. The Huntington National Bank of Columbus has purchased all of the assets and has assumed all of the liabilities of this Bank and all note holders and creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment.

W. P. LITTLE, Cashier. Dated, Columbus, Ohio, May 2, 1923.

The WHITE HALL NATIONAL BANK, located at White Hall, in the State of Maryland, is closing its affairs. All noteholders and other creditors of the Association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment.

O. EVANS WILEY, Cashier. Dated, White Hall, Md., May 1, 1923

NEW LOANS

\$3,000

UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11, TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD, Nassau County, New York SCHOOL BONDS

TAKE NOTICE that sealed bids for six bonds of five hundred dollars each, of Union Free School District No. 11, of the Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County and State of New York, bearing interest at the rate of five per centum, payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July each year, will be received by the Board of Education of said School District until the 11TH DAY OF JULY, 1923, at 12 o'clock noon, at which hour, in Carle Place, in the school house in and for said district, the said bonds will be sold to the highest bidder at a price which shall not be below par, said Board reserving the right to reject any or all bids and republish a notice of sale of said bonds.

One of said bonds is payable and matures on the first day of January in each of the years 1936 to 1941, inclusive; and the interest as it accrues and the principal of each bond as it matures is payable at the Bank of Westbury, Westbury, New York.

Said bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to "BOARD OF EDUCATION OF DISTRICT NO. 11, Carle Place, Westbury, Nassau County, New York," and a certified check payable to the order of "Board of Education of Union Free School District No. 11, Town of North Hempstead," for ten per centum of the par value of bond or bonds bid for by such bidder, shall accompany such bid, which, in case said bid is rejected, shall be returned to the bidder, or in case such bid is accepted and the bidder refuse to pay the balance of the purchase price and complete the purchase within ten days from the date of sale shall be forfeited.

Said bonds are a charge upon said district and are issued in pursuance to resolutions duly passed at a special meeting of the inhabitants entitled to vote of Union Free School District No. 11, Town of North Hempstead, County of Nassau, New York, called for that purpose, held at Carle Place in the school house in and for said district on June 27, 1923.

By said resolutions a tax was voted upon the taxable property of said district in the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000). The Board of Education was directed to complete a proper fire escape upon the school house according to plans duly approved and to issue bonds and borrow money as might be necessary not to exceed \$1,200 to pay for said improvement.

By said resolutions the said Board of Education was directed to expend the sum of \$1,800 for labor and material and improvement upon the recreation field of said school and voted a tax of the sum of \$1,800 upon the taxable property in said district to pay therefor, and to borrow money and issue bonds for that sum or so much thereof as might be necessary to pay for the said improvement.

By order of the Board of Education of School District Number 11, Town of North Hempstead, County of Nassau, State of New York. Dated June 29, 1923.

GUSTAVE S. DORWIN, JOHN R. HILL, HENRY C. RENDLER, ELSIE A. WICKEY, Clerk.

WINNSBORO, Franklin Parish, La.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The following three issues of bonds offered on June 25—V. 116, p. 2914—were not sold:
\$5,000 5 1/2% water works bonds of 1923. Due in 20 years.
10,000 5 1/2% sewer bonds of 1923. Due in 20 years.
20,000 6% electric light plant bonds of 1923. Due in 10 years.

WINYAH-INDIGO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Georgetown), Georgetown County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on June 1 (V. 116, p. 2429) were awarded to Ryan-Bowman & Co. of Toledo. Date June 1 1923. Due June 1 1943.

WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On June 29 a temporary loan of \$200,000 in anticipation of revenue for the current year was awarded to the First National Bank of Boston, on a 4.21% discount basis. Denoms. 6 for \$25,000; 4 for \$10,000, and 2 for \$5,000. Due Jan. 15 1924.

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$304,000 5% road impt. bonds offered on June 29—V. 116, p. 2805—were awarded to the Wood County Savings Bank of Bowling Green at par and accrued interest. Date June 15 1923. Due \$38,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1931 incl. There were no other bidders.

WOONSOCKET, Providence County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Quinn, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (daylight saving time) July 10 for \$1,000,000 5% coupon funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Due \$100,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1933 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. These bonds may be exchanged for registered bonds at the request of the holder. Bonds are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with said bank, where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser about July 16 at the First National Bank of Boston.

Debt Statement June 22 1923.

Assessed valuation 1922.....			\$63,027,625 00
3% of same.....			1,890,828 75
Total bonded debt.....			
*Floating debt.....	\$6,538,000 00		1,000,000 00
Total debt.....			\$7,538,000 00
Deductions—Water bonds.....	\$618,000 00		
Sewer bonds.....	620,000 00		
Sinking funds.....	1,467,258 21		2,705,258 21
Net debt.....			\$4,832,741 79
Water sinking funds.....		\$189,735 92	
Sewer sinking funds.....		221,115 88	
* To be paid from proceeds of above mentioned bonds.			

WOSEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Walsey), Beadle County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. July 13 sealed bids will be received by Burr B. Wiltse, Clerk, Board of Education, at place of purchaser's choice. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and int. payable to the District required. Legality approved by Lancaster, Simpson, Junell & Dorsey of Minneapolis.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALBERTA (Province of).—BOND SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co. and A. E. Ames & Co., of Toronto, have purchased, and are now offering to investors at 97.50, to yield about 5.20%, an issue of \$2,000,000 5% regis-

tered gold bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date July 2 1943. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Imperial Bank of Canada, in Toronto, Montreal or Edmonton, or at Lloyds Bank, London-Eng., at par of exchange. Due July 1 1943.

BELLEVILLE, Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of 5% bonds, amounting to \$186,750 has been awarded to A. Jarvis & Co. of Toronto at 96.812, a basis of about 5.31%. The bonds mature yearly in 15, 20 and 30 years. Other bids were: Gairdner, Clarke & Co., 96.74; National City Co., 96.61; Wood, Gundy & Co., 96.56; Matthews & Co., 96.31; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., 96.23; A. E. Ames & Co., 96.195; W. A. Mackenzie & Co., 95.67; G. Bell, Gouinlock & Co., 95.62; Dymont, Anderson & Co., 95.534; Bain, Snowball & Co., 95.496; Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., and C. H. Burgess & Co., 95.354.

CHICOUTIMI, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The block of \$400,000 debentures offered on June 26 by the trustees of the Parish of St. Francois Xavier (V. 116, p. 2681) were awarded to Versailles, Vidricaire & Boulois, Ltd., of Montreal, at 99.05 for 5 1/2s, a basis of about 5.59%. Due serially for 27 years.

ELMIRA, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Matthews & Co. of Toronto have been awarded \$16,500 5 1/2% bonds at 100.56, a basis of about 5.43%. Other bids were: A. E. Ames & Co., 100.23; McNeill, Graham & Co., 100.13; Municipal Bankers Corp., 100.10; Wood, Gundy & Co., 99.85; Gairdner, Clarke & Co., 99.73; C. H. Burgess & Co., 99.62, and Dymont, Anderson & Co., 99.23.

GRANDE DAIE, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—It is reported that tenders are invited up to 8 p. m. July 16 for the purchase of \$70,000 6% 30-installment debentures dated June 1 1923. F. Bergeron, Sec.—Treas.

JOLIETTE, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$133,500 5 1/2% 30-year debentures has been sold to Rene T. Leclerc, Inc., of Montreal, at 98, a basis of about 5.64%.

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that Johnson & Ward have been awarded an issue of \$76,000 bonds.

ORILLA, Ont.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that an issue of bonds for \$99,493, bearing 5 1/2% and 6% interest has been awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto at 101.87, a basis of about 5 3/8%. Other bids were: MacNeill, Graham & Co., 101.71; Matthews & Co., 101.558; Gairdner, Clarke & Co., 101.57; Municipal Bankers Corp., 101.27; C. H. Burgess & Co., 101.07; A. E. Ames & Co., 100.79; and Dominion Securities Corp., 100.31.

QUEENS COUNTY, N. B.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that an issue of \$8,000 bonds has been purchased by Eastern Securities Co. at a price of 100.77.

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—During June an issue of \$75,000 5 1/2% debentures was sold to McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. at 99.57, a basis of about 5.53%. Date May 1 1923. Due serially, 1924 to 1953.

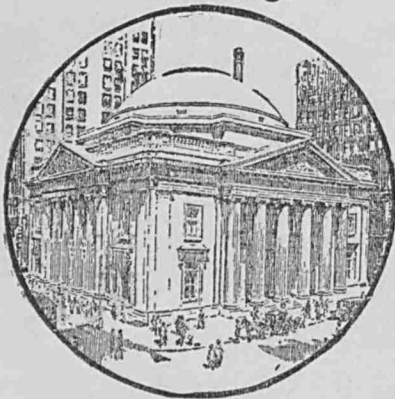
SPRINGHILL, N. S.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Daniel McLeod, Town Clerk, will receive bids until July 7 (to-day) for \$25,000 5 1/2% debentures for school purposes. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Date July 15 1923. Interest semi-ann. Due 1948.

SYDNEY, N. S.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that \$142,000 5 1/2% debentures have been purchased by Johnston & Ward, of Sydney. Due Oct. 2 1942.

TERREBONNE COUNTY, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Unofficial reports state that tenders will be received up to 5 p. m. July 10 for the purchase of \$51,000 5 1/2% 10-year debentures. Date June 1 1923. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 each. J. V. Leonard, Secretary-Treasurer, St. Jerome.

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NOTICES

No. 12370

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of Comptroller of the Currency

Washington, D. C., May 9, 1923.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that

"FRANKLIN NATIONAL BANK IN NEW YORK,"

in the City of New York, in the County of New York and State of New York, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY M. DAWES, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that

"FRANKLIN NATIONAL BANK IN NEW YORK,"

in the City of New York, in the County of New York and State of New York, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty-one Hundred and Sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In Testimony Whereof witness my hand and seal of office this ninth day of May, 1923.

HENRY M. DAWES,

(Seal) Comptroller of the Currency.

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