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The Financial Situation.

Very radical talk on the part of Magnus Johnson, the Senator-elect from Minnesota (we quote some of his utterances on a subsequent page) and on the part of other Farmer-Labor members of Congress, has caused renewed depression on the Stock Exchange this week, and the last few days prices of stocks have again been tumbling badly. As a consequence confidence in the future, which showed signs of reviving last week, is again beginning to wane. Industrial activity, which has been noticeably slackening for several months but last week showed signs of quickening again under the rally in prices on the Stock Exchange, has now received a new blow, and it seems doubtful if early trade recovery can be counted upon. The economic situation of course has not changed. Western farm products are at a low ebb and Eastern manufacturing costs remain high to the discomfort and the sorrow of the agricultural classes. But it appeared likely that by the exercise of the innate common sense of the wage earners modification by degrees of high production costs might be brought out.

Revolutionary talk, however, such as that indulged in by Senator Johnson, is not and cannot provide a remedy or effect a cure. Economic law must be allowed to correct the dislocation in a natural way. Radical talk or radical action can only serve to

make matters worse and delay recovery. The favorable factor in the situation just now is the good earnings the railroads are enjoying. These earnings will be spent in the purchase of equipment and supplies, thus promoting reproductive activity and affording a healthful stimulus to general trade. But if the railroads are to be reduced to poverty again through rate reductions, this stimulus will be removed and trade depression of a pronounced sort become inevitable.

Western roads are even now doing none too well, notwithstanding their earnings have considerably improved. The fructifying influence must come from the Eastern roads. But the Western roads must be allowed to earn at least enough to live, else the carriers will of necessity cease to function, and in that event the last state of the farmer would be worse than the first. Farmer-Labor members of Congress should therefore ponder carefully before they once more undermine the credit of the country's rail carriers. The loss will be a double one, first in depriving the whole community, the farmer as well as the rest, of the transportation service without which the country cannot exist, and secondly in crippling the railroads as a spending agency and thereby cutting off at the root the largest single element in the country's industrial activity.

The parley between anthracite miners and operators was resumed on Monday, after an interruption on account of a convention by the miners of one large district. All the miners say they want is the 20% increase (over the peak wages reached in the inflation period following the conclusion of the armistice and never reduced since), \$2 more for men who are paid by the day, recognition of the union, and sundry other demands of a "technical" nature. The question of "recognition" has so far been the most troublesome one. If the demand were simply that the existence of unions in the industry be admitted there would be no difficulty, since that is an indisputable fact. Nor is the principle of collective bargaining involved, for that is something nobody desires to have ended, notwithstanding frequent assertions that it is in peril and that employers are hostile to it; only its abuses—such as intervening and bargaining by outsiders—have brought it into question. But "recognition" carries with it the check-off and involves virtually the closed shop, thus being a question of principle instead of a mere transient concession. This was the main subject of the struggle on Wednesday, the operators contending that to adopt the check-off would set up an illegal monopoly in coal

mining. Moreover, they resent being asked to act as instruments for the collection of union dues and assessments, often so excessive as to be oppressive.

In the meantime, it seems proper to point out that at this date in midsummer with two million tons of coal a week being mined with undeviating regularity in the anthracite regions, no stove coal is to be had in these parts. Consumers are being admonished from Washington not to delay until the autumn laying in their winter supplies, but when they apply to the retail dealers for an explanation why orders placed three months ago still remain unfilled they are told that supplies of stove coal are not to be had at any price. These dealers point to heaps of small sizes of coal in their yards—usually pea coal, utterly unfit for household use—and try to prevail upon you to stock up with that, but claim to be unable to say when they can let you have stove coal for the kitchen or egg coal for the furnace. Cases have been brought to the notice of the writer of orders placed at the beginning of last April, and where inquiry has brought the reply from the dealer this very week that he did not expect to be able to make delivery until the end of August or the middle of September at the earliest. By that time, of course, the dealer will know if there is to be a strike and be able to fix his price accordingly, for these orders were all taken subject to the price prevailing at the time of delivery.

It may be that anthracite is being shipped to the West and to Canada and New England, at the expense of the seaboard, and that the metropolis suffers as a consequence. If so, it would not be the first time that this has happened. But the complete indifference of these dealers to the scarcity—their failure to make any vigorous protest against the plight to which their patrons have been reduced—suggests that they are not averse to having the scarcity, real or pretended, continue, seeing therein a double chance of gaining an advantage for themselves, first in unloading pea, buckwheat and other small sizes, which they buy for a song, at a price approximating that which they charge for stove and nut, and secondly on the prospect that they will be able to charge a larger margin of profit on stove and nut itself by reason of the urgency of the unsatisfied demand. Whatever the explanation, it is time that some one intervened for the relief of the population of New York City and Brooklyn.

Apparently progress in adjusting the Ruhr situation has been made only in the exchange of notes. According to an Associated Press cablegram from Paris last evening "the French reply to the British reparations note will be delivered in London tomorrow or Sunday. It accepts some of the British suggestions and asks for further light on others. It maintains the principle of the Franco-Belgian declaration to the effect that passive resistance must cease before negotiations with Germany are undertaken." It was added that "Premier Poincare left Paris late last evening for his country home at Sampigny for a few days' rest after giving the finishing touches to the reply to the British communication. The document, however, will be communicated to London only after the Belgian Government has received a copy and had time to examine it."

The British Government, on the afternoon of July 20, dispatched to the Allied Powers and to the United States, its note in reply to the German memorandum on reparations of June 7. No official state-

ment was made at the time as to the contents of the communication, and none has been made since. On the contrary, the London correspondent of the Chicago "Tribune" said that "the strictest secrecy is preserved here about the contents of the note, and the nations receiving it also have been asked to preserve secrecy." None of the American correspondents at the British capital assumed to have particularly definite information regarding the reply. The Chicago "Tribune" representative said, however, that "I understand that its main points are, first, acceptance in principle of the German suggestion of an international commission to assess Germany's capacity to pay and determine the method of payment, and, second, a hint to Germany that, if she ceases the passive resistance in the Ruhr, the French may be induced to modify the rigor of the occupation." This was closely in keeping with the forecasts made last week by the London representatives of several American papers. The New York "Herald" correspondent cabled that "the draft of the reply is firm in tone and, as already indicated, it condemns the continuance of the passive resistance in the Ruhr. But it does not assure Germany that negotiations will be resumed if she abandons this policy. The German suggestion of an impartial commission to investigate Germany's ability to pay is described as acceptable." According to a cablegram to the New York "Tribune" from its London representative, "the draft is couched in such a conciliatory tone that Premier Poincare can accept without giving the appearance of making a violent compromise of principle. Fundamentally, the note contains no deviation from the policy laid down by Premier Baldwin in his Parliamentary statement on July 11, but in the hope of winning over the French and at the same time quieting opposition here, the Prime Minister says Germany would improve the feeling considerably if it reconsidered the policy of passive resistance in the Ruhr."

Commenting upon the effect of the occupation of the Ruhr by the French and the effect of the passive resistance of the Germans, the Duesseldorf correspondent of the Associated Press, under date of July 20, said in part: "The Ruhr occupation is entering the stage in which passive resistance is to be given its first real test, in the opinion of observers here. Hitherto, they say, it has been productive of only slight annoyance and inconvenience, but now the gradual application of stricter measures by the French and the Belgians is beginning to involve real hardship and privation. Germans say they will never yield, but the French point to yesterday's increased train movements as proof of a decisive weakening in passive resistance. Indications of a real test may be seen in the tremendous rise in prices and the perceptible decrease in stocks. The prices of many commodities have more than doubled within three days, and shopkeepers are opening their doors for only a few hours daily and selling limited amounts to each customer."

In a cable dispatch a week ago to-day (July 21) the London representative of the Associated Press declared that "with the British note seeking Allied and American views on the reparations issue safely in the hands of the various diplomatic representatives for transmission to the respective Governments there was evident a feeling of relief and satisfaction in Downing Street this morning. The British For-

ign Office officials left for an extended week-end vacation, but a number of the American Embassy staff members will not be able to enjoy such recreation, for they were busy coding messages for Washington so that the note might be on the State Department's desk early Monday morning." He added that "by the end of another week the British expect to have answers from the Allied and American Governments."

In the cable advices from London last Sunday the point was stressed that the British reply to the German reparations note was not her final word on that subject. The New York "Times" correspondent said that "it is insisted to-day [July 21] that the British draft reply to Germany on reparations and its accompanying appendices sent yesterday to the Allies and the United States do not in any sense represent the final word of the British Government." Continuing, he observed that "the note, it is said, is what it professes to be—a draft capable of considerable revision in the light of comments received from Paris, Brussels, Rome, Tokio or Washington, if those comments leave the main principles of British policy intact." The correspondent added that "no word beyond news of the receipt of the note has yet come from Paris, and although an early reply has been requested, it is not expected that the French Government will be ready with its answer much before the end of next week. In its final form the British note and accompanying documents have received the unanimous assent of the Cabinet, and, while official secrecy is still maintained as to its exact nature, it is asserted that the British position has been established in clear and emphatic, albeit considerate, terms."

Several times of late Premier Poincare of France has delivered a speech on Sunday at the dedication of a war monument, or on a similar occasion, in which he has outlined clearly his position and that of his Ministry on some of the leading international problems. On the Sunday following the statement of Premier Baldwin to the British House of Commons on the reparations question the French Prime Minister made a spirited reply. He did much the same last Sunday with regard to the British note on the same subject, which had been received by him only the day before. Describing the delivery of the latest speech of M. Poincare, the Paris representative of the New York "Times" said in part: "Twenty-four hours after receiving Prime Minister Baldwin's prayer to be kinder to Germany, Premier Poincare, standing at the foot of a monument to the war dead at Villers-Cotteret, not far from where on July 18 five years ago General Mangin started the drive which ended in Germany's defeat, painted a picture of Germany hiding behind a camouflage of ruin waiting only until England had helped her to escape her obligations to launch upon the world an economic war backed by the design to try once again to foist political domination on other nations." Commenting upon what the Premier said, the "Times" correspondent declared that "since his accession to power Premier Poincare has made no speech which so well reveals his attitude toward Germany. Right or wrong, no one doubts his sincerity, for he said to-day in public what he has often said in private." Continuing his outline of the speech, the correspondent added that "in a reply to Mr. Lloyd George's recent attack on France, in which the ex-Prime Minister

said that while crying ruin France was rebuilding her industrial machine in better shape than ever, the French Premier said the British would do better to worry about the future trade competition of Germany, who was awaiting only to shake off her obligations with English help to engage in a commercial war with Great Britain."

Announcement was made in an Associated Press dispatch from Paris Monday evening that "Premier Poincare, who gave the British reparations documents received from London late last week a careful reading on Saturday, began a serious study to-day of the proposed reply to Germany. He went over the documents with Count de Peretti de la Rocca, Director of Political Affairs of the Foreign Office, and Jacques Seydoux, economic adviser to the Foreign Office, with a view to presenting the whole situation to the French Cabinet when it meets at the Quai d'Orsay to-morrow." The correspondent added that "exchanges of views between Paris and Brussels are going on actively meanwhile. The reply to London will probably be made before the end of the week, possibly soon after the French Cabinet has passed on the question."

Cable advices were received from both London and Brussels telling of the secrecy regarding the note that was being maintained in both of those centres. The London correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "so strictly has the pledge of secrecy in regard to the contents of the reparations documents dispatched last week by the British Government to the allied Governments been observed that no statement on this subject, it is stated in official circles, can be regarded as authoritative." He also observed that "in the past the reserve that the Allied Governments had agreed to maintain in reference to important exchanges in progress frequently have been worn down through partial disclosures in the Paris press. On the present occasion Paris is as silent as London and Premier Poincare has been at pains to insist that there shall be no premature disclosures, so that the secrecy now being observed is considered to have unusual diplomatic significance." In a Brussels dispatch it was stated that "the Cabinet met this afternoon and was informed by M. Jaspar of the communications addressed to the Allies by the British Government. The Foreign Minister dwelt on the necessity for the forthcoming negotiations to be pursued in the strictest secrecy." It was added that "diplomatic activity between Brussels and Paris will be intense during the next few days, as it is impossible for either Premier Theunis or M. Jaspar to go to Paris at the moment to confer with M. Poincare, as they must remain in Brussels for the last week of the Parliamentary session."

The Paris representative of the New York "Herald" took a rather pessimistic view of the probability of anything important being accomplished in the near future. He asserted that "tedious conversations through secret diplomatic channels, rather than directly between M. Poincare and the Belgian Premier, are not expected here to result in any appreciable progress toward a reparations settlement for at least another month. Even London is not to have a reply to all the phases of its draft of the proposed answer to Germany before the British Parliament adjourns." He added that "M. Poincare, however, intends to send some sort of a secret document which will not go into the fundamental divergencies sep-

arating the two countries, but will be sufficient to stave off the growing criticism that France is delaying negotiations as much as possible to be in the best position should Germany capitulate in the Ruhr in the next few weeks." The New York "Tribune" correspondent in the French capital seemed to give the most reasonable and accurate outline of the situation, at least so far as the French were concerned. Under date of July 23 he cabled that "two days have passed since the British draft of a reply to Germany reached here, but the tendency to hurry consideration of the document will not be apparent until tomorrow, when the French Cabinet will meet." Continuing, he said that "the delay on the French side is due principally to two things. The first is that the Brussels Cabinet, following the Belgian national holiday, was unable to meet until to-day, and Belgian ideas are given importance in Paris due to France's desire to bring the two Ruhr allies' views in accord before any move toward London is made. The second reason is that all reports from the Ruhr indicate that passive resistance has suddenly been slackened almost to a point of total disappearance. This means a radical change in the situation, which it is necessary to consider carefully before France and Belgium answer London on its communication, based chiefly on that aspect of the problem." Contrary to the statements of the New York "Herald" representative, the "Tribune" correspondent asserted that, "while there is a feeling of optimism here that inter-Allied negotiations now in hand will work out satisfactorily, there is an unmistakable feeling both in Paris and Brussels that the interchange of views should not be forced or carried on to some early time limit."

Definite word was received from Paris Tuesday afternoon through an Associated Press dispatch that "the French Cabinet to-day unanimously approved Premier Poincare's attitude towards the British project for a reply to Germany's reparations note, which the Premier set forth to his colleagues this morning for the first time." It was added that "this was the only definite information that was obtainable after the meeting of the Cabinet Ministers." Continuing, the Associated Press correspondent said that "France and Belgium, it appears, already have practically agreed as to their position, and the fact that the Cabinet meeting, which was to have been held Thursday, was advanced two days to hear M. Poincare's report on the situation, was taken in political circles as indicating that the Premier's reply was ready, and that it was negative on some of the important points in the British proposals." Relative to the French attitude, the correspondent said that "Premier Poincare, it is learned from an authoritative source, regards the French position on the occupation of the Ruhr, and on the reparations question generally, as impregnable legally and morally and from the economic point of view, and the optimism that appears to reign about the Foreign Office is attributed to the confidence entertained there that the British Cabinet will in the end realize the strength of the French position and come to a compromise that will be acceptable." The New York "Times" representative added the next morning that "the Franco-Belgian answer will probably reach London by the end of the week, Mr. Baldwin having requested that the French Government make known its opinion before the adjournment of Parliament on

August 4." He further stated that "it is understood that this reply will not take up the proposals contained in Mr. Baldwin's separate memorandum to France, going deeply into the reparations issue, but will confine itself to suggesting a change in the Allied response to Germany proposed by Mr. Baldwin."

Referring to the British note to the Allied Powers and the United States, Premier Baldwin in a speech at the Lord Mayor's dinner in London Tuesday evening was quoted as saying that "the British Government has just made an offer to our allies proposing the first steps toward a settlement of the reparations question. It is made in such a spirit that I might fairly hope that success ultimately will attend our efforts." He added that "the British Government would leave nothing undone to bring about a settlement, should it be in our power."

Commenting upon the situation growing out of the British note on reparations, the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times," under date of July 25, said: "Two important developments in the European political situation became known to-night. The first was that Premier Poincare had learned that Prime Minister Baldwin did not look kindly on the French suggestion that the Allies reply to Germany simply by advising her to quit Ruhr resistance, which was the form of answer that M. Poincare planned to make to the Baldwin project. The second was that the Belgian Government notified the French Government to-day that Brussels stood with Paris on the position that no negotiations could be begun with Germany before resistance ended, and that the French and Belgians should remain in the Ruhr until Germany had paid." He observed also that, "with the French and Belgians taking the stand that they will make no advance promises to Germany in order to get the resistance orders rescinded, and with the British refusing to demand that Germany sign a blank check, the difficulties of the situation are fully realized."

The Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled under date of July 26 that "separate replies to Premier Baldwin's latest communication to the Allied Governments will be made by France, Italy and Belgium. That point was finally settled to-day at the Quai d'Orsay during separate meetings between Premier Poincare and the Belgian and Italian Ambassadors."

A striking and seemingly significant and important development in the Ruhr situation was the announcement from Duesseldorf Thursday evening that "the frontier separating the Ruhr Valley from the rest of Germany was opened at midnight."

The peace treaty between the Allied Powers of Europe and Turkey was signed at Lausanne on Tuesday, July 24, as was forecast in dispatches from that centre last week. The Associated Press correspondent cabled that "the general treaty, formally ending the state of war, was signed by Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Greece, Rumania and Turkey." He made it known also that "Yugoslavia announced, at the last minute, her refusal to sign on the ground that to do so would be harmful to her national interests. The treaty distributes the Ottoman debt among countries like Yugoslavia which acquired parts of the former Ottoman Empire." Continuing to explain this feature of the situation, he said that "Yugoslavia maintains that she annexed her former Turkish ter-

ritory as the result of the Balkan wars and not as a consequence of the general European or Turco-Greek wars. She prefers, therefore, to abide by the treaties of London and Bucharest, which fixed the political status of the Balkans. She has agreed to negotiate directly with the European Powers regarding her possible responsibility in connection with the Turkish debt." As to the treaty itself, the correspondent stated that "the general treaty comprises 143 articles, divided into five parts—political, financial, economic, communications, and general clauses. The commercial section stipulates the application of the Ottoman tariff, inaugurated in 1916, multiplied by a coefficient corresponding to the depreciation of the Turkish currency."

In another dispatch from Lausanne the same afternoon the following were given as some of the most important features of the treaty: "Constantinople goes definitely to Turkey. All foreign troops will be withdrawn. It makes peace between Greece and Turkey. It permits the Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church to remain in Constantinople. It launches one of the most stupendous and in some ways the most cruel human movements in history by its compulsory exchange of population, the Greeks in Turkey returning to Greece and the Turks in Greece returning to Turkey. It fails to solve the Armenian problem, Armenians being obliged to seek refuge in neighboring lands like Syria or to find a new haven in southern Russia. It reduces Turkey's size by its recognition of detached mandated States like Syria, Mesopotamia and Palestine. With one stroke of the pen it rids Turkey of judicial capitulations, such as China vainly sought to accomplish for itself at Washington and which Japan achieved only after two decades of struggle. In only one way is Turkey treated differently from other countries: foreign legal advisers will be empowered to receive complaints relating to arrests and imprisonment of foreigners." Commenting upon the part played by the American representatives in the shaping of the treaty one correspondent said: "The American diplomatic representatives, headed by Joseph C. Grew, Minister to Switzerland, were a big attraction in all the sessions of the Conference. As observers they played a dominating role in the last phases. They successfully insisted upon inclusion in the treaty of clauses enforcing the application of the traditional American principles of the open door and equal opportunity." As to the importance to Turkey of peace having been formally reached, he observed that "Turkey has been at war for twelve consecutive years, and conclusion of the Lausanne negotiations gives her sorely needed opportunity for a period of national reconstruction and development."

In a cable dispatch Wednesday afternoon the London representative of the Associated Press said "the outstanding note of all comment in this morning's papers on the signing of the Near East Peace Treaty at Lausanne yesterday is a frank admission, sometimes made with a very wry face, of Turkey's complete diplomatic victory over the Allies. The new treaty, nevertheless, is regarded by some commentators as a good one."

With the general peace treaty between the Allies and the Turks out of the way, apparently the latter's delegates, headed by Ismet Pasha, gave more time to discussion with America's representatives of future treaty relations between Turkey and the United

States. Wednesday evening the Associated Press correspondent at Lausanne cabled that "many reports concerning the negotiations between the United States and Turkey are in circulation in Lausanne." According to this and other cable advices from Lausanne many points had been gone over already and there were still others to be taken up. One correspondent said that, "as Ismet Pasha and other leading Turks have given every assurance to Mr. Grew and the American missionaries who visited Turkey, that American missionary institutions will enjoy every facility for their work, the American delegates are content with the formal declaration." He also stated that "an agreement has been reached on the text of the clauses, setting forth the regime under which Americans shall reside and do business in Turkey. But difficulties are still being encountered on the complicated problem of dual nationality."

Commenting upon the situation between the Turks and the Americans the Associated Press representative at Lausanne said in a dispatch Thursday evening that "Ismet Pasha, Turkish Foreign Minister, temporarily buried his worries over the American treaty negotiations to-day, going by airplane to Berne with his military aide to visit the Agricultural Institute which he wishes to duplicate in Turkey." The correspondent added that "meanwhile the chief Turkish expert here explained that the treaty difficulties had been reduced to the question of the American claims. The Turks proposed to postpone consideration of these claims either for six months, nine months, or until exact data as to the nature and amounts of the claims should become available."

In view of all that has been going on in Germany in recent months, and in view of the numerous radical and directly conflicting political factions, it is surprising that there have not been more serious outbreaks that have been reported. The dispatches from Berlin Wednesday morning stated that "serious rioting has taken place in Frankfurt as the result of a Communist demonstration. Onlookers on the sidewalks were dragged into a Communist procession and forced to carry red flags and a miniature gallows." Continuing an account of the incident, the New York "Times" correspondent stated that "the Communists proceeded to the famous Palm Garden and drove the guests from the restaurant and cafe. Then they stormed the near-by house of State Attorney Haas, who attempted to defend himself with a revolver. He was beaten to death by the mob." He added that "there is a striking similarity between the Frankfurt outbreak and the recent Breslau rioting. A report from Breslau to-day places the final estimate of damage there at 750,000,000,000 marks. Two hundred stores were plundered and damaged. Five persons are known to have been killed and fifteen wounded." According to the same correspondent, "there is great nervousness here that nation-wide riots and bloodshed may occur on Sunday, the 29th, proclaimed by the Communists as 'Anti-Fascisti Day.' So great has the fear grown that the Minister of the Interior has sent a circular letter to the Governments of all the Federal States authorizing them to prohibit any demonstrations on Sunday and to use sharp measures if necessary."

Subsequent dispatches from Berlin told of threatened political disturbances in various directions. For instance, the Berlin correspondent of the New

York "Herald" cabled Wednesday evening that "the Government was openly defied by both Communists and Nationalists to-night, neither party agreeing to obey its order forbidding demonstrations for or against Fascismo next Sunday [to-morrow], and any further manifestations this summer. Provincial Governments, as nervous as Berlin, have issued similar orders, even in Bavaria." He further stated that "the Communists, following the wave of Red uprisings in Frankfort, Breslau and other parts of Germany, are determined to hold widespread demonstrations Sunday against the Fascisti, the Berlin contingent planning to invade Potsdam, the stronghold of monarchism." Continuing, the correspondent reported that "the Nationalists have threatened a counter demonstration, and when it was announced that the Government would suppress all such movements, they said that if the Communists acted they would do the same. The Communists say they will carry out their plans." Fear was expressed in Berlin cable dispatches last evening that the Communists might cause still more trouble at that centre at any time. Many shops were said to have closed, and it was claimed that a serious food shortage was developing rapidly.

Official discount rates at leading European centres have not been changed from 18% in Berlin; 6% in Denmark and Norway; 5½% in Belgium; 5% in France and Madrid; 4½% in Sweden and 4% in London, Switzerland and Holland. In London open market discounts remained at 3@3½% for short bills, but three months were a shade easier, being now quoted at 3½@3-16%, against 3¼% a week ago. Money on call was firm, and advanced to 2½%, but closed at 1⅞%, unchanged from the previous week.

The Bank of France continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 31,000 francs. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,537,874,250 francs, comparing with 5,530,149,064 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 5,521,075,772 francs the year previous; of these amounts 1,864,344,927 francs were held abroad in 1923 and 1,948,367,056 francs in both 1922 and 1921. During the week silver increased 56,000 francs, bills discounted rose 19,820,000 francs and Treasury deposits 19,845,000 francs. Advances, on the other hand, fell off 24,537,000 francs, while general deposits were reduced 34,684,000 francs. Note circulation registered the further contraction of 304,373,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding down to 36,929,324,000 francs. This contrasts with 36,049,939,140 francs at this time last year and with 36,941,449,710 the year before. 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.	Status as of		
		July 26 1923.	July 27 1922.	July 28 1921.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	31,000	3,673,529,323	3,581,782,008	3,572,708,716
Abroad.....No change		1,864,344,927	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056
Total.....Inc.	31,000	5,537,874,250	5,530,149,064	5,521,075,772
Silver.....Inc.	56,000	296,405,400	285,254,748	275,285,474
Bills discounted.....Inc.	19,820,000	2,250,576,000	2,103,237,393	2,769,361,408
Advances.....Dec.	24,537,000	1,946,133,000	2,167,401,331	2,180,116,975
Note circulation.....Dec.	304,373,000	36,929,324,000	36,049,939,140	36,941,449,710
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	19,845,000	32,277,000	79,990,095	22,265,462
General deposits.....Dec.	34,684,000	2,260,591,000	2,352,183,129	3,229,368,753

Another, though smaller, addition to gold holdings was shown by the Bank of England statement for the week ending July 25. The exact figure was £3,231, while reserve expanded £72,000, owing to a contraction in note circulation of £69,000. Material reductions in the deposit items brought about a further advance in the proportion of reserve to liabilities, to 18.08%, which compares with 17.60% last week and 14.24% for the week of July 4. At this time a year ago the reserve ratio stood at 17¼% and a year earlier at 15.21%. Public deposits declined £632,000, and "other" deposits £2,256,000. The bank's temporary loans to the Government were reduced £1,895,000, at the same time that loans on other securities fell £1,026,000. Threadneedle Street's stock of gold stands at £127,640,308. A year ago it stood at £127,403,930 and in 1921 at £128,307,063. Reserve now amounts to £21,672,000, in comparison with £21,096,300 in 1922 and £18,536,693 the year before. Loans aggregate £70,556,000, against £72,243,297 last year and £78,000,845 the year before that. Note circulation is £125,717,000. A year ago it was £124,757,630 and in 1921 £128,283,370. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £608,211,000, in comparison with £707,730,000 a week ago and £726,900,000 last year. No change has been made in the bank's minimum discount rate from 4%. We append herewith comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England returns for a series of years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
	July 25.	July 26.	July 27.	July 28.	July 30.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	125,717,000	124,757,630	128,283,370	125,369,195	79,387,255
Public deposits.....	10,463,000	14,296,634	15,373,851	15,148,654	17,881,009
Other deposits.....	109,383,000	107,576,472	106,435,907	118,650,249	116,554,700
Government secur.	45,633,000	46,504,853	43,188,078	59,912,361	43,143,806
Other securities.....	70,556,000	72,243,297	78,000,845	75,481,209	81,745,550
Reserve notes & coin	21,672,000	21,096,300	18,536,693	16,315,188	27,477,574
Coin and bullion.....	127,640,308	127,403,930	128,307,063	123,234,383	88,414,829
Proportion of reserve					
to liabilities.....	18.08%	17¼%	15.21%	12.20%	20.44%
Bank rate.....	4%	3%	5½%	7%	5%

The Imperial Bank of Germany has issued, under date of July 14, still another of the fantastic statements which have become so frequent of late. Increases of many trillions of marks were recorded in nearly all of the leading items, while the bank's note circulation sustained the largest expansion as yet noted—5,249,955,776,000 marks. There was the huge increase in discount and Treasury bills of 8,063,943,193,000 marks. Deposits rose 4,835,022,983,000 marks and bills of exchange and checks 2,460,276,498,000 marks. Treasury and loan association notes declined 123,103,522,000 marks and advances 13,545,929,000 marks. Comparatively minor increases were noted in notes of other banks, 276,474,000, investments 473,349,000 marks, other assets 127,396,983,000 marks and other liabilities 431,860,159,000 marks. Total coin and bullion (which now includes aluminum, nickel and iron coin), increased 1,121,872,000 marks, but gold holdings fell another 50,000,000 marks. Total note circulation has reached the colossal figure of 25,491,705,270,000 marks, which compares with 172,944,000,000 marks in the corresponding week of 1922 and 75,352,000,000 marks a year earlier. The institution's fast dwindling gold reserves (the bulk of which is now held abroad) have been reduced to 656,911,000 marks. A year ago they stood at 1,004,859,000 marks and 1,091,544,000 marks in 1921.

From the Federal Reserve Bank statement, issued at the close of business on Thursday, it will

be seen for one thing, that borrowing at the Reserve banks, both locally and nationally, is still on the decrease. The combined report shows declines in the rediscounting of all classes of paper, also in open market purchases, and in consequence a shrinkage in bill holdings of \$51,500,000. Earning assets fell \$53,000,000 and deposits \$46,000,000, while the volume of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation was reduced \$22,000,000. Gold reserves gained \$14,000,000. The New York bank, on the other hand, lost gold in its operations with interior institutions to the amount of \$18,000,000. In other respects, however, the local institution showed the same general trend as in the banks as a group. Rediscounts of Government secured paper were reduced \$23,000,000. In "all other" there was a small increase (\$4,900,000); but as bills bought in the open market fell off \$6,700,000, the net result was a reduction in total bill holdings of \$25,000,000. Earning assets and deposits also sharply declined. Here also the amount of Federal Reserve notes showed contraction—\$10,000,000. In both statements, member bank reserve accounts substantially decreased. At New York there was a reduction of \$36,000,000 to \$661,780,000. For the System the decline was \$44,000,000, to \$1,839,262,000. Despite the contraction in bill holdings the total is still far above that of a year ago, locally standing at \$207,240,000, against \$68,182,000 last year, and for the twelve reporting banks \$937,403,000, against \$536,119,000 the previous year. Reserve ratios again advanced, the System showing a gain of 1.7%, to 78.2%, and at New York 1.9%, to 85.2%.

Last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies was featured by another substantial lowering in loans and discounts, while deposits, both demand and time, were also heavily reduced. Loans declined \$60,698,000. Net demand deposits showed a reduction of \$39,797,000, to \$3,711,307,000, which is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$32,870,000. In time deposits, the contraction was \$5,726,000, bringing the total down to \$478,300,000. Other changes were comparatively small, including a decline of \$822,000 in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank, to \$47,448,000 (not counted as reserve); a drawing down in reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults of \$349,000, but a gain of \$399,000 in the reserves kept by these institutions in other depositories. Member banks reduced their credits at the Reserve bank \$9,946,000, and the result of this was to reduce surplus reserve, notwithstanding the contraction in deposits. The loss for the week in excess reserves was \$4,533,230, leaving the amount \$22,259,250, against \$26,792,480 a week ago. The figures here given for surplus are on the basis of reserves above legal requirements of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including cash in own vaults to the amount of \$47,448,000 held by these banks at the close of business on Saturday last.

While the rates for call money toward the close of the week were a little higher again, the prevailing quotation was lower than that of last week. Time money was unchanged both as to market conditions and rates. The Government did not withdraw funds from local institutions, so far as reported. Transactions in stocks and bonds until yesterday, when a

sharp break in prices occurred, were on a very moderate scale, while offerings of new securities were small. Demands for funds for general business purposes did not differ greatly from previous weeks. The Mexican situation is still unsettled. Conditions in Germany seemingly are as unsatisfactory as before. Opinions of prominent observers recently returned from Europe as to the position that the United States should take differ as widely as ever. With things the way they appear to be at the moment no financing for Europe will be undertaken in this country. Altogether it is not surprising that our money market remains unchanged.

Referring to money rates in detail, loans on call have ranged during the week between $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 5% , as against $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ last week. Monday the high was $4\frac{3}{4}\%$, the low $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ and renewals at $4\frac{3}{4}\%$. On all of the other days of the week call funds were almost stationary. Tuesday and Wednesday a flat rate of $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ was quoted, while Thursday and Friday the rate was advanced to 5% , these figures being the high, the low and the renewal basis on each of the four days in question. The above quotations apply to mixed collateral and all-industrials without differentiation. In time money the market was quiet and quoted prices still unchanged. All maturities from sixty days to six months continue to range between 5% to $5\frac{1}{4}\%$, the same as a week ago. Fixed date funds were in good supply but the inquiry was light. No important trades were reported for any period. The differential formerly existing between regular mixed collateral and all-industrial money is no longer in effect.

Commercial paper rates have been maintained at 5% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' name of choice character, with names not so well known at $5\frac{1}{4}\%$, the same as heretofore. Practically all of the large institutions appear to be out of the market, although a moderate amount of business was transacted with country banks as buyers.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were in somewhat better demand. The market, however, was not active and the turnover comparatively light. Local and interior banks figured in the dealings. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council continues at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ bid and 4% asked for bills running for 30 days, $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ bid and $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ asked for bills running from 60 to 120 days, and $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ bid and $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ asked for bills running for 150 days. Open market quotations follows:

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

There have been no changes this week in Federal Reserve Bank rates.

Trading in sterling exchange was virtually at a standstill during the early part of the week under review, which except for a few brief spurts of intermittent activity, has proved one of the dullest experienced in a long time. Fluctuations were narrow and the day-to-day changes were practically meaningless. Demand bills moved within

a range of three-eighths of a cent., viz., 4 59 $\frac{1}{4}$ @ 4 59 $\frac{5}{8}$ up to yesterday, when there was a decline to 4 58 $\frac{5}{8}$. In a word, the whole market waited upon the outcome of Britain's attempt to end the Ruhr deadlock. There was not even the customary backing and filling that ordinarily accompanies seasons of suspense like the present, for it soon became known that the negotiations carried on through the diplomatic interchange of notes between Premiers Baldwin and Poincare were to be kept secret. Therefore, rumors that seeped through were looked upon as unofficial and calculated to be devoid of foundation. The result of all this is that operators are marking time. Apparently no one is willing to "discount" the forthcoming results, for it is felt that should the negotiations fail to bring about a satisfactory adjustment the whole reparations situation will be far worse than it was before. Nevertheless, an undercurrent of hopefulness continued to pervade the market and bankers persisted in their belief that international politics had reached a stage where remedial measures were absolutely imperative. The chief contestants—France and Germany—so it is claimed, will soon be compelled to adopt a more conciliatory attitude. Announcement on Thursday of the removal of the traffic blockade on occupied Germany had a distinctly cheering effect and served to strengthen the hopes of a speedy settlement of the entire dispute. The numerous disappointments and setbacks in the recent past months, however, have rendered dealers extremely cautious and it was regarded as rather significant that the optimism over this and the apparent closing of the Turkish question was more a matter of sentiment than of actual buying. Moreover, the European demand for American dollars so much in evidence during June and the early part of July has waned considerably. For the moment mid-summer dulness seems to have settled down upon the foreign exchange market. Price levels in the final dealings were the lowest for the week.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was a shade firmer and demand advanced $\frac{1}{8}$ cent, to 4 59 5-16@4 59 $\frac{1}{2}$, cable transfers to 4 59 9-16@4 59 $\frac{3}{4}$ and sixty days to 4 56 11-16 @4 56 $\frac{7}{8}$; trading was fairly active. On Monday higher quotations from London made for corresponding improvement locally, and the range was firm, with demand at 4 59 5-16@4 59 $\frac{5}{8}$, cable transfers at 4 59 9-16@4 59 $\frac{7}{8}$ and sixty days at 4 56 11-16 @4 57. A lower trend was apparent Tuesday, largely on a falling off in the inquiry; demand sold down to 4 59 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4 59 7-16, cable transfers to 4 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4 59 11-16 and sixty days to 4 56 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4 56 13-16. Wednesday's market was quiet but generally higher; there was a fractional advance to 4 59 5-16@4 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ for demand, to 4 59 9-16@4 59 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers and to 4 56 11-16@4 56 $\frac{7}{8}$ for sixty days. Dulness characterized trading on Thursday, but quotations were maintained and demand ranged between 4 59 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 59 $\frac{1}{2}$, cable transfers between 4 59 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4 59 $\frac{3}{4}$ and sixty days between 4 56 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4 56 $\frac{7}{8}$. On Friday the undertone was slightly reactionary, so that demand was a trifle easier at 4 58 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4 59 $\frac{1}{2}$, cable transfers at 4 58 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4 59 $\frac{3}{4}$ and sixty days at 4 56@4 56 $\frac{7}{8}$. Closing quotations were 4 56 1-16 for sixty days, 4 58 11-16 for demand and 4 58 15-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 58 7-16, sixty days at 4 56 3-16; ninety days at 4 54 11-16, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 57 5-16 and

seven-day grain bills at 4 57 11-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 58 7-16.

The week's gold movement included approximately \$3,000,000 in bars on the Aquitania and \$1,700,000 on the Homeric, both from England. It is reported that another shipment of 20,000,000 gold marks is on its way from Germany consigned to the International Acceptance Bank for account of the German Government. Cable advices received this week state that beginning in August South African producers are to be allowed to ship gold to any market, instead of to London as heretofore. This means that a substantial volume of the metal may be diverted to New York or to India.

As to the Continental exchanges, nervous irregularity developed almost from the start, with French and German currencies the leaders in point of activity. The feature of the week, however, was the further decline in the value of the reichsmark. Renewed pressure to sell at foreign centres, coupled with the unfavorable effect on market sentiment of another phenomenal expansion in note circulation, and later on a more or less serious run on the Reichsbank, all combined to force down the quotation for reichsmarks, which after a series of sensational breaks sank to a new low point of 0.00009, a loss for the week of 0.000212 points. At this level a dollar would purchase about 1,100,000 marks. The collapse in prices reopened the question of what is likely to happen unless something is done to mitigate the situation, and was responsible for a general feeling of depression and uneasiness, which in a minor degree spread itself to other exchanges.

Next in point of interest to German marks were the movements of French exchange. Francs displayed considerable resistance to pressure and the quotation was maintained at close to 5.94 for checks, with the high 6.00 $\frac{1}{2}$, although the closing figure was 5.88 $\frac{1}{2}$. Heavy selling was noted in the early part of the week, but good buying support was forthcoming and offerings were quickly absorbed. In the later dealings, francs naturally shared in the general betterment which followed the concerted action of the French and Belgian authorities regarding the British reparations note. Before the close they sagged off again. Short covering operations also figured prominently in the recovery. Italian lire ruled quiet but steady at close to 4.38. Other of the smaller Continental currencies were palpably neglected. Greek exchange remained practically at the levels established last week, until yesterday, when there was a slump to 1.86 $\frac{1}{2}$, with a partial recovery at the close. In the Central European currencies no important changes were noted, with possibly the exception of Polish marks, which were heavy in sympathy with German marks. In marked contrast to the remainder of the list were Austrian kronen, which, amidst the crumbling of values on all sides, continue to rule placidly at a fixed level of 0.0014 $\frac{1}{8}$. This is attributable partly to the improvement in Austria's financial position, also to the fact that trading in Austrian exchange has long been at a minimum.

The London check rate on Paris finished at 77.60, which compares with 78.15 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 5.88 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 5.89 $\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers at 5.89 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 5.90 $\frac{1}{2}$; commercial sight bills at 5.86 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$, and commercial sixty days at 5.83 $\frac{1}{2}$, against

5.85½ a week ago. Antwerp francs, as usual, followed the course of exchange on Paris and finished the week at 4.85 for checks and 4.86 for cable transfers, in comparison with 4.86½ and 4.87½ a week earlier. Closing rates for Berlin marks were 0.00010 for both checks and cable transfers, against 0.000320. Austrian kronen finished at 0.0014⅛ (one rate), unchanged. Lire closed at 4.36¾ for bankers' sight bills and 4.37¾ for cable transfers. This compares with 4.31¾ and 4.32¾ the preceding week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.97¾, against 2.99½; on Bucharest at 0.52, against 0.52¼; on Poland at 0.0005¼, against 0.0007¼, and on Finland at 2.79, against 2.78½ a week ago. Greek exchange closed at 2.09½ for checks and 2.20½ for cable remittances, as contrasted with 2.35½ and 2.40 last week.

Nothing particularly significant transpired in the former neutral exchanges. Trading was dull and featureless and quotations ruled within relatively narrow limits, following in the main the movements of the other Continental exchanges. Guilders, francs and the Scandinavian currencies all registered good gains in the latter part of the week, but pesetas remained weak and finished at a slight net loss.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 39.35, against 39.19; cable transfers at 39.44, against 39.28; commercial sight bills at 39.30, against 39.14, and commercial sixty days at 39.05, against 38.89 last week. Swiss francs finished at 17.85 for bankers' sight bills and 17.86 for cable transfers. A week ago the close was 17.70 and 17.71. Copenhagen checks closed at 17.94 and cable transfers at 17.98, against 17.47 and 17.51. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.61 and cable remittances at 26.65, against 26.52 and 26.56, while checks on Copenhagen closed at 16.21 and cable transfers at 16.25, as against 16.19 and 16.23 on Friday of the previous week. Closing rates on Spanish pesetas were 14.28½ for checks and 14.29½ for cable transfers, which compares with 14.30 and 14.31 a week earlier.

South American quotations displayed increased weakness, particularly Argentine and Brazil. The depreciation in these two currencies in recent weeks is regarded as a reflection of the action of Argentina's President in advocating the inauguration of an intensive armament program. Should this course be followed, it will likely mean the beginning of a struggle for military supremacy between Argentina and Brazil, necessitating long and costly expenditures. In the latter country an increase in the circulation by the Bank of Brazil also was a feature in depressing quotations. Argentine check rate finished at 33.90 and cable transfers at 34.00, against 33.80 and 33.90, while Brazilian milreis closed at 10.35 for checks and 10.40 for cable transfers, against 10.40 and 10.45 last week. Chilean exchange was easier, finishing at 12.50, against 13.10, but Peru declined to 4 14, against 4 29, the level previously ruling.

Far Eastern exchange was as follows: Hong Kong, 52@52¼, against 52@52½; Shanghai, 71@71¼, against 70¾@71; Yokohama, 49@49⅜, (unchanged) Manila, 49½@49¾, against 49⅜@49⅝; Singapore, 53¾@54, (unchanged); Bombay, 31⅛@31¼, against 31¼@31½, and Calcutta, 31⅛@31⅝, against 31⅜@31⅝.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACTS OF 1922. JULY 21 1923 TO JULY 27 1923, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	July 21.	July 23.	July 24.	July 25.	July 26.	July 27.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone.....	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014	\$.000014
Belgium, franc.....	.0499	.0497	.0490	.0486	.0492	.0485
Bulgaria, lev.....	.011729	.01245	.011817	.010992	.011667	.011633
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.029964	.029956	.029933	.029886	.029825	.029808
Denmark, krone.....	.1750	.1750	.1753	.1756	.1776	.1790
England, pound sterling.....	4.5973	4.5975	4.5963	4.5963	4.5973	4.5901
Finland, markka.....	.02775	.027678	.027675	.027694	.027731	.027738
France, franc.....	.0594	.0598	.0593	.0591	.0597	.0591
Germany, reichsmark.....	.000003	.000003	.0000022	.0000017	.0000013	.00000098
Greece, drachma.....	.02435	.025111	.024461	.023981	.019338	.020989
Holland, guilder.....	.3927	.3926	.3924	.3928	.3929	.3943
Hungary, krone.....	.000094	.000095	.000084	.000078	.000040	.000051
Italy, lire.....	.0438	.0438	.0437	.0437	.0441	.0438
Norway, krone.....	.1626	.1626	.1622	.1621	.1624	.1623
Poland, mark.....	.000006	.000007	.0000069	.0000062	.0000054	.0000055
Portugal, escudo.....	.0406	.0404	.0403	.0402	.0406	.0401
Rumania, leu.....	.005222	.005244	.005291	.005238	.005197	.005181
Spain, peseta.....	.1433	.1432	.1428	.1426	.1430	.1431
Sweden, krona.....	.2658	.2661	.2670	.2668	.2662	.2665
Switzerland, franc.....	.1773	.1781	.1789	.1789	.1792	.1789
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.010613	.010675	.010678	.010672	.010625	.010559
ASIA—						
China, Chefoo tael.....	.7246	.7192	.7158	.7208	.7171	.7183
" Hankow tael.....	.7200	.7146	.7113	.7163	.7125	.7138
" Shanghai tael.....	.7009	.7012	.7005	.7004	.7002	.6984
" Tientsin tael.....	.7288	.7250	.7217	.7267	.7229	.7242
" Hongkong dollar.....	.5213	.5222	.5243	.5211	.5206	.5197
" Mexican dollar.....	.5090	.5090	.5078	.5085	.5083	.5065
" Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	.5133	.5100	.5104	.5113	.5104	.5092
" Yuan dollar.....	.5233	.5217	.5213	.5196	.5179	.5183
India, rupee.....	.3091	.3093	.3080	.3088	.3080	.3095
Japan, yen.....	.4877	.4876	.4878	.4878	.4881	.4885
Singapore (S. S.), dollar.....	.5317	.5329	.5304	.5321	.5329	.5329
NORTH AMERICA—						
Canada, dollar.....	.973906	.973627	.974141	.974414	.974766	.974766
Cuba, peso.....	.999063	.999125	.999063	.998844	.999031	.998844
Mexico, peso.....	.483958	.483958	.483958	.484844	.483906	.483938
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.97125	.971016	.971719	.971953	.972344	.972188
SOUTH AMERICA—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.7762	.7790	.7702	.7697	.7702	.7705
Brazil, milreis.....	.1029	.1031	.1024	.1022	.1027	.1027
Chile, peso (paper).....	.1247	.1251	.1245	.1240	.1232	.1227
Uruguay, peso.....	.7868	.7893	.7699	.7671	.7703	.7626

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions have gained \$3,370,434 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending July 26. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,209,134, while the shipments have reached \$838,700, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.			
Week ending July 26.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,209,134	\$838,700	Gain \$3,370,434

As the Sub-Treasury was taken over by the Federal Reserve Bank on Dec. 6 1920, it is no longer possible to show the effect of Government operations on the Clearing House institutions. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York was creditor at the Clearing House each day as follows:

DAILY CREDIT BALANCES OF NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK AT CLEARING HOUSE.

Saturday, July 21.	Monday, July 23.	Tuesday, July 24.	Wednesday, July 25.	Thursday, July 26.	Friday, July 27.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 52,000,000	\$ 79,000,000	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 55,000,000	\$ 61,000,000	\$ 51,000,000	Cr. 342,000,000

Note.—The foregoing heavy credits reflect the huge mass of checks which come to the New York Reserve Bank from all parts of the country in the operation of the Federal Reserve System's par collection scheme. These large credit balances, however, reflect only a part of the Reserve Bank's operations with the Clearing House institutions, as only the items payable in New York City are represented in the daily balances. The large volume of checks on institutions located outside of New York are not accounted for in arriving at these balances, as such checks do not pass through the Clearing House but are deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank for collection for the account of the local Clearing House banks.

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

Banks of	July 26 1923.			July 27 1922.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£ 127,640,308	£ 127,640,308	£ 127,640,308	£ 127,403,930	£ 127,403,930	£ 127,403,930
France.....	146,941,173	11,720,000	158,661,173	143,271,781	11,400,000	154,671,781
Germany.....	41,595,200	63,475,400	105,070,600	50,111,380	946,150	51,057,530
Aus.-Hun.....	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain.....	101,030,000	26,520,000	127,550,000	100,932,000	25,822,000	126,754,000
Italy.....	35,529,000	3,028,000	38,557,000	34,518,000	3,049,000	37,567,000
Netherl'ds.....	48,483,000	874,000	49,357,000	50,496,000	643,000	51,139,000
Nat. Belg.....	10,757,000	2,476,000	13,233,000	10,664,000	1,726,000	12,390,000
Switz'land.....	21,000,000	4,091,000	25,091,000	20,978,000	4,675,000	25,653,000
Sweden.....	15,164,000	-----	15,164,000	15,219,000	-----	15,219,000
Denmark.....	12,674,000	178,000	12,852,000	12,684,000	218,000	12,902,000
Norway.....	8,182,000	-----	8,182,000	8,183,000	-----	8,183,000
Total week.....	579,939,681	54,731,400	634,671,081	585,405,091	50,845,150	636,250,241
Prev. week.....	579,845,236	54,817,400	634,662,636	585,462,559	50,695,450	636,158,009

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 President's Visit to Alaska.

On his trip to Alaska President Harding reached a point farther north than that attained by any other President. This is in itself notable, mainly because he was enabled to do so by reason of the railroad which the Government has now completed—a road penetrating the interior of this vast territory to a distance approaching five hundred miles. The President drove the “golden spike,” the usual ceremonial. He has announced to the people of Alaska that his trip is for investigation and understanding. He hopes to present to Congress an available plan for the Government and exploitation of this huge possession of the United States, now said to be languishing for want of population and development. Incidentally, the President rested in the Land of the Midnight Sun, and regaled himself with views of some of the most magnificent scenery on the North American continent. For reasons of health for himself and those who accompany him and for information valuable to his official duties, the President may be congratulated on his “summer outing.”

There have been calls for “business men” to go with Mr. Harding on this journey—ostensibly to point out to him the practical means of development. We are inclined to the belief that the President is a very good business man himself—he has not at least been led off by wild vagaries concerning the true province of government. And if we make a few exceptions, his recommendations upon matters where business and Government touch have been sound. The ship subsidy was a case of extreme alternative—and Congress having failed to accept the proposed plan—the annoying, wasteful and costly experiment still is unsolved. What we feel impelled to say is that the proper solution of the Alaskan question must come under the general head of proper protection to enterprise in that region and full freedom to the adventurous spirit of capital, that those who invest in the far away land may have assurance of success. Under present conditions here and now the Government should not undertake to buy development in Alaska by tax-costs at home.

We are told by a correspondent that the railroad does not at present pay—that the coal mines are practically idle. It is generally conceded that one chief fault of the territorial Government is the number of bureaus and commissions now operated from Washington. Population is not increasing in proportion to the invitation of the natural resources. Why—and who knows to the answer to these questions? We shall learn much from the President's own report of his trip. But there are many interesting considerations in this problem opening to our eyes policies to which we have as a people given little thought. We may begin with a simple illustration taken from the common history of many a pioneer family of our own “West.” He who “blazed the pathway” had always in mind the possession of ample lands for his children and his children's children. He entered what he could—bought where he desired. His ambition was ample acreage for his sons to farm—they to reap the added values of Advance.

Alaska is an inhospitable clime—or so we who live in a temperate zone regard it. Yet in this land of ice and snow and storm there are abundant agricultural possibilities. When the growing season comes, in the great river valleys, it comes with a rush. The

snows melt rapidly, the streams swell to the sea, and a luxuriant vegetation springs quickly to life. Short is the season, but prolific. Its sustaining power has never been tested. The evident need of the country is, first, population; second, a larger degree of local self-government, more free from bureaucratic rule; third, assurance that those who risk life and capital to build up the industries of the region shall have ample protection to enterprise and property. The development of the territory will, under proper rule, most likely be slow, but it may be made sure under liberal laws made by those who live under them. There is no very intricate problem—and there need be no wasteful haste.

There is already talk of the machinations of monopolists. But we need not fear that those who venture this far clime can long burden its inhabitants, while the people are free and competition open. Capital that does engage in development under free competition must be assured of liberty to earn unusual profits. This done the population can take care of itself. President Harding admits his initial opposition to the railroad. But now that it is builded, and at a great cost, it must be made to serve its purpose, or so he seems already to suggest. The road is like any other—it must have a constancy of traffic—therefore, a resident population engaged in all the industries afforded and one, as far as may be, agriculturally self-supporting. We may not have the people willing to go there in large numbers—but under favoring land grants to settlers, a citizenry may be constituted, if only they shall be cared for as pioneers worthy of recognition and promised a Government, a law, and a liberty, that will descend from father to son.

The settlement of the territory is not a pressing problem, but what is done now should be done wisely. With the crowding of the United States it will in time afford a place for overflow. If linked to the parent country by freedom, interest, commercial ties, and financial relationships, it may become a magnificent colonial empire—not in the common use of the term, but in that condition and circumstance admissible under our form of government. Gone, perhaps, are the days when gold was found at the grass roots—yet, we suspect, that new discoveries of free gold will continue to be made. The great interior mother lode has never been found. That awaits enterprise and capital. Other metals are found—coal there is in great beds; the fisheries properly cared for, are exhaustless; agriculture, judging by Finland on the upper rim of Russia, will encourage a hardy population, in times to come, patriotic to the core.

We should be loth to see the Government engage directly in the building up of the territory. It is not a question of grants, franchises, subsidies, quasi-partnerships in business enterprises and commerce. Paternalism ceases, or should, when the people who go there are protected in equal opportunities and private property as at home. Just land and mining laws and freedom to competitive capital should be provided. Those who dare much should win much. And we feel that the President will offer wise and salutary suggestions. We have Alaska—whether the original acquisition admits of Statehood or not, and the problem of proper encouragement to its proper development is increasingly important. Let it not become a political football, rather one of looking forward to a future when wise

administration will make it a land of promise to the sons and daughters willing to go to the outposts that those who come after them may have homes and happiness made better and freer by courage, toil and sacrifice.

Co-Operation Through Combination—Common Aim and Mutual Service the Test.

All the rivers run down to one sea; and the sea to the mountain returns in the mist and the cloud. All nature gathers to scatter—and scatters but to gather. The taproot nourishes the leaf; the leaf nourishes the root. The flower, hid in the tiny seed, has its destiny in the air and knows the way. The life of the physical earth is lost in death that it may live again. Reproduction is the law. The eternal round continues in all things.

May we learn from this lesson in nature some guidance for our economic-social life? We have been taught by certain political theorists to beware of Combinations—as if the undying round of human activities could be throttled by these associations. We have even gone so far as to legislate against “combinations in restraint of trade” only to find that we must permit them as natural instruments of the greater good. We have found through experience that the individual, and individual ownership, are preserved by the co-operation of combination.

In a rather startling phrase, D. R. Crissinger, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, in a recent address, said: “The man who first conceived the idea of mobilizing the credits, the liquid resources and working assets of a community, through the functioning of a bank, took the longest step toward developing a working philosophy and procedure in socialism that has ever been taken.” Mr. Eugene Meyer, Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, returning from Europe, where he investigated “conditions in the wheat trade,” said: “I am more convinced than ever of the soundness and economic usefulness of the co-operative marketing associations of agricultural producers not only in the interest of the farmer, but of business as a whole.” A financial writer finds that the trend is toward big business enterprises. The railroads, we know, are looking forward to the formation of “systems,” whether natural or enforced remains to be determined. There is a dream of unifying electric power throughout the country.

Let us not at this time consider the question of monopoly; that has its own cause and sequence. Suffice it to say that there is the highest form of co-operation in the combination of like units when such combination preserves individual ownership and results in greater service to the greater number of individuals, provided only that the association follows natural laws and is not an artificial creation of government. Mr. Meyer illustrates this by his comment on the Wholesale Co-operative Society of Great Britain at Manchester and London—a consuming co-operative. His object was to ascertain how producing co-operatives in this country could deal with consuming co-operatives there to the benefit of our agriculture and he points out that: “The marketing methods in different commodities must be considered carefully and a distinction must be drawn between the gradual marketing of a commodity like cotton or tobacco, in which American production is predominant in the world’s supply, and a commodity

such as wheat, which is produced in many different countries. The great point of difference lies in the fact that wheat is coming to market more or less all the year round, not only from North America, but also from India, Australia and Argentina.” The disclosure here is that a co-operative marketing association seeking to reach world-markets by gradually feeding out a surplus product to meet a demand is a sound proposition, is a constructive enterprise, compared with a mere combination for the purpose of arbitrary holding to create price.

Civilization, so termed, with us, is the co-operative-combination-result of one hundred millions plus, of individuals, each pursuing his own task in his own way. This composite element exists in all combinations that are the result of economic laws. It is the unity that comes through diversity; it is confirmation of the fable of the bundle of faggots that cannot be broken. We have, then, by the device, which we now universally accept, of the corporation, a co-operative combination of great strength without the sacrifice of independence. But we must go behind the mere device to find the really energizing law. Chain stores, each with a multiplicity of articles of small cost, might seem to be combinations that defy analysis—but they are mere combinations for *collection and distribution*; and the law of their being is the co-operation of filling general wants—the larger and more diverse their supplies, the nearer they come to satisfying the public. But in production you cannot supply steel and hardware with butter and cheese in the same factory. The ore of many widely separated mines fuses into ingots that easily are transformed into rails and structural steel. The natural law of attraction is complied with. The dairies upon many farms pour their products into the moulds for butter and cheese. Now, if we keep this law of natural attraction in mind when we come to the creation of artificial co-operative combinations we must discover that labor unions which use coercion and employ politics are really going contrary to their own interests, since they introduce elements of repulsion rather than attraction. In the same way there can be no true co-operative combination between farmers and workmen formed into a political party.

The co-operative combination which will stand is therefore the one that has strength, inherent unity, to serve. Farmers may join together into marketing associations only when they seek the same markets by the same means, holding fast to the law of largest individual production to which they add the most efficient distribution, the distribution being effective only when it facilitates the natural flow of products to the natural consumer. The workmen may rightly and effectively combine when they seek to give the greatest service to those who need it most—thus forming a natural basis for the highest wages. All else is artificial, coercive, and contrary to the general good. We have two eventualities to fear: too limited ownership operating against the natural law (monopoly); too diffuse ownership operating without responsibility (the State). The one tends to destroy itself; the other to perpetuate a tyranny more direful than a temporary so-called “restraint of trade.” A wider distribution of stocks and bonds bespeaks a participation in management through co-operative ownership that will give us combinations adequate to service, devoid of monopoly, retaining responsibility of ownership.

Fraudulent Dealing and the Stock Exchange.

A vigorous effort by the Postal Department and the Department of Justice against misuse of the mails is reported from Washington; the bucket-shop men, the swindlers on oil and real estate, and the other schemers (including such bold operators as one who obtained cash orders for aristocratic dogs through the mails and filled his orders with any mongrels he could catch up) are now, we are told, to be put under ban. Already, it is said, the number of cases handled has doubled in the last fiscal year, and the country is to be cleaned up, so far as energy can accomplish that. This is encouraging, for while it will never be possible to wholly safeguard persons whose eagerness for quick riches makes their credulity increase in proportion to the monstrosity of the lies and lures offered them, it is the clear duty and interest of society to do the utmost to repress fraudulent operations.

Perhaps few will be surprised to learn that Mr. Untermyer offers his services in drafting a bill, to be added to the radical mass which will surely be dumped into the Congressional mill next year, "for regulating stock exchanges and outlawing bucket shops." He expects, he says, to accomplish three things: to "apply in a general way the British system of publicity to all promotions of new securities by requiring the utmost publicity of all the facts"; second, that nobody should be allowed to deal in securities in inter-State commerce, whether bought and sold on stock exchanges or not, until he has obtained a license from either Federal or State authority, this involving "some such sort of inspection as is now required of banks." The chief purpose of this licensing would be, in his expectation, to enable prosecuting officers to secure access to the books of bankrupt brokers, so as to make criminal prosecutions as swift and sure as now in the case of guilty officers of national banks; he thinks that "the regulation of stock exchanges, involving their taking out licenses, will subject their operations to public scrutiny and go far to do away with many of the existing evils."

Mr. Untermyer has earned a reputation as an able lawyer and an especially keen cross-examiner, and there is no reason for questioning his sincerity; but he has the defect of seeking to go too far and of not always being careful enough in his criticisms and accusations. He now charges the Stock Exchange with actively seeking to pluck notes from the eyes of other exchanges while neglecting the beams in its own; a substantial part of recent fraudulent failures, he asserts, has been of "members of their own Exchange, whom it has apparently not tried to reform"; he calls the Curb "a mere creature" of the main Exchange, and declares that the Consolidated could never have existed without the co-operation of the great Exchange, and he accuses that Exchange and private bankers of beating his regulatory bill in the Assembly at Albany. He also brings in once more his assertion that proper regulation of fire and casualty insurance companies could save 400 millions a year to business men.

Mr. Untermyer is a good hater. If one specific charge he makes (that the Exchange does not attempt to prevent its members from improperly hypothecating their customers' securities) were entirely true, it would be matter for reprobation, but it cannot be true. As to the control of its members

by the Exchange, Mr. Untermyer has more than once denounced the "tyranny" of that body and he now avers that "there is no power in the world so despotic and so all-embracing as that possessed by the New York Stock Exchange not only over its own members but over the entire security business of the country." If this is true entirely, or true in any large measure, to ask aid of any legislative body is superfluous and foolish; granting this "despotic" power, the only need remaining is that public opinion shall insist upon its strict exercise. But, over and over, it must be pointed out that, because confidence is the foundation and any weakening of confidence undermines all business, all members of the Stock Exchange and all men connected with the financial institutions and life of much misunderstood and maligned Wall Street have the keenest self-interest in business rectitude and business reputation. If we call financial business a "game" (as a concession to those who persist in regarding the Street as a mere gamblers' den) we should be honest enough to admit that the men there understand the game as no outsiders can understand it and have such a stake in its fairness as no outsiders can have. There is no more sense and justice in holding the Stock Exchange responsible for Fuller and McGee than there would be in holding the Chemical bank responsible for the sham "bank" of the Tisbo Brothers.

Governmental work, both State and Federal, is done so inefficiently and so extravagantly that only the most inexorable necessity can justify adding a single more function to either. That objection is enough to condemn Mr. Untermyer's regulative proposition, in which he proves anew his enmity to the Stock Exchange; but a further objection is that it would be futile and might be even hurtful, because the knowledge in advance attainable by some censor in Albany or Washington could not be equal to the knowledge and discriminating power possible to trained financiers here; furthermore (and liable to work mischief), when a concern had managed to get the license unworthily it would "travel" upon the official certificate. Publicity is certainly excellent; but a question lies open about its meaning as to a particular loan offering. The corporations which offer guaranteed mortgage loans can afford to stand responsible, because they have direct knowledge of the property; the investment dealer generally uses all available inquiry, for his own reputation, but he cannot absolutely warrant the future. All possible stretchings and applications of "publicity" cannot make sure that bankers who place loans can foresee the future or even know all of what might be called the "facts."

As for Mr. Untermyer's desire for swift and sure prosecutions—a desire shared by all good citizens—when he cites national banks he compares two subjects having little likeness to each other.

What is needed is more activity by prosecuting officers and any emendation of existing statutes which can tighten their grip. Only a few days ago, we are told, an injunction was obtained to halt the projected issue of several millions in alleged worthless bonds, and the Better Business Bureau has begun an attempt to block the operations of a concern which is offering or about to offer an oil stock, with the usual lure of 500% profit within 90 days. The parties are entitled to their day in court, but this procedure takes the right direction of giving them that before instead of after they have completed their

adventure, and the step shows that effective means exist for nipping actually fraudulent schemes without the placing of additional laws upon the statute books.

The Great Movement in Life Insurance.

The figures of life insurance business in the present year, as reported to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce by the Life Presidents' Association, deserve more than the bare passing glance which they are likely to receive from the general reader, in the rush of current and often more exciting news. The figures cover the transactions of 40 leading companies, and these 40 have in force 77% of all the "legal-reserve" life insurance in the United States; the fraternal and many "assessment" associations which issue certificates that are too often mistaken for substantial insurance would add something to the aggregate, yet so little that they may be dismissed as negligible. In the first five months of 1923 the total new insurance placed by the 40 companies—all paid for as to the first premium and not including revivals, increases, or additions by commuted "dividends"—was 3,194 millions, against 2,609 millions in the like period of 1922, an increase of 22%; this total for the five months also went 32 millions past the 3,162 millions written in the first six months of last year.

The figures for June are now available, and they show for the half year a total net paid-for business of \$3,922,361,890, against \$3,162,363,450 in 1922 and \$2,957,843,074 in 1921. The advance from month to month, in each of these three years, was not continuous, there being several instances of a slight recession; yet on taking each month separately an increase is found in 1922 over 1921 and in 1923 over 1922. If this rate of growth is maintained, the 40 companies will write a little over 7¾ billions in 1923; and if the companies outside the 40 make a like progress the full total for 1923 will exceed eleven billions, which will be one and a half billions more than was written in 1920; the business done in the six months by the 40 companies was also 444 millions more than they wrote in the complete year 1918. Twenty years ago, moreover, the total in force in the United States was only ten and a half billions. The new business of the 40 in the six months divides thus:

	1922.	1923.	Increase.	Ratio of Increase.
Ordinary.....	\$2,363,237,769	\$2,880,376,128	\$517,138,359	21.88
Industrial.....	711,764,497	883,489,522	171,725,025	24.13
Group.....	87,361,184	158,496,240	71,135,056	81.43
Total.....	\$3,162,363,450	\$3,922,361,880	\$759,998,430	24.03

By Ordinary is meant insurance (all forms of policy) with premiums payable not oftener than quarterly; Industrial is written for comparatively small sums, collects its premiums monthly or weekly, and "covers the entirely family"; Group writes collectively, so to speak, without individual medical examination. The growth of each of these three classes is interesting, but the most marked and perhaps most significant advance is in the progress of Group—significant because this is the latest form and that which tends to bring the counting room and the industrial plant closer together, thus counteracting the separative influences of labor unions. In some cases the insurance is wholly paid for by the employer; in probably the majority of cases it is either paid for wholly by the employee or jointly by both; but in any case its tendency is to promote thrift and to raise the morale of the force and lessen the probability of differences. This form of insurance, dis-

tingly modern, is one of the hopeful signs for a permanent industrial peace.

Many causes have contributed to this prodigious development. The old discrimination against women is gone; they are now not merely subjects but agents. The forms of policy have been amplified in number and greatly increased in flexibility and service, the best of the modern improvements being the "income" form, which does not even make the payment of a lump sum optional but contracts for a definite regular annuity, preferably monthly, during the life of the beneficiary or for 20 years certain; this form shields (as far as possible) the inexperienced recipient of insurance money from the wiles of the needy borrower and the fake investment operator. The "corporation" form also guards a business against the possible loss or the probable embarrassment caused by the death of some essential officer. Another application protects estates against the imperative call for inheritance taxes forthwith, the tax-gatherer taking little concern whether the estate may suffer damage by being forced to raise cash speedily. The list of services is long, and it is within bounds to say that no business is so thriving, no family so well safeguarded, and no estate so large, that insurance cannot serve and protect. The institution has "delivered itself," and is now in such recognition that the lack of insurance is a reflection upon one's credit; the banks have come to so regard it, and a recent illustration is the issue of a special handbook by one of the oldest of our city banks, lauding and urging it as one of the greatest of American institutions; this little pamphlet calls the holders of life insurance policies "the greatest family in the world." At least, there is some comfort in the evidence these huge figures give that we Americans are saving at an increased rate, as well as spending. We have been and we are still the least thrifty among all nations which are called civilized, but the war did teach us something; and although we still throw broadcast our substance by needless fires, by industrial quarrels, by Governmental wastes, and by destructive taxation, there is some consolation in knowing that we are casting an anchor to windward by this surest of all means of provision.

Open Shop and the Right to Organize.

It is reported from Chicago that Attorney-General Daugherty announced, just before departing to join the President's party at San Francisco, that he intends or contemplates a criminal procedure against certain dealers there in building materials, to protect the right of building workers to organize, the specific charge being that certain dealers and trade associations are conspiring against labor unions by refusing to supply materials to contractors who employ union labor. If dealers and others are engaged in any such practice (and this is not the first alleged case of the kind) it is neither justice nor good business policy; it cannot, however, be deemed worse than for labor unions to boycott by refusing to work with a non-union man or to allow any goods to be moved—fresh fish from New England, for example—which had been tainted by contact with some non-union labor or with labor that had received such taint by such contact. Human nature is tempted to retort under provocation, and to give boycott back for boycott is to be expected, yet a number of wrongs do not make one right, although they may produce the confirmation of several rights.

The mouth of a gun looks differently, according as it is viewed from the muzzle or the breech, and organized labor has no trouble in seeing the wickedness of a boycott from the muzzle end. Mr. Daugherty is right in morals at least in saying that "a boycott against labor is as indefensible as a boycott against industry"; it is, and the incidents at Herrin and elsewhere prove it such. He sees a bad industrial situation in San Francisco because of the long conflict between building workers and the unnamed forces "which seem bent upon their destruction"; certainly, and there was a bad situation in Los Angeles when a newspaper office was dynamited and some workers whose union cards were unsatisfactory perished. Said Mr. Daugherty:

"The right of workers to organize into trade unions for lawful purposes is as fundamental in America as the right to vote, and equally supported in law; any attempt to infringe upon it is illegal. I shall confer with agents of the Department on the Coast, and will be prepared to go into court to defend the view I have expressed."

Beyond question. The right to organize may even be counted as coming under the right of peaceful assemblage affirmed in the first amendment of the Constitution; it is under the common law, and Sec. 6 of the Clayton law expressly recognizes non-capitalized associations for mutual help and not for profit, and exempts such from the laws against trusts; but the exemption covers only "lawfully carrying out the legitimate objects thereof." Mr. Daugherty's celebrated injunction of last year followed this (notwithstanding Mr. Gompers's inevitable disapproval) and was not directed against any peaceful and lawful conduct.

It may be said again that there probably are some business men whose experience with labor unionism has made them resolve to have nothing more to do with it; with such men the open shop is what union leaders persistently assert it means in all cases: a shop open only to non-unionists. This position is a natural rebound from union violence, yet it is not good business policy, and those who take it are negligibly few in comparison with those in the genuine

open-shop movement; yet, when we attempt to dispute a man's legal right to make his own conditions of hiring, or, on the other hand, his own conditions of customers and selling, we enter debatable ground which has long been fought over. Speaking generally, a man may do what he wills with his own property, or his own money; it is only when he seeks to use it for unlawful ends or to join in conspiracies that the right to select one's customers for either selling or buying encounters limitations. One who chooses to dislike a certain store may lawfully refuse to patronize that store; but when he seeks to form a combination to that end he oversteps the lines. There was an old statute called the Sherman Act, enacted back in the last century and sometimes mentioned, which quite broadly banned every "contract" and "combination" in restraint of trade, was there not? Has it been repealed, or just been forgotten?

No, the open shop is spreading; how can it be otherwise when the labor unions are working at their worst to push it along? A recent inquiry by the "Herald" finds it gaining in Rhode Island, in Philadelphia, in Buffalo, in Newark, in Richmond, in Birmingham, in Nashville, in Detroit, in Indianapolis, in Los Angeles, in Seattle, in Louisville, in St. Louis, and in Cincinnati. Moreover, the "Herald" figures that of the more than 41 million persons in gainful occupations in the United States not more than 16 millions "are possible union members," and that an estimate of four millions for the total "card" membership in the country is not far amiss; so that, at the most, unionism controls only one-tenth of the gainfully employed and only one-fourth of all who may be deemed open to unionization. While union membership has increased much faster than population in the last 40 years, the open shop is its most determined opponent and its continued momentum should convince labor leaders that "here is a force capable of ready expansion when employers have public opinion behind them; every unfair demand and every unjustified strike by organized labor puts renewed life into the open-shop movement." This must be so; in the nature of things it could not be otherwise.

The New Capital Flotations in June and the Half Year to June 30.

Notwithstanding continued depression on the Stock Exchange, new security offerings in this country during June were of large proportions, in sharp contrast with the offerings the previous month, which were comparatively light. Our compilations, as usual, include the stock, bond and note issues by corporations and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also Farm Loan issues. The grand aggregate for June is \$536,577,225 against only \$312,635,831 for May. This compares with \$458,133,469 for April, \$392,262,540 for March, \$380,187,119 for February and with no less than \$379,268,265 for January, the latter having, however, as previously explained, been swollen to exceptional proportions by the bringing out of several issues of unusual size—the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. alone by its financing having then added \$150,000,000 to the total and Armour & Co. \$110,000,000, with the result that January broke all records for new capital flotations in the United States, the highest previous amount for any month of any year having been \$655,817,946 for April 1922.

New financing was larger in June than in May in practically every leading group of security issues. In the first place bond disposals by States and municipalities, which had been running relatively light, were raised to unusual dimensions by the floating of a few loans of exceptional size. The State of Kansas marketed \$25,000,000 4½s and the State of Iowa sold \$22,000,000 of 4¼s and 4½s, the loans in the case

of both States being for the purpose of paying soldier bonuses to war veterans. Then the Moffat Tunnel Improvement District of Colorado disposed of \$6,720,000 5½s, the Chicago Sanitary District \$5,000,000 4s (on a basis of 4.44%), and the State of New Jersey \$5,000,000 of 4¼% road and bridge bonds. This gives a total for these five items alone of \$63,720,000. As a result, the grand aggregate of the municipal issues for June stands at \$156,366,800, against \$92,793,706 for May, and the total is larger even than for the corresponding month last year which has not often been the case of late.

In the second place the total of the farm loan issues was large by reason of the offering of \$45,000,000 new Federal Land Bank bonds. Finally, nearly all classes of corporate flotations were larger than for some months past. The result altogether is that the grand total of new financing for the month comes very near the exceptionally heavy total for June last year, when conditions for the floating of new obligations were very much more favorable than they have been more recently in 1923, the comparison being between \$536,577,225 for June 1923 and \$555,445,510 for June 1922.

Making a detailed analysis of the corporate offerings in June we find that industrial financing accounted for almost 60% of the month's total. Such issues amounted to \$163,416,625, as compared with only \$76,395,175 in May. Public utilities also showed a substantial increase in volume, the

June total being \$110,406,300, as against \$78,384,950 for May. Railroad offerings fell off decidedly, the total of only \$14,532,500 for June comparing with \$46,927,000 for May. As stated above, all corporate issues totaled \$288,355,425, and it is a fact of interest that 80% of this, or \$238,217,200, represented long term issues, while short term issues aggregated \$24,711,000 and stocks \$25,427,225. The portion of corporate flotations used for refunding purposes in June totaled \$73,754,429 and examination shows that \$56,138,250 of this was to refund existing long term issues with new long term issues, \$15,641,179 existing short term issues with new long term issues, \$1,600,000 existing preferred stock issues with new long term issues, a \$150,000 existing short term issue with a new short term issue, \$125,000 existing long term issue with a new preferred stock issue and \$100,000 existing common stock with a new preferred stock issue.

The most noteworthy new flotation of any kind was the \$25,000,000 Austrian Loan 7s, due 1943, offered at 90, yielding about 8%, by a nation-wide syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co. Subscription books to this issue were closed 15 minutes after their opening, with subscriptions reported as between \$100,000,000 and \$125,000,000. The bonds offered here were part of a total loan of about \$126,000,000 brought out in this country and abroad, in furtherance of the plans for the financial rehabilitation of Austria. An issue of \$2,000,000 State of Ceara, Brazil, 25-year external 8% gold bonds, due 1943, was offered at 99½, yielding about 8%.

Farm loan issues, as already stated, were unusually heavy, no less than 15 separate issues, aggregating \$61,700,000, being offered at prices yielding from 4.45% to 4.68%. The largest issue of this character was \$45,000,000 Federal Land Bank 4½s, due 1953, optional 1933, offered at 100¼, yielding about 4.45%.

The largest corporate offering during June occurred in the public utility group and consisted of \$50,000,000 Illinois Bell Telephone Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s "A," due 1956, offered at 95¼, to yield about 5.30%. This was the only really important piece of financing accomplished by utilities in June. The offering of \$9,930,000 Chicago & North Western Ry. Equip. Trust 5s, due 1924-38, on a 5.25% basis comprised the largest railroad issue of the month.

Industrial flotations of importance included the following: \$25,000,000 Standard Oil Co. (of California) 5s, 1924-33, sold to yield from 5% to 5.14%; \$25,000,000 Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp. 1st lien & coll. 6½s "B," 1938, offered at 94, yielding about 7.15%; \$12,000,000 Pure Oil Co. 10-year 6½s "A," 1933, offered at 99, yielding about 6.60%; \$8,000,000 Wheeling Steel Corp. 3-year secured convertible 6s, 1926, placed at par, and \$7,500,000 Long Bell Lumber Co. 1st mtge. 6s "B," 1943, offered at 94, yielding 6.50%.

For the half year to June 30 the new capital issues are of imposing proportions, reaching close to three billion dollars, or in exact figures \$2,961,773,388. But in the first half of last year the total went away above the three billion mark, being then \$3,190,713,787. That this year's financing for the six months should fall below that for the corresponding six months of 1922 may come as a surprise to some, but the fact is that while in January the new loan appeals to the market broke all monthly records by a wide margin, for the reasons stated in the opening paragraph of this article, and the amount of the new offerings was again quite large in June, in the intervening months the new flotations were on a much more moderate scale. As a matter of fact, the grand total for the half year would have run above that for the half year in 1922 except for a falling off in the bond disposals by States and municipalities which, notwithstanding the upward leap in June, reached only \$571,803,563 in six months this year, against \$655,086,150 in the same six months of 1922 (the offerings here by Canada and its provinces and municipalities also falling off, and being only \$39,408,000, against \$166,106,650), and except also for a sharp reduction in the offerings in this country of foreign Government issues. The Ruhr situation was obviously distinctly adverse to the bringing out of European issues, and hence it is not surprising to find that the foreign Government loans placed in the United States foot up only \$106,500,000 for 1923, as against \$347,605,000 for the first six months of 1922 and that the issues by foreign corporations placed here were but \$24,100,000, against \$81,695,000 of this class of foreign issues marketed in the United States in the six months of last year.

The notable feature of the new financing for the first six months of the current year is the many exceptionally large issues that were brought out during this period. Corporation issues of unusual size, in addition to those for June re-

ferred to above, included the following: \$100,000,000 Anaconda Copper Co. 1st cons. mtge. 6s "A," 1953, offered at 96½, to yield 6.25%; \$50,000,000 of the same company's 15-year conv. deb. 7s, offered at par; \$60,000,000 Armour & Co. (of Del.) 7% guar. pref. stock, offered at 99, yielding 7.07%; \$50,000,000 of Armour & Co. (of Del.) 1st mtge. guar. 5½s "A," 1943, offered at 96, yielding 5.85%; \$35,000,000 Bell Telephone Co. of Pa. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s, 1948, offered at 98½, yielding 5.10%; \$22,000,000 Spring Valley Water Co. 1st mtge. 5s, 1953, placed at 98½, yielding 5.12%; \$17,500,000 Laclede Gas Light Co. 1st mtge. coll. & ref. 5½s, 1953, offered at 96.45, yielding 5.75%; \$13,875,000 Balto. & Ohio RR. Equip. 5s, 1924-38, offered on a 5.25% basis. The foregoing were all offered in January, with the result that that month, as already stated, broke all records for new capital flotations in the United States. In February the following were offered: \$20,000,000 Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co. 3-year 6% notes at 99, yielding 6¾%, and \$15,000,000 Brooklyn Edison Co. capital stock, which was sold to stockholders at par, \$100. In March the largest issues offered were: \$31,500,000 Pennsylvania RR. gen. equip. 5s, 1924-38, at prices to yield 5.08; \$19,900,000 Oriental Development Co., Ltd., 6% deb., 1953, offered at 92, yielding 6.62%, and \$15,000,000 Duquesne Light Co. 1st 7% cum., class A pref., sold at 103, yielding 6.80%. In April the following were offered: \$30,000,000 Illinois Power & Light Corp. 1st & ref. mtge. 6s, 1953, offered at 98½, yielding 6.10%; \$25,598,400 par value capital stock of Standard Oil Co. of California, sold to stockholders at par (\$25); \$14,962,530 par value common stock of Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. (par \$50), taken by stockholders at \$53 a share; \$14,003,000 Equip. Trust 5s, due 1928-38, of Illinois Central RR., sold to yield 5.20%, and \$14,000,000 Public Service Electric Power Co. 1st mtge. 6s, 1948, placed at 97½, yielding 6.20%. Only one issue of exceptional size was sold in May, namely \$13,500,000 Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. equip. trust 5½s, 1924-38, sold to yield 5.75%. The more important offerings for June have already been enumerated above.

Foreign Government loans floated here since January 1, in addition to those for June, were as follows: \$50,000,000 Cuba 5½s, 1953, offered in January at 99¼, to yield 5.55%; \$25,000,000 Dutch East Indies, 5½s, 1953, offered in February at 88, yielding 6.40%; \$4,500,000 Panama 5½s, 1953, offered in May at 97½, yielding about 5.65%.

In addition to the \$45,000,000 Federal Land Bank issue sold in June, an issue of \$75,000,000 Federal Land Bank 4½s, 1933-43, was offered in January at 101, yielding 4¾%, and again in April a \$75,000,000 issue of 4½s, due 1933-53, was offered at 100½, yielding 4.45%.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing—corporate, foreign Government and municipal, and Farm Loan issues—for June and the six months ending with June, of the current year. We desire to point out that we now further subdivide the figures, showing in the case of the corporate offerings both the long term and the short term issues for the bonds, and separating the common from the preferred shares for the stocks.

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING.

	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$
1923.			
JUNE—			
Corporate—Long term bonds and notes.....	160,637,771	73,379,429	234,017,200
Short term.....	24,561,000	150,000	24,711,000
Preferred stocks.....	14,067,500	225,000	14,292,500
Common stocks.....	11,134,725	-----	11,134,725
Foreign.....	4,200,000	-----	4,200,000
Total.....	214,600,996	73,754,429	288,355,425
Foreign government.....	27,000,000	-----	27,000,000
Farm Loan issues.....	61,700,000	-----	61,700,000
War Finance Corporation.....	-----	-----	-----
Municipal issues by U. S. municipalities	153,655,700	2,711,100	156,366,800
By Can. Govt. & municipalities in U. S.	3,155,000	-----	3,155,000
By United States Possessions.....	-----	-----	-----
Grand total.....	460,111,696	76,465,529	536,577,225
6 MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30—			
Corporate—Long term bonds and notes.....	1,024,590,157	314,938,643	1,339,528,800
Short term.....	114,789,200	18,616,800	133,406,000
Preferred stocks.....	191,634,547	67,609,830	259,244,377
Common stocks.....	190,684,888	3,266,760	193,951,648
Foreign.....	24,100,000	-----	24,100,000
Total.....	1,545,798,792	404,432,033	1,950,230,825
Foreign government.....	100,500,000	6,000,000	106,500,000
Farm Loan issues.....	238,418,000	55,032,000	293,450,000
War Finance Corporation.....	-----	-----	-----
Municipal issues by U. S. municipalities.....	562,218,715	9,584,848	571,803,563
By Can. Govt. & municipalities in U. S.	25,308,000	14,100,000	39,408,000
By United States Possessions.....	381,000	-----	381,000
Grand total.....	2,472,624,507	489,148,881	2,961,773,388

In the elaborate and comprehensive tables, which cover the whole of the two succeeding pages, we compare the foregoing figures for 1923 with the corresponding figures for the four years preceding, thus affording a five-year comparison. We also furnish a detailed analysis for the five years of the corporate offerings, showing separately the amounts for all the different classes of corporations.

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE FOR FIVE YEARS.

Table with 13 columns: MONTH OF JUNE, 1923, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Sub-headers: New Capital, Refunding, Total. Rows include Corporate (Long-term bonds and notes, Short term, Preferred stocks, Common stocks, Foreign), Foreign Government, War Finance Corporation, Municipal (Canadian, U. S. Possessions), and Grand total.

CHARACTER AND GROUPING OF NEW CORPORATE ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE FOR FIVE YEARS.

Table with 13 columns: MONTH OF JUNE, 1923, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Sub-headers: New Capital, Refunding, Total. Rows include Long Term Bonds & Notes (Railroads, Public utilities, Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c, Equipment manufacturers, Motors and accessories, Other industrial & manufacturing, Oil, Land, buildings, &c, Rubber, Shipping, Miscellaneous), Short Term Bonds & Notes (Railroads, Public utilities, Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c, Equipment manufacturers, Motors and accessories, Other industrial & manufacturing, Oil, Land, buildings, &c, Rubber, Shipping, Miscellaneous), Stocks (Railroads, Public utilities, Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c, Equipment manufacturers, Motors and accessories, Other industrial & manufacturing, Oil, Land, buildings, &c, Rubber, Shipping, Miscellaneous), and Total corporate securities.

LONG TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING LATER THAN FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue and by Whom Offered.
\$ 2,115,000	Railroads— New equipment.....	100	6.00	Boston & Maine RR. Equip. Tr. 6s, 1924-38. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., Curtis & Sanger and Kidder, Peabody & Co.
9,930,000	New equipment.....	98.46	5.25	Chicago & Northwestern Ry. Co. Equip. Tr. 5s, 1924-38. Offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and National City Co.
500,000	additions, extensions, &c.....	99½	7.05	Fort Dodge Des Moines & Southern RR. 10-Year Debenture 7s, "A," 1933. Offered by Bodell & Co. and P. W. Chapman & Co.
1,500,000	New equipment.....	---	5.50-6.05	Western Maryland Ry. Equip. Tr. 6s, 1923-33. Offered by J. S. Wilson Jr. & Co., Baltimore, and Freeman & Co., New York.
14,045,000	Public Utilities—			
1,250,000	Additions.....	99½	6.00+	Adirondack Power & Light Corp. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6s, 1950. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., Coffin & Burr, Inc., and E. H. Rollins & Sons.
500,000	Additions.....	88	6.00	Binghamton Light, Heat & Power Co. 1st Ref. Mtge. 5s, 1946. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
2,500,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.....	97½	6.15	Carolina Power & Light Co. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6s, 1953. Offered by Bonbright & Co., Inc., and W. C. Langley & Co.
3,500,000	Construction.....	89½	5.75	Consumers Power Co. 1st Lien & Unif. Mtge. 5s, "C," 1952. Offered by National City Co., Cassatt & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co.
3,000,000	Refunding; other corp. purposes.....	98½	6.15	Dubuque Electric Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1942. Offered by Baker, Young & Co., Blodget & Co. and Arthur Perry & Co.
50,000,000	Refunding; add'ns & betterments.....	95½	5.30	Illinois Bell Telephone Co. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5s, "A," 1956. Offered by J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., First National Bank, N. Y.; National City Co., Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Harris, Forbes & Co. and Lee, Higginson & Co.
2,000,000	New plant; other corp. purposes.....	99½	6.05	Memphis Power & Light Co. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6s, "B," 1948. Offered by Guaranty Co. of N. Y. and Harris, Forbes & Co.
3,100,000	Refunding; working capital.....	95½	6.50	Mountain States Power Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, "B," 1938. Offered by H. M. Bylesby & Co. and Blyth, Witter & Co.
1,145,000	Additions.....	100	5.00	New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1938. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co.
1,800,000	Capital expenditures.....	97½	5.15	New England Power Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1951. Offered by Baker, Young & Co., Blodget & Co., Coffin & Burr, Inc., Arthur Perry & Co. and Tucker, Anthony & Co.
2,212,200	Additions.....	99	6.10	Northern New York Utilities, Inc. 1st Lien & Ref. Mtge. 6s, "C," 1943. Offered by E. H. Rollins & Sons and F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc.
1,000,000	Additions & extensions.....	94½	6.50	Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6s, "B," 1941. Offered by Bonbright & Co., Inc., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Spencer Trask & Co., Federal Securities Corp., Chicago; and H. M. Bylesby & Co.
3,900,000	Refunding; impts., extensions, &c.....	97	6.75	The Potomac Edison Co. 1st Mtge. 6½s, "A," 1948. Offered by E. H. Rollins & Sons, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Hambleton & Co., W. A. Harriman & Co. and Dominick & Dominick
2,500,000	Add'ns, ext's.; other corp. purp....	99	6.05	San Joaquin Light & Power Corp. Unif. & Ref. Mtge. 6s, "B," 1952. Offered by Cyrus Peirce & Co., San Francisco; Blyth, Witter & Co., N. Y., and Banks, Huntley & Co., Los Angeles.
1,400,000	Refunding.....	97½	6.20	Scioto Valley Ry. & Pr. Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1943. Offered by Huntington National Bank and Ohio National Bank, Columbus, O.
1,000,000	New construction.....	87	6.00	Sierra & San Francisco Power Co. (Calif.) 1st Mtge. 5s, 1949. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co. and Coffin & Burr, Inc.
2,500,000	General corporate purposes.....	99	6.10	Southern California Gas Co. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6s, "C," 1958. Offered by Cyrus Peirce & Co., San Francisco; Blyth, Witter & Co., N. Y., and Banks, Huntley & Co., Los Angeles.
1,000,000	Capital expenditures.....	92½	6.37	Southern Counties Gas Co. of Calif. 1st Mtge. 5½s, 1936. Offered by Blyth, Witter & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons and First Securities Co., Los Angeles.
1,050,000	Construction.....	91	5.70	Toledo Edison Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1946. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co. and National City Co.
2,000,000	Additions, betterments, &c.....	96	6.30	Western States Gas & Electric Co. of Calif. 1st & Unif. Mtge. 6s, "A," 1947. Offered by Blyth, Witter & Co., H. M. Bylesby & Co. and Cyrus Peirce & Co.
87,357,290	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c.			
1,100,000	Acquisitions; working capital.....	100	7.00	Consolidated Coke Co. (Pittsburgh) 1st (Closed) Mtge. 7s, 1933. Offered by McLaughlin, MacAfee & Co. and Schibener, Boenning & Co., Pittsburgh.
4,000,000	Acquisitions.....	---	6.00-6.50	De Bardeleben Coal Corp. 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1924-43. Offered by Drexel & Co., Cassatt & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co.
2,500,000	Additions, extensions, &c.....	100	8.00	Eureka Smelting Co. 1st Mtge. Coll. Trust Convertible 8s, 1933. Offered by A. L. Albee & Co., Boston, and J. S. McCord & Co., Philadelphia.
300,000	Reduce curr. debt; wkg. capital.....	100	7.00	Jefferson Union Co. (Lexington, Mass.) 1st (Closed) Mtge. 7s, 1933. Offered by Stanley & Bissell.
200,000	Fund floating debt; wkg. capital.....	100	7.00	Pratt Chuck Co. (Frankfort, N. Y.) 1st Mtge. 7s, 1938. Offered by First Trust & Deposit Co., Syracuse, N. Y.
1,200,000	Capital expenditures; wkg. capital.....	---	6.50-7.00	Richard Coal Co. 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6½s, 1924-43. Offered by Cassatt & Co., Otis & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co.
800,000	Plant removal; additions.....	100	6.50	Southern California Iron & Steel Co. 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1925-43. Offered by Wm. R. Staats Co.
1,000,000	Acquisitions, improvements, &c.....	100	7.00	Suffolk Anthracite Collieries (Scranton, Pa.) 1st (Closed) Mtge. 7s, 1938. Offered by Warren A. Tyson & Co., Philadelphia.
11,100,000	Equipment Manufacturers—			
800,000	Finance equipment leases.....	100	6.00	General American Tank Car Corp. Equip. Tr. 6s, Series 14, 1925-29. Offered by Charles D. Barney & Co.
175,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Working cap.; other corp. purp....	100	6.50	Automatic Electric Washer Co., Inc. (Newton, Iowa) , 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½s, 1925-33. Offered by Central State Bank of Des Moines, Iowa.
4,000,000	Acquire Belgo Paper Co., Ltd.....	97	6.25	Belgo-Canadian Paper Co., Ltd. , 1st Mtge. 6s, 1943. Offered by Guaranty Co. of New York and Wood, Gundry & Co., Inc.
1,250,000	Capital expenditures.....	97	6.75	Darling & Co., Inc. (Chicago) , 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½s, 1943. Offered by Geo. H. Burr & Co.
300,000	New plant.....	---	7.05-6.60	(Louis F.) Dow Co. (St. Paul, Minn.) 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½s, 1925-38. Offered by Hyney, Emerson & Co., Chicago.
500,000	Acquisitions, additions, &c.....	100	7.50	The Higginson Mfg. Co. (Newburgh, N. Y.) 1st Mtge. 7½s, 1938. Offered by Z. E. Van Fleet & Co., Inc.
2,500,000	General corporate purposes.....	100	6.00	(Spencer) Kellogg & Sons, Inc. , Debenture 6s, 1938. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co.
1,500,000	Refunding.....	99	7.10	The McMyler-Interstate Co. 1st Mtge. 7s, 1943. Offered by J. G. White & Co., New York.
1,500,000	New plant.....	96½	6.87	Newaygo (Mich.) Portland Cement Co. 1st Mtge. Coll. 6½s, 1938. Offered by Wm. L. Ross & Co., Inc., Chicago, A. E. Kusterer & Co., Grand Rapids, and Fenton, Davis & Boyle, Detroit.
200,000	General corporate purposes.....	100	6.50	Orbon Stove Co. (Belleville, Ill.) 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½s, 1924-31. Offered by George H. Burr & Co., St. Louis, and First National Bank, East St. Louis.
450,000	Additional capital.....	96½	7.00	Pacific Sanitary Mfg. Co. 10-Year 6½s, 1933. Offered by Blyth, Witter & Co., New York.
1,500,000	New plant.....	96	6.40	Paterson (N. J.) Parchment Paper Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1938. Offered by Spencer Trask & Co., Townsend, Whalen & Co. and Edward B. Smith & Co.
400,000	Capital expend's; working capital.....	Price on applica.		U. N. Roberts Co. (Davenport, Iowa) 1st (closed) Mtge. 6s, 1928-43. Offered by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co., Davenport, Iowa.
600,000	Refunding; additions.....	100	7.00	Sonoco Products Co. (Hartsville, S. C.) 1st Mtge. Convertible 7s, 1938. Offered by Frederick E. Nolting & Co., Richmond, Va.; Trust Co. of Norfolk, Va., and Trust Co. of South Carolina, Hartsville, S. C.
3,000,000	Refunding; capital expenditures.....	98½	6.65	A. E. Staley Mfg. Co. 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1938. Offered by Taylor, Ewart & Co. and Pearsons-Taft Co., Chicago.
750,000	Retire current debt; additions.....	100	7.00	Standard Bakeries Corp. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 7s "A," 1938. Offered by Goodwillie & Co., Chicago, and Mark C. Steinberg & Co., St. Louis.
1,200,000	Original capital.....	98½	6.15	Tomahawk Kraft Paper Co. 1st Mtge. 6s "A," 1938. Offered by Second Ward Securities Co. and First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee.
300,000	Working capital.....	100	6.50	Walcott & Campbell Spinning Co. Convertible Debenture 6½s, 1938. Offered by Utica (N. Y.) Trust & Deposit Co. and Mohawk Valley Investment Corp., Utica, N. Y.
340,000	General corporate purposes.....	100	7.00	Westfield River Paper Co., Inc. , 1st Mtge. 7s, 1924-43. Offered by P. W. Brooks & Co., Inc., N. Y.
20,465,000	Oil—			
12,000,000	Acquisitions, extensions, &c.....	99	6.60	The Pure Oil Co. 10-Year 6½s "A," 1933. Offered by Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
25,000,000	Capital expenditures.....	94	7.15	Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp. 1st Lien Coll. 6½s "B," 1938. Offered by Blair & Co., Inc., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., White, Weld & Co., J. & W. Seligman & Co., Spencer Trask & Co., Janney & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., Cassatt & Co., The Union Trust Co. (Cleveland), First Trust & Savings Bank (Chicago, Ill.), Merchants Trust Co. (Chicago), Mercantile Securities Co. of California and First Securities Co., Los Angeles.
25,000,000	Refunding.....	100-98½	5-5.14	Standard Oil Co. (Calif.) Serial 6s, 1924-33. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co., Anglo & London-Paris National Bank, Blair & Co., Inc., Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., National City Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y. and Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.
62,000,000	Land, Buildings, &c.—			
350,000	Finance construction of apartment.....	100	6.50	The Belmont Apartments (Denver, Colo.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1926-35. Offered by The Straus Bros., Co., Chicago.
4,300,000	Finance construc. of apt. hotel.....	100	6.00	Benjamin Franklin Hotel (Philadelphia) 1st (closed) Mtge. 6s, "A," 1933. Offered by Philadelphia Co. for Guaranteeing Mortgages, Harrison, Smith & Co., Butcher, Sherrerd & Hansell and Reilly, Brock & Co., Philadelphia.
1,300,000	General corporate purposes.....	100	(b)	Canadian Property Co., Ltd. , 1st Mtge. Graduated Coupon bonds, 1925-43. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co.
1,600,000	Finance construc. of office bldg....	100	6.00	Chicago Trust Building 1st Mtge. 6s, 1924-44. Offered by Chicago Trust Co.
150,000	Improvements.....	100	7.00	Columbia Gorge Hotel 1st Mtge. 7s, 1926-35. Offered by G. E. Miller & Co., Seattle.
1,400,000	Finance construction hotel.....	100	6.50	The Coronado Hotel (St. Louis) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1926-41. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co.
375,000	Finance construction of building.....	100	8.00	Cotton Exchange Building (Houston, Texas) 2d Mtge. 8s, 1938. Offered by Dunn & Carr, Houston, Texas.
1,000,000	Additions.....	100	5.00	Crocker Hotel Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1924-43. Offered by Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., San Fran.
200,000	Finance construc. of apt. hotel.....	100	6.50	Farwell Beach Apartment Hotel (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1925-31. Offered by The Straus Bros. Co., Chicago.
295,000	Finance construction of hotel.....	100	8.00	Franklin Arms Hotel (Fort Meyers, Fla.) 1st Mtge. 8s, 1925-35. Offered by G. L. Miller Bond & Mortgage Co.

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue and by Whom Offered.
\$ 225,000	Land, Buildings, &c., (Concl.) Real estate mortgage	100	%	Hearst Publishing Building (Chicago) 1st Mtge. R. E. 6½s, 1924-32. Offered by Greenebaum Sons Investment Co., Chicago.
2,000,000	Acquire hotel bldg.; improvements	100	6.50	Hotel Hollenden Co. (Cleveland) 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6½s, 1925-38. Offered by Hyney, Emerson & Co., Chicago, and Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland.
1,650,000	Hospital and hotel building	100	6.50	Hudson Towers (New York) 1st Mtge. R. E. 6½s, 1925-35. Offered by American Bond & Mortgage Co., New York.
400,000	Finance construction of apt.	100	6.50	The Huntington Apartments (St. Louis) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1926-36. Offered by The Straus Bros. Co., Chicago.
1,250,000	Refunding	100	6.00	Market Street Realty Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1927-37. Offered by Anglo-London-Paris Co., Hunter, Dullin Co., Mercantile Securities Co. of Cal. and Shingle, Brown & Co.
850,000	Real estate mortgage	100	6.50	New Elks Building (Louisville, Ky.) 1st Mtge. R. E. 6½s, 1924-38. Offered by Greenebaum Sons Investment Co., Chicago.
900,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.50	Palmetto Apartments (Detroit) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1926-41. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co.
800,000	Finance construction of apartment	100	6.00	Park Chambers, Inc. (N. Y. City) 1st (closed) Mtge. 6s, 1925-38. Offered by Puritan Mortgage Corp. and Hambleton & Co.
525,000	Finance construction of building	-----	6.60	Professional Building Co. 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1924-36. Offered by Hunter, Dullin & Co. and Drake, Riley & Thomas.
400,000	General corporate purposes	100	6.50	Sixty-five Forty-five Carnegie Co. (St. Louis) 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6½s, 1924-39. Offered by Tillotson & Wolcott Co. and Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland.
280,000	Finance construction hotel bldg.	100	7.00	Stats Hotel Co. (Kansas City) 1st Mtge. 7s, 1925-33. Offered by Stern Bros. & Co. and Guaranty Trust Co. of Kansas City.
700,000	Finance construction building	100	6.50	251-9 West 36th Street (N. Y.) 1st Mtge. R. E. 6½s, 1925-33. Offered by American Bond & Mortgage Co., New York.
1,300,000	Acq. and remodeling of building	100	6.50	Union Square Co. (Cleveland, O.) 1st Mtge. Lien 6½s, 1928-43. Offered by Worthington, Bellows & Co., Cleveland.
325,000	Finance construction of apt. hotel	100	6.50	Walnut Apt. Hotel (Kansas City, Mo.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1926-36. Offered by The Straus Bros. Co., Chicago.
700,000	Finance construction of hotel	100	7.00	The Washington Hotel Co., Inc. (Shreveport, La.) 1st Mtge. 7s, 1926-38. Offered by Interstate Trust & Banking Co., Securities Sales Co. of Louisiana, Inc., Sutherland, Barry & Co. and Gladney & Watson, New Orleans.
800,000	Additions to building	100	6.00	The J. A. Wigmore Co. (Cleveland) 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6s, 1925-38. Offered by the Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland.
24,075,000	Shipping— Refunding; acquisitions, exts., &c.	---	6.50	Graham & Morton Transportation Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1923-42. Offered by Howe, Snow & Bertles, New York.
1,000,000	Additional capital	96	5.35	Ocean Steamship Co. of Savannah 1st Mtge. 5s, 1943. Offered by Citizens & Southern Co., Savannah, Ga.
1,750,000	Miscellaneous— Additions; red. current debt, &c.	100	7.50	Beattie Sugar Co. 1st Mtge. 7½s, 1943. Offered by Peabody, Houghteling & Co. and Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co.
1,200,000	Acq. Ermita Sugar Corp., N. Y.	100	7.50	Ermita Sugar Co. (Compania Azucarera Ermita) 1st (Closed) Mtge. Convertible 7½s, 1942. Offered by Hornblower & Weeks and Janney & Co.
175,000	Development of properties	100	8.00	Florida Growers, Inc. (Stuart, Fla.) 1st Mtge. Operation & Refunding 8s, 1924-33. Offered by Palm Beach Guaranty Co., West Palm Beach, Fla., and L. N. Rosenbaum & Co., Inc., N. Y.
350,000	Additions, impts., working capital	---	6.25-6.50	The Franklin Co-Operative Creamery Assn. (Minneapolis) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1925-33. Offered by Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis.
7,500,000	Fund current debt; additions	94	6.50	Long-Bell Lumber Co. (Kansas City, Mo.) 1st Mtge. 6s, "B," 1943. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Lacey Securities Corp., Chicago, and Geo. H. Burr & Co., N. Y.
3,500,000	Additions; other corp. purposes	99	6.10	(A. I.) Namm & Son (Brooklyn, N. Y.) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1943. Offered by Manufacturers Tr. Co., N. Y.
150,000	Additions, extensions, &c.	100	7.50	Pacific Coast Timber Co. 1st (Closed) Mtge. 7½s, 1928. Offered by Carstens & Earles, Inc., San Fr.
350,000	Development of properties	100	7.00	Sacramento Valley Colony Co. 1st Mtge. & Coll. 7s, 1927-32. Offered by American National Co. (Charles) Stern & Sons, Inc., 1st Mtge. 7s, 1926-37. Offered by Alvin H. Frank & Co., Los Ang.
400,000	Pay bank loans; impts.; wkg. cap.	---	6.45-7.00	
16,625,000				

SHORT TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING UP TO AND INCLUDING FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 487,500	Railroads— New equipment	100	6.00	Connecticut Co. Equip. Trust 6s, "F," 1924-28. Offered by Putnam & Co., Hartford.
4,000,000	Public Utilities— Working capital	100	7.00	Central States Electric Corp. 2-Year Secured 7s, June 1 1925. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co.
3,000,000	Acquisitions, add'ns, imp'ts, &c.	100	6.00	Niagara Lockport & Ontario Pr. Co. 3-Year Convertible 6s, June 1 1926. Offered by Blair & Co., Inc., and Schoilkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., Buffalo.
1,700,000	General corporate purposes	98½	7.50	Southwestern Utilities Co. (Independence, Kan.) 1st Lien Coll. Convertible 7s, June 1 1926. Offered by Chandler & Co., Inc., N. Y., Lumbermans Trust Co.-Bank, Seattle, Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., San Francisco, and Mark C. Steinberg & Co., St. Louis.
8,700,000	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c. Retire curr. debt; other corp. purp.	100	6.00	American Range & Foundry Co. (Minneapolis) 6s, 1923-28. Offered by Mercantile Tr. Co., St. L.
250,000	Capital expenditures; working cap.	100	7.00	Silver Dyke Mining Co. 5-Year Debenture 7s, June 1 1928. Offered by E. M. Hamlin & Co., Boston.
8,000,000	Retire bank loans; working capital	100	6.00	Wheeling Steel Corp. 3-Year Secured Convertible 6s, July 1 1926. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co. and Redmond & Co.
8,850,000	Motors and Accessories— Refunding; fund floating debt	---	6.50-6.30	C. L. Best Tractor Co. 6½s, 1924-26. Offered by Cyrus Peirce & Co., San Francisco.
600,000	Oil— Additional oil tankers	---	5.25-5.60	Atlantic Refining Co. Marine Equip. 5s, 1924-26. Offered by McAllister & Hutlinger, Phila.
540,000	Working capital	100	6.00	Sun Oil Co. 2-Year 6s, June 15 1925. Offered by Brown Bros. & Co.
4,000,000	Additional oil tankers	---	5.00-5.75	Union Oil Co. of California 5s, 1923-25. Offered by Drake, Riley & Thomas and Citizens National Bank, Los Angeles.
453,000				
4,993,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— General corporate purposes	101	5.75	Gimbel Brothers, Inc. (Milw.) 1st Mtge. 5-Year 6s, May 1 1928. Offered by First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee.
356,000				
724,500	Additions to building	100	6.00	Michigan Boulevard Bldg. Co. (Chicago) 5-Year 6s, May 1 1928. Offered by Second Ward Securities Co. and First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee.
1,080,500				

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shares	Purpose of Issue.	a Amount Invested.	Price Per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue and by Whom Offered.
\$ 1,500,000	Public Utilities— Additions and extensions	1,500,000	93½	7.50	Consolidated Power & Light Co. (Huntington, W. Va.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Tucker, Anthony & Co., Spencer Trask & Co. and Stroud & Co.
5,249,100	Expansion of business	5,249,100	100	---	Detroit Edison Co. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
2,750,000	General corporate purposes	2,750,000	97½	6.15	Electric Bond & Share Co. 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by Bonbright & Co., Inc.
1,250,000	Acquisitions, exts., impts., &c.	1,250,000	92½	7.57	Jersey Central Power & Light Corp. 7% Cum. Partic. Pref. Offered by A. E. Fitkin & Co., New York.
2,600,000	General corporate purposes	2,600,000	100 (par)	---	Niagara Falls Power Co. Common. Offered by company to Preferred and Common stockholders.
1,000,000	Add'ns, exts., impts., &c.	1,000,000	100 (par)	---	United Light & Rys. Co. Common. Offered by company to Common, First Preferred and 7% Partic. Preferred stockholders.
150,000	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c. Working capital; additions	150,000	100	7.00	Blanchard-Zanesville Mining Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Ebdy-Hemphill Co., Pittsburgh.
*100,000 shs	Expansion of business	1,500,000	15	---	Trusco Steel Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*30,000 shs	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Additional capital	630,000	21	---	American Multigraph Co. Common. Offered by co. to stockholders; underwritten.
600,000	New mill	600,000	100	7.00	Arcadia Mills (Spartanburg, S. C.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by A. M. Law & Co., Spartanburg, S. C.
170,000	Retire current debt; additions	170,000	100	8.00	Duplex Envelope Co. (Richmond, Va.) 8% Cum. Pref. "A." Offered by Wheat, Williams & Co., Inc., Richmond, Va.
*30,000 shs	Refunding; working capital	750,000	25	---	Johnson Educator Biscuit Co. (Cambridge, Mass.) Cum. & Partic. Class "A" stock. Offered by Morgan, Livermore & Co., N. Y., and Pond & Co., Boston.
300,000	Enlargements; new equipment	300,000	103	6.80	Kemper-Thomas Co. (Cincinnati) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Irwin, Ballman & Co., Cincinnati.
1,000,000	Additional capital	1,600,000	40	---	Underwood Typewriter Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten by Lehman Bros., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Hallgarten & Co.
222,500	Working capital	222,500	100	7.00	United Woolen Mills (Columbus, O.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by J. D. Merriman & Co., Wheeling, W. Va.
*2,225 shs	Working capital	55,625	25	---	United Woolen Mills (Columbus, O.) Common. Offered by J. D. Merriman & Co., Wheeling, W. Va.
500,000	Working capital; other corp. purp's	500,000	10 (shares Pref.)	---	Wilson-Jones Loose Leaf Co. (Mass.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Jackson & Curtis and Tucker, Bartholomew & Co., Boston.
*2,500 shs	Working capital; other corp. purp's	500,000	5 (shares Pref.)	\$1,000	Wilson-Jones Loose Leaf Co. (Mass.) Common. Offered by Jackson & Curtis and Tucker, Bartholomew & Co., Boston.
		4,828,120			

Par or No. of Shares	Purpose of Issue.	a Amount Involved.	Price Per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue and by Whom Offered.
\$ 100,000	Miscellaneous—Retire common stock held by outside interests.....	100,000	100	7.00	Kaufman-Straus Co., Inc. (Louisville, Ky.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by James C. Wilson & Co., George T. Wood & Son and Block, Fetter & Frost.
3,000,000	Additional capital.....	3,000,000	100	7.00	McCrorry Stores Corp. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by company to stockholders; unsubscribed portion offered by Merrill, Lynch & Co.
1,500,000	Extensions; other corp. purposes.....	1,500,000	100	8.00	Standard Dredging Co. (New York) 8% Cum. Pref. Offered by Shonnard & Co., N. Y.
		4,600,000			

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Amount.	Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$ 500,000	Agricultural Joint Stock Land Bank 5s, 1933-53.....	102½	4.68	Brooke, Stokes & Co.
2,000,000	Central Illinois Joint Stock Land Bank (Greenville, Ill.) 5s, 1933-53.....	103	4.62	Wm. R. Compton Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co.
2,000,000	Central Iowa Joint Stock Land Bank (Des Moines, Ia.) 5s, 1933-53.....	103	4.62	Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., Hayden, Stone & Co., C. F. Childs & Co. and P. W. Chapman & Co.
3,000,000	Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank 4¼s, 1933-1963.....	101½	4.60	Kissel, Kinnlutt & Co.
45,000,000	Federal Land Bank 4½s, 1933-53.....	100¾	4.45	Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore; Harris, Forbes & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., National City Co. and Guaranty Co. of New York.
1,000,000	First Joint Stock Land Bank (Cleveland) 5s, 1933-53.....	103	4.62	A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., New York; Guardian Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, and Detroit Trust Co., Detroit.
1,000,000	First Joint Stock Land Bank (New Orleans) 5s, 1933-43.....	102½	4.68	Harris, Forbes & Co., Wm. R. Compton Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
1,000,000	Illinois Midwest Joint Stock Land Bank 5s, 1933-53.....	103	4.62	Hoagland, Allum & Co., New York.
1,000,000	North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank of Durham, N. C., 5s, 1933-53.....	103	4.62	Dillon, Read & Co. and Northern Trust Co., Chicago.
1,000,000	Ohio Joint Stock Land Bank (Cincinnati) 5s, 1933-53.....	102¾	4.65	Rosenblum & Lowenthal, Pittsburgh, and Lowenthal & Co., Cincinnati.
1,000,000	Ohio-Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank 5s, 1933-53.....	103	4.62	Union Trust Co., Cleveland; United Security Co., the Herrick Co. and Cleveland Trust Co.
500,000	St. Louis Joint Stock Land Bank 5s, 1928-43.....	101½	4.65	Wm. R. Compton Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co.
1,500,000	St. Louis Joint Stock Land Bank 5s, 1933-53.....	103	4.62	Wm. R. Compton Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co.
1,000,000	Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank 5s, 1933-53.....	103	4.62	Dillon, Read & Co. and Northern Trust Co., Chicago.
200,000	Virginian Joint Stock Land Bank 5s, 1933-53.....	102½	4.68	Brooke, Stokes & Co.
61,700,000				

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Amount.	Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$ 25,000,000	Austrian Government Guaranteed Loan 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, 1943.....	90	8.00	J. P. Morgan & Co.; First Nat. Bank, N. Y.; Guaranty Co. of N. Y.; Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Brown Bros. & Co.; Nat. Bank of Commerce in N. Y.; Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y.; Amer. Exchange Nat. Bank; Seaboard National Bank; U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co.; American Trust Co.; Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; The National City Co.; Bankers Trust Co., N. Y.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Dillon, Read & Co.; Hallgarten & Co.; Mechanics & Metals Nat. Bank; New York Trust Co.; Corn Exchange Bank; Harriman Nat. Bank; Empire Trust Co.; White, Weld & Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; E. H. Rollins & Sons; Kissel, Kinnlutt & Co.; Marshall Field, Gore, Ward & Co.; Callaway, Fish & Co.; W. A. Harriman & Co.; J. & W. Seligman & Co.; Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.; Hayden, Stone & Co.; Hemphill, Noyes & Co.; J. G. White & Co., Inc.; Blyth, Witter & Co.; Lazard Freres; August Belmont & Co.; Spencer Trask & Co.; Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.; Hornblower & Weeks; Redmond & Co.; Bonbright & Co., Inc.
2,000,000	State of Ceara (Brazil) 25-Year External 8% Gold bonds, 1947.....	90½	8.00+	J. S. Bache & Co., N. Y.; Mortgage & Securities Co., N. Y., and New Orleans; Interstate Trust & Banking Co., New Orleans, and Mark C. Steinberg & Co., St. Louis.
27,000,000				

* Shares of no par value.

a Preferred stocks are taken at par, while in the case of Common stocks the amount is based on the offering price.

b For the first seven years to June 1 1930, all coupons pay 6¼%; for the next seven years to June 1 1937, all coupons will pay 6¼%; and for the final six years all will pay 6%.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, July 27 1923.

Trade as a rule continues to drag, although on the other hand it is clearly better than it was a year ago. Such a significant thing as the car movement is not much below the summit total. Neither is the movement of coal. There need be no attempt to evade the meaning of such figures. Business, indeed, whatever its shortcomings, makes the best showing of any for three years past. It is true there is no great amount of business in some lines, but there is beginning to be a rather more hopeful tone in steel and iron trade. Business in these lines has undoubtedly been stimulated to some extent by a lowering of prices, especially on pig iron. There are complaints, indeed, that in some cases iron has been sold at below the cost of production. But if the demand persists that is a matter which in the nature of things will soon correct itself. Woolen goods open at higher prices than those of a year ago. The output of automobiles is going on at a figure close to 100% of capacity, even if trade in this line is somewhat less active and talk is heard that some of the manufacturers have been asking for delay in shipments to them of steel. And speaking of steel, there are, and have been, remarkably few requests for a postponement of shipments. The output of iron and steel is large and it is as a rule being promptly taken. It is true, on the other hand, that prices of most commodities have during the week declined. Cotton on the spot here, indeed, has fallen in that time over \$20 a bale, though on October delivery the decline is \$10. There is a growing hope that the crop will be a couple of million bales larger than it was last year. A larger crop will ease the situation generally and bring the whole cotton trade back to a more normal, and in the end,

more healthful, basis. It is not believed that the heat and drouth in Texas and Oklahoma have yet done any very serious injury to the cotton crop of those States. Nor does it appear that black rust at the Northwest has given any really important setback to the wheat crop. The corn crop needs rain in Iowa and elsewhere in the West. The drouth in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland has been broken. Drouth has injured corn somewhat in Oklahoma. If it continues much longer it will injure cotton. The same is no doubt true of Texas, where temperatures over much of the State have latterly been 100 to 114 degrees, as in Oklahoma 104 to 108.

Commodities in general have declined. They include flour, wheat and wool, as well as oil, cotton goods, lumber, etc. The movement of prices in general seems to be back towards the pre-war level, which was so greatly disturbed by the terrible period of the war. As long as this price movement is reasonably uniform the scaling down of costs, always supposing that it includes labor, must in the end be for the well-being of society at large, even though the process of transition may not be always agreeable. It is bound to come some time. The idea heard now and then in recent years that war prices were to continue indefinitely is something not to be seriously entertained. Civilized society aims at production for constructive works and the general advancement of mankind, not for destruction, as in war. And the days of peace having returned when property is not being destroyed, burned up with incredible rapidity amid the horrors of the battlefield and the siege, society may congratulate itself and take new courage. The trend from now on is probably towards a lowering of the cost of production and an easing of the conditions of life throughout all the

strata of population. It is hoped that every relic of the war will soon disappear, including the Ruhr trouble, although it must be confessed that the situation of late in that unhappy region has been perplexing. There seems to be little hope of an early agreement in the Ruhr, although England has undoubtedly made a genuine effort to solve the difficulty, an effort which, let us trust, will be persisted in until the way opens for a general solution of a most knotty question. It is believed that if the question reaches a certain opportune stage the United States will endeavor to assist in its adjustment. Meanwhile the stock market has been darkened to some extent by the failure to bring peace in that unhappy region, and the depression in Wall Street, it is not too much to say, has had a certain reflex in some of the leading commodity markets of the country. Nevertheless, despite all drawbacks, the condition of American business is sound and all the more so because it is proceeding along conservative lines, and that no undue chances are being taken in the direction of over-enthusiastic business for distant delivery.

The American farmer is still hard hit by poor demand and low prices, i. e. 80c. for a bushel of his wheat against \$2 46 during the war. Russia reports a probable surplus of 8,000,000 tons of wheat, half of which will be retained for exportation during the coming winter. France sends advices that the harvest this year will be one of the best in many years. It will not have to import large quantities of wheat. That will be something new. The European farmer is gradually getting on his feet, nearly five years after the ending of the war. Options taken by the French on foreign wheat, especially American, are, it is said, being dropped. France is planning to sow an even larger acreage next year. The time is not far distant when it may not import wheat at all. It is said to be planning to plant its vineyards with wheat, owing to prohibition in the United States and adverse rates of exchange with other countries. And there are stories of a very great increase in the grain harvests in Russia, the old-time rival of the United States for the market of western Europe. Wartime grain acreages have been maintained in the chief exporting countries of the world, i. e. the United States, Canada, Argentina and Australia long after the ending of the war, and with Europe becoming more independent from the post-war tendency to increase its own crops.

At Lawrence, Mass., curtailment is continued at the Pacific Mills Print Works, the plant closing Wednesday in its third of a four-day week. There are no present indications, officials say, of any improvement. At the Arcadia Mill full-time operations are in order, but there is a considerable amount of machinery idle. At Biddeford, Me., the Pepperell Mills, beginning August 6, will close for a week, owing to adverse business conditions. The B. B. & R. Knight Mills in Rhode Island, and the New Bedford plants still run on short time. They are closed for a week. The Sharp Mills are on a four-day week. At Pawtucket, R. I., the plan of J. & S. Coats, Inc., with 5,000 operatives, will close for ten days, commencing to-morrow. At Ludlow, Mass., on July 23, the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates, manufacturers of jute products, employing about 2,600 persons, cut the working schedule to five days a week, a reduction of half a day. This is expected to continue through the summer.

The New England telephone strike has been officially called off. Harbor workers here have returned to their jobs. Ships are moving again from Hoboken without delay. It is true that the Marine Transport Workers of the I. W. W. declared themselves still on strike, but in spite of this, there were enough longshoremen available along the Hoboken waterfront to handle incoming and outgoing ships. The chief result of the strike appeared to be a reverse for the unions. Truckmen here want a wage increase of \$5 a week, an 8-hour day and overtime at the rate of 2 cents a minute, which is a new way of putting it. Parleys on the anthracite coal question and of a possible strike on Sept. 1 have started again. The operators deny the charge that they are delaying peace. S. D. Warriner questions the assurance of "no strike" on Sept. 1. No promise of union recognition has been made. There are no fears at Washington that there will be an anthracite coal strike, but there are fears that miners may take what they will call "vacations," making the situation awkward for the Government to handle.

It was 94 degrees on the 20th and 21st insts. here, but on Sunday, the 22d, came a big thunder storm which forced the temperature down from 84 to 67 in 30 minutes. Latterly it has been comparatively cool, with at times some rain. It was 78 at 2 p. m. to-day.

Decrease in Wholesale Trade in Federal Reserve District of New York. |

The August 1 issue of the Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions by the Federal Reserve Agent at New York will say:

The index of wholesale trade prepared by this bank from reports of representative dealers in ten lines shows a decrease in sales of about 3% between May and June. In this index allowance is made for seasonal variation, price changes, and year to year growth. The latest decrease follows successive decreases in March, April and May, and brings the index to 100, which is the estimated normal.

Sales of machine tools, jewelry, dry goods, and stationery show the largest increase as compared with June last year, while sales of diamonds decreased to slightly more than half the sales in June a year ago.

A comparison between the dollar value of sales in the first six months of this year with that in the corresponding period of preceding years shows that the dollar value of sales in all reporting lines was 20% larger than in the first six months of 1922, but was 20% smaller than in the first six months of 1920, and was only moderately larger than in the first six months of 1919. The change from 1920 sales may be largely accounted for by the decrease in prices of the articles sold. In only one commodity, drugs, have 1923 sales been larger than those for the first half of 1920, although clothing sales have been very nearly as large.

The following tables compares June sales with those of other years and sales of the first six months of this year with those in the first six months of preceding years. Comparisons are between dollar values, without allowance for price changes or year to year growth.

(In Percentages.)	—Sales, Jan. to June, Incl.—				—Sales During June—					
	1919	1920	1921	1922	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	
Machine tools.....	446	524	172	100	313	328	330	84	100	210
Jewelry.....	195	258	114	100	149	242	228	118	100	138
Diamonds.....	281	218	69	100	137	138	48	29	100	54
Clothing.....	104	133	99	100	126	125	123	106	100	117
(A) Men's.....	92	136	83	100	129	99	149	110	100	114
(B) Women's.....	112	130	110	100	124	142	105	102	100	119
Hardware.....	123	153	107	100	126	116	148	90	100	119
Dry goods.....	92	150	106	100	121	131	164	113	100	138
Shoes.....	149	198	113	100	118	166	116	122	100	111
Stationery.....	108	146	113	100	117	121	176	107	100	130
Drugs.....	93	105	89	100	113	90	104	91	100	106
Groceries.....	126	161	102	100	113	123	170	93	100	106
Total (weighted).....	113	151	102	100	120	126	155	101	100	116

Increase in Department Store Sales in Federal Reserve District of New York in June This Year as Compared With Last Year.

Sales in June by department stores in this district were 11% larger than in June, 1922, according to an item on department store business which will appear in the August 1 issue of the Monthly Review of Credit and Business Conditions by the Federal Reserve Agent at New York. The Review says:

This increase is in a measure accounted for by the usual growth in department store business which amounts to about 8% a year, together with some increase in prices.

The average sales check increased about 10% from \$2 43 last year to \$2 68 this year. Part of this increase is ascribed by merchants to higher prices and part to the selection by customers of a somewhat better quality of merchandise.

Twenty-three of the largest stores reported sales by groups of departments. The percentage changes in sales in each major classification is shown below. Sales of clothing and furniture were particularly good. Sales of cotton, woolen and silk goods, while above those of last year, did not show such large advances as was the case in May.

	% Increase in Sales June 1922 to June 1923.	% Increase in Sales June 1922 to June 1923.	
Men's and boy's wear.....	21.4	House furnishings.....	11.8
Women's & misses ready-to-wear.....	20.6	Hosiery.....	10.0
Furniture.....	17.7	Cotton goods.....	9.4
Women's & misses ready-to-wear accessories.....	13.1	Silk goods.....	6.7
Shoes.....	12.3	Woolen goods.....	5.3
		Miscellaneous.....	19.3

During the first six months of the current year sales were 8.1% above those of the first six months of the same period last year and about 1% above those of the first half of 1920, when retail prices reached their maximum.

Sales by principal mail order houses during June were 26% above those of last June and were larger than those for any previous June. They were 2% above sales in June, 1920 when prices were close to their highest point.

Stocks held by department stores on July 1, computed at the selling price, were 5% above those held one year ago, and as sales have increased to a greater extent, the turnover of stock is more rapid. Between June 1 and July 1 stocks declined about 7%, as is usual at this time of the year.

Detailed figures are shown in the following table:

(In Percentages.)	—Net Sales During June—				—Stock, Retail Value, July 1—					
	1919	1920	1921	1922	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	
All department stores.....	82	106	99	100	111	78	119	99	100	105
New York.....	83	107	98	100	109	78	118	99	100	105
Buffalo.....	83	105	101	100	113	87	119	105	100	104
Newark.....	81	109	104	100	125	85	136	100	100	115
Rochester.....	73	102	105	100	111	86	148	102	100	86
Syracuse.....	85	112	102	100	118	97	150	118	100	104
Bridgeport.....	97	124	107	100	117	83	118	99	100	103
Elsewhere in 2d District.....	81	103	99	100	109	77	102	102	100	102
Apparel stores.....	79	97	95	100	111	60	100	90	100	111
Mail order houses.....	107	124	91	100	126					

Price Advances Shown in Spring Lines of American Woolen Co.

The American Woolen Co., largest producer of woolen and worsted fabrics in the world, and the dominating influence in the domestic woolen industry, opened on July 23 its principal lines of piece goods for consumption in the men's clothing trades in the spring 1924 season with prices on 50 staple numbers showing an average advance over similar lines for

spring 1923 of 11%. Advances up to 15 to 17½% are shown in the whole line, however. The prices represent an average increase of slightly more than 6% over the fall 1923 lines opened by the company early this year. The price increases in some cases, of course, were higher than the average figures referred to, but on the whole were regarded in the piece goods market as quite moderate, in view of the increased cost of raw wool and of labor, which latter, it may be recalled, was advanced voluntarily by the American Woolen Co., one of the first to increase wages in the textile industry in the recent tidal wave that followed a spell of unusually brisk business. The general feeling in the trade, according to observers, as a result of the price increases by the big company is that conditions will be somewhat stabilized, as there had been a growing tendency toward uncertainty in recent weeks regarding a possible decline in piece goods levels and a consequent slackening in activity. The "Journal of Commerce" of this city, in its account of the price changes, had the following to say in its issue of July 24:

The American Woolen Co., leading market factor, opened its men's wear staples for spring yesterday, prices showing increases of 6.1% over fall prices named last January and an average of 11% over spring prices a year ago.

Yesterday's opening included tropical worsteds, staple woollens, piece dyes and mixtures, staple worsteds and serges, gabardines, topcoating and uniform cloths. The advances over last spring range from 5c. per yard to 50c. and show an advance range of from 10 to 15%.

Serges Advanced.

The new price on No. 3192 Fulton serge, which is generally regarded as the company's key number, is \$2 87½. This number was quoted last spring at \$2 50, and at the last fall opening was advanced to \$2 67½. Subsequently it was advanced again in March, and again in May, so that at the last pricing it reached a peak of \$3 17½ per yard. Likewise No. 3844 Fulton serge, a 16-ounce fabric, is now quoted at \$4 22½, as compared to \$3 62½ for last spring and \$3 87½ for last fall. This number was also advanced several times since the January opening, and in May had reached a top price of \$4 42½ per yard.

Other representative numbers are No. 5048, a 15-ounce fabric, which was \$2 92½ last spring, \$3 12½ in January and now quoted at \$3 42½; No. 3194, which now is \$3 57½, as compared to \$3 02½ last spring and \$3 20 last fall; No. 364, at \$3 82½, which was \$3 37½ last spring and \$3 50 in January, and No. 200, at \$3 87½, which was \$3 32½ last spring.

Other Advances.

No. 9116-58, a Wood Mill 16-ounce serge, has been advanced to \$4 92½ per yard, as compared to \$4 50 last spring and \$4 62½ in January, while No. 9629, another Wood Mill serge of 13-ounce weight, is \$2 92½, as compared to \$2 50 last spring. No. 9613-1, a 13-ounce unfinished worsted, is quoted at \$2 42½, as compared to \$2 22½ last spring and \$2 27½ in January. Ayer Mill 111R-44, a 14-ounce fabric, is now \$3 37½ and was \$3 87½ last spring and \$3 07½ in January.

Although when compared to the last spring and fall opening prices the new quotations show, in some cases, substantial advances, it must be taken into consideration that the new prices are really below the advanced fall prices as of last May.

There is, nevertheless, little significance attached to this, owing to doubts whether very much business was done at the advanced prices. Buyers declare that the company did more than 90% of its fall business on the basis of the opening prices, and that the advances were merely put on to strengthen the market when it looked as though buyers had overbought and might cancel much of their merchandise under order.

Prices No Surprise.

The advances over the previous two openings, as announced yesterday, did not surprise the trade in general, many in the market having anticipated even sharper advances. The buying trade took the advance good naturedly and intimations were heard here and there that the company had done a fine thing in making prices higher, since it would no doubt act as a great stabilizer and tend to re-establish the public's waning confidence in the market.

It was announced by the big company yesterday that all of its mills are still operating on fall goods and that a number of them would not make any light weights this year, having sufficient fall business on the books to keep in operation for another six months. The company is also still making deliveries on overcoatings, orders for which were placed last winter, and will have approximately three more months to run on these goods before the last piece is turned out.

The new women's wear lines for spring, 1924, will be opened by the company next Tuesday and the fancy men's wear lines on Wednesday.

The following tabulation shows the new prices named yesterday as compared to spring prices named a year ago on the most prominent staple worsted numbers:

The view taken of the new price list in New England is indicated in the following telegraphic dispatch from Boston under date of July 23 to the "Journal of Commerce" of this city:

Interest here has been keen to-day to learn of the price basis on which the American Woolen Co. opened goods for the light-weight season. When the first news came to the trade, there was a general feeling of satisfaction at the level of prices and also because of the fact that prices are guaranteed, showing the intention of the big factor to help in the stabilization of market conditions and also confirming the earlier statements of President William M. Wood that advances in prices were inevitable.

While it may be too much to expect that the buyers of cloth will rush into the market as they did at the opening of the heavy-weight season and buy a large yardage of goods forthwith, there is reason to suppose that the season will yield a fair business, on the whole.

It was brought out that the big company is in a different position to-day from what it was a year ago. Then, it had large stocks of low-priced raw material on hand. To-day, it is not so fortunately situated, being forced to price its goods on wool which shows a net cost much nearer the current basis for raw materials, besides which, of course, there is a 12½% increase in labor cost to be taken into consideration. Therefore, the advance named by the big company may seem relatively large because of the benefit which customers last year derived from lower prices due to a favorable wool position.

Stocks of wool throughout the world, moreover, are not large. On the contrary, the more desirable lots of wool have been narrowed down and the prospect for the coming season, especially as regards fine wools, is not an especially cheerful one.

Business along Summer Street to-day naturally has been more or less in suspense, but there have been further inquiries from the mills and the cheerful tone of last week has again been in evidence.

Cotton Mills Curtailing Operations in the South.

Action along the lines taken by cotton goods mills in the Fall River district of New England to curtail operations in view of the decline in buying activity has been reported from Southern textile centres during the past week with a growing disposition to manufacture only enough merchandise to fill orders on hand. A general summary of cotton mill conditions in the South was given in the New York "Daily News Record," a daily textile trade newspaper, on July 24, in dispatches from Charlotte, N. C., which had the following to say:

Southern textile mills, at present curtailing more or less, are on the verge of further curtailment, it is generally thought.

At present, mills in various sections are shutting down one week and operating the next. This "hop skip" method, it was said, is being most generally followed.

It was indicated here that most of those mills which are operating on a curtailed basis are running to meet contract orders and to keep their organizations intact.

As a general rule, it was also indicated, that practically all night work has been suspended. However, there are some mills fortunate enough to have ample contract orders and they are operating both day and night shifts.

North Carolina cotton mills are still running normally, and it is the opinion of Robert I. Dalton, Southern agent for the Whitin Machine Works, that these mills have not lost more than three weeks this year. Yet, unless conditions improve, curtailment will have to be employed, he thinks. He says that there are many mills in the State with enough contract orders to last for a number of months to come.

It is also the opinion of other cotton mill men that in spite of the present dullness a "period of prosperity" is almost assured for the near future. They say that the present stocks are less than half those of July 1, 1922.

New York Warehouses Filled to Capacity, Owing to Slack Buying.

A news item in the New York "Times" on July 19 1923 affords striking testimony to the disposition which has existed in trade circles for some time to buy only sparingly, in satisfaction of immediate needs, with the result that stocks of goods and wares have been piling up in warehouses, particularly at this centre, where storage capacity has almost been reached. Says the New York "Times":

The Port of New York is in the unique position of having practically every warehouse on Manhattan Island filled to capacity, while many of the other waterfront warehouses are only 40 to 50% filled, according to reports of such organizations as the American Warehousemen's Association. Both conditions are said to be due to the decrease in buying.

In the case of the public warehouses on Manhattan Island, it is pointed out, the decreased buying has caused more and more of the goods to go into the warehouses, until the 40,000,000 sq. ft. of storage space is practically all filled. At the same time the modest buying of imports on a "hand-to-mouth" basis has resulted in a small volume of imports being stored in the waterfront warehouses.

The condition on Manhattan Island, an authority on the situation said yesterday, was practically the reverse of what it was just a few months ago, when warehouse men, on account of the large volume of space available, were cutting rates, until much of the business was being done on a less-than-cost basis.

A representative of Baker & Williams stated that the facilities of some of the storage companies were not sufficient to handle the increase in business, but the turning point was expected in August. In his opinion the volume of business offered the warehouses was so great that a large portion was going to out-of-town warehouses, especially in Philadelphia.

The Independent Warehouse Co. reported that its business for the present, was all it could handle. At the Bush Terminals it was reported that business in the warehouses was about 75% of capacity, but that the amounts of consignments were exceedingly small and the turnover was rapid. Various reasons were given to account for this condition, the outstanding being that importers did not care to take the same chances that resulted in the heavy losses of 1920, due to decrease in prices.

The possibility of getting shipping facilities at any time also encouraged small-lot buying from abroad. During the last prosperity as the result of the war it was a difficult matter to get the bottoms in which to carry the goods. Often the shipping facilities had to be contracted for weeks and even months in advance. To-day ships run like ferryboats from almost any part of the world to New York.

June Automobile Production Smaller Than in April or May But Far Ahead of 1922.

The Department of Commerce on Monday announced June production of automobiles, based on figures received by the Bureau of the Census in co-operation with the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce and covering approximately 90 passenger car and 80 truck manufacturers each month. These show the output of passenger cars in June to have been 336,317, against 350,180 in May and 344,474 in April, but comparing with only 263,027 cars in June last year. The production of auto trucks numbered 40,565 in June 1923, against 43,012 in May, 37,527 in April and only 25,984 in June 1922. For the half year to June 30 nearly 800,000 more passenger cars were turned out in 1923 than

in 1922 and over 82,000 more trucks. The following are the figures:

Automobile Production (Number of Machines).

	Passenger Cars		Trucks	
	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.
January	223,706	81,693	19,398	9,416
February	254,650	109,171	21,817	13,195
March	319,638	152,959	34,681	19,761
April	344,474	197,216	37,527	22,342
May	350,180	232,431	*43,012	23,788
June	336,317	263,027	40,565	25,984
Total	1,828,965	1,036,497	197,000	114,486

* Revised.

Bookings of Steel Castings Sharply Decline.

The Department of Commerce under date of July 19 announced that June bookings of steel castings, based on reports received by the Bureau of the Census in co-operation with the Steel Founders' Society, by companies representing over two-thirds of the commercial castings capacity of the United States amounted to 84,878 tons, as against 89,463 tons in May, 90,968 in April and 143,564 in March. The following table shows the bookings of commercial steel castings for the past six months by 65 identical companies, with a monthly capacity of 96,900 tons, of which 38,300 tons are usually devoted to railway specialties and 58,600 tons to miscellaneous castings.

Bookings of Commercial Steel Castings.

Month	Total		Ry. Specialties.		Misc. Castings.	
	Net Tons.	Per Ct. of Capacity.	Net Tons.	Per Ct. of Capacity.	Net Tons.	Per Ct. of Capacity.
January 1923	100,605	103.8	47,879	125.0	52,726	90.0
February	90,152	93.0	39,845	104.0	50,307	85.8
March	143,564	148.2	76,409	199.5	67,155	114.6
April	90,968	93.9	39,610	103.4	51,358	87.6
May	89,493	92.4	38,788	101.3	50,705	86.5
June	84,878	87.6	42,773	111.8	42,105	71.9

Structural Steel Sales Also Decline.

The Department of Commerce on July 19 also announced the June sales of fabricated structural steel, based on figures received by the Bureau of the Census in co-operation with the Structural Steel Society. Total sales of 112,735 tons were reported for June by firms with a capacity of 223,595 tons per month. Tonnage booked each month by 175 identical firms, with a capacity of 229,575 tons per month, is shown below, together with the per cent of shop capacity represented by these bookings. For comparative purposes, the figures are also prorated to obtain an estimated total for the United States on a capacity of 250,000 tons per month. In this case the bookings are not only very much less than in the months immediately preceding, but also smaller than in the same month last year.

	Actual Tonnage Booked.	Per Cent of Capacity.	Estimated Total Bookings.
1922—			
April	200,588	87	217,500
May	184,638	81	202,500
June	168,498	73	182,500
July	157,631	69	172,500
August	156,011	68	170,000
September	146,146	64	160,000
October	132,450	58	145,000
November	111,794	49	122,500
December	138,024	60	150,000
1923—			
January	172,415	75	187,500
February	183,938	80	200,000
March	218,997	95	237,500
April	a185,335	81	202,500
May	b130,828	57	142,500
June	c112,785	51	127,500

a Reported by 173 firms with a capacity of 229,225 tons.
 b Reported by 169 firms with a capacity of 228,850 tons.
 c Reported by 152 firms with a capacity of 223,595 tons.

Steel Furniture Shipments Keep Up Well.

The Department of Commerce publishes figures to show the June shipments of steel furniture stock goods, based on reports received by the Bureau of the Census in co-operation with the National Association of Steel Furniture Manufacturers. Shipments by 22 manufacturers amounted to \$1,401,950 in June, as against \$1,506,072 in May and \$1,015,463 in June 1922. The following table gives comparative figures for the first six months of 1923 and 1922:

	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.	
January	\$1,362,470	\$983,834	April	\$1,520,286	\$1,058,382
February	1,307,173	967,125	May	1,506,072	1,056,735
March	1,709,206	1,087,228	June	1,401,950	1,015,463

Activity in the Cotton Spinning Industry for June 1923.

The Department of Commerce announces that, according to preliminary figures compiled by the Bureau of the Census, there were 37,374,876 cotton spinning spindles in place in the United States on June 30 1923, of which 34,843,421 were

operated at some time during the month, compared with 35,390,137 for May, 35,515,791 for April, 35,500,518 for March, 35,307,707 for February, 35,240,853 for January 1923, 32,499,324 for August 1922 and 31,882,542 for June 1922.

The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was 8,384,558,582. During June the normal time of operation was 26 days, compared with 26½ days for May, 24 2-3 days for April, 27 for March, 23 2-3 for February and 26½ for January. Based on an activity of 8.74 hours per day, the average number of spindles operated during June was 36,897,371, or at 98.7% capacity on a single shift basis. This number compared with an average of 40,192,970 for May, 40,759,979 for April, 40,389,029 for March, 40,847,845 for February, 40,008,203 for January, 34,041,028 for August and 33,655,212 for June 1922. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 224. The total number of cotton spinning spindles in place, the number active, the number of active spindle hours and the average spindle hours per spindle in place by States are shown in the following statement:

State.	Spinning Spindles.		Active Spindle Hours for June.	
	In Place June 30.	Active During June.	Total.	Average per Spindle in Place.
United States	37,374,876	34,843,421	8,384,558,582	224
Cotton-growing States	16,397,563	16,009,615	4,702,488,679	287
All other States	20,977,313	18,833,806	3,682,069,903	176
Alabama	1,326,828	1,273,847	356,043,201	268
Connecticut	1,366,668	1,295,073	264,263,521	193
Georgia	2,695,454	2,628,270	777,707,133	289
Maine	1,145,248	1,132,067	235,151,548	205
Massachusetts	11,970,824	10,469,258	1,974,649,111	165
New Hampshire	1,449,700	1,314,718	251,296,749	173
New Jersey	446,884	422,962	82,427,880	184
New York	1,037,382	908,945	212,267,124	205
North Carolina	5,500,537	5,364,490	1,591,072,856	289
Pennsylvania	201,111	160,653	31,989,577	159
Rhode Island	2,882,036	2,729,848	551,378,011	191
South Carolina	5,125,208	5,043,221	1,529,543,574	298
Tennessee	438,448	431,530	112,918,744	258
Virginia	634,058	614,113	149,934,972	236
All other States	1,154,490	1,054,426	263,914,581	229

Iron and Steel Market Conditions.

Further decline has been observed in the blast furnace and steel works activities in Pittsburgh and nearby districts, said the "Iron Age" of July 26. The extent of the current demand, however, is regarded as favorable. It is thought that several weeks may pass before the positions of buyer and seller are decisively changed. The weekly detailed report of market conditions goes on to say:

The week has brought more activity in some forms of finished steel particularly plates and structural material, but not to the extent of affecting prices. There is a general expectation, also, that several more weeks will pass without a decisive change in the present positions of buyers and sellers.

It is evident that some of the smaller steel companies whose rollings have fallen considerably from the recent peak, must soon have larger orders to maintain profitable operations, but there are few signs to-day of either forward buying on the one hand or of price cutting to help order books on the other.

That early delivery business develops each week in the volume that has marked July is favorably construed in view of the continued smallness of cancellations and the moderate size of consumers' stocks.

Some further decline has come in blast furnace and steel works activities in the Pittsburgh and nearby districts. The Carnegie Steel Co. is running at 92% of ingot capacity, while Pittsburgh and Valley independent companies are averaging above 80%.

There has been some accumulation of steel ingots, and in semi-finished steel concessions have been made, as low as \$40 having been quoted on sheet bars and slabs outside the Pittsburgh and Valley districts, as against a \$42 50 contract price.

As for several weeks, what yielding has appeared in finished steel prices has been chiefly in sheets, which larger buyers have obtained at 3.75c. for black, and on hot-rolled flats. There is some laxity also on extras in the case of bars for cold finishing, and on bolts, nuts and rivets the market is easier.

The automotive industries, with all their favorable outlook, are no longer free buyers of steel, and the largest maker has been most frequently named in connection with suspensions of steel deliveries. A number of parts manufacturers are now on a 75% operating basis.

The effect of the eight-hour day on steel costs will develop slowly. It may be a factor in the firm attitude of most sellers, but it is recognized that the turning point in the present market situation will come before much progress can be made toward the short day.

A number of fabricating shops that a few months ago held for full prices are now aggressive in seeking business. Including 2,500 tons for Japan, and over 11,000 tons for private undertakings, the weeks' awards for steel work exceed 23,000 tons. The projected Palmer House in Chicago puts the total of fresh inquiries to fully 18,500 tons.

At Chicago the call for steel for oil tanks has kept up, and for 30,000 tons of such work now under inquiry there much of the steel would be drawn from mills farther east, Chicago plate mills not being able to promise the deliveries wanted. A Kansas fabricator has been obliged lately to go to a Pittsburgh mill for 5,000 tons of steel for an oil tank contract.

Lower warehouse prices have appeared in several markets. Chicago reports a 15-cent concession on wire nails. At Cleveland there has been some shading by jobbers in galvanized sheets, and at certain points in

Ohio prices on bars, plates and shapes have shown keener competition between Cleveland and Pittsburgh warehouses.

Active inquiries for railroad cars are less than 2,000 in number. Little railroad equipment has been ordered but increased interest is noted in repair work.

A moderate increase in buying of pig iron is responsible for a more cheerful feeling in that market, but prices have gone lower. At Chicago and in the East, foundry and basic grades are down from 50c. to \$1 per ton, and while \$25 still prevails in the South, sales have been made as low as \$24. Charcoal iron has been reduced \$4 50 and silveries and Bessemer ferrosilicon, \$5. The largest transaction of the week was the purchase of 20,000 to 25,000 tons of foundry grades by a cast-iron pipe company.

German steel prices, though advanced over two and one-fourth times in four weeks, cannot keep pace with the fall of mark exchange. Though thin sheets are now over 18 million marks per ton, the equivalent American price is 1.73c per pound. The equivalent of the steel bar price is 1.05c. Foundry iron is barely \$10 25 per ton and steel ingots \$16 25.

There are more predictions of severe competition from German steel, even in the United States, when the Ruhr settlement comes. Recently German bars were quoted for delivery at a Gulf port at \$8 per ton below the price of Pittsburgh bars.

Germany has bought shipbuilding material in Great Britain. India has bought 15,000 tons of rails from British mills, and Japan, Australia and South Africa are also in the rail market.

The "Iron Age" composite price table follows:

Composite Price July 24 1923, Finished Steel, 2.775c. per Pound.

Based on prices of steel bars, beams, tank plates, plain wire, open-hearth rails, black pipe and black sheets.....	July 17 1923.....2.789c.	June 26 1923.....2.789c.	July 25 1922.....2.169c.	[10-year pre-war average. 1.689c.
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These products constitute 88% of the United States output of finished steel.

Composite Price July 24 1923, Pig Iron, \$25 68 per Gross Ton.

Based on average of basic and foundry irons, the basic being Valley quotation, the foundry an average of Chicago, Philadelpia and Birmingham.....	July 17 1923.....\$25 93	June 26 1923.....27 79	July 25 1922.....24 05	[10-year pre-war average. 15 72
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According to the weekly report issued by the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland July 26, steel buying is again expanding, the structural steel market showing revival more plainly. We take the following from the survey of market conditions by the "Review":

New business in iron and steel both in orders placed or requirements initiated, again is developing a definite tendency to expand. While such situations are not general, some of the largest producers for the first time in several months have brought up their bookings where they equal their shipments. With most companies tonnage still is moving off mill books faster than it is being replaced, but this margin is not wide and unfilled orders still are so large that nowhere is anxiety for business being shown. A thorough canvass of conditions by leading mills shows that cancellations and suspensions of steel tonnage by consumers at present is well within normal limits. Consumption apparently is well maintained.

Several more furnaces have gone out of blast and others are on the edge, but apart from this there has been no further curtailment of works operations. Tin plate and sheet production still is retarded by hot weather and a shortage of mill crews. In line with the blowing out and banking of blast furnaces, considerable beehive coke capacity in the Connellsville region is being put in idleness.

The automobile industry largely retains its strength. The large builders or those making popular-priced cars still are operating and scheduling production at capacity though the smaller plants are down to probably 50% activity. Parts manufacturers are running 75% or better with good prospects for continuing.

More signs of revival are being shown in pig iron, as prices having gone below the cost line for some producers, now appear better stabilized. More merchant furnaces have gone out of blast and others are less inclined to meet minimum quotations. At Buffalo, the valleys and elsewhere, some sellers have stiffened up their schedules 50 cents to \$1. Buyers still are feeling their way, but new orders and inquiry are heavier. New York reports sales of 30,000 tons this week and Cleveland a fair total.

A Phillipsburg, N. J., pipemaker bought 25,000 tons. Special grades are being readjusted to the recent fall of standard iron. Lake Superior charcoal iron is down this week \$4 50 per ton and Jackson County silveries and ferrosilicon \$4.

Broadening activity in building undertakings more plainly is shown this week by the volume of structural steel awards and inquiries. New contracts this week total 12,108 tons and new inquiry 45,000 tons. The placing of the general contract for the superstructure of the union station at Chicago insures the early taking out of the steel, 20,000 tons, which was awarded to the American Bridge Co. some time ago. A 10,000-ton hotel job at Chicago also has come up as well as 16,000 tons in the Grand Central district at New York. A large project now definitely assured for bids in the near future is a power station at Newark, N. J., calling for 20,000 to 30,000 tons of steel.

Buying of oil tankage for the storage of excess production remains one of the liveliest spots of the market. At Chicago more than 30,000 tons of new business of this character, a good part of which was referred to last week, now is pending. On the Pacific Coast, 10,000 tons of new inquiry is up including 10 to 20 tanks for the Shell Oil Co. and 13 for the Associated Oil Co. The California Petroleum Co. may shortly enter the market for 50 tanks. The Sinclair interests continue to be active buyers. The Pan American Oil & Transportation Co. has placed 2,300 tons of tank work and Humphreys Pure Oil Co. 1,200 tons more.

Crude Oil Production in the United States.

Figures compiled by the American Petroleum Institute show that for the week ended July 21 the daily average gross crude oil production for the United States was 2,255,950 barrels, an increase of 17,200 barrels over the preceding week. California production, which has been at record figures for some weeks past, fell off 17,000 barrels from the total for the week of July 14, to 851,000 barrels for the week just past, but this compares with only 375,000 barrels in the corresponding week last year. The Petroleum Institute reports production for the several fields as follows:

(In barrels.)	Daily Average Production.			
	July 21 '23.	July 14 '23.	July 7 '23.	July 22 '22.
Oklahoma.....	500,200	503,850	495,700	414,500
Kansas.....	84,200	84,650	84,800	84,550
North Texas.....	73,900	75,550	74,050	49,900
Central Texas.....	194,300	175,250	165,500	146,900
North Louisiana.....	62,000	62,500	65,100	94,800
Arkansas.....	135,250	122,500	141,300	31,650
Gulf Coast.....	102,400	102,150	98,150	99,750
Eastern.....	113,500	113,000	112,000	117,000
Wyoming and Montana.....	139,200	131,300	127,550	84,450
California.....	851,000	868,000	835,000	375,000
Total.....	2,255,950	2,238,750	2,199,150	1,498,500

The Reductions in Gasoline and Petroleum Prices.

The week has been marked by numerous reductions in the prices of the products of petroleum and some further cuts in petroleum itself. These were generally expected owing to the continued high rate of crude oil production with the consequent increase in stocks on hand which were 3,156,742 barrels greater at the end of June than at the close of May. The total stocks on hand on June 30 were 72,637,147 barrels.

On July 20 gasoline sold in Dallas, Texas, at from 11 to 15 cents a gallon retail, the Magnolia and Gulf companies cutting their price from 15 to 13 cents but one filling station reducing its price to 11 cents a gallon.

A reduction of one cent a gallon in the price of gasoline by the Jenny Mfg. Co. and the Standard Oil Co. of N. Y. took effect on July 23 throughout New England, bringing the retail price down to 23 cents per gallon, the lowest figure quoted since 1915. The tank wagon price was reduced to 20½ cents a gallon.

The Atlantic Refining Co. and the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey each reduced the wholesale price of gasoline one cent a gallon, the former in the Pennsylvania and Delaware districts and the latter in New Jersey and Maryland. These cuts were followed by the Texas Company at all points where the competitors have reduced their prices. The tank wagon price in New Jersey stood at 20½ cents a gallon on July 23. The Gulf Refining Company met these prices in its district.

Northern Pennsylvania refiners announced reductions of a quarter of a cent in gasoline. The low price of Pennsylvania crude oil has caused the shut-down of the Tideoute Pennsylvania field near Franklin.

On July 24, following a cut in price of one cent per gallon by the Gulf Refining Co., the Texas Co. likewise reduced gasoline in the State of Connecticut and in Long Island and Westchester County, New York.

Effective July 26, the Texas Co. established a uniform price of \$1 25 per barrel for A and B grades of coastal crude oil, being a reduction of 25 cents in the price of A, but the same price as formerly for the B grade. The Gulf Pipe Line Co. cut the price of Pierce Junction grade B and Blue Ridge crude oil 25 cents a barrel to 90 cents. The Humble Oil & Refining Co. reduced the price of coastal crude grade A 25 cents a barrel to \$1 25; coastal grade B, 25 cents to \$1 and Pierce Junction grade B, 15 cents to 90 cents a barrel.

The Coal Trade—Current Production and Market Conditions.

Production of bituminous coal recovered after the drop during the holiday period, the total for the week ending July 14 being 10,938,000 net tons, an increase of 2,195,000 tons over the previous week. Anthracite production also recovered, the total for the week being estimated at 2,051,000 net tons, according to the figures compiled by the United States Geological Survey. The regular weekly report of this bureau gives further details as follows:

In the recovery following the holiday, the rate of soft coal mining was well sustained throughout the week ended July 14, and the production rose above the June level. The total output, including mine fuel, local sales and coal coked, is estimated at 10,938,000 net tons, an increase of 2,195,000 tons over the revised figure for the preceding week and 480,000 tons over the tonnage for the week before that.

Early returns on car loadings in the present week (July 16-21) indicate that the rate of output is only slightly lower than in the week before, and that the total output will probably be in the neighborhood of 10,800,000 tons.

Estimated United States Production of Bituminous Coal, Including Coal Coked (Net Tons).

	1923.		1922.	
	Week.	Calendar Year to Date.	Week.	Calendar Year to Date.
June 30.....	10,458,000	273,272,000	5,226,000	187,850,000
Daily average.....	1,743,000	1,774,000	871,000	1,216,000
July 7a.....	8,743,000	282,014,000	3,678,000	191,528,000
Daily average.....	1,749,000	1,773,000	736,000	1,201,000
July 14b.....	10,938,000	292,952,000	4,123,000	195,651,000
Daily average.....	1,823,000	1,775,000	687,000	1,182,000

a Revised since last report. Five days work. b Subject to revision.

Production during the first 165 working days of 1923 was 292,952,000 net tons. During the corresponding periods of the six years preceding it was as follows (in net tons):

Years of Activity.	Years of Depression.
1917-----294,906,000	1919-----237,009,000
1918-----306,290,000	1921-----214,760,000
1920-----284,001,000	1922-----195,651,000

Thus it is seen from the viewpoint of soft coal production 1923 stands less than 1% behind the average for the three years of industrial activity, and 36% ahead of that for the three years' depression.

Production of Soft Coal in June.

Revised estimates place the total output of soft coal in June, including lignite, local sales and mine fuel, at 45,490,000 net tons. The decrease of 586,000 tons, or 1.3%, from the figure for May was caused by the less number of working days in June. In comparison with the corresponding month of the 9 years preceding, June 1923 stands well ahead of all except those of 1918 and 1920.

The total production during the first half of 1923 was 273,270,000 tons, a figure that has been exceeded but once during the past 10 years. From the viewpoint of soft coal production, 1923 is 85,724,000 tons ahead of 1922, 9,917,000 ahead of 1920, 43,601,000 ahead of the average for the 9 years preceding, and but 8,469,000 tons behind 1918, when production was greatly stimulated by war-time activities.

Production of Soft Coal in June, and During First Half of Past Ten Years (Net Tons).

Year.	Month of June.	Total Jan. 1-June 30.	Year.	Month of June.	Total Jan. 1-June 30.
1914	31,412,000	204,690,000	1919	37,685,000	217,172,000
1915	33,957,000	193,179,000	1920	46,095,000	263,353,000
1916	37,742,000	245,783,000	1921	34,635,000	200,572,000
1917	46,824,000	272,985,000	1922	22,624,000	187,546,000
1918	51,138,000	281,739,000	1923	45,490,000	273,270,000

ANTHRACITE.

In the pick-up after the holiday, anthracite production passed the two-million-ton mark in the week ended July 14. On the basis of 39,221 cars reported loaded by the nine principal anthracite carriers, the total production, including mine fuel, local sales and the output of washeries and dredges, is estimated at 2,051,000 tons. Early returns for the present week (July 16-21) indicate a lower rate of output and a probable yield of about 1,900,000 tons.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

1923.		1922.	
Week.	Calendar Year to Date.	Week.	Calendar Year to Date.
June 30	2,105,000	25,000	23,325,000
July 7	1,580,000	23,000	23,348,000
July 14	2,051,000	32,000	23,380,000

BEEHIVE COKE.

Preliminary estimates of the production of beehive coke in the week ended July 14 show a decrease of 1,000 tons, despite the increase in running time as compared with the holiday week preceding. On the basis of the number of cars loaded on the principal coke-carrying railroads, the total output is estimated at 376,000 net tons.

The Connellsville "Courier" reports production in the Connellsville district as 281,870 tons in the week ended July 14, which is more than was produced in the week including July 4, but 22,400 tons less than in the week before that.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	Week ended			1923 To Date.	1922 To Date.
	July 14 1923.a	July 7 1923.b	July 15 1922.		
Pennsylvania & Ohio	294,000	307,000	71,000	8,685,000	2,624,000
West Virginia	21,000	23,000	6,000	635,000	210,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.	32,000	19,000	8,000	667,000	220,000
Virginia	15,000	15,000	6,000	450,000	162,000
Colo. & New Mexico	7,000	8,000	5,000	228,000	96,000
Washington and Utah	7,000	5,000	4,000	156,000	100,000
United States total	376,000	377,000	100,000	10,821,000	3,412,000
Daily average	63,000	63,000	17,000	65,000	20,000

a Subject to revision. b Revised from last report.

Prices as a whole during the week ending July 21 were fairly stable, according to the "Coal Trade Journal" of July 25, although the market was generally gloomy. The "Journal" in its weekly review reports conditions as follows:

Pessimism is highly esteemed in most bituminous coal trade circles at the present time. Yet, in spite of the gloomy reports that pass as judgment on market conditions, production is maintained at a rate that a few years ago would have been considered proof of unexampled prosperity.

Undoubtedly a substantial proportion of the current output comes from mines owned or controlled by the same interests that consume the coal. It has been estimated that mines of this character represent approximately 25% of the production of the country. From this it can be readily understood why those shippers who have to depend upon strictly commercial business for an outlet find the spot market unusually rough at the present moment.

Nevertheless, prices as a whole last week were fairly stable. There were, it is true, some sharp individual changes, but the average swallowed them up. Comparing spot quotations with those for the week ended July 14, changes were shown in only 46.2% of the figures. Of these changes, however, 52.4% represented advances ranging from 5 to 75 cents per ton and averaging 18.4 cents per ton. The reductions, ranging from 5 to 50 cents, averaged 18.8 cents. The straight average minimum for the week was \$1 93, a decline of 3 cents; the average maximum stood unchanged at \$2 38. A year ago the averages were \$6 40 and \$9 51, respectively.

The Lake movement is one of the consistently bright spots in the present situation. Dumpings for the week ended at 7 a. m. July 16, totaled 1,039,311 tons of cargo fuel, bringing the total for the season to 11,817,949 tons, as compared with 11,555,812 tons in 1921. Dock interests at the Head of the Lakes, however, complain that the Northwest is not taking coal as

fast as it should. This complaint is not confined to the docks; it is the burden of official utterance and trade threnody in all parts of the country. During the week ended last Saturday, fifty vessels discharged approximately 460,000 tons on the docks at the Head of the Lakes.

Market conditions in the anthracite trade seem to be all cast from the same pattern. The clamor, particularly in the East, continues unabated for domestic sizes, with stove, as ever, in the lead. Independent shippers so inclined find the situation a golden opportunity and quotations of \$13 25 and more for straight shipments of stove have been heard. Lake movement last week from Buffalo totaled 108,800 tons. During the same period the Head of the Lakes received 85,000 tons.

Buying continued quiet and coal was so judiciously selected that prices have reached what is regarded as the bottom, according to the "Coal Age" statement of July 26. Further details concerning the market are embodied in the report which follows:

While prices of bituminous coal are hugging the bottom for the season, those for domestic sizes of anthracite quoted by independent producers are getting stronger every day. The pressure on industries and railroads to buy and store soft coal this summer is being relentlessly applied by the Federal Fuel Distributor and the Department of Commerce at Washington. The result is a steady production of soft coal since the first of the year averaging about 10,500,000 tons per week.

Buying has been so quietly conducted and the coal so judiciously selected that the prices on the open market have declined to a level that is now regarded as the bottom. "Coal Age" index of spot prices of bituminous coal at the mines was 197 on July 23, a drop of one point in one week. The corresponding average price was \$2 38 per ton, which is admittedly below the normal average cost of production, although it does not follow that all coal sold at these prices represents a loss to the producer. The higher cost mines that are not protected by contracts have largely ceased production in the summer months. There is very little spot buying at this time, and it is not expected that there will be any activity in the market until late August or early September. Prices of anthracite steam sizes have followed bituminous coal prices downward. The large companies are storing steam sizes and the independents selling well below circular.

In contrast with the sluggish bituminous-coal market is the activity in the domestic sizes of anthracite, where quotations as high as those in the middle of last winter have been reached in the last week, in a few instances. Despite the assurance of Chairman Hammond of the Coal Commission to New England consumers, as reported in the press this week, that prices of company coal would rise no higher next winter, there is a remarkably strong undercurrent in the trade and throughout the anthracite region that concessions will be made to the wage demands of the miners, increasing the cost of production and the price to the consumer. Following the slump in production caused by the July 4 holiday, the output of hard coal rose again to over 2,000,000 tons in the second week in July and slightly less than 2,000,000 in the third week.

In the Middle West buying of domestic lump by the retail trade has practically ceased and the market continues its downward trend. Railroads in that territory have about completed their storage program and many industries are buying only as they need the coal. Conditions are dull in New England. Receipts of soft coal are steadily diminishing and there is nothing in the general situation to indicate an improvement for some time. Textile mills are shutting down or curtailing operations and buying no coal. A survey of 1,100 industrial plants throughout New England made early this month showed 300 plants using oil fuel and the remainder with an average of 90 days' reserve coal in their stock piles.

Producers are not accepting orders at present prices for any except immediate shipments, believing that prices will react upward at the first indication of buying.

Activity in the export market is mostly centred in orders from Italy, Holland and South America. France is out of the market and the flurry of Canadian buying is over. Some English coal is being received, but it is on old contracts. Dumpings at Baltimore for the first half of July were 151,377 tons of cargo and bunker coal. During the week ended July 19, 357,979 net tons of coal were dumped at Hampton Roads for all accounts, as compared with 348,130 tons in the previous week.

Revised Estimate of Foreign Trade Figures for June Shows Imports Greater than Exports.

Corrected figures on foreign trade totals for June, issued on July 26 by the Commerce Department at Washington, showed that the balance of trade for the month was still against the United States, although in a greatly diminished volume compared with the unfavorable balances of the three months preceding. The Associated Press dispatches of the 26th stated:

The total value of the country's imports was found to be \$320,257,000 as compared with exports of \$312,239,000. There were in addition re-exports of foreign goods amounting to \$7,815,000, so that the total exports of domestic and foreign goods amounted to \$320,054,000.

The preliminary estimates of the department had indicated there was a balance of trade favorable to the United States of about \$1,000,000 for the month, but the corrected figures showed that the exports of domestic goods were \$8,000,000 less than the total imports.

In analyzing the commodities which entered into foreign trade the Department found that 37% of all imports were made up of crude materials for use in manufacturing. Foodstuffs in finished form made up another 17% of the total. Manufacturers ready for consumption made up 42% of the exports, while foodstuffs ready for consumption made up 13%; crude materials intended for use in manufacturing amounted to 22% of the total.

The figures gave the following exports and important classifications with comparisons for corresponding totals in June a year ago:

Exports.—Raw foodstuffs, \$21,336,000, against \$40,998,000; foods ready for consumption, \$41,543,000, against \$55,471,000; raw materials for use in manufacturing, \$68,278,000, against \$70,262,000; manufactured commodities, \$131,552,000, against \$121,319,000; partly manufactured products, \$49,242,000, against \$39,465,000.

Imports.—Raw foodstuffs, \$24,657,000, against \$26,176,000; foods ready for consumption, \$53,328,000, against \$37,341,000; raw materials for use in manufacturing, \$117,999,000, against \$91,146,000; manufactured commodities, \$61,435,000, against \$57,453,000; partly manufactured products, \$62,422,000, against \$47,527,000.

Current Events and Discussions

George F. Baker's Sixtieth Anniversary of His Connection With the First National Bank of This City.

Wall Street paid honor to its venerable banker, George F. Baker, on Wednesday of this week, when flags were displayed by the various banking houses in recognition of Mr. Baker's 60th anniversary of his connection with the First National Bank, of which he was so long President and is now Chairman of the board. The present year likewise signalizes the 60th anniversary of the founding of the bank. Mr. Baker was also on Wednesday the recipient of congratulations from members of the banking fraternity. Although now in his 84th year, Mr. Baker continues to maintain active participation in his business affairs. Commenting on his anniversary, the "Daily Financial America" of July 25 said:

SIXTY YEARS OF "FORT SHERMAN."

The 60th anniversary to-day, of the incorporation of the First National Bank of New York, popularly referred to as "Fort Sherman," brings into relief one of the most dominant figures in American, if not world finance, and corporate activities, George F. Baker. Mr. Baker has come into public notice at intervals rather through his philanthropy and public spirit than as a result of his prominent position in banking. He has been unusually successful in avoiding publicity, although still officially connected with over 30 corporations. Recently the public learned of his donation of \$1,000,000 to the Metropolitan Museum, of over \$2,000,000 to Cornell, the gift of Baker Field to Columbia and of numerous other benefactions and evidences of public spirit.

Mr. Baker was born on Mar. 27 1840. Previous to his becoming associated with the First National Bank of New York he was attached to the State Banking Department at Albany. He started with the First National as Paying Teller, later Cashier then President, and for the last 15 years has been Chairman of the board.

The First National Bank under Mr. Baker's leadership, took an active part in the late Liberty loan campaigns and the bank has always been a powerful factor in the money market. The name of "Fort Sherman" was attached to the institution as a result of its former activities in United States Government financing. The bank was started in 1863 by Samuel Thompson and his two sons and was started with a capital of \$100,000 which is now \$10,000,000, and it has a surplus of \$50,000,000. The First National Bank has paid dividends of 50% annually in recent years.

Mr. Baker still comes to the bank almost every day.

Earlier in the month (July 18) the New York "Times," in referring to Mr. Baker's participation in the directors' meeting of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., said:

George F. Baker maintained his record for faithful attendance at the meeting of the directors of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. held in Boston yesterday, despite the hot weather, his vacation and his age. Despite his 83 years he made the motor trip from Littleton, N. H., to Boston, specially to attend the meeting.

Reports made recently show that he is the largest individual shareholder of the company, having more than 53,000 shares.

The Week With the Federal Reserve Banks.

Continued liquidation of discounted bills to the amount of \$45,300,000, of \$6,200,000 in acceptances purchased in open market, and of \$1,700,000 in Government security holdings, is shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated bank statement issued as at close of business on July 25 1923 and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined. Deposit liabilities declined by \$45,900,000 and Federal Reserve note circulation by \$22,100,000, the latter item reaching the lowest figure reported since Aug. 30 1922. Total cash reserves increased by \$16,600,000 and the reserve ratio rose from 76.5 to 78.2%. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Seven of the Federal Reserve banks report smaller holdings of discounted bills, the decline in the case of the New York and Cleveland banks being the greatest and amounting to \$18,300,000 and \$14,900,000, respectively. The banks at Boston, Richmond, Atlanta, Dallas and San Francisco show somewhat larger holdings of discounted bills, the total increase for these banks being \$8,500,000.

Total gold reserves increased by \$13,800,000, the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland alone showing a net addition of \$18,700,000 to its gold reserves, while six other banks report net increases aggregating \$23,900,000, reflecting primarily the receipt of gold from other districts through the Gold Settlement Fund. These increases were partly offset by a decline of \$18,100,000 reported by New York and \$10,700,000 by the four remaining banks. In the case of the New York Bank the decline in gold reserves is due to a considerable loss in its vault holdings of gold and gold certificates as well as to the reduction of its balance in the Gold Settlement Fund. All the Federal Reserve banks except Cleveland, Atlanta, Minneapolis and San Francisco show increases in holdings of other reserve cash, the net increase for all banks amounting to \$2,800,000. All Federal Reserve banks report a smaller circulation of Federal Reserve notes except Dallas, which shows an increase of \$300,000.

Holdings of paper secured by Government obligations continued to decrease, accounting for most of the decline in discounted bills, the total amount of such paper on July 25 being \$364,400,000, as compared with \$408,500,000 a week earlier. Of the total holdings on July 25, \$231,800,000, or 63.6%, was secured by United States bonds; \$115,900,000, or 31.8%, by Treasury notes, and \$16,700,000, or 4.6%, by certificates of indebtedness, compared with \$259,100,000, \$131,500,000 and \$17,900,000, respectively, 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 414 and 415. 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 July 18 1923.	July 26 1922
Total reserves.....	+\$16,600,000	+\$18,500,000
Gold reserves.....	+13,800,000	-43,200,000
Total earning assets.....	-53,200,000	+59,000,000
Discounted bills, total.....	-45,300,000	+380,600,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	-44,100,000	+249,200,000
Other bills discounted.....	-1,200,000	+131,400,000
Purchased bills.....	-6,200,000	+20,700,000
United States securities, total.....	-1,700,000	-444,500,000
Bonds and notes.....	-7,000,000	-116,600,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	+5,300,000	-327,900,000
Total deposits.....	-45,900,000	+8,400,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	-44,400,000	+24,000,000
Government deposits.....	+400,000	-11,700,000
Other deposits.....	-1,900,000	-3,900,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	-22,100,000	+68,100,000
F. R. Bank notes in circulation—net liability.....	+300,000	-62,000,000

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

A further reduction of \$91,000,000 in loans and investments accompanied with a decrease of \$118,000,000 in net demand deposits and of \$38,000,000 in accommodation at the Federal Reserve banks is shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of condition on July 18 of 772 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.

All classes of loans show smaller figures than for the previous week; loans secured by Government obligations, by \$3,000,000; loans on corporate securities by \$77,000,000, and all other, largely commercial, loans by \$11,000,000. Investments in Government securities declined by \$25,000,000 during the week, \$11,000,000 of which was in Treasury notes, \$5,000,000 in U. S. bonds and \$9,000,000 in Treasury certificates. Holdings of other stocks and bonds increased by \$25,000,000. As a result of these changes, total loans and investments of all reporting members show a reduction of \$91,000,000. Corresponding changes for the New York City member banks comprise a reduction of \$64,000,000 in loans and discounts, of which \$63,000,000 was in loans against stocks and bonds, also a reduction of \$19,000,000 in U. S. securities and an increase of \$16,000,000 in other investments. These changes resulted in a net reduction of \$67,000,000 in loans and investments of New York City members. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Government deposits of all reporting member banks show a further reduction of \$22,000,000, net demand deposits decreased by \$118,000,000, while time deposits increased by \$13,000,000. For the New York City member banks reductions of \$7,000,000 in Government deposits, \$69,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$4,000,000 in time deposits are reported.

Reserve balances of all reporting institutions show a decrease of \$25,000,000, and those of the New York City members a decrease of \$20,000,000. Cash in vault declined \$22,000,000 for all member banks and \$8,000,000 for the New York City members.

Borrowings of the reporting institutions decreased from \$565,000,000 to \$527,000,000, or from 3.4 to 3.2% of their total loans and investments. For member banks in New York City a decrease from \$157,000,000 to \$123,000,000, or from 3 to 2.4% in the ratio of these borrowings to total loans and investments is noted.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 415—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 July 11 1923.	July 19 1922.
Loans and discounts—total.....	-\$91,000,000	+\$955,000,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations.....	-3,000,000	-24,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	-77,000,000	+222,000,000
All other.....	-11,000,000	+757,000,000
Investments, total.....	+254,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	-5,000,000	+145,000,000
Treasury notes.....	-11,000,000	+354,000,000
Treasury certificates.....	-9,000,000	-139,000,000
Other stocks and bonds.....	+25,000,000	+106,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	-25,000,000	-33,000,000
Cash in vault.....	-22,000,000	+2,000,000
Government deposits.....	-22,000,000	+57,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	-118,000,000	+62,000,000
Time deposits.....	+13,000,000	+493,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. banks.....	-38,000,000	+369,000,000

Further Decline in German Reichsmark—Uniform Rate for Mark Abandoned—New Currency System Urged.

As a result of the continued decline in the value of the German mark, the Minister of Economics of the Reich, it was announced in Berlin cablegrams July 23, empowered the Reichsbank to conclude future dealings in foreign currency and dollar treasury bills, regardless of a uniform rate of exchange. He has decided also to allow banks dealing in foreign bills to conclude future transactions on their own accounts, subject to regulation by the Reichsbank. This, and reports of a so-called "run" on the Reichsbank later in the week, which appears to have affected, not the Reichsbank, but private bankers of Berlin, were outstanding items of news from Germany. As to the abandonment of a uniform rate for the mark, we quote from the New York "Times" the following copyright cablegram July 23:

The German Government and the Reichsbank to-day discontinued their hopeless attempt to keep the mark in Berlin artificially higher than in the world's foreign exchange markets.

The rate on the Boerse to-day was officially fixed by the Reichsbank at 350,000 marks to the dollar, which was particularly interesting because the last New York rate of Saturday reported by wire was 333,000 marks to the dollar, so that for the first time since the Reichsbank's abortive stabilization the Reichsbank actually fixed the mark rate lower than the last known New York rate.

This seemingly ends the most fantastic episode in Germany's post-war finance. Incidentally, American tourists and others here need no longer violate exchange laws or ordinances by dealings with the bootleggers of marks and dollars, who in the past week have sprung up like the bootleggers of booze in the wake of prohibition. It is again possible for Americans to sell their dollars at the reputable banks and cover their mark requirements at approximately the world market rates.

Another feature to-day was that the Reichsbank at world market rates handed out more foreign exchange and foreign bank notes than at any time during the past week. Buying orders for dollars and pounds sterling passed along certified as genuine and legitimate, not speculative, were 10% filled by the Reichsbank.

Important trade again picked up hopes that it would be able to resume legitimate business. Importers of lard and other fats, under a special agreement between their association and the Reichsbank, were preferentially allotted 30% of their requirements of foreign exchange to-day.

Negotiations are on between the importers of cotton and other raw materials needed by the textile trade looking toward similar preferential treatment. This is the first step toward a rigid censorship of imports by the Reichsbank and for all practical purposes tantamount to Government control.

It appears, further, that the armistice agreement between the big German banks and the Reichsbank are at least partially bearing fruit. The volume of buying orders for foreign exchange and foreign bank notes pouring into the Boerse to-day was much smaller than last Friday, and looked as if such buying orders were being closely scrutinized and censored.

There was nothing to justify optimism, however, particularly as to-day brought the worst Reichsbank statement ever issued. For the week ending July 14 5,200,000,000 new paper marks were placed in circulation, swelling the total circulation to 24,491,000,000,000. Even more painful from the German viewpoint was the fact that during the week Reichsbank parted with 55,000,000 gold marks of its gold holdings. 30,000,000 gold marks being shipped from Berlin to New York, while 20,000,000 gold marks on deposit with the Bank of England were sold. This reduces Reichsbank's gold reserve to 656,911,000 gold marks.

Associated Press cablegrams from London July 25 carried reports as follows of the subjection of the Reichsbank to a run:

A run on the German Reichsbank began soon after the opening to-day, according to a Central News dispatch from Berlin, which gives the cause as an insufficiency of bills of large denominations to satisfy the other banks.

Berlin Associated Press advices that day said:

A news agency report from Berlin, printed in London to-day, to the effect that there was a "run" on the Reichsbank, is blamed in official and financial circles to-night for the highly unfavorable quotation of the mark reported from New York to-day.

While foreign currencies were not listed to-day, Boerse experts assert there was no reason for the wide disparity between Berlin's rate of Tuesday and to-day's New York quotation. They therefore are inclined to account for the slump in the unqualified report which misrepresented the "run" on the official bank, which wholly concerns itself with private banks and business demands for supplies of currency.

It was pointed out that a "run" in the customary sense of the word would be out of the question in the case of the Reichsbank, because of the character and functions of this institution.

A flood of 10,000 and 20,000 mark notes is inundating Berlin because of the Reichsbank's inability to supply sufficient quantities of high denomination currency, and a small army of bank clerks stormed the institution to-day in an attempt to haul off enough paper to supply the private banks.

The sudden dearth of big bills is due to their having been shipped into the provinces with a view to saving transportation and bundling charges and, pending the appearance of new one, five and ten million mark notes. Berlin will be obliged to content itself with small bills.

Thousands of bundles of small notes are piled promiscuously into laundry baskets or motor lorries without being checked off. They are subsequently passed out to bank patrons or tourists with the same indifference and, unless the recipient is possessed of surplus time or patience, he tucks the bulky wad under his arm and walks away without counting them.

On the 26th inst. Associated Press cablegrams from Berlin stated that the German money presses were now reeling off notes to the amount of more than 2,000,000,000,000 marks daily. The output, it was said, was being speeded up in order to enable the Reichsbank to supply the demand for notes of large denominations. The New York "Times" reported the following on July 26 from Berlin in a copyright cablegram:

With its own output of paper marks now totaling two trillions daily, the Reichsbank is negotiating with numerous private printing plants

throughout Germany to print money, and within a few days, it is said, production may catch up with the demand for this almost worthless currency.

Queues now stand constantly in front of the Reichsbank tellers' windows to obtain funds and messengers are relieved in shifts. Wash baskets for carting away paper money in many cases are inadequate, and long parallel waiting lines of pushcarts, horse cabs, taxicabs, and even motor lorries are being used to convey bales of notes to other banks.

The Reichsbank is compelled to keep open late into the night, paying out huge bales of paper money worth almost microscopic values.

But this anomalous money shortage will last only three days, according to Reichsbank authorities, after which there will be more than enough paper money of all conceivable kinds on hand to satisfy all comers.

Five and ten million mark notes (about \$7.50 and \$15, respectively) are to be issued. This is not taken as the beginning of the end. The end is already in sight.

The most serious feature of this almost comic money crisis is its reaction on the cost of living. Food prices are automatically rising as the mark falls, likewise automatically entailing a food shortage. Berlin just now has a potato shortage, and this is the poor man's staple food. Attempting to buy a peck of potatoes at the Central Market hall is a hazardous venture. To-day German housewives there were incensed when the retail price of potatoes advanced 50%, with small supplies even at that price. The women stormed and overpowered one hapless stallkeeper, and dragged him on the ground by his legs around the market hall until he was rescued by the fire department and police reserves.

To Print Marks in Astronomical Figures.

The New York "Times" announced the following from Berlin July 25:

Germany is preparing to print five-million mark bank notes in order to simplify the lives of bankers and the public.

Dr. Havenstein, Director of the Reichsbank, stated to-night that the bank is prepared to issue any kind of paper marks following the variation of the exchange value of the mark, until it becomes necessary to print bills of astronomical denominations.

The inflation situation is so serious, with the mark shooting down and the consequent shortage of money that the Reichsbank seems resigned to follow the upward curve of prices by an upward curve in paper money printing until chaos becomes unavoidable.

National City Bank of New York only Bidder for Uruguayan Loan—Reports that Tender will be Rejected.

From Montevideo, July 20, the Associated Press announced the following:

The time limit for presentation of tenders for the 35,000,000 gold peso loan recently authorized by the Uruguayan Government expired to-day with the National City Bank of New York the only bidder. The terms have not been disclosed, but it is reported that the bank offered only \$20,000,000.

In later accounts the Associated Press had the following to say in its advices from Montevideo:

It is stated that the Uruguayan Government will reject the tender of the National City Bank of New York for the recently authorized loan on the grounds that the terms are unsuitable.

Argentina To Seek Loan in United States for Payments Here.

According to Associated Press advices from Buenos Aires July 24, Finance Minister Rafael Herrera Vegas is preparing a message to Congress requesting authority to contract a 50,000,000 gold peso short-term loan to pay off a \$50,000,000 loan due Oct. 1 to American bankers. It is stated further:

The Minister said that the measure simply would signify a renewal of that loan as he considers the present time unpropitious to float a 150,000,000 gold peso loan for which he recently obtained a Congressional authority.

On July 20 press advices from Buenos Aires announced that the Argentine Senate had adopted the bill authorizing the Government to float a foreign loan of 150,000,000 gold pesos. Having previously been approved by the Chamber of Deputies, the measure thus became a law.

Issue of Farm Credit Bonds About to Be Brought Out.

The following advices were reported from Washington by the "Journal of Commerce":

Announcement of the sale of the first debenture issue of the Intermediate Credit banks, it was understood to-day, will be made shortly after Aug. 1. The Farm Loan Board, it was understood, has practically completed negotiations for the disposal of the first issue, which is to be for \$10,000,000 at 4½%, with a maturity of six months.

Preparations are being made by the Board, it was learned, for other Intermediate Credit bank debenture issues to follow rapidly upon the flotation of the first securities until a total of about \$60,000,000 has been obtained. This amount, together with the \$60,000,000 capital appropriated by Congress for the new farm financing institutions, will provide the Intermediate Credit system with a total working capital of \$120,000,000.

Guy Huston on Purposes and Services of Joint Stock Land Banks.

Guy Huston, President of the Chicago Joint Stock Land Bank, and President of the American Association of Joint Stock Land Banks, in an address on July 23 before the bond dealers of New York City, at the office of R. F. DeVoe & Co., explained in detail the purpose, reliability, advantages and the service to the public which is derived from an institution of this kind. These banks, said Mr. Huston, are

institutions encouraged by the Government to meet the peculiar financial needs of the farmer. In a strict sense, he stated, they are really loan organizations, although organized on the same basis as national banks, and the safeguards thrown about the business are made more rigorous than those applying to mutual savings banks. Not a single loan can be made until the farm has been appraised by the Federal appraisers appointed by the Federal Farm Loan Board; and it is the practice of the banks to have the farm inspected by their own experts. Statistics showed, Mr. Huston said, "the total value of farms in the United States to be in excess of \$67,000,000,000, of which \$15,000,000,000 is represented by the farms in the States of Illinois and Iowa. Less than 25% of the aggregate land area of the United States is susceptible to profitable cultivation under present methods of farming, and of this 15% is available only for specialized farming or grazing, leaving about 10% of high-grade plow land. While thousands of farmers lost the savings of a lifetime of hard work and thrift in the tremendous recession in values of farm products following the war, agriculture as a whole, he said, throughout the farming districts is not in a bad condition. More than one-half the farmers own their farms clear of debt, still have the liberty bonds they bought during the war, and have money in the bank. It is said that 55% of the primary bank deposits of the United States belong to farmers. Of the borrowing half of the farmers, at least 90% owe only nominal amounts and are carrying their debts, paying their interest and taxes comfortably, and live well, even under present conditions. Mr. Huston was of the opinion that Joint Stock Land Banks were destined to be a very important factor and one of the great systems of finance of the United States—their assets already being in excess of \$350,000,000. Speaking of the old style short term mortgage, he stated that as an instrument of credit it had passed and something must take its place, and it was necessary that a code of ethics be brought to the farm loan business. This business, he repeated, must be put on a high plane in order that the investing public in every State of the Union could purchase the securities without question and in order that they could be remarketed to citizens of every State it was necessary that the whole system be under Federal supervision. State supervision is not and cannot be sufficient. It was necessary that institutions be organized with large capital and under such control and regulation that their securities could never be questioned, that the value of every farm on which they loan be certified by the Federal Government, and in order that no one may profit unduly, he concluded the institutions must forego the ordinary profits of farm mortgage banking and submit to rules and regulations laid down limiting the gain to a nominal amount."

J. F. Callbreath of American Mining Congress in Letter to S. P. Gilbert, Jr., Relative to Silver Purchases Under Pittman Act, Asks for Determination of Issue by Court of Law.

Denial that the American Mining Congress is taking issue with the Treasury Department in connection with the controversy concerning silver purchases by the Government under the Pittman Act was made on July 21 by Secretary J. F. Callbreath, in a letter to Acting Secretary of the Treasury Gilbert. The letter was, it is stated, prompted by a charge of Mr. Gilbert that the Mining Congress was indulging in propaganda in criticism of the action of the Treasury in revoking allocations of silver for subsidiary coinage. Secretary Callbreath refers in his letter to the exceptions taken by Mr. Gilbert to resolutions adopted by the Governors of the Western Division of the American Mining Congress last month, and says that it is the thought of the Governors, and it was the gist of the resolutions that the issues in dispute between the Treasury Department and the Mining Congress incident to the revocation by the Government of silver allocations "could best be determined in a court of law having proper and competent jurisdiction." The letter of the Mining Congress to Mr. Gilbert follows:

July 21 1923.

Hon. S. P. Gilbert, Jr., Acting Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C.
 Sir:—Upon my return to Washington I find your letter of June 30, in which you take exceptions to the resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors of the Western Division of the American Mining Congress at their meeting held in San Francisco June 12-14 1923. I also observe the widespread interviews which you have authorized in quotation of your letter to me and in criticism of these resolutions.

If, as you contend, the resolution was not justified, surely your letter and the publicity which you have given it amply justify such a resolution. For the major contentions therein are the two contentions to which the mining industry has objected as emanating from the Treasury Department during this entire controversy:

First. That the decision of the Comptroller General is mandatory upon you in compelling revocation of silver allocated to the Director of the Mint, and

Second. That such revocation saves the taxpayers of the United States \$5,000,000.

Each of these two statements is that type of statement which is most difficult of contradiction—a half truth.

That decisions of the Comptroller General of the United States are mandatory upon the officials of the Treasury Department we readily concede as an abstract fact. That the opinion of the Comptroller General in this particular instance merely permits the action you have taken and does not in any way make it mandatory is apparent from the language of the opinion itself.

In response to the request contained in your letter to the Comptroller on Nov. 2 1922 in which you ask, "In these circumstances and in order to avoid this loss in its current operations, the Treasury would like, if possible under the law, to revoke the allocation of the remaining 10,247,976.52 fine ounces of silver and restore this amount of silver bullion to the standard silver dollar account" the Comptroller in his letter to you of Nov. 29 1922 stated the following conclusion, "There appears sufficient authority under the Act if you conclude that this be done." It is fully apparent that there is nothing mandatory in such an opinion.

The further reiterated statement that the Treasury Department's "action fully satisfies the purchase provision of the Pittman Act and saves to the people of the United States at least \$5,000,000" is properly objected to by the silver producers. This is an appealing statement to the average reader who, because it comes from the Treasury Department, does not question its accuracy and is not familiar with the fact that the \$5,000,000 so retained by the Treasury Department, does not belong to the Treasury Department as agent for the body politic but to the silver producers who produced silver under the guaranty of the Pittman Act. The Pittman Act provides only for the purchase of that silver at \$1 per ounce, which has been previously disposed of by sale or allocation by the Treasury of the United States at a return equal to, or in excess of \$1 per ounce and it is in no wise a bounty to silver producers, as you have stated.

You speak further of the interest charge, saved to the Government by the revocation of this allocation of 10,247,976.52 fine ounces of silver. In considering the question of interest, there should also be considered the fact that in the operation of the Pittman Act, the Government of the United States disposed of 200,000,000 ounces of silver to foreign Governments immediately after April 23 1918 and immediately began to receive interest on the payment therefor and was only safeguarded in doing so by the assurance there would be produced by American silver miners an equivalent amount to replace this silver in the vaults of the Treasury. The United States Government, therefore, profited by the interest on this entire amount of 200,000,000 ounces during its period of replacement.

Any interest saved by this revocation is insignificant in comparison to this huge amount set forth above.

The Mining Congress is not primarily taking issue with the Treasury Department or any of its officials, but is making every effort, as you suggest, to ascertain all the facts involved.

It is our thought and it was the gist of the resolutions to which you took objection that these facts could best be determined in a court of law having proper and competent jurisdiction. Surely you will agree with us that such a procedure would be more effective in a determination of the issues involved and more in harmony with the dignity of the Treasury Department than a continuance of controversy through the public press.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. F. CALLBREATH, Secretary.

Acting Secretary of Treasury Gilbert's Letter to J. F. Callbreath of American Mining Congress Regarding Latter's Resolution for Submission of Issues in Controversy to Court.

In another item we print a letter addressed to Acting Secretary of the Treasury Gilbert by Secretary Callbreath of the American Mining Congress relative to the latter's request that "legality and propriety" of the cancellation by the Treasury Department of allocations of silver for subsidiary coinage under the Pittman Act be brought before the courts. Acting Secretary Gilbert, in a letter to Mr. Callbreath under date of June 30, to which brief reference was made in our issue of a week ago (page 272) expressed surprise at the adoption of the resolution by the Governors of the Mining Congress for the submission of the matter to the courts for decision, and declared that "the Treasury's action in respect to the allocations of silver for subsidiary coinage is clear and beyond dispute." We give herewith Mr. Gilbert's letter:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Washington, June 30 1923.

Dear Sir:—I have received your letter of June 26 1923, enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Governors of the Western Division of the American Mining Congress at their annual meeting held at San Francisco, Calif., June 12, 13 and 14 1923, with respect to the administration of the Act of Congress approved April 23 1918, sometimes known as the Pittman Act. I note that the resolution urges the executive officers of the American Mining Congress, in conjunction with silver producers of the Western States, to take immediate steps to bring before the proper courts the "legality and propriety" of the cancellation by the Treasury Department of allocations of silver for subsidiary coinage under the Act, to the end that the question may be settled "regardless of the action of a department that is wrongfully endeavoring through widespread propaganda to deceive the people into believing that producers seek an unfair interpretation of the Act." This resolution is quite obviously part of the campaign of misrepresentation that various interested parties have been carrying on for the past two or three months in an effort to make silver producers believe that they have been unfairly treated, and I am surprised that it would be adopted by the Board of Governors of the American Mining Congress without the slightest effort to ascertain the facts. The Treasury's action in respect to the allocations of silver for subsidiary coinage is clear and beyond dispute. It rests upon the decision rendered Nov. 29 1922 by the Comptroller-General of the United States, which is conclusive and binding upon the Department, and is supported by every consideration of equity and common sense. The Treasury's position in the matter is set forth in my letters of May 1 and May 31 1923 to Senator Pittman of Nevada,

copies of which, with a copy of the Comptroller-General's decision, are enclosed herewith.

The Treasury Department is not engaging in any propaganda in this matter, and has no occasion to do so. It has taken action under the law, upon the advice of the highest constituted authority, and has stated its position in the clearest possible terms. Its action fully satisfies the purchase provisions of the Pittman Act and saves to the people of the United States at least \$5,000,000. It would be more becoming, it seems to me, if those who are trying to have this sum diverted out of the public Treasury to promote the special interests of the silver industry, would tell the truth in the propaganda which they are carrying on and present the case on its merits, without persistently misrepresenting the Treasury's attitude.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) S. P. GILBERT, Jr., Acting Secretary of the Treasury.
J. F. Callbreath, Esq., Secretary American Mining Congress, Washington, D.C.

In forwarding a copy of the above to Senator Key Pittman under date of July 17, Acting Secretary Gilbert said:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Washington, July 17 1923.

My Dear Senator:—I received your letter of July 14 1923 with further reference to the question of authority to revoke allocations of silver for subsidiary coinage under the Act approved April 23 1918, sometimes known as the Pittman Act. Your letter is limited to the technical question of authority, which is fully covered by the Comptroller-General's decision of Nov. 29 1922. This decision was made upon a full statement of the case, and was rendered by the chief accounting officer of the Government, who has access to all the accounts and records in question. You have presented no new evidence, and I quite agree with you that it would be a waste of time to discuss the matter further. I take it that the Treasury's position in the matter is clear and beyond question. The action it has taken satisfies all the equities in the case, and the highest constituted authority has held that it was fully authorized as a matter of law. In these circumstances I should not feel warranted, as a public officer, in taking any different action, particularly when that would mean a loss of at least \$5,000,000 to the people of the United States.

I had already seen the resolution of the Board of Governors of the Western Division of the American Mining Congress to which you refer, and enclose for your information a copy of my letter of June 30 1923 in reply to that resolution.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) S. P. GILBERT, Jr., Acting Secretary of the Treasury.
Hon. Key Pittman, Vice-Chairman of the Senate Commission of Gold and Silver Inquiry, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

**Trading on Floor of New Cotton Exchange Building
—First Bale of 1923 Crop—History of Exchange.**

Upon the occasion of the opening of business on the trading floor of the new quarters of the New York Cotton Exchange on Monday of this week, July 23, Edward E. Bartlett, Jr., President of the Exchange, was presented with an ivory and gold gavel for use at the meetings of the Board of Managers. The presentation was made by Byrd W. Wenman, acting as spokesman for the members. Sidney Jones, of George F. Jones & Co., who bought 100 bales of July cotton from Alvin Wachsman, had the honor of making the first trade on the new floor. A feature of the opening day on the new Exchange was the auctioning off of the first bale of cotton of the 1923 crop harvested east of the Mississippi River. This bale was sent to Bond, McEnany & Co., members of the Exchange, by Livingston, Glover & Co., of Savannah, Ga. The bidding started at 30 cents and developed a spirited contest between T. B. Mills, of Crespi & Co., and Elwood P. McEnany, of Bond, McEnany & Co. The bale was finally knocked down to Mr. McEnany at 50 cents a pound.

As we indicated in our issue of a week ago (page 275) in referring to the formal opening of the new building on July 20, trading is conducted on the nineteenth floor. It is stated that all doubt as to the practicability of having the Exchange trading floor so high above the ground was dissipated on Monday. Three express elevators carried the brokers direct to the nineteenth floor with no more loss of time than would be occasioned by walking up a flight of stairs. Brokers also said that the messenger service between their offices and the floor of the Exchange was virtually as fast as if the Exchange had been located on the ground floor. The cotton brokers were enthusiastic in their praise of the new trading floor, the facilities of which had a good test, as the market was very active. The telegraph and telephone service worked smoothly, connections being established with the New Orleans market in ten seconds, while the cable service to Liverpool nearly equalled the best previous record for fast executions. After their cramped quarters in the temporary Exchange at 90 Wall Street, the brokers appreciated the light and fresh air and sunshine of the "loftiest trading floor in the world." The arrangement of the "pit" with its series of steps, giving every broker a direct view across the ring, was hailed as a big improvement over the old pit. The location of all the news and quotation tickers on one part of the floor was of material help in keeping the floor free from congestion. Incident to its installation in its new quarters business on the Exchange had been interrupted from Friday noon, July 20, when business in its temporary quarters at 90 Wall Street was discontinued, until Monday of

this week. The closing of the temporary offices on July 20 was followed by the opening of exercises in its new building at 2 p. m. that day to commemorate its occupancy of its new home.

The following history of the Exchange is made available by the Secretary's office:

The history of the New York Cotton Exchange is rich in traditions. In the 53 years that the Exchange has been in existence it has had a marvelous growth. Back in 1870 a little group of cotton men organized the Exchange and secured a trading floor in a building at 142 Pearl Street. The size of the floor was only 23 x 100 feet, but it was more than ample for the business transacted at that time.

Here it was that the system of dealing in "futures" under proper safeguards and regulations as a means of furnishing insurance against possible losses incident to fluctuations, was first adopted. At that time transactions of 10,000 to 15,000 bales in futures was considered very fair business for the entire week. Within a year, however, transactions grew to upwards of 50,000 bales per week.

It soon became apparent to Stephen B. Harrison, first President of the Exchange, who was a member of the firm of Jewell & Harrison, that larger quarters would be necessary, and he started a campaign for another site. In May 1872 the Exchange moved to the then modern building on Hanover Square, now known as India House, where it remained 13 years.

The Cotton Exchange prospered in this new location and soon became one of the established institutions of the business community. It grew in membership and in importance to the cotton trade of the world.

In the year when the first Cotton Exchange was organized, U. S. Grant was President of the United States, and Queen Victoria occupied the throne of Great Britain. Trinity Church spire was a landmark in lower New York, and buses carried the tired cotton merchants uptown at night to their homes in 14th or 23d streets. Those who lived in the country beyond, patronized various lines of small steamboats which ran from the Battery to Harlem.

Elevators were unknown, and men wore mutton chop whiskers, high hats and frock coats to business. Correspondence was carried on by hand, and messengers took the place of the telephone for short distances.

The original Board of Managers contained the names of cotton merchants, some of which have come down to the present day as representative of the very highest type of business men in the community. Among them was Henry Hentz, now the oldest living member of the New York Cotton Exchange, whose firm, Henry Hentz & Co., is still a commanding figure in the commercial and financial world. Others were William P. Wright, M. B. Fielding, Theodore Fachiri, Mayer Lehman, W. G. Crenshaw, T. J. Slaughter, M. G. Houghton John H. Inman, J. T. Hanneman, Wm. H. Brodie, Charles A. Easton and James W. Murphy.

The first Superintendent of the Exchange was B. F. Voorhees. After four years he was succeeded by Edwin R. Powers, who held the position for over 30 years. He was followed by Col. William V. King, a former President of the Exchange, who in turn was succeeded by Thomas Hale, the present incumbent, the title of the office having since been changed to "Secretary."

In the early 80's the Exchange had developed to such a degree that still larger quarters were necessary, and a plot of land bounded by William and Beaver streets and Hanover Square was secured, and a modern Exchange erected. On April 28 1885 the Exchange moved into its new home, where it was to remain for 37 years. When the new building was opened, the public marveled at the size of the trading floor, the up-to-date facilities for the transaction of business, etc. The building was hailed as a model of engineering and construction.

In the meantime the membership of the Exchange increased to 450, which was the limit set by the constitution, and many of the largest Wall Street brokerage houses became identified with the Exchange. Within a few years the "pit" on active days became so crowded with brokers executing orders, and the floor so congested with messengers running back and forth, that for a third time in 50 years there was a clamor for larger quarters. Before the outbreak of the World War the demand from the brokers for a new and more modern Exchange became so insistent that it could no longer be ignored. A building committee, consisting of J. Temple Gwathmey, Chairman; Henry H. Royce, E. K. Cone, Leigh M. Pearsall and Edward M. Weld was appointed. Plans drawn by Donn Barber, the noted architect, were secured, and, after delays due to the war, work on the new building which the Exchange took possession of to-day was begun on May 1 1922. During the building of the new Exchange cotton brokers secured temporary quarters at 90 Wall Street. The space there was small, and naturally the speedy transaction was business was handicapped. For this reason it was vital that the Exchange should secure possession of its new home as quickly as possible; and the contractors agreed to demolish the old building and erect the new within a period of twelve months—an engineering and construction feat probably never before attempted.

Before the tenants were out of the old building the work of demolition was begun, and as fast as an office was vacated a gang of men started in to wreck it. As if by magic, the old edifice, the pride of lower New York in 1885, disappeared in a cloud of dust, its vitals torn out by the grasping arms of a dozen big derricks, while in its place rose the present magnificent structure—the last word in modern building wizardry, housing the Exchange on the nineteenth floor, high above all dust and dirt and noise and yet, through a battery of express elevators, easy of access.

Since its organization in 1870, the New York Cotton Exchange has had 33 presidents. They are, in their order, and terms of service:

1870-1873	Stephen D. Harrison	1900-1902	Samuel T. Hubbard
1873-1874	Arthur B. Graves	1902-1903	J. Temple Gwathmey
1874-1876	James P. Wenman	1903-1904	Robert P. McDougal
1876-1878	Dickson G. Watts	1904-1905	Henry Schaefer
1878-1880	Robert Tannahill	1905-1907	Walter C. Hubbard
1880-1882	Michael B. Fielding	1907-1908	James H. Parker
1882-1884	Siegfried Gruner	1908-1910	George Brennecke
1884-1885	Charles D. Miller	1910-1911	Arthur R. Marsh
1885-1888	James H. Parker	1911-1913	George W. Neville
1888-1890	Charles W. Ide	1913-1915	Edward K. Cone
1890-1892	James O. Bloss	1915-1917	Henry H. Royce
1892-1894	Reinhard Seidenberg	1917-1918	George M. Shutt
1894-1896	Gustavus C. Hopkins	1918-1920	Walter L. Johnson
1896-1898	William V. King	1920-1921	Leopold S. Bache
1898-1899	Thomas M. Robinson	1921-1922	Edward M. Weld
1899-1900		1922-1923	George M. Shutt

Edward E. Bartlett, Jr., is the present head of the Exchange, elected for the 1923-24 term.

Many of the old-timers who were present at the formal opening of the new home of the Exchange on July 20 recalled some of the stirring periods through which the market had passed in the last two decades. The campaign of

Daniel G. Sully and the 500-point break in the market, which followed the German declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare, were the two most spectacular events during this time. Recollections of this are summarized as follows:

In the late summer of 1903 Mr. Sully, who had not until then been especially prominent in the cotton market, conceived the idea that the crop was going to be a short one. Associating with himself a number of big Wall Street men he began to buy cotton. Gradually, it became evident to the trade that Sully had correctly gauged the crop situation and that a short crop was inevitable. Prices began to rise. The Sully group bought more cotton but found it harder to buy.

Mr. Sully became the leading factor in the market. Shrewd brokers watched for him to appear on the floor after lunch and immediately started to buy, confident that they could sell out later on to the bull leader, who, of course, was always a buyer in person, whatever he may have done under cover. Prices continued to mount until they passed the 12-cent level, a high price for those days. Transactions on the floor became enormous. Clerks worked in relays through the 24 hours in order to keep up with the business, and some of them seldom got home. And still the price advanced.

Mr. Sully became a world-wide figure. Fortunate was the man who could obtain an opinion or a suggestion from him. His views were eagerly sought throughout the Street. His resources appeared to be unlimited, and his steady buying day by day was fast sapping the strength of the bear traders. Far and wide he was heralded as the new "Cotton King."

The price mounted to 17½ cents, and then came the crash, and Mr. Sully went the way of most men who attempt to corner commodities.

There are various stories in explanation of the smash, but the one more generally credited is that Mr. Sully "overstayed his market." It was said that he had intended unloading before the top was reached, when everyone was clamoring to buy cotton. Had he done so he might have been credited with one of the few successful corners in history. But he waited to get a little more, and the delay was fatal.

On March 4 1904 he went down to defeat under an avalanche of selling that smashed prices over 100 points in a few minutes, and swept several prominent commission houses into bankruptcy with him.

When Cotton Dropped \$25 a Bale.

From the standpoint of violent fluctuations, however, the Great War furnished a display that has never been equaled, and probably never will again. On Feb. 1 1917, following the German declaration for unrestricted submarine warfare, the market broke perpendicularly 500 points at the opening, or \$25 a bale.

Singularly enough, this crash, five times as great as that of the Sully collapse that carried down several houses, was unattended by a single failure. The reason for this was that on July 5 1915 the Exchange members had established a clearing house association which practically assumes to the buyer the position of the seller and vice versa, as the case may be.

Under this system all contracts "ring out" or settle automatically, leaving the broker's liability merely his net interest in the market and reducing the chances of a failure in any member house to a minimum. In fact, since its installation, there has not been a single failure of a Cotton Exchange house, which is a record unequalled in any other business of like magnitude. Although practically, and to all intents and purposes, an integral part of the Exchange itself, the clearing association was, as a matter of convenience, incorporated as a separate institution, in which, however, only members of the New York Cotton Exchange can be members and stockholders.

The present officers of the clearing association are: Walter L. Johnson, President; Henry H. Royce, Vice-President; R. St. G. Walker, Secretary and Treasurer; H. Waite, Assistant Treasurer.

How the Cotton Exchange Operates.

The following relative to the methods of operation on the Cotton Exchange is furnished by the Exchange, and will, we believe, be found of sufficient interest to warrant our giving space to it.

To a layman who visits the New York Cotton Exchange on an active day the pit presents a scene of the wildest confusion. Unless one knows the language of the brokers and is familiar with how the machinery of the Exchange operates, it is almost impossible to believe that the men gathered about the pit are seriously engaged in business transactions.

Thousands of bales of cotton are bought and sold across the pit, or ring, as it is sometimes called, on a nod of the head or a motion of the fingers. What seems like bedlam to the visitor is perfectly comprehensible to the brokers, and rarely is an error made, in spite of the seeming pandemonium. To stand by one of the booths of a big commission house on a busy day and watch the orders coming in and being delivered by fleet-footed messengers, gives one a vivid conception of the tremendous volume of business that has grown up around the Cotton Exchange ring in the course of years.

The Cotton Market opens six days in the week at 10 a. m. with a "call" during which each month is "called" separately. This is to afford an opportunity to brokers who may have orders in odd months to execute them to the best advantage of their customers. Certain months of the year are known as "active cotton months."

May, July, October, etc., are traded in more heavily than "odd" months, such as June, August, etc. This is explained by the fact that the active months usually represent an important time in the crop year, or of activity in the mills or the beginning of a new year or spring season, etc.

After the opening call, the market continues until 11.45 a. m., then another call is held to establish prices on all months, including the so-called "inactive" positions. At 2.45 p. m. still another call is held, after which the market continues without interruption until 2.55 p. m., when the gong is struck to notify the busy brokers that only five minutes remain before the close of the day's session.

Usually the market is filled with "closing orders" which are to be executed only at the close of the day. In order to afford traders an opportunity to execute these orders in a manner which is fair to the customers, the Exchange has designated the final 20 seconds of trading as "the closing." At exactly 20 seconds before 3 p. m. the gong sounds again, and brokers form themselves into a shouting, gesticulating, excited mass, all bent on executing their closing orders. It might seem that the 20 seconds of time allotted was totally inadequate for this purpose, but so expert do the brokers become that rarely is there any complaint of their failure to execute a closing order.

The gong sounds once more at 3 p. m., but this time with a continuing sound that virtually drowns the cries of the brokers and officially announces that the market is closed for the day.

The closing prices consist of a range of the sales made in the last 20 seconds of business; and on months in which no sales have occurred the Committee on Quotations establishes a price based upon whatever price that particular month has been dealt in during the day, over or under the nearest active position.

As the echoes of the gong die away, the excited mass of humanity about the pit resolves itself into a calm, dignified group of business men, who depart for their offices or homes. The trading floor is then given over to a multitude of clerks, who transfer the trades made by the brokers during the day to slips which are passed out among the various houses and signed by a representative who confirms the transaction. After this the confirmations are recorded in the books of the brokerage concerns and become part of the bookkeeping records.

One feature of the cotton brokerage business which is very difficult for the outsider to understand is "hedging," which, in reality, is insurance against possible loss incident to the fluctuations of spot cotton. It is an every-day sight on the trading floor of the New York Cotton Exchange to see a big spot house broker with his hands full of orders from mill clients who are hedging against the purchase of cotton or the sale of cotton goods; or a broker with larger Southern connections who has a big batch of orders to buy or sell for merchants and planters who are also doing a hedging business as a means of reducing risks that otherwise would require a much greater margin in the transaction between the grower and the spinner.

It is a generally accepted fact that the margin in doing business between producer and consumer in a commodity having a futures market is smaller than in any other line of business because of the facilities of price insurance that are furnished.

The World War demonstrated what a vital economic function the cotton exchanges perform. Previous to that time the cotton planters had frequently, when the price of cotton did not suit them, appealed to Congress to either close the exchanges or greatly curtail their functions.

The cotton exchanges, however, could not very well shut down in order to give the planters and mill men an object lesson. The opportunity came, however, on the morning of July 31 1914, when the war broke out, and the cotton markets, in common with all other markets, wisely ordered business suspended to prevent a panic.

This left the cotton world without a free, open market, and the planters and mill men were now at liberty to conduct their business without the medium of an exchange. For three months this opportunity existed and it proved to be far less profitable than the planters had hoped for.

With the cotton exchanges closed, the planters' supply of information was cut off. There was no open market to reflect world conditions; no one knew what cotton was worth. In parts of Texas in 1914 it sold as low as five cents a pound. In other sections of the cotton-growing country the same cotton was bringing seven and eight cents a pound. With the exchanges closed, there was no way of establishing a price, and the planter had to take what was offered for his crop. When the planter in Texas who had received five cents for his cotton learned that the planter in Georgia had received eight cents for his crop of the same grade, he became convinced that, after all, cotton exchanges had a real function in the marketing of the South's greatest crop. Banks were unwilling to lend money on a commodity having so uncertain a value, and demands for the re-opening of the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges came from all parts of the South. In one case threats were made to invoke legislation to compel the exchanges to resume business. Banks joined in the efforts being made to restore the markets, and the National City Bank of New York, in a circular letter of October 1914 said: "It must be evident now to many people who doubted heretofore, that the cotton exchanges played a useful part in marketing cotton."

It is, therefore, highly desirable that the exchanges be re-opened to full operation as soon as practicable." On Nov. 16 1914, after three months of idleness, the cotton exchanges re-opened, and with the resumption of business order was gradually restored and prices again began to reflect world conditions and were soon advancing in response to increasing demands.

Never since that year has cotton sold so low. While, in times of depression, some of the Southern planters may feel that the exchanges are to a degree responsible, by far the greater part of the well-informed cotton growers are convinced that the exchanges do perform a very necessary function in the marketing of cotton.

Congratulatory Messages to New York Cotton Exchange from Southern Exchanges.

Expressions of congratulation and good-will contained in messages from various Southern cotton exchanges to the officers and members of the New York Cotton Exchange through the agency of the "Journal of Commerce" on the occasion of the opening of the new building of the Exchange, were printed in the July 20 issue of that paper, which pointed out that these messages "are convincing proof of the kindly feeling of the planters, merchants, brokers, manufacturers and shippers of the cotton growing States for their brethren in New York." The "Journal of Commerce" likewise stated:

The tone of these messages and the letters which accompanied them indicates that the cotton men of the South are keenly interested in the continued success of the New York Cotton Exchange as one of the principal factors in the world-wide marketing of the foremost crop of the Southern States.

The consensus of these messages and letters is that no better wish can be expressed than that the officers and members of the Exchange may in the future enjoy a continuance of the success of the past and that the institution may be guided through crises with the same wisdom and broad vision that has directed the actions of their officers in the periods of industrial, financial and political stress through which the industry has passed in the half century of its existence.

Some of these messages are reproduced herewith:

NEW ORLEANS FELICITATES HER SISTER EXCHANGE.

New Orleans, La., July 19 1923.

Editor of The Journal of Commerce:

Sir:—The New Orleans Cotton Exchange sends hearty greeting and best wishes for the New York Cotton Exchange on the occasion of the latter's entry into their beautiful new home. Side by side, the two organizations, which are the two great cotton contract future exchanges of the United States, have worked together half a century for the interests of the American cotton trade from seed to loom, and this renewed evidence of the prosperity of her great sister exchange is a source of sincere gratification to its Southern associate.

EDW. S. BUTLER, *President.*

SAVANNAH OFFERS CONGRATULATIONS.

Savannah, Ga., July 19 1923.

Editor of The Journal of Commerce:

Sir:—In connection with the completion of your new exchange, and in behalf of the members of the Savannah Cotton Exchange, I wish to tender warmest congratulations to the members of the New York Cotton Exchange

on this occasion and sincere wishes for the continued success and growth of their organization.

M. P. RIVERS, *President.*

FORT WORTH SENDS MESSAGE OF GOOD WILL.

Fort Worth, Tex., July 19 1923.

Editor of The Journal of Commerce:

Sir:—The officers and members of the Fort Worth Grain and Cotton Exchange extend congratulations to the New York Cotton Exchange upon the opening of their new building, which in itself justifies recognition of New York as the premier cotton market of the world.

E. B. WOOTEN, *Secretary.*

RECOGNITION FROM MOBILE EXCHANGE.

Mobile, Ala., July 19 1923.

Editor of The Journal of Commerce:

Sir:—The Mobile Cotton Exchange sends greetings and congratulations to the officers and members of the New York Cotton Exchange upon the completion and opening of their magnificent new building. It seems fitting that they should have such splendid facilities with which to continue the splendid work they have so long been doing for the cotton industry of the country.

ALBERT P. BUSH, *President.*

GODSPEED AND GOOD LUCK FROM GALVESTON MEN.

Galveston, July 19 1923.

Editor of The Journal of Commerce:

Sir:—The Galveston Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade and its members extend greetings and best wishes to the New York Cotton Exchange on the event of the opening of its magnificent new home. While the political demagogues and unenlightened people may not realize and appreciate the functioning of this splendid institution, nevertheless it is the clearing house of a product that means much, if not all, to the prosperity of the South as well as that of the entire nation. Again, in the name of Galveston, the South's greatest and most efficient seaport and the Galveston Exchange and members, we bid the New York Cotton Exchange and its members Godspeed and good luck.

BAYLIS E. HARRISS, *President.*

RECOGNITION FROM DALLAS EXCHANGE.

Dallas, Tex., July 19 1923.

Editor of The Journal of Commerce:

Sir:—Every person engaged in the cotton trade will feel a pride in the magnificent new home of the New York Cotton Exchange. This great institution, standing and growing as it has through so many years, is proof positive of the great service it renders to the world's cotton trade.

GEORGE S. WILLMAN, *President, Dallas Cotton Exchange.*

CORDIAL GOOD WISHES FROM CHARLESTON.

Charleston, S. C., July 19 1923.

Editor of The Journal of Commerce:

Sir:—The President and members of the New York Cotton Exchange should justly feel proud at a time such as this. It is therefore with much satisfaction that the President and members of the Charleston Cotton Exchange extend to you our very cordial good wishes and congratulations.

JAMES H. SILCOX, *President, Charleston Cotton Exchange.*

WILMINGTON SENDS WISHES FOR GREATER PROSPERITY.

Wilmington, N. C., July 19 1923.

Editor of The Journal of Commerce:

Sir:—We believe that the New York Cotton Exchange is taking a distinct step forward in its erection and occupancy of a new building.

We wish for the exchange a greatly widened field of usefulness, and sincerely trust that the year to come will bring an even greater degree of prosperity and success to the Exchange.

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS T. MOORE, *Secretary*

Developments During the Week in the R. L. Dollings Company Failure.

Judge Dickinson in the U. S. District Court at Philadelphia on Thursday July 26 appointed Thomas Raeburn White, an attorney, receiver for the R. L. Dollings Co. of Pennsylvania (one of the subsidiary companies of the R. L. Dollings Co. of Columbus, Ohio). Bond was fixed at \$100,000 and Mr. White at once took charge of the company's office at 1421 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. In granting the application for a receiver, Judge Dickinson said:

The situation here is a very grave one. Apparently a great many people have been persuaded in one way or another to put their savings into the control of the people who received the money and to many of them it is doubtless a serious matter. I do not see anything in sight to be done in the way of rehabilitating the company. It has no business to rehabilitate—evidently never had any business except that of exchanging its stock for the money of those who could be induced to put their money into it.

Shortly before Mr. White was made receiver of the Dollings Company of Pennsylvania, the Chester County Court appointed Robert O. Sperry, general salesmanager of the American Bronze Co. of Berwyn, Chester County, Pa., another subsidiary of the Dollings Company, temporary receiver for that company.

Besides the R. L. Dollings Co. of Philadelphia and the American Bronze Co. of Berwyn, Pa., the other subsidiary companies of the R. L. Dollings Co. of Columbus, Ohio, which are now (July 27) in the hands of receivers, are: R. L. Dollings Co., of Indiana, International Note & Mortgage Co., Recording Devices Co., Dayton, O.; Franklin Brick & Tile Co., Columbus, O.; Champion Engineering Co., Kenton, O.; the C. & E. Shoe Co., Columbus, O., and the American Motor-truck Co., Newark, O.

According to newspaper reports, C. C. Crabbe, the State Attorney-General of Ohio, on July 25, in a letter to John R. King, the Prosecuting Attorney of Franklin County, Ohio,

requested that a thorough investigation of the affairs of the R. L. Dollings Co. and its six subsidiaries then in the hands of receivers (July 25) and the conduct of officials of the Dollings company, "who have made possible the gigantic frauds which have been perpetrated on so many people of this State." In his letter Mr. Crabbe said:

I shall insist that those responsible for robbing the people of Ohio out of nearly \$30,000,000 be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." He also stated that "the majority of the stockholders will receive little or nothing from these defunct concerns."

According to a press dispatch from Columbus on the following day (July 26) appearing in the New York "Times" of that date, the prosecuting attorneys of all Ohio counties will be requested to investigate the activities of the company.

According to a press dispatch from Philadelphia printed in the Wall Street "Journal" of yesterday (July 27) an involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the United States District Court in Philadelphia against another subsidiary of the R. L. Dollings Co., namely, the M. C. Cambridge Co. We referred to the R. L. Dollings Co. failure in our issue of last Saturday, July 21, pages 274 and 275.

Barrett & Co., Well-Known Cotton Brokers, Fail.

Barrett & Co., with headquarters in Augusta, Ga., large cotton factors, announced on July 20 that they were unable to meet their obligations amounting to over \$1,000,000. The suspension of Frank H. Barrett, the President of the company, from the New York Cotton Exchange, was announced the same day, as noted in our Cotton Department last week. Mr. Barrett on the day of the failure issued a statement declaring that, owing to his temporary inability to meet his obligations, he had tendered his resignation to the New York and New Orleans Cotton Exchanges. The failed firm had a capital of \$500,000 and under its charter had the privilege of issuing stock to the extent of \$1,000,000. It is said to have been composed of Frank Barrett, the President; Mrs. Thomas Barrett, Sr.; Julian Barrett, Thomas Barrett, Jr., George Sibley and Thomas Getzen. On the day of the failure a statement was issued by the Augusta Clearing House Association, composed of all banks in Augusta, to the effect that the troubles of Barrett & Co. "involved no local banks, as the principal creditors of this concern were represented by New York, Chicago and New Orleans financial institutions." "Local banking arrangements only took care of the minor operations of this concern," the statement declared, "as the magnitude of its business was such that it had to secure financial arrangements in larger centers."

The Atlantic States Warehouse at Augusta, having a capacity of about 150,000 bales of cotton, was leased by Barrett & Co. Early on the night of July 21 court action was taken by John Phinzy, President of the Atlantic States Warehouse Co., to check what is said to have been a "run" on the company, and later a temporary order was signed restraining those having bona fide claims against Barrett & Co. from molesting the Warehouse Company with respect to the delivery of cotton. According to the Atlanta "Constitution" of July 22, confusion in the marks of cotton stored in the Atlantic States Warehouse Co., alleged "to be due to the negligence or fault of W. O. O'Keefe, former warehouseman," was one of the important grounds on which the Court was asked to issue a temporary restraining order. The order also restrains all claimants from commencing or prosecuting any suits or any other legal proceedings against the Warehouse Company, it is said. "The order, it is understood, has since been made permanent.

On Thursday, July 26, an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal District Court at Atlanta against Barrett & Co. by three minor creditors, and Judge Sibley appointed Roy Elliston of Augusta, receiver. The case was carried before Judge Sibley because Federal Judge W. H. Barrett, of Augusta, is a relative of Frank H. Barrett, the head of the failed concern, and was, therefore, disqualified to act. The bankruptcy petition was presented by W. H. Fleming, an Augusta attorney. Mr. Fleming is reported as saying that the proceedings were in an effort to keep the firm together and not to disrupt matters.

In a press dispatch from Atlanta on July 26, appearing in the New York "Times" of yesterday, July 27, Judge Sibley is reported as saying that he understood creditors of the company had been unable to effect an agreement and that there would be no opposition to the receivership action. No figures as to the liabilities and assets of the firm were mentioned in the petition, it is said.

Adam L. Schneider Expelled from New York Curb Market.

Adam L. Schneider of the firm of Schneider & Co., 20 Broad St., this city, was expelled from membership in the New York Curb Market at the regular meeting of the Board of Governors on Wednesday of this week, July 25. He was charged by the Board with the violation of Article 17, Section 6, of the constitution, which covers "willful violation of the constitution, or any resolution regulating the conduct of business or any proceeding inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade." According to the New York "Times" of yesterday, July 27, Mr. Schneider following his expulsion from the exchange said:

The Board of Governors has made its decision and I shall abide by it. I do not question the justice of the decision, although I consider it a technical one entirely.

As we are a small firm and not engaged in promoting stocks and have neither margin accounts nor customers it is absurd to assume that we have been operating unlawfully. We shall continue our business which has been that of a commission broker for brokers.

Mr. Schneider became a member of the New York Curb Market on Sept. 27 1922, it is said.

Board of Governors of New York Curb Market Rules on Trading Outside Exchange.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the New York Curb Market on July 25 the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That any member, who shall be connected directly, or by a partner, or otherwise, with any organization in the City of New York which permits dealings in any securities or other property, admitted to dealing in any department of this exchange, shall be liable to suspension for a period not exceeding one year, or to expulsion, as the Board of Governors may determine.

Resolved, That dealing upon any other exchange in the City of New York or publicly outside of the exchange, either directly or indirectly, in securities listed or quoted on the exchange, is forbidden; any violation of this rule shall be deemed to be an act detrimental to the interest or welfare of the exchange.

New York Consolidated Stock Exchange Condemns Former Administration of the Exchange.

On Wednesday of this week (July 25) Ogden D. Budd, Chairman of the special committee of five appointed on May 16 by the board of governors of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange to inquire into the administration of the Exchange, announced that the committee had submitted its report to the board. The board adopted the report and authorized the issuance by the committee of the following statement:

The special committee, composed of Ogden D. Budd, W. E. Power, Leopold Spingarn, H. I. Luber and Clarence R. West, and appointed by the board on May 16, respectfully reports as follows:

The committee organized on May 16, electing Mr. Ogden D. Budd Chairman and Mr. Harry I. Luber, Secretary. We have held many meetings and have examined many witnesses, and have inquired into the general subject of the administration of the government of the Exchange. From such inquiry we reached the conclusion that such administration, during the past three years, up to June 27 1923, has been inefficient, and that the affairs of the Exchange have been conducted in an unbusiness-like manner, incapably and negligently.

We omitted in our report any extended reference to the fact that, for the past three or four years, up to the time of Mr. Laurance Tweedy assuming the office of President, many of the committees have failed to function as they should. We are convinced that this fault was occasioned by the general conditions existing in the management of the Exchange at that time, and, while some criticism might be made against some of the committees we feel that the main fault was primarily elsewhere.

We believe we fulfilled our main duty when we made the statement to the board of governors and took the steps that resulted in Mr. Tweedy succeeding to the presidency.

In regard to the office of secretary, the Exchange has been justly subjected to criticism because of the loss of records material to the welfare of the Exchange and other unbusiness-like methods. Here, too, we are convinced that these methods were due to a dominating influence which was bad in every respect.

The following recommendations, in substance are made by the committee: First, that a survey be made of the clearing house, the office of treasurer and the office of secretary of the Exchange, with a view to strengthening the administrative machinery of these departments and bringing them under closer supervision of and making them directly responsible to the board of governors.

Second, we recommend that the approval of partnerships, and the discontinuance or disapproval thereof, be vested in the Committee on Membership instead of, as at present, in the hands of the President. This change is recommended with the full approval of the President, who believes, as the committee does, that during the past two or three years abuses have grown out of the practice of having the approval of partnerships solely in the hands of one official.

The committee is unanimously of the opinion that the difficulties and handicaps of the past three or four years are now over. We look forward to prosperity and a constructive administration by the present President. We are of the opinion that the various committees will properly function in their large work of managing the details of the Exchange under the direction of the board of governors.

Mr. Budd, commenting on the report, said:

The committee feels that it has accomplished the special work it was empowered to undertake by the board of governors. Influences which were harmful to the welfare of the Exchange and detrimental to the public's interest have been removed and a recurrence of the conditions which existed for the past three or four years has been made impossible. The public may feel

every confidence in the present administration and rely upon it to put into effect whatever further measures may be found necessary to bring the Exchange up to the high standard which an institution of its kind must maintain in order to serve and safeguard the public.

Questionnaire of New York Consolidated Stock Exchange Said to Indicate Conservative Trading.

According to a statement issued by the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange, the questionnaires which were sent out three weeks ago to all of the commission houses doing business on the Exchange show that all of the members of the Exchange doing business with the public are conducting their business on conservative lines. President Laurance Tweedy, and Ogden D. Budd, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and the Bureau of Auditing and Accounting of the Exchange have, it is declared, examined all of the returns which detailed the financial conditions of the various firms as of June 30 last. President Tweedy states:

We do not stop with the questionnaires, however. Though important, they are but a part of our policy of leaving nothing undone to protect the public. The fact is that the new element in the board of governors of the Exchange obtained some power about a year ago, and since that time our record has been very clean.

Our auditors are constantly looking over the books of houses which do a commission business. The board feels that the customers of these members are entitled to all the protection possible, and that is what we have been endeavoring to obtain.

The newspapers have referred during the past few weeks to a clean-up campaign on our Exchange. The truth is that this activity on the part of the officers and committees of the Exchange is the result of a settled policy. The bars are up and the doors are closed on our Exchange to those men seeking admission to membership who have no legal or moral right to be brokers and handle the funds of customers.

We welcome all applicants whose character warrants admission to the Exchange, and especially those who desire to build up a business with the public. My study of the financial status of our firms has impressed me with the substantial profits that can be made in the commission business provided it is carried on in a straight, legitimate and careful way.

Questionnaires have now been received from all of the commission firms and have been subjected to a thorough examination. While the officers of the Exchange felt confident of the condition of our houses, it is doubly gratifying to have further evidence that they are all in excellent financial shape.

Baltimore Clearing House Removes Embargo Against Checks on Country Banks in North Carolina.

It was made known in the Baltimore "American" of July 2 that Baltimore banks will now accept for collection checks on all banks in North Carolina. The "American" added:

This was made possible by the action of the executive committee of the Baltimore Clearing House Association in lifting the embargo against checks drawn on certain banks in that State. The North Carolina banks in question are those that refuse to make par payment of checks presented to them by banks in other cities and towns. The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond will accept for collection any checks drawn on these North Carolina banks, and in order to handle their checks the Baltimore Clearing House was forced to appoint banks in North Carolina to act as correspondents and collect checks drawn on the banks on the Richmond Reserve Bank's black list. A case growing out of the question has already been decided by the Supreme Court of the United States, but it is being held open pending a rehearing in the fall term of court. The action of the local association in removing the embargo was for the convenience of local depositors.

In referring to the above on July 12 the "Manufacturers' Record" of Baltimore said:

In view of the recent announcement of the Federal Reserve Board that the facilities of the Federal Reserve banking system would not be extended to any banks which did not comply with its rules, the action of the Baltimore Clearing House last week in withdrawing its rule of March 1921 concerning certain banking items in North Carolina is especially interesting. The recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States upholding the right of State banks in North Carolina to make collection charges upon checks drawn against balances of accounts with them, completely overturned the contention of the Federal Reserve Board as expressed through the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, defendant in the suit, and showed conclusively that the Federal Reserve banks exceeded their authority under the Federal Reserve law in endeavoring by various means to compel the country banks to pay the face value of all checks against them in cash. After this decision the Federal Reserve Board made the announcement mentioned and it was accepted generally as evidence that the Board intended to throw every obstacle it could before the country banks to influence them to consent to remit at par.

This action of the Baltimore banks through their Clearing House Association therefore leaves their position with regard to checks on North Carolina State banks as it was before the rule of March 1921, so that the banks, although they are members of the Federal Reserve System, will receive deposits of checks on State banks in North Carolina for collection and they may, if they choose to do so, accept them and credit them to their respective accounts at full face value without any collection charge whatever, the exchange charges being absorbed by the depositors' respective balances if these balances are sufficiently large to yield interest in excess of the collection expenses. In other words, it is left to a bank to decide whether any account is worth sufficient to it in the amount of its average balance to warrant collecting its checks from banks outside of the Reserve System. Of course checks on these State banks are collected through channels outside of the Federal Reserve banks, but in this manner the needs of the customers of banks will be met and banking practice will go on as before the Clearing House rule was made.

Baltimore banks in their entirety handle a great many checks on North Carolina banks and the amount of money involved in their collection is very large in their annual aggregate. That the Baltimore banks will gain very much more than they will lose by this action of their clearing house is plain. The checks will be collected through their respective North Carolina correspondents and the better feeling which necessarily will follow the Clearing House action will operate in the direction of enlarged business dealings and improved business relations financially and commercially. The Baltimore Clearing House made a blunder when it followed the teachings of the Fed-

eral Reserve Board, but in reversing that action it now shows a degree of backbone and common sense worthy of high commendation.

The Federal Reserve Board's amendment to the regulations affecting par check collections was referred to in our issue of July 7, page 27.

Federal Reserve Board Postpones Effective Date of New Par Check Collections Regulations.

Advices to the "Journal of Commerce" from Washington July 26 stated:

Postponement of the effective date of the new Federal Reserve regulations governing the par collection of checks was announced to-day by Governor Crissinger of the Federal Reserve Board. The regulations were to have become effective Aug. 15.

The Board is to take up next week the question of setting a new date for the par collection rules to become effective.

It was found, Mr. Crissinger explained, that the work of setting up the machinery in the Federal Reserve banks for carrying out the Board's rules would take longer than had been anticipated, so that a postponement of their effective date had been necessitated. He said that an enormous amount of work was involved in providing a system for checking up on the collection transactions of the various non-member banks clearing through Federal Reserve institutions. The postponement, he added, was purely an administrative matter, and the Board's action in deferring its par collection requirements had no connection with any legal questions raised by the recent decisions of the Supreme Court on the subject.

The Board's new rules provide that no Federal Reserve bank shall receive on deposit or for collection any check drawn on any non-member bank which refuses to remit at par in acceptable funds; and, that whenever a Federal Reserve bank receives on deposit or for collection a check emanating from any non-member bank which refuses to remit at par, it shall make a charge for the service of collecting such check of one-tenth of 1%, the minimum charge to be 10 cents for each item.

Senator Brookhart Wants Special Session of Congress for Adoption of Legislation in Behalf of Farmer.

An extra session of Congress to enact legislation in behalf of the farmer has been urged by Senator Smith W. Brookhart of Iowa since his return on July 17 from a two months' trip abroad during which he visited 15 countries, including Germany, Austria, Russia, France, Poland, etc. With his arrival here on the 17th inst. Senator Brookhart said:

The thing that demands immediate attention in an extra session of Congress is the agricultural situation. A good crop is coming all over Europe, including Russia. I saw nearly 2,000 miles of it that is growing in Russia, notwithstanding the propaganda in America which stated that they refused to plant. They have a good crop and will have a large surplus. The farmers of America need to know these facts above all others. When they are known it is plain that the Lenroot bill and all other legislation passed at the last session are flimsy makeshifts and wholly inadequate for agricultural needs.

My conclusion after the trip is that economic co-operation on the simple principles of the weavers of Rochdale is the only constructive idea that has survived the war. I believe that it is the only plan that will end the criminal trusts and combinations in America and give to the producers and consumers the just rewards of their labors.

From the New York "Times" we quote the following further statements credited to the Senator on the 17th inst.:

Radio dispatches on my boat said there are prospects for big crops in the United States. For forty years the farmers have received less money for their big crops than for little ones. They did the extra work in harvesting and handling, and paid the extra freight for shipping, and took less return for it all.

They are in the same situation now, made worse by their own post-war deflation and aggravated by the railroad inflation. Every other business sells its product in a protected home market and is able to charge the farmer cost of production and in many cases an extortionate profit besides. For example, during fifteen years before the war the steel trust collected \$28 per ton for rails in the United States, f. o. b. factory, and sold its surplus at \$20 in foreign countries, and paid the freight. The American farmer sells about 10% of his product in foreign markets, but that little surplus fixes the price on the big 90% sold at home.

As for the political situation, I have read only three of the President's speeches. One urged a self-perpetuating World Court, the last word in universal autocracy. Another urged a confiscating tax in railroad rates upon the people of the United States, especially the farmers, to sustain \$7,000,000,000 of water in railroad valuations. It denounced the Government of the United States as a railroad manager, but neglected to say that private ownership increased the operating expenses upon our people by \$1,485,000,000 the first ten months after the Government turned them back. It said the roads could not be replaced for \$19,000,000,000, but neglected to say that the value of all the stocks and bonds representing all the value of the roads was less than \$12,000,000,000. In the third speech he favored drafting all the people and all the property in the next war. But he said not a word about taxing the profiteers and dollar-a-year patriots all around him for the millions and billions of blood money which they took from the Government during the World War just past, to pay the bonus we promised the soldiers.

I should think about three more speeches like these would elect Henry Ford by about ten million majority, if the President is the candidate. It is time the Republican Party was looking for a candidate who will fight for the common people, some one like Judge Kenyon.

Upon the return of the Senator to his offices in Washington on the 19th inst. he renewed his declarations as to the necessity for an extra session of Congress, stating that unless President Harding took steps to convene Congress in advance of the regular session the "independents will see that the reactionaries are relieved of control of committees at the regular session." Senator Brookhart is quoted as saying:

It is my opinion that unless the President calls an extra session he will have no organization in control of legislation at the regular session. If we

are forced to wait until December before being able to do anything to help the farmers the independents in Congress will see to it that the reactionaries are relieved of control of the committees at the regular session. I am certain that unless we have an extra session the independents in Congress will do anything necessary to get the reactionaries out. We have reached a point where we will not take it out in talk. We are going to do something.

The Senator, according to the Associated Press accounts from Washington, July 19, outlining a legislative program, said he would expect Congress, if called in extra session, to provide Governmental machinery to help the farmers market their staple crops. He would not confine it, he said, to the wheat farmer, but would include the corn grower and the cotton planter. Continuing, he said:

We would need a flexible appropriation to enable the Government to fix a minimum price at which it would purchase all staple crops offered, and this would require the miller, the spinner and others who wanted them here, to pay that price or do without them. I would prevent them purchasing abroad by erecting a tariff wall which would keep out agricultural products.

Out of such an arrangement would develop in a few years co-operative marketing associations which would solve the problem. The Government could, of course, hold such products as it bought until a market could be found for them. We will not have such large surpluses of these staple crops in a few years.

Senator Brookhart's suggestion for an extra session of Congress will not alleviate the farm situation, according to Raymond Cassidy, Iowa State Secretary of Agriculture. "There is only one thing," said Secretary Cassidy on July 19, "I know that will relieve the situation, and that is the arbitrary fixing of the price of wheat. The Grain Marketing Act, passed by Congress and put in effect by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, probably is the last word in the Congressional effort to effect an equilibrium between production and price."

Proposal of American Farm Bureau Federation to Withdraw Two Hundred Million Bushels of Wheat to Effect Price Stabilization.

The proposal advanced several weeks ago by the American Farm Bureau Federation for the withdrawal of 200,000,000 bushels of wheat "by warehousing . . . that quantity on the farm financed through intermediate credit banks," with a view to stabilizing the price, has been urged anew this week by O. E. Bradfute, President of the Bureau. The proposal had been brought before Secretary of Agriculture by the Washington representative of the Bureau, Gray Silver, the latter part of June, as was stated in these columns July 7, page 33. President Bradfute of the Bureau in a statement on July 20 relative to the proposal, asserts that "wheat selling below \$1 per bushel is a national tragedy in America"—a tragedy "not only to the farmer who grows the wheat at a loss, but also to the consumer, the business man and the laborer." According to Mr. Bradfute, \$660,000,000 could be made available through the Agricultural Credits Act "to enable the farmer to remove any farm surpluses as they develop as price breaking factors and feed them gradually into the market." Assume, he said, "200,000,000 bushels of wheat was stored and financed on farms in this way. Suppose the farmer borrowed the legal limit as prescribed by law, of the market price on this bonded wheat to carry on his business. This would require not more than \$150,000,000. The money is available, the law is on the statute books, and the plan is capable of meeting the present situation." Mr. Bradfute is reported as stating that "the Wichita, Kan., Intermediate Credit Bank is already advancing \$100,000 a day to growers under this plan and the prospects are for applications totaling a daily peak of \$2,000,000. This money is being loaned at 5½%."

According to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce," the 46 State Farm Bureaus are to be used by the Federation in inaugurating its plan. The Federation has 2,000 county farm bureaus, 20,000 township units and 1,500,000 members. Country banks and commodity marketing associations would also be utilized in furtherance of the plan. That paper quotes Mr. Bradfute's statement as follows:

The American Farm Bureau Federation calls upon all banks, farm organizations, co-operative marketing associations, and individual farmers to make full and free use of the Intermediate Credit Act so as to prevent the dumping of the wheat crop and to retain its control in the hands of the grower himself rather than in the hands of the speculator.

The American Farm Bureau Federation urges the Secretary of Agriculture, under the powers conferred upon him by the amended warehouse Act, to designate proper warehouses on farms as Government bonded warehouses, and to set up machinery at once to provide proper inspection and warehouse administration.

The United States Warehouse Act and the corresponding State warehouse laws should be used by the commodity organizations and individual farmers to the end that storage of the wheat crop may be made under grower control, either on the farms, in country elevators, or in terminal warehouses.

Under the warehouse law the Secretary of Agriculture may rule if he sees fit that a proper farm storehouse, a wheat granary in this case, be designated as a United States bonded warehouse. The Department of Agri-

culture, co-operating with the colleges of agriculture and the farm bureaus, has a representative in every county. He is known as the county agricultural agent or farm adviser.

County Agent as Inspector.

The County agent or some other official representative of the Department of Agriculture may properly be delegated to the task of inspecting storehouses on the farm and of designating those fit to store grain as bonded warehouses.

The farmer may then put his wheat in a bonded bin on his own farm, lock it, and deliver the key to the official warehouseman, who gives the farmer a lawful bonded warehouse receipt for his grain. These farm warehouses, together with terminal and line warehouses, have sufficient capacity to store the crop.

Is there any better security for borrowed money than wheat in the bin? The soundness of this particular collateral is proverbial.

Under the Intermediate Credits Law, twelve intermediate banks are set up in conjunction with twelve Federal Land Banks, at Springfield, Mass., Baltimore, Md., Columbia, S. C., Louisville, Ky., New Orleans, La., St. Louis, Mo., St. Paul, Minn., Omaha, Neb., Wichita, Kans., Houston, Tex., Berkeley, Cal., and Spokane, Wash.

The United States Treasury is authorized to advance to each of these banks a capital of \$5,000,000 or a total of \$60,000,000. Each of the Intermediate Credit banks is authorized to loan farmers on proper security, such as bonded warehouse receipts, a total of ten times its capital or \$600,000,000.

Money Obtained on Debentures

This money is obtained through the sale of debentures, which are tax free and which have back of them the wheat in bonded bins. This provides a total of \$660,000,000 to enable the farmer to remove any farm surpluses as they develop as price-breaking factors and feed them gradually into the market.

Assume 200,000,000 bushels of wheat was stored and financed on farms in this way. Suppose the farmer borrowed the legal limit as prescribed by law, of the market price on this bonded wheat to carry on his business.

This would require not more than \$150,000,000. The money is available, the law is on the statute books, and the plan is capable of meeting the present situation. All we need is the proper regulations from the Department of Agriculture and the Federal Farm Loan Board, and the prompt administration of the Intermediate Credit and Warehouse Act.

Wheat selling below \$1 per bushel is a national tragedy in America. It is tragedy not only to the farmer who grows the wheat at a loss, but also to the consumer—the business man and the laborer—who must ultimately depend on that farmer's wheat dollar for their continued prosperity and happiness.

Wheat Holding Proposed by American Farm Bureau Federation—Opposed by United States Loan Heads—Loans of Intermediate Credit Banks.

The New York "Commercial" reports the following advice from its Washington Bureau, July 23:

While appreciating the plight of the wheat growers, officials of the Farm Loan Board, the Federal Reserve Board, the War Finance Corporation and the Department of Agriculture appear a unit in regarding the suggestion of the American Farm Bureau Federation for holding 200,000,000 bushels of wheat on the farms as unsound.

The plan has been the subject of informal discussion by officials of the different Governmental agencies interested in farm credits. The different officials are adverse to public comment, but privately express the opinion that the program is fallacious, and that it not only does not give assurance of the maintenance of a satisfactory price, but may have injurious effects not anticipated.

The position of members of the Farm Loan Board is that they are charged in the administration of the Agricultural Credits Act with the duty of assisting in the orderly marketing of farm products, but that to endeavor to withhold commodities from the market is not warranted under the law. A readjustment of wheat acreage will take place with a greater degree of certainty, it is declared, if there is no artificial withholding of wheat from the market. The experience of Southern cotton growers of a few years ago is pointed to as showing how the effects of a movement may differ from the anticipated. The cotton growers conducted an organized campaign for a reduction in acreage and signed up the cotton growers, but the actual result was an increase in acreage, most of the growers evidently seeking to take advantage of a better price in prospect, because the other growers would cut their production.

Co-operative Marketing Favored.

Development of co-operative marketing of wheat promises greater results than any other scheme, in the opinion of members of the Farm Loan Board. The intermediate credit banks in the South are planning to assist in the financing of long staple cotton for which there is at present no market. Credits are to be arranged by which a considerable amount of long staple cotton will be carried over the present season. The cotton, however, will not be held beyond the period when the market can absorb it. The growers in this particular case will not suffer because the price of long staple cotton is held up at a satisfactory level because of the fact that it is in the control of co-operative marketing organizations.

Government officials quite generally agree with Eugene Meyer, Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, that the threatened surplus of wheat is not so alarming as claimed and that the surplus will be absorbed without any organized campaign to hold wheat on the farms.

Demands for loans at the Intermediate Credit banks established under the Agricultural Credit Act are increasing. However, it seems to be the impression of members of the Farm Loan Board that not more than from \$60,000,000 to \$75,000,000 will be loaned by the 12 banks during the present crop season and that the aggregate may fall considerably short of that amount.

Up to date the 12 banks have made loans to co-operatives and rediscounted loans of commercial banks totaling between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. Of this amount, the Columbia, S. C., bank has loaned about \$750,000; the Wichita, Kan., bank about the same amount, and the Springfield, Mass., bank more than \$100,000. A considerable amount has been loaned by the bank at Houston, Tex.

Loan Needs Estimated.

The bank at New Orleans expects to make loans on long and short staple cotton totaling from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000. The total cotton loans of three Southern banks may amount to about \$25,000,000. It is estimated that about \$25,000,000 will meet the needs of the wheat situation. The wheat loans will be made almost entirely by the St. Paul, Omaha, Wichita and Spokane banks. About \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 may be loaned on tobacco. There are applications for loans amounting to several million dollars from California fruit and nut co-operative associations.

According to officials of the American Farm Bureau Federation, credits totaling \$150,000,000 would be needed to put over the plan of holding 200,000,000 bushels of wheat on the farms beyond the present consumptive year.

The Farm Loan Board has been delayed in announcing the first issue of debentures for the Intermediate Credit Banks. It is now probable that the proposed \$10,000,000 issue of debentures, which were to have been put on the market July 15, will be issued either Aug. 1 or Aug. 15. These debentures will have a maturity of six months and will bear 4½% interest. The sum of \$10,000,000 plus the \$12,000,000 capital of the twelve banks will provide immediate credits aggregating \$22,000,000, which it is expected will be sufficient for the next few weeks. Debentures amounting to \$120,000,000 may be issued on the basis of the present capitalization and this may be increased to \$600,000,000 if the capital is increased to the authorized limit of \$60,000,000.

Low Price of American Wheat Results in Extensive Buying in China.

The following from Shanghai, July 23, copyright by the Chicago Tribune Co., appeared in the New York "Times" of July 24:

The low price of American wheat has caused extensive buying here. It is stated that 40,000 tons already have been contracted for, chiefly by Japanese dealers in the expectation of supplying Chinese mills. China's annual wheat yield, which is estimated at 26,000,000 tons, is now considered inadequate, due to the extensive construction of mills during the last few years. In 1921 China purchased about 6,000 tons of wheat, chiefly American.

Speeding Up United States Government Statistics—Delay in Foreign Trade Figures, Due to Revised Classifications and Other Complications, Overcome by Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Marked progress in the radical readjustment of statistical work of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce made necessary by the revised classifications of imports and exports under the new tariff law and the transfer of complete control of compilation of foreign trade figures from the Treasury Department to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce was reported by Dr. Julius Klein, Director of the Bureau, in a statement issued on July 23. The statement said:

Though the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce had taken over the Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department in 1912 it was not until Jan. 1 1923, that full jurisdiction over the collection and dissemination of import and export figures was handed over to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Just prior to that time the Fordney-McCumber Tariff Act had necessitated the complete revision of import and export classifications, with an increase of 40% in the number of import items and of 70% in the items of export. These changes, and radical alterations in the method of assessing and reporting valuations, temporarily demoralized the collection of statistics, and consequently delayed the publication of the figures.

This delay has now been overcome. The May import report was finished on June 20 at the same time as the corresponding export report, and for the first time since the revised classification of imports went into effect in September, 1922, import and export figures were published together in Part I of the Monthly Summary of Foreign Commerce. Hereafter import and export figures will be issued simultaneously.

Preliminary total values will be available about the thirteenth of the month following that to which the figures relate. Figures by articles and countries will be completed about the 20th and photostat copies will be obtainable on that date by trade paper correspondents and others interested in statistics for special trades. Copy for the published tables will be in the hands of the printer on the 25th. The analysis of imports and exports by great groups will be released to the press about the 28th. Total values by grand divisions and countries will be ready about the end of the month. By special arrangement with the Government Printer it is hoped to have Part I of the Monthly Summary—Imports and Exports by Articles and Countries—in print and available for distribution a few days after the close of the month covered.

Comparison With British Trade Figures.

The foreign trade statistics of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce have been criticised on the ground that the British reports are available in printed form around the middle of the month following the one to which they relate, while at least five weeks were required to ripen the United States reports. For geographic and other reasons this comparison is not quite fair says Dr. Klein. Customs house documents mailed from any part of Great Britain to London can be received within 24 hours, and the British statistical office closes the monthly accounts with the reports on hand in the London office on the last working day of the month. The Section of Customs Statistics in New York can not close its accounts until six or seven days after the end of the month, in order to give time for entries and declarations from the Pacific Coast and other distant ports to be received.

The printing of the British reports is done by a private firm under contract, which works in close co-operation with the statistical compilers. Each compilation sheet is sent to the printer as completed, set up, and proof-read and corrected, and within a few hours after the last sheet is completed the entire publication is in type. The printing of American Government reports is, by law, done by the Government Printing Office. On account of the vast volume of printing handled by that office every statement must be in complete form when sent to print. Preference given to congressional printing, when Congress is in session, also delays departmental printing. With these limitations, it does not seem possible to issue the printed United States foreign trade statistics in detail by articles, quantities, values and countries much before the end of the month after that with which the figures are concerned.

If the month were closed with the reports on hand in the New York office at the end of the month, as is done by the British office, it would be possible to issue the statistics a week earlier, but this would mean that entries and declarations mailed from any port after that time would be held over until the next month. That plan has been considered repeatedly, but was not approved because the published reports would fail to represent the actual trade during the period covered.

New Statistical Services.

A new statistical service started with the beginning of 1923 is the compilation of imports of chemicals and dyestuffs from consular invoices, giving the name of each chemical and dye as described in these documents in detail. These statements are furnished to the trade within a few days after the close of the month. Weekly grain exports have also been received by wire from collectors of the eighteen principal ports on Saturday. Statements showing comparisons with the figures of the previous week and for the period since January 1, are issued on Monday morning. Steps are under way to include in these weekly statements grain exports from Canada as well as from the United States if the co-operation of the Canadian Government to that end can be secured.

Plans have been completed to collect, beginning with January, 1924, statistics of exports by parcel post and mail, which have not been included in the reports heretofore because they were not cleared through customs houses. Tentative regulations, subject to approval of the Postmaster General have been drawn up requiring business concerns in the United States exporting goods valued at \$25 or over by mail to file export declarations giving description, quantity and value of merchandise so exported, with countries of destination.

In compliance with the demand from the Central and Mid-western States for statistics showing the exports from that region, a compilation of exports by States of origin will be started next year. All goods shipped on through export bills of lading, for which the declarations are prepared by the shipper in the interior, will be credited to the interior State of shipment. Goods consigned from interior points to seaboard ports, to be there consolidated or re-consigned for export, can not be credited to the State of origin. Such goods will continue to be shown as exported from the port of final shipment, where the export declaration is prepared.

There are other points on which the statistics as now compiled fail to answer questions from trade and transportation interests and tentative plans for extending the statistical compilations have been considered. For the present no more new reports are contemplated until the ones already compiled can be compiled accurately and published by or before the end of the month to which they relate.

President Harding on Legislation Enacted During Present Administration in Behalf of Farmer—Purpose of New Rural Credits Act.

A recital of what has been accomplished by the present administration in the way of legislation in behalf of agricultural interests was given by President Harding in an address at Hutchinson, Kan., on June 24. The President "reserved till the last what we may well appraise the crowning achievement of the entire list. . . . the code of agricultural credit legislation, known as the Agricultural Credit Act of 1923." "This legislation," said the President, "designed to furnish necessary intermediate credit for production purposes, taken in connection with the Federal Farm Loan System, which provides long-time mortgage credit, and with the new law making easy the organization and conduct of co-operative associations, and with the amended Federal Warehouse Act, provides what seems to be a complete, scientific and well-rounded, efficient and workable system of agricultural finance. Quite possibly experience may show the need of minor amendments here and there to the Credit Act, but the principle underlying it is sound and needed changes can readily be secured." The President observed that "many people have been inclined to be skeptical of benefits which might follow the enactment of legislation to give the farmer a better system of credit. They have said that the farmer needs better prices for his crops and livestock, rather than easier ways to borrow money. That is true, but these friends do not seem to understand that prices of crops and livestock are directly influenced by credit facilities." He added:

I thoroughly agree that what is needed is fair prices; and I very well know that the farmer wants to get out of debt rather than to get further into debt. But it is my opinion that both these ends will be much more quickly accomplished through this new system of agricultural credits.

In explaining the provisions of the Agricultural Credits Act and the credit organizations created thereunder President Harding stated that the twelve Federal Intermediate Credit banks for which it provides are to make loans to banks or to co-operative marketing associations of farmers, the loans to be made specifically for agricultural purposes. The President explained that "the intermediate credit banks are fundamentally different from the Farm Loan Banks in this: that while the Farm Loan Banks advance money only on real estate mortgage security, the Intermediate Credit institutions are to discount farmers' notes taken by local banks and to loan on personal and chattel security—livestock, farm equipment, growing crops, and the like. The debentures sold by the Intermediate Credit banks are tax-exempt precisely as are the debentures of the Farm Loan banks."

The President also pointed out that the Agricultural Credits Act creates another and entirely distinct set of corporations, viz.: National Agricultural Credit corporations. These, he continued, "are to be set up, their capital furnished, and their management controlled by private capital and enterprise, under the general supervision of the Comptroller of the Currency. A National Agricultural Credit Corporation may be formed with capital not less than \$250,000, and

national banks are authorized on proper conditions to subscribe for stock in such corporations, in the aggregate not exceeding 10% of their capital and surplus." He added:

The National Agricultural Credit Corporation is authorized to make loans for agricultural purposes on chattels, livestock, growing crops and personal credit; up to a period of nine months; except that in the case of breeding stock and dairy herds the period may be extended to three years. They may issue debentures against the securities they have received, and these may be marketed up to whatever amount may be determined by the regulations prescribed by the Comptroller.

With regard to what had been accomplished in behalf of the farmer, President Harding said:

I confess a frank pride in the Government's part in bettering a situation against which you justly complained and which all the people of the nation deplored. The co-operation of all the Governmental agencies, and with them the co-operation of the fine forces of leadership which the great national farm organizations have developed, made it possible to secure a measure of helpful results in this department of our endeavors, which has been especially gratifying. Moreover, it has found prompt reflection in the improved status of every agricultural concern. We have been officially informed that, owing to improved conditions, the farm products of the country for 1922 were worth \$2,000,000,000 more than they were in 1921. Clearly, we are through the worst of the depression and can reasonably expect gradual improvement.

The President's address in full follows:

Fellow-Citizens of Kansas and Fellow-Americans All:

A half-score of years or more ago I was making a number of addresses in your State and had the good fortune to make a more or less intimate survey of several thriving Kansan communities. While driving in the outskirts of a county-seat town, not a hundred miles from here, we noted in the distance a structure rather more imposing than the average home, and I made inquiry as to its ownership. My host said: "Well sir, I'll have to apologize. That's the county poorhouse, but it is out of commission. We discontinued its public operation, for we had no inmates." "Omit the apology," I replied, "and make it a boast. I never saw an unoccupied almshouse before. If this is a reflex of the life of Kansas, it is a glorious chapter in human progress."

My host had spoken truly. More interesting still, before my speaking tour was finished, I saw two other county almshouses which had been abandoned as public institutions and made into eloquent monuments to a community's good fortune. A civilization without a public charge is not the supreme attainment in human progress, but it is a lofty achievement, and I know there cannot be very much wrong with the fundamentals of the Government under which it is recorded.

Probably the fortunes of agricultural Kansas are not to-day precisely what they were a dozen years ago, and agricultural fortunes are invariably reflected in the fortunes of all others, because they are so closely related and interdependent that there can be no good or ill fortune of one without influencing the other. The whole world has been in a social, industrial, financial and political upheaval since then. The very fabric of civilization has been sorely tested, dynasties have fallen, monarchies have failed, revolution has reigned in various sections of the world and disasters have exacted their toll nearly everywhere and in nearly every way.

The losses to American agriculture are universally admitted and deplored, but it is not an experience peculiar to American agriculture alone. Nor was the readjustment following war's inflations a burden to agriculture alone. It came to the railroads, to bankers, to manufacturers and to the mercantile world. The miracle is that we all escaped with so relatively little of disaster. It is characteristic of human nature that we magnify our own ills and too little appraise the ills of others, but the eyes of the Government are attracted to them all. I hesitate to tell you how seriously vast interests, presumably unendangered by the changing tides of business, were affected, and at what sacrifices disasters were averted. Looking backward, I find my confidence in the social and industrial fabric of this Republic strengthened by our wonderful emergence from threatening disaster.

Ever since the earlier processes of deflation which began after the World War, we have been studying and talking about the rehabilitation and the better organization of our agricultural industries.

I confess a very frank pride in the Government's part in bettering a situation against which you justly complained and which all the people of the nation deplored. The co-operation of all the governmental agencies, and with them the co-operation of the fine forces of leadership which the great national farm organizations have developed, made it possible to secure a measure of helpful results in this department of our endeavors which has been especially gratifying. Moreover, it has found prompt reflection in the improved status of every agricultural concern. We have been officially informed that owing to improved conditions the farm products of the country for 1922 were worth \$2,000,000,000 more than they were in 1921. Clearly, we are through the worst of the depression and can reasonably expect gradual improvement.

The balance within the industry, as between livestock and grain production, has been restored. The disturbance of that equilibrium, so highly important to a properly adjusted agriculture, had been one of the unfortunate and unavoidable results of the wartime necessities. Called to feed a world, American farmers had willingly responded to the demand for special efforts in certain lines of production. Relationships between supplies and demand for some staples were badly disrupted and could not be instantly restored when peace came. That was in considerable part responsible for the violent fluctuations which imposed so much hardship on the farmer. Along with this distortion of the production ratios went an even more acute and difficult disturbance of the factors which determine foreign demand.

While the war lasted there was no possibility of overproduction of such staples as wheat and cotton, for example; and when peace suddenly burst upon the world the farmer had plans for a long future which he could not readjust instantly. No human wisdom could possibly have foretold the course that would be taken by supplies and demand; and it is as futile as it is obvious to us now to say that wisdom would have dictated at least a less precipitate policy in removing the wartime restrictions and guidance in dealing with some aspects of production and distribution.

Agriculture at Low Ebb of Depression When Present Administration Came Into Power.

When the present Administration came into responsibility agriculture was in the lowest ebb of depression. The immediate need was for measures to meet an emergency. There was urgent call to keep open and so far as possible enlarge our foreign markets, and this was accomplished by a prompt policy of placing necessary credits at the disposal of those engaged in finding foreign markets for our foodstuffs; by arresting and reversing the drastic deflation which had the seeming, under the former Administration, of being aimed especially at the destruction of agriculture's pros-

perity; by recalling the War Finance Corporation from its state of suspended animation, giving it a credit of \$1,000,000,000 in Government funds, and recommissioning it to afford relief to the American farmer. The wisdom of this action was demonstrated by results.

Four hundred million dollars have been loaned by this institution, three-fourths of it to the farming and livestock interests. At the same time the emergency tariff measure was passed, by which to secure the farmer's home market against the flood of competing articles from distant corners of the earth. During the war vast quantities of farm products had been dammed up in the countries so distant that shortage of shipping made transportation to Europe impossible. With the seas again free, these sought, at whatever price could be obtained, the one market where there was real buying capacity and cash to pay—the great market of the United States. We took prompt measures to stop this movement; and the combination of effective production, easier credits and the operation of the War Finance Corporation quickly arrested the downward trend and started agriculture upon the upgrade once more.

It is only fair to pause a moment and emphasize the value of these measures of agricultural relief so promptly put forward by the Congress. The new tariff schedules saved for the American farmer a vitally important and gravely menaced home market. The resumption of the War Finance operations, backed by the resources of the only Government on Earth that was able to summon such a credit, enabled the American farmer to compete for sales abroad.

Along with these measures, prompt steps were taken to put the Federal Farm Loan Board back into business. Like the War Finance Corporation, it had been in a state of suspended activity for want of money to loan. It was given a credit of \$50,000,000 and resumed loaning on farm property.

Bill to Aid Co-operative Marketing.

A bill to facilitate co-operative marketing of farm products was passed. Legislation to prevent harmful gambling in agricultural futures was passed, held by the courts to be unconstitutional and quickly re-passed with the defects removed. The Act for the control and regulation of the meat packers was enacted. Important reductions of freight rates on agricultural products were effected. Certain restrictions upon the operation of the Joint Stock Land banks, which had prevented them from doing their share in financing the farm, were removed. The loan limit of \$10,000 which had formerly been imposed upon the Federal Land banks was increased to \$25,000, a change which is certain greatly to increase the practicability and range of operations of this system.

A measure of the utmost importance to farmers in those parts of the country where irrigation is the very basis of agricultural life is the act authorizing formation of irrigation districts, whereby the water-using settlers are brought together in associations to conduct their relations with the Federal Government. Formerly the settlers had to adjust all differences of this kind as individuals, at great expense and inconvenience to themselves.

These water-users' organizations promise to become nuclei of highly useful co-operations in assembling, shipping and selling the products of the irrigation districts. Further encouragement was extended to the irrigation farmers by amending the Farm Loan Act to provide terms on which the land banks could make loans to farmers on the irrigation projects, whose conditions and necessities require special treatment.

Yet another provision in behalf of this same community is made by the new law which authorizes extending the time on payments due from irrigation farmers to the Government. This measure has given a new chance to thousands of farmers in the irrigation areas who have fallen under the same misfortunes that have afflicted other farmers, and who had been unable temporarily to meet their commitments to the Government.

If the recital of this long list of accomplishments in the farmer's behalf shall have seemed to suggest that Washington had been devoting itself with a special and perhaps a partial assiduity to the agricultural interests, I shall reply that the farmer has received nothing more than was coming to him; nothing more than he needed; nothing more than was good for him, and nothing that was not also good for all of our national interests, bound up as they are in the nation-reaching mutuality of dependence and interdependence.

I tell you frankly that I am proud to be able to come to you to-day and tell you of what has been done, because in doing it we have served not only the farmer but everybody else in this land.

Agricultural Credits Act.

But that is not all. I have reserved till the last what we may well appraise the crowning achievement of the entire list. I refer to the code of agricultural credit legislation known as the Agricultural Credit Act of 1923, which became law in the closing days of the last Congress. It has not been possible yet to perfect machinery for administering this Act, but I do not hesitate to express confidence that this scheme of agricultural credits, taken in connection with the other enactments I have described, furnishes the basis for the most enlightened, modern, sound and efficient scheme of agricultural finance that has been set up in any country, and will enable the farmer in no distant future to free himself from obstacles which have made it difficult heretofore to conduct farm operations upon a sound, businesslike basis.

Before describing this program of advancement in agricultural finance, permit me a word by way of bringing before our minds the backgrounds of the agricultural problem. Farming is the oldest of all industries. It has supported the community in peace and has been the most essential line of industrial defense in war; commonly, too, the first victim of war. In olden times the conqueror distributed the subjugated lands to his favorites and his prisoners as slaves to till it. Thus land ownership became the mark of favor and aristocracy.

Later, the feudal regime substituted the somewhat less severe conditions of serfdom and villenage for those of slavery on the soil. Then came the modern institution of an agricultural peasantry, politically more free, but economically still held in fetters of old tradition.

Merchants and manufacturers in the Middle Ages devised banks to help them finance their ventures. Banking methods developed which served their purposes, but were not adapted to the farmer. The farmer's way of life made him an individualist. He could not organize the great co-operations which we call corporations. The banks did not furnish credit of the kind and on the terms he needed it. The manufacturer and merchant, doing a large gross business in proportion to capital, having a short turnover period, wanted to borrow working capital for short periods. The farmer, with a long turnover period, wanted working capital on very different terms.

Now, the bank of deposit and discount is easily the most completely co-operative institution that human society has devised. But it got started dealing primarily with industry and commerce, and the farmer never quite caught up with it. The railroad or industrial corporation raises plant capital by selling bonds; the farmer, by the essentially similar operation of selling a mortgage on his land. Both still require at times to supplement this capital by making less permanent loans to pay operating costs.

These loans the banks make out of the funds entrusted to them by great communities of depositors. In order to keep their resources as liquid as pos-

sible, against the possibility of heavy demands from depositors, banks have preferred to loan for short periods, commonly one, two or three months. This precisely suited the commercial or industrial borrower; it did not fit the farmer's case, because he requires a full year to produce most crops; two or three years, even, in case of live stock.

The Federal Farm Loan System.

So, as the ordinary banking practice did not meet the farmer's needs, the idea arose of establishing intermediate credit institutions which should advance money for longer periods than the merchant or manufacturer desired it, but yet not on the long-time basis of the farmer's mortgage or the corporation's bond. Various forms have been taken by these institutions in different countries and under different conditions. But I doubt if there has ever before been set up a system of intermediate farm credit so well adapted to serve the needs of the farmers in America.

This legislation designed to furnish necessary intermediate credit for production purposes, taken in connection with the Federal Farm Loan System, which provides long time mortgage credit, and with the new law making easy the organization and conduct of co-operative associations and with the amended Federal Warehouse Act, provides what seems to be a complete, scientific and well-rounded, efficient and workable system of agricultural finance. Quite possibly experience may show the need of minor amendments here and there to the credit act, but the principle underlying it is sound and needed changes can readily be secured.

Intermediate Credit Banks.

Under the Agricultural Credit Act, which became law last March, two classes of corporations are authorized. First come the Federal Intermediate Credit banks. They are twelve in number, just as there are twelve Federal Reserve Banks and twelve Federal Farm Loan Banks. Each Intermediate Credit Bank is to have \$5,000,000 capital, subscribed by the Secretary of the Treasury in the name of the United States and paid for from the Treasury. There is to be one of these banks in connection with each Federal Farm Loan bank and they may be under the same or separate managements.

The Federal Intermediate Credit banks are to make loans to banks, or to co-operative marketing associations of farmers, which associations are carefully provided for. The loans are to be made specifically for agricultural purposes.

Whenever the loans made from the original capital reach an aggregate justifying it, the Farm Loan Board which supervises the system may issue debenture bonds against the securities which the intermediate Credit banks have taken. The sale of these debentures will put the banks in funds once more for a new loaning campaign and so in the revolving fund fashion which has been made familiar through the operations of the Farm Loan Board in real estate mortgages the endless chain goes on and on drawing in with each sale of debentures a new supply of capital for loaning to the farmers.

The Intermediate Credit banks are fundamentally different from the Farm Loan banks in this: that while the Farm Loan banks advance money only on real estate mortgage security, the Intermediate Credit institutions are to discount farmer's notes taken by local banks and to loan on personal and chattel security—livestock, farm equipment, growing crops and the like. The debentures sold by the Intermediate Credit banks are tax-exempt precisely as are the debentures of the Farm Loan banks.

The debentures will be sold to the public at a rate sufficiently below that charged the original borrower to insure that all expenses will be met by the margin of difference. These banks are authorized to make loans on these debentures to the amount of ten times their capital; that is, each bank may carry \$50,000,000 of business, which places the total for the system of twelve banks at \$600,000,000.

National Agricultural Credit Corporations.

Under the same law, another and entirely distinct set of corporations are provided for, called National Agricultural Credit Corporations. These are to be set up, their capital furnished and their management controlled by private capital and enterprise, under the general supervision of the Comptroller of the Currency. A National Agricultural Credit corporation may be formed with capital not less than \$250,000 and national banks are authorized on proper conditions to subscribe for stock in such corporations in the aggregate not exceeding 10% of their capital and surplus.

The National Agricultural Credit Corporation is authorized to make loans for agricultural purposes on chattels, livestock, growing crops and personal credit up to a period of nine months; except that in the case of breeding stock and dairy herds the period may be extended to three years. They may issue debentures against the securities they have received and these may be marketed up to whatever amount may be determined by the regulations prescribed by the Comptroller.

To facilitate the marketing of the debentures issued by these corporations, a class of rediscount banks is provided. A credit corporation may subscribe up to 20% of its stock to the capital of the rediscount bank. A minimum of \$1,000,000 paid-up capital must be provided for a rediscount bank. The rediscount bank, on the responsibility of its own capitalization, will enter the general money market, float the debentures that have been turned over to it by the credit corporations, and thus provide them with new funds for further investments. It is simply another application of the revolving fund or endless credit chain idea which we found illustrated in the case of the Intermediate Credit banks.

The utmost care has been taken to surround these various institutions with every possible safeguard that can be afforded through skilled supervision, ample responsibility and sound methods. It is the judgment of financial experts that their debentures will find just as ready an acceptance among investors as have those of the Federal Farm Loan Board.

There is thus created at last a complete farm credit system which, drawing together the aggregated responsibility of the greatest single industry in the land, backed by the security of the land and of livestock, warehoused and growing crops, all kinds of agricultural equipment; and, finally, by the character and high responsibility of the men and women who constitute the great agricultural community, will be capable of furnishing the American farmers, for the first time in the history of agriculture in any country, adequate investment and working capital on terms as favorable as those accorded to commerce and industry.

Many people have been inclined to be skeptical of benefits which might follow the enactment of legislation to give the farmer a better system of credit. They have said that the farmer needs better prices for his crops and live stock, rather than easier ways to borrow money. That is true, but these friends do not seem to understand that prices of crops and live stock are directly influenced by credit facilities.

In the past, farmers have been obliged to finance their productive enterprises by borrowing money for short terms. When times are good they have no difficulty in renewing these loans, but in periods of financial stress too many farmers have found themselves under the necessity of pushing their crops or live stock on the market, not infrequently before the latter is fully fitted for market, in order to pay notes which they had expected to be able to renew, thus at times flooding the market and seriously depressing prices.

Under a system of intermediate credit, administered with reference to the farmers' seasonal requirements, they should be able to market both their crops and live stock in a more orderly fashion, and this in itself will be a potent influence in keeping prices more stable and reasonable.

I thoroughly agree that what is needed is fair prices and I very well know that the farmer wants to get out of debt rather than to get further into debt. But it is my opinion that both these ends will be much more quickly accomplished through this new system of agricultural credits.

The legislation enacted by Congress does not by any means measure the attention Congress has given during the past two years to the needs of agriculture. People who have not been familiar with what has been going on in Congress can little appreciate the exhaustive study which the appropriate committees of Congress have given to our agricultural problems.

Day after day and week after week and month after month these committees have held hearings. They have considered every conceivable measure suggested for relief. They have listened patiently to all who came to them. They enacted legislation which seemed to promise real help. They did not enact nearly all the measures which were suggested, because after the most exhaustive study they became convinced that such measures would not only be of no help but might aggravate an already bad situation.

Go back with me for just one glance, in conclusion, at the steps which have marked the rise of agriculture to this, its new estate. We need to go back but a very few generations to the time when the title to land represented no more than the whim of a despot or the shifting and uncertain fortunes of a military adventurer. The agricultural worker was a serf, a mere human chattel, bound to the soil on which he lived and to the service of the particular adventurer who at the moment, in the permutations of fortunes and of favor, chanced to hold the land.

In the view of his master, he had no rights which could command respect, his political status was nil and he was permitted the least possible share in the fruits of his toil on which he could keep together his soul—if, indeed, it were conceded that he had a soul—and his body, so as to perform the grueling toil of tasks that were regarded as utterly menial. All agricultural operations were crude, inefficient, barbaric. The great light with which science and organization and efficient methods have illuminated the art of agriculture had not yet cast its first feeble rays over the desolate and dehumanized landscape of the rural countryside. The old-time picture is one to make women weep and men despair of their kind.

External Revolt Against Fetters.

But, somehow, the life of the open places, under a sky which inspired always the longing for a fair chance; somehow, the daily touch with the mighty forces of mother nature in all her wondrous moods; somehow, the dim realization that there was yet something beyond and above the squalor and misery of his immediate surroundings—somehow, through the centuries of his serfdom, these things kept the farmer mindful of possibilities for better times and friendlier fates; kept him longing for liberty, inspired him in the age-long struggle to lift himself up to a wider vision of life; moved him to eternal revolt against the fetters which bound; gave him courage for the seemingly hopeless conflict with destiny.

The centuries passed, and untold millions went to their graves despairing. But other millions followed to seize the torch and bear it a little further on the road. The slave became a villein, the villein a peasant, and yet the grim struggle went on, with political rights and economic emancipation as its twin goals. Painfully, doggedly, the men of the soil toiled under their dual burden of furnishing sustenance for humanity and keeping alight the flame of that consuming purpose to achieve freedom and human equality.

Down to time so near our own that they are but the yesterdays of history, the outcome of the struggle seemed in doubt. But mankind's darkest hour was followed by the dawn. The vast structure of artifice and selfishness which has been built and supported by the soil at length crumbled under its own weight of futility and corruption. The revolutionary movements of the eighteenth century, the reformations of the early nineteenth, the spread of knowledge, the rise of invention and growth of industrialism—all these combined to extort from tyranny the recognition of human rights. The man of the land had won his first battle; the battle for a place in the political system.

The economic struggle was longer and harder, because it had to be waged against preconceptions and prejudices which through the ages had driven their roots deep into the very fundamentals of human nature itself. It was not possible, all at once, to establish the conception that the tiller of the soil, ignored through centuries, must now be taken into full fellowship with the favored of the earth.

Sometimes I think it more interesting to recall the more modern processes of emancipation, because it will bring reminders to quell needless insurgency and suggest at least that moderate contentment which will tend to bless.

I can well recall the making of Kansas and the near-by States of the Mississippi and Missouri Valleys. That was when farming was more a struggle for subsistence than a contest in industry. That was back in covered-wagon days, when the men of Ohio and bordering States migrated westward, too poor to come with family and possessions by rail, where rail travel was possible, so they builded their wagons, loaded all their material possessions which the wagon would carry, crowned the cargo with the family and drove westward under the glow of the Star of Empire. A few returned, but the great majority dug in, battled with nature and her elements and conquered.

In those grim days there were no motor cars, no electric lights. The crackly wagon, now forgotten in our lexicons, or the spring wagon, double-seated, was the luxury of travel, and the kerosene lamp had recently put the tallow dip to shame. Ten dollars in cash in the family purse was an inordinate excess, and a hundred dollars cash balance for the year's trade was success extraordinary. Nowadays we expend more money for gasoline going to and from town in one week than was spent for kerosene to illuminate the home for a whole year a generation or two ago. The farm emancipation in this country has been apace with other advancement, though there are inevitably periods of unbalanced price relationships, the reflexes of supply and demand, which have vexed and discouraged.

There is no escaping the relativity of outlay to income. The same practice is to make sure that the outlay is less than income, but it is somehow inherent in our lives that we pay more or less as we receive. I can recall when my annual offering to the church was one dollar and it was considered ample. But it cost more, and I gladly paid, when my annual earnings expanded. We live very much according to our incomes. It is proper that we should. The citizen who skimps and denies while the tide of good fortune is flooding is often acclaimed a miser and an undesirable citizen.

My point is that agricultural emancipation has brought its problems as well as liberation. The blue-sky stock salesman can dissipate a farm surplus with ready facility, and extravagance on the farm is no less costly than in palatial city homes. I am sorry that simple rural life is too often giving way to modern extravagances. In the rise and fall of nations, in the peaceful contest for human advancement, the simple-living peoples will make the long survival and record the notable triumphs.

It is good to contemplate the political, social, economic and financial equality of the American farmer, good to confirm his title to all the instru-

mentalities and facilities which make for success in other activities, because he is the supreme contributor to human welfare. And he brings another invaluable asset to our Republic. He has been and must continue to be the anchorage of dependable public opinion when ephemeral whims are appealing and storms of passion play.

The farmer, better than all other toilers in our community life, has learned that only the rewards of endeavor spur humanity on to larger achievement. He fully appraises property rights and the necessity of their preservation. In spite of his adversities, the farmer has never failed as the stalwart defender of the American heritage. In his fuller participation, the American farmer must continue to be the stabilizer of sentiment and the defender of our fundamentals upon which is built the Republic which wrought his emancipation.

Recall of Governor-General Wood Demanded by Philippine Legislature—Immediate Independence Also Asked—Cabinet Resignations.

A controversy which has arisen relative to the administration of Leonard Wood, Governor-General of the Philippines, among opposing Filipino leaders, resulted in the adoption, unanimously, on July 23, of a resolution at a joint meeting of both branches of the Philippine Legislature demanding the immediate recall by President Harding of the Governor-General. According to the Associated Press advices from Manila July 23, all of the parties participated in this action, endorsing the stand taken by the Cabinet when its members resigned recently. The same advices said:

The Democratic leaders to-day adopted resolutions opposing the joining of the Parliamentary Mission, which is to depart for Washington, D. C., within the next two weeks to lay the facts of the Filipino controversy before President Harding. Instead, the Democratic leaders favored a plan whereby the regularly elected resident commissioners would be given full power to lay the full facts before President Harding.

Governor Wood has announced that no offer of Cabinet positions has been made to members of the Democratic Party, and, so far, no Collectivista members have been willing to accept such positions. In the meantime, he said, the Under-Secretaries are carrying forward the business of the Philippine Government.

Along with the recall of Governor-General Wood, the resolution declared that "the recent incidents clearly show that immediate independence is the only satisfactory solution of the Philippine problem." Details of the complaints against the Governor-General, as supplied by the Philippine Press Bureau, whose Secretary alleges that "Governor Wood is doing his best to force the Government to abandon its Philippine National Bank," came from Washington on July 24 in Associated Press dispatches as follows:

A declaration that recent developments have demonstrated the need for the "immediate independence" of the Philippines was contained in the resolution demanding the recall of Governor-General Wood, which was adopted yesterday by the members of the Legislature at Manila and made public here textually to-day by the Philippine Press Bureau.

The Press Bureau's announcement also revealed that when the resolution was adopted the Senators and Representatives were sitting "as the commission on independence" in the hall of the Senate. Their action was preceded by a speech by Manuel Quezon, President of the Senate, declaring that, although General Wood "pretends" that the resignation of the Cabinet and Council of State was a surprise to him, "this is not true."

In addition to demanding General Wood's recall and endorsing the action of former Philippine officials in resigning, the resolution set forth:

"The presentation of the series of grievances with the resignations of the leaders from Filipino participation in the Government and the acceptance by the Governor of the resignations without assurance of any change in the policy denounced as illegal, arbitrary and undemocratic, compelled the whole nation to raise an issue of transcendental import for the preservation of political concessions already being enjoyed.

"This is a national issue, having behind it the unqualified approval and support of the whole people. Therefore, we declare that we are resolved to defend the constitutional liberties of our people against the usurpations of the Governor General, and to maintain inviolate our domestic autonomy guaranteed by the Jones law to the Filipino people.

"We declare it our inescapable duty, regardless of party lines, to take all needful steps and avail ourselves of all lawful means within our reach, to secure vindication of the country's liberties now violated and invaded. And we declare, finally, that recent incidents clearly show that immediate independence is the only satisfactory solution of the Philippine problem."

Mr. Quezon told the Legislators that the Council and Cabinet had resigned "only after they were convinced that the Governor was bent upon curtailing the autonomy granted by the organic Act."

"The Governor pretends," he continued, "that the action of the Council of State and Cabinet was a surprise to him, that he had received no news of it until the last moment and that no efforts were taken to adjust the differences. This is not true, because we have duly called his attention to our dissatisfaction with his conduct. We have sent him letters frankly stating that unless he changed his policy, which we considered against the spirit of the Jones law, he would not have the continued co-operation of Filipinos.

"Concerning bills approved by the Legislature, the Governor had promised to confer with us before vetoing any of them. Despite this promise he did veto many bills. The worst of it is that some of the measures Governor Wood has vetoed were initiated and drafted by the Governor himself, recommended by him to the Legislature in special messages and passed accordingly without substantial amendments.

"His contention that the step taken by the Council of State was a pre-meditated challenge against the sovereignty of the United States and an attack against the Governor's authority as the representative of the United States in the islands, is absolutely unfounded. Our stand is precisely to defend the rights granted us by the American Congress, and in so doing we are not only not attacking American sovereignty, but we are defending it. If there is any attack against the sovereignty of the United States it is by those who violate the laws enacted by the sovereign nation."

Alfredo Samson, Secretary of the Philippine Press Bureau, made a further statement of Filipino grievances here. He said in part:

"In the first place, before being made Governor, General Wood signed the now famous Wood-Forbes report, in which he recommended that the Filipino people be deprived of certain vital powers of self-government they had been enjoying since 1916. He attempted to turn the wheels of Filipino

progress backward. Neither Congress nor the President made any attempt to carry out General Wood's recommendations in this regard, and to that extent it is accurate to state that the two most important recommendations of the Wood-Forbes mission to-day stand repudiated by the present Administration.

Undaunted by this failure of both Congress and the Administration to heed his recommendations, Governor Wood has attempted to put his recommended restrictive policies into effect without waiting for their sanction by Congress. He has vetoed much important domestic legislation of the Philippine Legislature. One of the sixteen bills he vetoed carried an appropriation for a ten-year university program. This measure did not in any way affect the sovereignty of the United States. Governor Wood's action on this bill was a bitter disappointment to Filipinos. If the Filipino people, through their duly elected Legislature, cannot spend their own money, then they have no self-government at all.

Governor Wood next attempted to force the Filipino leaders to lease the successful Government-owned and operated Manila Railroad Co. to New York capitalists, in spite of the almost unanimous opposition of the Filipino people. The Filipino leaders absolutely refused to sign the lease, and the Governor had to accept defeat.

Protest on Sugar Centrals.

Governor Wood then set about to force the Government to close out the sugar centrals, which were rendering a most valuable service to Filipino sugar growers. The latter made such a vehement protest that he was again forced to yield.

Governor Wood is now doing his best to force the Government to abandon its Philippine National Bank. He has already closed a number of the branches of the bank. If this bank is closed, Philippine commerce and the Filipino people will be almost entirely at the mercy of foreign capital. They know only too well what that means, for they were up against such a condition before they created the Government bank, and they were exploited most outrageously.

Governor Wood is attempting to supplant the Philippine Council of State and the Philippine Legislature as the policy-making and the law-making power of the Philippines. If he is to be allowed to continue on the road he has been travelling, Congress might as well abolish the Legislature and admit to the world there is no longer any local self-government in the Philippines. The Filipino leaders did their very best to co-operate with General Wood. They have shown the greatest patience and forbearance. If they have made any mistakes, it is that they did not call his hand long ago.

The resolution adopted by the Manila legislators in which the President is requested to recall General Wood will be forwarded when it is received to Mr. Harding, probably on the Pacific Coast. The impression in Washington is that the Administration will stand squarely behind General Wood. The protest of the Philippine Cabinet, it is understood, has already been forwarded to the President and will be awaiting him at Seattle when he arrives at that port.

According to copyright advices to the New York "Times" from Manila July 23, Governor Ruperto Montinota of Iloilo, President of the Philippine Democratic Party, on the 23d telegraphed the following statement to Manila regarding the controversy between Manuel Quezon and his followers and Governor-General Wood:

The Democratic Party must be very cautious in this affair, since in my judgment there is at the bottom thereof much politics, which has the object of causing public opinion to react for a coalition of Nationalista, party in its new gesture. The origin of all these conflicts is very simple and they could have been settled if the leaders of the coalition had used a little prudence in their extemporaneous manifestations, and had not gone to the extremes they have now reached.

If the opinion of the Attorney-General had been sought regarding the rights of Governor-General Wood to re-instate Ray Conley (the Secret Service agent re-instated by Governor-General Wood, then the occasion would have arisen to adopt a radical attitude, provided the decision of the Attorney-General had been against the Governor-General and the latter still had insisted on re-instating Conley. The Governor-General says he has the right to do this. Quezon says he has not. Who is right?

The Governor-General's allegation that action against the authority of the Governor-General was premeditated seems to be confirmed, and if it is true that action taken against him is not based on any previous protest or complaint, and there has been not the least effort on the part of those who resigned to settle their alleged differences, this confirms my suspicions that Quezon and others have found this a means of producing a sensation in the public mind favoring their party.

I do not defend Governor-General Wood, but present these considerations from a political viewpoint. If the coalition had no intention to provoke this sensation in the public mind, and their intentions are merely to defend the rights of the Filipino people, why, at the beginning of these conflicts, did they not start negotiations with the Governor-General when they heard that the latter intended to re-instate Conley after he was acquitted of the second charge? Why did they not propound to the Governor-General, before the latter re-instated Conley, their feeling that he did not have the power of re-instatement, and in case he insisted, why did they not present the matter for an opinion from the Attorney-General? Had they done this, had the Attorney-General given his opinion that the Governor-General has no power to re-instate, I do not believe General Wood would have insisted in his idea of re-instating Conley by himself. Quezon and Osmena have seen that they are losing out in public opinion. In order to cause a public reaction they have provided this matter, which at bottom hasn't any importance, since it could have been settled under the prevailing legal provisions in the Philippine Islands.

We also quote from the "Times" of the 24th the following from Manila, July 23, copyright 1923 by the Chicago Tribune Co.:

Aginaldo, former revolutionary leader, in a statement to-day on the controversy between Governor-General Wood and Filipino leaders, said:

"In the face of the present strenuous conflict between the Governor-General and the resigning members of the Cabinet and the Council of State, I believe that the people should show equanimity, heeding nothing else but the dictates of peace and order. This question, in my opinion, can be settled peacefully.

"There is no reason for the people to get alarmed and excited to the point of organizing and holding public demonstrations, the question being one which can be settled at the conference table without detriment to the rights of both sides."

Further copyright advices of the Chicago Tribune Co. from Manila July 25 stated:

The Filipino Independence Commission last night passed an additional resolution calling on Washington to appoint a Filipino as Governor-General as the only solution of the present difficulty. The only dissenting vote was cast by Representative Vincente Rama of Cebu, a Democratic Party man, who termed the Commission's action "a ridiculous epilogue to the whole comedy."

A further development was the resignation of six appointive members of the Legislature who resigned nominally to give Governor-General Wood a

free hand in the selection of new appointive members in sympathy with his policies.

The resignations, however, are generally considered as another attempt to embarrass Governor Wood or as being due to pressure from the Quezon organization, as the Governor undoubtedly will have difficulty in finding appointees for the six vacancies.

On July 26, it is learned from Associated Press dispatches from Manila, Manuel Quezon, who recently resigned as President of the Philippine Senate, said:

In the resolution requesting Governor-General Wood's recall there is no personal reflection on the Governor-General, but it is the belief of the Legislators that in view of the present situation it is humanly impossible for Governor-General Wood to co-operate with the Filipino members of the Government and President Harding should send us a Governor-General who would work in harmony with the Filipino people.

If possible the President should appoint a Filipino Governor-General.

On July 20, in indicating that Governor-General Wood had taken occasion to defend his actions which had led to the controversy, the Chicago "Tribune" had the following to say in a copyright dispatch from Manila:

Manuel Quezon, who resigned as the President of the Philippine Senate as a result of differences with Governor-General Leonard Wood, issued a statement this afternoon in which he said that he called on the latter yesterday to inquire whether there was any foundation for insistent reports that martial law would be enforced. General Wood assured Quezon that there was no truth in such rumors and high army officials made public a statement to-day that no such action was contemplated.

General Wood has issued a statement citing precedents for his actions which have aroused the antagonism of Filipinos, giving as examples incidents which occurred during the administrations of Governors Harrison and Yeater.

Quezon has received numerous letters and telegrams from the Provinces backing his stand. He has definitely decided to sail for the United States about Aug. 11 to carry a protest to President Harding.

No demonstrations have been reported and a considerable degree of Filipino sentiment has become reconciled to the retirement of the Council of State. Sergio Osmena is looming as the most powerful leader and it is expected that his policy will be generally favorable to Wood.

The present acute situation has been a development of differences which have arisen during the past two weeks. To quote from an Associated Press dispatch from Manila July 16:

Political differences in the Philippines, reopened yesterday with the resignation of Secretary of the Interior J. P. Laurel, waxed warmer to-day when, according to reports in official circles, all other departmental secretaries except Vice-Governor-General Gilmore, notified Governor-General Wood of their intention to quit.

Laurel resigned after he had instituted charges of bribery against Ray Conley, United States Secret Service officer.

Governor-General Wood had previously ordered an investigation by a board which recommended Conley's reinstatement. The Governor-General also ordered Laurel's reinstatement, and Laurel resigned after his reinstatement. Governor Wood has refused to accept Laurel's resignation pending a conference.

The resignation of the Mayor of Manila will follow, according to reports in political circles here to-day.

The developments of the 16th inst. were made known as follows by the Associated Press:

Mayor Fernandez of Manila to-day added to the complications of the political situation here by handing in his resignation as a protest against Governor-General Leonard Wood's action in reinstating Ray Conley Secret Service officer, recently cleared in an investigation of charges of bribery. The Governor-General has not yet acted on the Mayor's resignation nor on that of J. P. Laurel, Secretary of the Interior, which was tendered to the executive yesterday.

Laurel resigned after he had instituted charges of bribery against Conley. Governor-General Wood previously had ordered an investigation by a board, which recommended Conley's reinstatement. The Governor-General also ordered Laurel's reinstatement, and Laurel resigned after his return to office.

According to reports in official circles to-day, all other departmental secretaries, except Vice-Governor-General Gilmore, have notified Governor-General Wood of their intention to quit.

Sensational charges of cold-blooded murder and torture of Moros on the Island of Basilan by members of the Philippine constabulary stationed there were laid to-day before Governor Wood by Captain Dolpan, of the Inter-Island steamer Midget. The Governor has ordered an investigation.

In giving further details of the controversy on July 17 the Associated Press advices from Manila said:

The political war between Governor-General Leonard Wood and Filipino officials is a fight to the finish to test the powers of General Wood, a high official of the party of Manuel Quezon, President of the Senate and critic of the Wood administration, said to-day.

The controversy, precipitated by the reinstatement of Ray Conley, United States Secret Service agent, came definitely to a head to-day with the resignation of the Council of State, as well as the Cabinet. Mr. Conley also resigned to-day.

The resignations of the Cabinet and the Council of State came suddenly after all day and all night sessions of members of the Filipino political groups and a gathering of the Council of State and Legislative Council at Governor-General Wood's official residence, Malacanang Palace.

A delegation of officials filed into the executive office, with Quezon at its head. As they stood in a group before the Governor-General's desk, Quezon read the collective resignations of the Cabinet members and of the Council of State, with the signature of each attached.

As Quezon finished, Governor-General Wood rose, briefly expressed his regret at their actions and promptly accepted the resignations.

Conley originally was charged with bribery, but on investigation he was cleared and General Wood reinstated him. J. P. Laurel, Secretary of the Interior, resigned in protest, and Mayor Ramon Fernandez of Manila did likewise.

"We have observed for some time that it is your policy and desire as Governor-General to intervene and control, even to the smallest details, our Government, both insular and local, in utter disregard of the authority and responsibility of the department heads and other officials concerned," the officials said in tendering their resignations. "This policy recently

culminated in an unfortunate incident which shook to its foundations the public opinion of the country, when you, by undue interference with the powers and jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Mayor of Manila, reinstated a member of the Secret Service who had been legally suspended from office and whose resignation you subsequently accepted on your own initiative.

"To make matters worse, you took this action without hearing the proper officials.

"This series of acts constitutes clear violation of the fundamental law of the land and other legal provisions, especially those of Act 2803, Section 2447, of the Administrative Code. At the same time it is a backward step and a curtailment of Filipino autonomy guaranteed by the organic Act and enjoyed by the Filipino people continuously since the Jones Law became effective.

"Having followed this course of conduct in your relations with the Executive Departments and other offices of the Insular and local Governments, thereby violating the sacred pledge of the people and the Government of the United States to guarantee to the Filipino people the exercise of the greatest possible measure of self-government pending the recognition of independence, we beg, with the deepest regret, frankly to state that we are unable to assume with you responsibility in the execution of this policy, and therefore we have decided to tender our resignations jointly as members of the Council of State and individually as Secretaries of the departments."

The Secretaries involved are those of the Interior, Finance, Agriculture, Justice and Communications. Manuel Quezon, President of the Senate, and Speaker Roxas of the House of Representatives, also resigned.

In reply, Governor-General Wood said:

"I have listened with deep regret to the statement you have just read and which comes to me as a surprise and clearly indicates previous concerted action on your part, action taken deliberately and of which no previous notice has come to me until my arrival at this conference.

"Your action is not based on any previous protest or complaint. It indicates organized and preconcerted attack by the Filipino Department Secretaries, members of the Legislature and members of the Council of State upon the authority of the Governor-General under the organic Act and as the representative of the sovereign power of the United States.

"In my opinion your action is wholly uncalled for. I beg to state most definitely and emphatically that each and every declaration made in your statement which charges neglect of the prerogatives and rights of the Secretaries or disregard for the organic law is without the slightest foundation in fact. You are aware of this, because here in your own presence Secretary of Justice Santos declared that during our entire association of more than a year no recommendation of his has ever been disapproved.

"Secretary of Agriculture Corpus makes the same general declaration. These are the two Secretaries with whom I have had the most dealing.

"We need not go further. You have made no effort whatever to adjust alleged disagreements. Your plans have been deliberately made and your action is in the nature of a challenge and threat which I cannot ignore.

"I regret exceedingly this occurrence. It can be productive of only unfortunate results—results prejudicial to the cause in which we both are interested. It means an abandonment of posts and obligations at a time of great responsibility and on alleged issues unsupported by evidence and unworthy of the attention of serious-minded men.

"I desire to thank you all for your courtesy and co-operation in the past and again to express my regret at this action.

"Under the circumstances there is no alternative left for me but to accept as I now do, your resignations as presented."

Under date of July 19 Associated Press accounts from Washington said:

Final action in Washington in connection with the incident in Manila, which resulted in the resignation of the Philippine Cabinet and Council of State in protest against the policies of Governor Wood, will await the return of President Harding from his Alaskan trip.

Reports reached Secretary Weeks to-day from General Wood and from Manuel Quezon setting forth both sides of the controversy. It was indicated that further details would be asked both from the Governor-General and from Mr. Quezon and that when all available information is at hand the case will be left to the personal consideration of the President.

The text of the two cablegrams to Secretary Weeks was not made public, but it was understood they presented the difference of view between the Governor-General and the native officials on the powers of the Governor-General.

Examination of the legal basis for the action taken by General Wood in reinstating Ray Conley, Secret Service agent, without reference to the wishes of the Philippine Cabinet officer who was the immediate superior of the agent, has convinced War Department officials that there is not any reasonable basis for the claim by Mr. Quezon and his associates that General Wood exceeded his legal powers.

It is assumed that when the case is finally presented to President Harding it will be accompanied by recommendations from Secretary Weeks based on the findings of War Department officials who have jurisdiction in such matters. The Secretary has already begun a study for the purpose of preparing such recommendations.

It is generally expected that the attitude of the War Department will be in support of the Governor-General's position, but pending final action by the President or under his instruction, there will be no orders from Washington intervening in the matter in any way.

In making known further resignations, Manila dispatches (Associated Press) July 25, stated:

The chaotic political situation here, marked recently by the resignations of all the principal native officials of the Philippine Government and by a legislative request that Governor-General Wood be recalled, is in a more muddled state after the resignation last night of six appointive Representatives and Senators of the Legislature.

The latest group to quit as a result of differences between Governor-General Wood and Filipino officials explained they wished to give the Governor an opportunity to fill the positions with legislators who would not embarrass him.

Friends of Wood, however, contend that the Governor's enemies, notably Manuel Quezon, head of the new Collectivista Party, are bent on ousting all of Wood's appointees, in an effort to make it appear that the people approved the resignation of the entire membership of the Cabinet and Council of State on July 17.

From a copyright wireless message to the New York "Times" from Manila, July 21, we quote the following:

A suspicion prevails in local political circles that recent developments were not entirely unconnected with the political situation in the United States, the theory being that an attempt to discredit the Harding Administration through General Wood is at the bottom of Quezon's campaign.

It is reliably stated that the Democrats have secretly agreed that the question raised by Quezon is not a national but a political issue, since they do not oppose General Wood. This is significant because the Democrats had a plurality in the lower house and secured a plurality of the popular vote at the last general election, which was invalidated by Quezon's maneuver in combining the Collectivista and Nationalist forces. Official circles interpret the Democratic attitude as supporting Wood.

If this is correct, then for the first time in the history of the islands an American Governor-General enjoys the support of a large and possibly the largest political party here. General Wood's acceptance of the Cabinet resignations may therefore result in a decided strengthening of his position as far as the administration of internal affairs is concerned, since a majority of the Provincial Governors are Democrats.

A big stumbling block exists in the Legislature. Congressional action may be necessary in order to secure co-operation with the executive unless Quezon is discredited or some of his followers join the Democratic group.

Philippine Crisis Said to Have Originated in a Visitation of Locusts.

The following copyright advices from Washington July 19 appeared in the New York "Herald" of the 20th inst.:

A new variety of political trouble has broken out in the Philippine Islands where Governor-General Wood is carrying out the mandate of the United States Government.

It was revealed here to-day that the shower of resignations recently sent to the Governor's mansion grew, not so much out of independence of sentiment, as out of a visitation of locusts and typhoons. The trouble started when several provincial and municipal authorities petitioned that penalty for delinquency in payment of land taxes be remitted because of locusts and typhoons.

General Wood, however, after looking the situation over, refused to accept the plea that the locusts and typhoons were a good cause for delinquency—and the resignations followed.

The official view in Washington is that the Governor of the Philippines knows what he is about and there is every disposition to support him. Final action will await the return of President Harding.

Near East Treaty Signed at Lausanne.

The Near East Conference, in session at Lausanne for eight months, concluded its labors on July 24 when a treaty of peace was signed by the delegates to take the place of the discredited treaty of Sevres, re-establishing peace between the Allied Powers and Turkey. Although the United States is not a party to the new treaty, the American Minister to Switzerland, Mr. Grew, played an important part in the protracted negotiations as a so-called observer, not having been designated by the Government at Washington as official participant. It was due primarily to the insistence by Mr. Grew and the other American diplomats who attended the conference as observers for the United States, that there were included in the final treaty clauses enforcing the application of the traditional American principles of the open door and equal opportunity. Some of the salient features of the general treaty as outlined in Associated Press dispatches from Lausanne are as follows:

Constantinople goes definitely to Turkey.

All foreign troops will be withdrawn.

It makes peace between Greece and Turkey.

It permits the Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church to remain in Constantinople.

It launches one of the most stupendous, and in some ways the most cruel, human movements in history by its compulsory exchange of population, the Greeks in Turkey returning to Greece and the Turks in Greece returning to Turkey.

It fails to solve the Armenian problem, Armenians being obliged to seek refuge in neighboring lands like Syria or to find a new haven in Southern Russia.

It reduces Turkey's size by its recognition of detached mandated States like Syria, Mesopotamia and Palestine.

With one stroke of the pen it rids Turkey of judicial capitulations such as China vainly sought to accomplish for itself at Washington, and which Japan achieved only after two decades of struggle.

In only one way is Turkey treated differently from other countries; foreign legal advisers will be empowered to receive complaints relating to arrests and imprisonment of foreigners.

With regard to the signing of the treaty and the work of the conference at Lausanne, Associated Press dispatches had the following to say:

The Treaty of Lausanne, re-establishing peace in the Near East, now bears the signatures of Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Greece, Rumania and Turkey.

Simple ceremonies, marking the termination of negotiations which have extended over many months, were carried out in the main hall of Lausanne University this afternoon, and when the representatives of the various nations, led by Ismet Pasha, had affixed their signatures, President Scheurer of the Swiss Confederation declared the session adjourned, with the admonition: "Let the closing thought be a benediction."

An impressive demonstration, acclaiming the signing of peace, occurred in Lausanne to-night. The streets were crowded with rejoicing multitudes, many coming in from the country districts to take part. The tower and spire of the cathedral, which dominates the city, were aglow with electric designs, visible for miles on both sides of the lake, while searchlights played across from the surrounding hills.

The British delegation departed for home to-night; the others will go to-morrow, leaving only the Americans and Turks, who are still engaged in negotiations over the Turco-American treaty.

Jugoslavia announced at the last minute her refusal to sign on the ground that to do so would be harmful to her national interests. The treaty distributes the Ottoman debt among countries which, like Jugoslavia, acquired parts of the former Ottoman Empire.

Jugoslavia maintains that she annexed her former Turkish territory as the result of the Balkan wars and not as a consequence of the general European or Turco-Greek wars. She prefers therefore to abide by the treaties of London and Bucharest, which fixed the political status of the Balkans. She has agreed to negotiate directly with the European Powers regarding her possible responsibility in connection with the Turkish debt.

The signing took place in the imposing main hall of Lausanne University. It was carried out with traditional Swiss simplicity. The plenipotentiaries sat grouped on either side of the Speaker's rostrum, the Allied representatives on the right and the Turks on the left, with Joseph C. Grew, the American Minister to Switzerland, beside them.

President Scheurer of Switzerland entered the hall accompanied by Vice-President Chuard and Edmund Schulthess of the Foreign Department. President Scheurer immediately requested the delegates to sign the general treaty and the other documents.

Ismet the First to Sign.

Ismet Pasha was the first to step forward, signing for Turkey. When the Allied representatives following him all had signed, the Swiss President arose and delivered in French a brief but strongly worded exhortation for peace and co-operation throughout the world.

President Scheurer in his address told of the many difficulties encountered by the conference.

"The sacrifices to which you have consented in the general interest certainly have been heavy," he said, "but the result is worth the price paid. May this peaceful development extend throughout the whole world, liberating us all from this oppression of conflict, turmoil and fear, and making us really free."

Lausanne made the occasion a holiday. The hotels and other buildings were decorated and some of them displayed huge electric signs bearing the word "Pax." Great crowds gathered about the university, thousands of persons standing on the ramparts and roofs in the vicinity of the building, which is in a kind of amphitheatre. Many smartly gowned women gave color to the scene inside the hall.

All the delegations before the meeting joined in a letter of thanks to President Scheurer for the hospitality extended by the Swiss during the conference. It referred to Switzerland's traditional desire for peace, and concluded:

"This treaty marks the definite re-establishment of peace in the world." The whole simple ceremony was over in an hour.

The great amount of work done by the Near East Peace Conference, of which the peace signed to-day is the outcome, is indicated by the number of documents it produced. In addition to the general treaty, these include the convention setting up the regime for the Turkish Straits, to which Russia and Bulgaria adhere, and a separate agreement on the frontiers of Thrace, commercial and amnesty accords, and protocols on concessions, minorities, judicial safeguards for foreigners and documents by which Belgium and Portugal adhere to certain parts of the treaty.

The general treaty comprises 143 articles, divided into five parts—political, financial, economic, communications and general clauses.

The commercial section stipulates the application of the Ottoman tariff, initiated in 1916, multiplied by a coefficient corresponding to the depreciation of the Turkish currency.

Peace With Turkey.

[From the New York "Evening Post" of July 25.]

Constantinople might well declare a holiday, hang out her flags, fire 101 guns and organize torchlight processions to celebrate yesterday's peace. There are few similar contrasts in history as complete as that between the Treaty of Sevres and the Treaty of Lausanne. The one organized a Greek Empire on the ruins of Turkey; the other restores Turkey on the ruins of the Greek Empire. Palestine and Syria are lost to the Turk, but Anatolia, Armenia and Eastern Thrace are back in his hands, and even Karagatch has been ceded to him in lieu of a Greek indemnity. Not for decades has Turkey held up her head so proudly as a nation. Of the irksome capitulations only a shadow is left, and the country is being bowed into the League of Nations. The history of Turkey since her defeat in the World War is a tremendous object lesson in the folly of greed that overreaches itself and international jealousy that defeats its own aims.

In the negotiations of the final weeks at Lausanne Ismet Pasha succeeded in wresting new concessions from the Allies and in justifying the defiant stroke with which he had broken up the preceding Lausanne session. As for the heavy Turkish debts, nothing is said in the treaty about them. The Turkish Government is left to settle the terms of repayment with the bondholders, who will have to rely on whatever diplomatic support they can gain from their Governments, and upon Turkey's appreciation of the fact that future credit cannot be obtained unless she deals fairly with her present creditors. Regarding the economic concessions, it has been agreed that all valid grants before the war shall be maintained, but that adaptation to present economic conditions shall be allowed. Three large pre-war concessions have been declared invalid by the Turks, and are to be the subject of special inquiry and a new arrangement. The Mosul frontier is to be arranged by separate negotiation between Turkey and Great Britain within nine months. Constantinople is to be evacuated within six weeks. These arrangements are not unfair; but they mean that Turkey has not surrendered a single point at issue.

No one need regret that the Sevres Treaty has not stood. The Turks were only too well justified in declaring that its terms, surrendering large Turkish communities to alien control, and imposing excessive restrictions upon Turkish freedom in economic and political affairs, were intolerable. What is to be regretted is that a fair peace was not quickly, emphatically, and finally imposed on Turkey by the united Allies. The wars and massacres of the last few years might have been avoided. A national home might have been obtained for the Armenians, and the Greeks in Thrace and Asia Minor might have remained under the Greek flag. The wholesale expulsions of foreigners from Turkey might have been avoided and their full safety guaranteed by the continuance of fair capitulations clauses. The Straits might have been policed internationally. Europe wantonly threw away the opportunity of giving stability, peace and prosperity to the Near East.

We must pin our hopes for a brighter future in that part of the world to a subsidence of the excessive Turkish nationalism. Angora should understand that the policy of driving all Greeks and Armenians from her soil will prove ruinous, for these groups have furnished the backbone of her commercial and industrial system. The Government will have to learn to treat fairly those foreign interests which have given Turkey all her modern improvements, from the electric lights in Constantinople to the railways in Asia Minor. The obvious program for Turkish statesmen to follow is now to forget political and racial fanaticism and concentrate their energies upon economic reconstruction.

Ex-Secretary of War Baker Predicts European War in Three or Four Years—Urges Entrance of United States to League to Prevent Conflict.

Speaking before the annual convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, July 12, of the Ohio Electric Light Association, the prediction was made by Newton D. Baker, ex-Secretary of War, that there will be a continental European war within the next three or four years, with the possibility that the

United States will be drawn in "unless something is done about it." The press dispatches report him to the following effect:

Entrance of the United States into the full spirit of the League of Nations, he declared, was the only way open to a possible prevention of such a conflict.

President Harding is "eternally right" the former secretary said, in his proposal for participation in the world court, but this agency having powers to deal only with international questions of a legal nature, "can't be counted upon to end war."

"Partisanship ought to stop at the sea coast," Mr. Baker declared in urging that the country assume full membership in the League but with any reservation of under any name that might be desired.

Even the Lodge reservations would be acceptable to him, he said, if the full spirit of the League would be entered into.

In substantiation of his declaration that a new war might be anticipated, Mr. Baker asserted that standing armies in Europe now are greater by 600,000 men than in 1914, previous to the World War.

Senator Hiram Johnson Warns Against Foreign Alliances—Says What Is Wanted Is Not Our Brains, But Sword and Purse.

Senator Hiram Johnson of California, who arrived in the United States on the "Leviathan" on the 23d inst., after a tour of four and a half months in Europe, reserved until Wednesday night, the 25th, a statement of his impressions as to conditions abroad. Upon that occasion the Senator, in addressing a gathering at a banquet tendered him at the Waldorf-Astoria, warned against participation by the United States in European affairs, declaring that "if we become part of an European pact we are not only in European imbroglions, but we invite controversies at home by going into Europe. By going into Europe we have little chance of settling Europe's racial hatreds, and we may transfer them to our own land." "There's just one course to pursue," said the Senator, "just one way to play our proud part, just one method to render real service—speak our voice, frankly and boldly, be true to our own institutions, hold to our own ideals, be fair and just to all peoples, but, standing upon our own shores, remain the master of our own destiny, the captain of our own souls." "So earnestly and so firmly," said Senator Johnson, "do I believe that the future of the republic depends upon keeping out of the turmoil, the strife and the controversies, the schemes and machinations of Europe, that we can have no higher resolve than to dedicate ourselves to the patriotic duty in the days to come to maintaining the distinctive American policy and keeping our country free from every entanglement which would destroy that policy. In my humble fashion, without limitations of politics or candidacies, I dedicate myself to maintaining America just as America has ever been." "Since when," said he, has America become so weak and so timid its foreign policy could be declared only in conjunction with other nations?" "Our internationalists iterate and reiterate," the Senator observed, "that all would be well in Europe and that everything there would long ago have been quite solved and settled if only we Americans had remained in Europe to give it the benefit of our opinions in the League of Nations at Geneva and in the Reparations Commission at Paris." Asserting that "it is not American wisdom that France and Britain want," the Senator said:

If we accept the invitation to help France and Britain enforce the Treaty of Versailles, let us at least realize that the importunity of the invitation is due to the size of our muscles and not at all to the quality of our brains.

When once, however, we have recovered from the hallucinations into which European flattery has thrown us, when we rift the dazzling veil of vanity and conceit in which we have enveloped ourselves, and when once we really clearly understand that our presence in Europe is desired simply and solely because of our sword and because of our purse, we will, I believe, reject the invitation to Geneva and reject the invitation to any and all judicial suburbs of Geneva with a unanimity which will close the matter forever.

Senator Johnson declared that he saw "no evidence of chaos in Europe, but I saw plain evidence of future conflict." "Another bloody war," he continued, "is in the making. I would prevent it if I could; but if that bloody war is no concern of ours and comes from causes of which we are no part I would not send a single American soldier again across the seas." Senator Johnson contended that "if one-tenth the effort now being made to take us into Europe were devoted to taking our own out of their distress and want, we'd have a happy, contented and prosperous people." The following is Senator Johnson's speech:

I cannot express to you what is in my heart as I meet you to-night, I cannot hope fittingly to tell of my appreciation and gratitude. To find, after a prolonged absence, the friendships of the years yet enduring, their bonds strengthened, mellowed and moves me far beyond mere words. I am proud, I am happy—above all, I am thankful. And in speaking thus I assume that to-night is not wholly a personal greeting; it has no political significance; but it represents possibly an idea uppermost in your minds and mine which you and I think needs expression, of the relations of our country should maintain toward the rest of the world.

For four and a half months I've wandered through Europe. The opportunity has been mine to talk with many, high and low alike, to see—it is true, superficially—existing conditions; to witness some important developments and to hear expositions at times of national policies. I do not pretend an intimate knowledge of statesmen's minds, nor of people's purposes. I frankly concede to you I am utterly wanting in that omniscience which enables an American, as he steps from the gangplank abroad, to tell the world what it should do, and then, with benevolent and generous intention, to confide to an eager and listening Europe exactly what the United States will do.

I regret that I am so lacking in discernment and intelligence that I cannot by an overnight residence in Europe, like some who spend a week abroad, advise Europe of her future course and America of her bounden duty with the absolute certainty that if the advice be heeded the world will prosper and all will be well. There is a growing feeling across the sea that too many Americans, under the persuasive and compelling influence of their environment there, speak what they think their auditors wish to hear; and who from the impelling necessity of their own importance interpret our country not as it is, but as will best maintain the position they crave in Europe.

I was "an innocent abroad." I was content with my nationality, but tremendously curious to learn of others from being among them. Without racial prejudices, with wholehearted religious toleration, with, if I may be permitted, a love of human beings, just ordinary people, I endeavored to sense the atmosphere in which I moved. Little more can be done in any brief visit abroad. And so, in the beginning let me say to you, I do not claim to have been a close investigator, nor do I presume to speak authoritatively. I give but the impressions of an innocent abroad. I went to Europe just an American. I return just an American.

In talking with you to-night I speak in neither personal nor political hostility to any man. I speak in no partisan sense. I am one of those who believe politics should be limited by the coast line of the nation. Our international policy, our country's relations to foreign countries, should be determined by the policy itself, not by opportunism nor by any spurious cry of party regularity. I cannot forgive the man who decides this nation's future solely by the present apparent necessity of partisan politics. Some of us will neither be cajoled nor driven, nor browbeaten into advocacy of a foreign policy at variance with what we deem our country's weal. What we condemned under a Democratic Administration, we will not accept under a Republican Administration.

In our country, as in every other, there are to-day pressing domestic problems, upon which there is wide divergence of view. When the very struggle for existence becomes more difficult, when the day's activities may mean their continuance on the morrow, when possible want stalks just beyond the fireside, men have little time or thought for international policies.

To-night I am expected to speak sketchily of my impressions of foreign relations, and I refrain therefore, from any extended discussion of domestic questions. Men, however, are not unlike the world over. Human breasts throb with the same emotions. Hopes and aspirations, yearnings and longings, fears and love, come to the peasant of Russia and the farmer of America alike. The primitive problem of existence and subsistence for man and his dear ones is no different in one clime than another. Common humanity learned from dread war it must bear the burden, but it learned, too, it could wield the power. No people, least of all ours, will ever again look with equanimity or in silence upon the invasion or subversion of what they deem their inalienable right—the right to happiness, to God's sunlight, the right to live. No court's decree denying fundamentals will they ever deem final.

Discontent abroad in our land, say our publicists? Of course, there's discontent. It arises, not from dissatisfaction with popular government, but with the lack of it. When we are so weak, our efforts so futile, that we cannot frame laws which will stand the test of courts to prohibit child labor and give women a minimum living wage, the common man looks at us, aye, he even dares look at the courts, with some doubt and mistrust. When he finds his larder low, his crops poor, his prices poorer, and the appeal from statesmen and churches for him again to go to Europe; when his problems, which means not only his happiness, but the happiness and very life of his loved ones, are shunned by those in power for the glamour of participation in European affairs, in no uncertain fashion he voices his discontent and distrust.

If one-tenth the effort now being made to take us into Europe were devoted to taking our own out of their distress and want, we'd have a happy, contented and prosperous people. If a tithe of the time and money and labor spent in endeavoring to convince our citizens they should solve Europe's ills were spent in solving our own, the solution would be found. But of one thing be certain. Humanity is determined to have its own. It no longer begs; it demands. It asks its right to life, liberty and happiness. It will have it in full measure. I suggest to my conservative brethren that recent events indicate they must choose whether progressive things shall be done in a conservative way or in a radical way. You may have to take progressivism or radicalism will take you.

But upon these domestic questions, our people will divide without pretense or cant, and they will be decided in the good old American fashion, in fair, stand-up fight. I have that confidence in the genius of the American people that they will ultimately be rightly decided; but the recurring periods at which the electorate may express their views make it certain they will finally represent the will of our people. At any rate, candor, frankness, directness will prevail in the determination of our domestic policies, and they may be changed just as often as the people, expressing their will at the ballot box, desire.

Unfortunately, another rule obtains with respect to our international problems. Unlike domestic policies, we may not with facility change a foreign policy once adopted. When we have entered a particular course the march onward may be irresistible. The future is ever doubtful—never can be accurately foretold. Were we convinced of the unwisdom of a course adopted, the arguments of expediency, of moral obligation and the like probably would carry us on. The overwhelming force of these arguments need not be described to those who remember the late war and the discussions then and during the League contest.

Of transcendent importance is it, therefore, that we reach our decision of our foreign policy without haste or passion, partisanship or prejudice. Once we enter upon a new venture there will be no retreat. I'm well aware of what may be said of Congressional action, and the power of the representatives of the people, and I understand thoroughly what that power is; but I understand, too, how that power may be controlled.

It is a matter of deepest regret that in our discussions of foreign relations sometimes candor is lacking, frankness and directness forgotten, and too often we neither see clearly nor think rationally of an international problem.

Though you and I thought it had been decided in 1920, the old question recurs. If it must be decided again, I insist it shall be honestly and fearlessly decided. Let's have no pretense; let's make the issue so plain that even some of our most distinguished statesmen cannot dodge it. I do not agree at all with the views of Mr. Justice Clark and Mr. Hamilton Holt and their associates. I do heartily agree with them on one thing—if our foreign policy is to come before our people, let it come frankly, fairly, honestly, and let the people decide whether they wish to participate in the

European political mess or follow the policy that has thus far been ours; that has brought us our fame, our prosperity, our happiness and our glory.

I pause a moment to sound my feeble warning against the foreign propaganda now poisoning the national mind. It comes principally from the British Empire, although Britain is no worse, only more effective, than other countries in this respect. It taints the very sources of our news. It plays upon the most sacred of human emotions and often speaks in the holiest aspirations of mankind. It reaches into public bodies, civic and commercial associations, women's clubs, into press and pulpit alike. Its medium is sometimes in the guise of news, often in humanitarian and religious appeal, and sometimes it appears in titled personages from abroad.

When a Balfour or a Cecil comes among us, they preach their doctrine eloquently and tactfully, but it is always, however carefully and sweetly phrased, the doctrine of and for their great nation, not of and for ours. And these titled gentlemen know, just as we have learned, that in the presence of a foreign title or a great alien personage some of our people are afflicted with an inferiority complex that makes them a bit ashamed of being American, apologetic for the unfortunate circumstance of their birth and singularly susceptible to a foreign viewpoint. We cannot blame some of our English brethren if they are rather contemptuous in their estimate of American character. They see only two classes of Americans—fawning little brothers of the rich, who speak only in cringing accents, and those who wish to bask in the sunlight of a titled presence and who jostle one another in a frantic effort for presentation at court.

I'd like to label Americans of this sort who leave our shores, brand them with the contempt of real Americans, and sending them abroad plainly marked as the exemplars of but a small class, representing nothing but themselves, we would render an inestimable service to our people and perhaps an equal one to those beyond the sea.

Through this susceptible class and the ever-present foreign propaganda the American people have absorbed the choicest and most amazing mass of misinformation; and the pity of it is, this misinformation is the basis of the opinions of so many good and well-meaning people. The chords of human sympathy and brotherly love are played upon by master alien hands; the hatred of war and love of peace inborn in every man and woman have become the unconscious instruments of secret purpose and hidden selfishness. And finally politics come into play, and an international issue is eagerly seized as a political life preserver.

You may call the present effort what you will—a league a conference, an association or a world court—the result, whether intended or not, will be exactly the same. Nobody in Europe cares a rap for the international court; many care very much whether we get into it. Nobody expects the World Court to solve any real provocative international problem; but many expect if the United States can be lured into it, the United States is on the way not only to the League of Nations, but to a full participation in European affairs.

War is awful, but there are other things almost as wicked.

War is terrible. Its horrors have so recently wrung our hearts that portrayal of its awfulness and its wickedness is unnecessary to enlist all right thinking people in its prevention. But straight thinking people want really to prevent war, not to unite with war producers or inciters that their designs may be more readily accomplished and their wars made easier.

There are some things perhaps as wicked as war. A nation may survive a war, but a nation whose moral fibre has been destroyed by hypocrisy has no future. War may leave people torn and bloody, but with character left, those people are not lost. Corrode a nation's character, destroy its moral fibre and the nation dies. We may fight and even lose and yet again war strong. We may suffer the untold agonies of war, and rise supreme by very force of a national character untainted and moral strength untouched. I preach the doctrine of abhorrence of war. I preach with the same emphasis abhorrence in our public life, in our national and international policies, of duplicity, cowardice, pretense and hypocrisy.

However well intended, it is a dreadful thing to tell our people that the International Court will stop war or that it will have the slightest effect upon wars. However good the purpose, it is a shameful thing to play upon the emotions of our women and our churches with the pretense that a World Court exists which will readily adjudicate international disputes and bring peace and good will on earth to all men.

The court means nothing of the sort. It is an utterly futile agency for peace—it cannot and it will not prevent wars, and it does not pretend, either in its organization or in its operation, to do so. It has jurisdiction of nothing except what countries may choose to submit to it, and the four great member nations—Great Britain, France, Italy, and Japan—have specifically declined to submit to its compulsory jurisdiction.

It is an arbitrary tribunal to which disputes may or may not be brought, as the great nations choose, and passing events demonstrate conclusively the great nations do not choose to submit anything of consequence to it. Call it court, or what you will, its genesis is the League of Nations. It is part of the machinery of the League. It is the advisory body of the League; its opinions are based upon the prerogatives of the League; the law of the League is in reality the law of the court; and behind the League, controlling it and directing it are the chancelleries of Europe, with their secret diplomacy, their selfishness and cupidity and their hideous schemes of exploitation and conquest.

I have no purpose this evening of indulging in an infinity of detail concerning European conditions. Neither an intimate acquaintance nor a close investigation is required to determine the present situation. The policies of the major nations, whether cloaked in the guise of altruism or boldly announced, can be easily read by the most casual student. I characterize these policies neither in one fashion or another. Their justice or injustice, merits or demerits, I pass, leaving for another occasion perhaps, their discussion.

England to-day pursues the policy that has marked her course for a century and a half; it is no different under a Baldwin than under a Palmerston. The commercial supremacy of England is at the bottom always of its political policy. No sentiment rules its foreign office, and none interferes with its political alliances. It stands against a powerful Germany when England's trade is threatened. It stands against a powerful France when France seems to dominate Continental Europe. Comradeship is forgotten when trade policies are threatened.

France victorious remembering the past, and fearful of the future, is determined to maintain her Continental position and her world power; she seeks by the strong arm what she asserts is her just due.

Germany disarmed seeks her fairest industrial province seized and dreams of a future day of reckoning.

The strong man of Italy bluntly announces the Italian policy "Niente per Niente"—"Nothing for Nothing"—"Italy for Italians" and pursues his nationalistic way, with no other thought than the advantage of his own land.

The Balkan States, pawns of the great Powers, retain their unlimited capacity for involving their greater neighbors, and with but one or two exceptions still cling to the good old Balkan method of changing Ministers by assassinating Ministers.

Peoples I found generally kindly, courteous, industrious and lovable. Behind them are the centuries of their history, and with them abide the traditions of many generations. They have their way of living, their mode of thought. They neither ask nor desire our advice. Their habits of living and of thought have developed through the ages, and the suggestion of change in either would be received with no less surprise than resentment.

A considerable number of our good people really believe we are wiser and better than those living in Europe. Unfortunately, the Europeans don't know it; and I fear notwithstanding the resolutions so generously and numerously and unanimously adopted by Friday morning clubs and Tuesday evening associations, for "rescuing humanity" and "saving civilization," Europeans will continue living and thinking in the European way.

Britain to-day is at loggerheads with France. The legal staff of the British connected with the Reparation Commission hold the invasion of the Ruhr illegal. The legal staff of the French hold the contrary. In this there is a lesson for us, for it demonstrates how nationality enters into every decision and the facility with which reasons may be found by patriotism, to make the law of the case. But the difference between France and England is far deeper than a mere difference of legal construction. It involves fundamental policies. England wants no dominant France. She seeks as ever a balance of power. France, rising invincible from a great war, wishes to discount the future and, aside from the collection of reparations, hopes to remove forever the menace of the past. I heard in Paris, for the first time in many years, the contemptuous words "Perfidious Albion." I heard in London bitter reference to French militarism, Napoleonic conquest and the like.

Germany, with her industrials and workers in fair condition, has a middle class acutely suffering. She feels, it matters now whether her complaint be just or unjust, that we enunciated fourteen points of peace and then abandoned them. She accuses us, therefore, of bad faith. France and Britain say we fought the war with them and quit at its end when there was still work we were in honor bound to do. France and Britain, while not openly accusing, think we were guilty of bad faith. But France now sees England as a deserter, England sees France as an exploiter with designs of conquest. Italy looks askance at both and thinks of herself, and all are viewing us of course affectionately but rather cynically.

On every hand, in every land, are distrust, suspicion, hostility and hatred; hostility and hatred of one another, distrust and suspicion of us. The moratorium required in Europe is a moratorium of distrust, suspicion, hostility and hatred. Europe must put her political house in order before she invites guests to cross its threshold.

In this condition abroad, can any question what should be our attitude? We must not be persuaded to a false step in a little policy, however alluring it may seem, which ultimately may involve us in that which, thus far, we have shunned and avoided.

I will not take our country into this clash of selfish ambitions and the yet existing racial feuds which have written the bloody pages of centuries of European history. If we become a part of what is happening abroad, we would be but the dupe or the prey of the one faction or the other. So earnestly and firmly do I believe that the future of the Republic depends upon keeping out of the turmoil, the strife and the controversies, the schemes and machinations of Europe, that we can have no higher resolve than to dedicate ourselves to the patriotic duty in the days to come of maintaining the distinctive American policy and keeping our country free from every entanglement which would destroy that policy. In my humble fashion, without limitations of politics of candidacies, I dedicate myself to maintaining America just as America has ever been.

It is nonsense to talk of turning our back upon the world and maintaining aloofness from its daily activities. We may have a foreign policy if we choose, and that foreign policy may speak in tones which will cause all the world to pause.

For one, I would have a definite foreign policy for our nation, but a policy of our own. It is true that this policy might change with succeeding Administrations, but this presents no obstacle to a frank avowal of our present purposes. If the Administration for a moment in power believes any foreign country jeopardizes peace, there is no reason why we should not say so. I resent that our great country can only speak in concert with others and that it cannot speak alone.

Since when has America become so weak and so timid its foreign policy could be declared only in conjunction with other nations? I can recall the times when a Democratic President of the United States did not hesitate to express the views of our country in foreign affairs. And I remember when the greatest American of his generation spoke in clarion tones America's foreign policy, and all the world listened. Hysterical sentimentalism has made us dumb, and our aimless drifting has brought us into international contempt. It is only the timid and the fearful who ask others to unite with them in order to exercise their moral weight. The strong, the self-reliant, the just, by the mere expression of a righteous view give infinitely more effect to their moral weight than by waiting and watching, and begging and pleading that others may join in the expression of what they believe to be fundamentally right.

Moral weight. Our internationalists constantly harp upon if we'd only joined the League of Nations, our moral weight would have been sufficient to have prevented any subsequent wars. If we would only get into the European mess, our moral weight would sweep back the tide of centuries. Not so. The sure way in which we might dissipate our moral weight is to make it subject to the decision of those upon whom we wish to exercise moral suasion, or to submit it for ultimate expression to those who have no moral sense. Free, independent, unfettered by league or association, court or conference, America can speak and the world will heed.

The latest effort to take us into the maelstrom of Europe by an international court of the League is, of course, indirect. We are told we are not to enter the League by the back door, the front door, or the cellar door, but the fact is we are asked to house ourselves in a separate building upon the estate of the League. Those who wish us to enter the League care little whether for the moment we are in the original structure. If we may be induced to enter that which is a part, they know full well when retreat is no longer possible we can be driven into the main building.

I am well within the fact when I say that of all those interested in the subject of Europe, none consider the World Court except as a part of the League of Nations, and the idea of the divorcement of the two is merely a matter of jest.

I do not question the good faith of the President, nor the fact that he believes he may accomplish the seemingly impossible task, but, aside from his few advisers, I think there is quite a substantial disagreement with him. Those who favor a League of Nations want us in a World Court, because they say it is a step in the right direction, and as the franker among them express it, it is but a preliminary move for entrance into the League. The President says that under no circumstances will we have anything to do with the League. The pro-Leagueurs believe that if we get into the Court the President will be found to be mistaken, and they are with him in his advocacy of the Court. On the other hand, the opponents of the League oppose the Court because, among other reasons, they believe it means entrance into the League; and the paradoxical situation is presented of the

pro-Leagueurs favoring the Court because they think the President is mistaken, and that it would take us into the League; and the anti-Leagueurs opposing it for precisely the same reason.

Every utterance of three or four years ago concerning the League is paraphrased in the arguments of to-day, and singularly enough there are some who, while repudiating their past utterances, again urge upon us a similar course. I speak now in no invidious sense. I recall to you what is but recent political history. I do it not in personal vein, but as a legitimate warning concerning the arguments made to-day for the Court.

Views of Hughes and Hoover.

You remember how, in 1920, a group of very distinguished gentlemen pledged their faith to the American people that if the Republican candidate for President was elected we would enter the League of Nations. Among those who thus pledged themselves were two great statesmen, Messrs. Hughes and Hoover, who are now members of the President's Cabinet, and whose utterances in behalf of the League of Nations were among those most eloquent and persuasive. They are now part of the Administration which in very emphatic language at St. Louis said that the verdict of the American people was rendered against the League in 1920; that America would have nothing to do with it, and that the issue of the League was as dead as slavery.

These two distinguished members of the Cabinet have, of course, recanted their views and are now, just as the President is, opposed to the entry of the United States into the League; for it is obvious if they had not changed their views, with their pledge to the American people so emphatically repudiated, they could not remain members of the present Administration. I congratulate them, and I congratulate the people of the United States that they have seen the error of their way and that to-day they would not take our great country into the League, and I congratulate them upon their confession to the American people.

They, however, are believed in Europe, and I think in America, too, to be the sponsors for the present endeavor to have the United States join the World Court. I may be pardoned, therefore, in suggesting to you the vehemence of their views three years ago upon a most important international policy, views which now they have changed; and we may be pardoned, too, in accepting, respectfully, but with a bit of caution, their present view upon a less important international policy.

Our internationalists iterate and reiterate that all would be well in Europe and that everything there would long ago have been quite solved and settled if only we Americans had remained in Europe to give it the benefit of our opinions in the League of Nations at Geneva and in the Reparation Commission at Paris.

It is specifically denied that we would ever be expected to back our opinions with troops. Our internationalists would have us believe it is not our troops that are wanted. It is our views. It is our intelligence.

No wonder that some Americans feel flattered by this display of confidence in their mental powers.

It is admitted that Julius Caesar did not succeed in solving Europe. It is admitted that Charlemagne left it unsolved. It is conceded that Louis the Eleventh and Charles the Fifth and Queen Elizabeth and Marlborough and Napoleon and Disraeli and Cavour were baffled by it. It is granted—and in fact claimed—that it is far too puzzling for Mussolini, Poincaré, Cuno, Baldwin.

It follows, apparently, that all it needs is two new representatives of the American State Department, one at Geneva and one at Paris, in addition to our present numerous Ambassadors and Ministers.

These two new members would accomplish the task which a thousand geniuses from Alexander the Great to Lloyd George have attempted in vain.

How dazzling is this conception of our intellectual gifts. We did not know before that we were such solvers of problems. In the iridescent dream of the internationalists we now in many cases thankfully turn our backs on problems of our own, which we know we cannot solve, and address ourselves with enthusiasm to the European problems which we are told we can solve with ease.

I am frank to say that I do not share this view either of America's capacity to save Europe or of Europe's incapacity to save itself. Europe many times has been in a situation as serious as the one from which it is now striving to emerge. European intelligence solved those previous situations—such as the ghastly one that followed the Thirty Years' War—without any help from the United States, and often without even the comfort of knowing that there was ever going to be a United States.

It is not American wisdom that France and Britain want. They know that we have no special wisdom to offer. They know that they could get better special wisdom about the Ruhr, for example, from Denmark. But they do not say that Denmark is essential to the League. They do say that the United States is essential to it. What is the difference? The difference is that while Denmark is wiser about European affairs, the United States is the world's largest reservoir of money and one of the world's largest reservoirs of potential military man power.

Let us not permit our vanity and egotism to fool us. If we accept the invitation to help France and Britain enforce the Treaty of Versailles, let us at least realize that the importunity of the invitation is due to the size of our muscles and not at all to the quality of our brains. When once, however, we have recovered from the hallucinations into which European flattery has thrown us, when we lift the dazzling veil of vanity and conceit in which we have enveloped ourselves, and when once we really clearly understand that our presence in Europe is desired simply and solely because of our sword and because of our purse, we will, I believe, reject the invitation to Geneva and reject the invitation to any and all judicial suburbs of Geneva with a unanimity which will close the matter forever.

I do not for an instant believe Europe will degenerate into chaos. Ministries may fall and Governments may be overturned, but peoples will continue their national life. I believe in peoples. They may indulge in even bloody terrors, but peoples finally want homes, and families, and children, they yearn to live and love. The impetus of daily vocations, of hourly association, the spirit of gregarious men, will preclude, in our day, anarchical chaos. Wars there will be while antagonistic races with burning unabated hatreds face each other across imaginary boundary lines. I saw no evidence of chaos in Europe, but I saw plain evidences of future conflict. Another bloody war is in the making. I would prevent it, if I could; but if that bloody war which is no concern of ours and comes from causes of which we are no part, I would not send a single American soldier again across the seas.

In Europe are the feuds of centuries. God gave us the dividing oceans. These people must live in the days to come as in the centuries past with their hatreds and hostilities. Our forbears left behind them European feuds and began a new experiment in Government in a savage and an unknown land. They bequeathed us our immortal heritage untainted with hatreds. From the God-given vantage of 3,000 miles of protecting waters, we do not view these hatreds with indifference; but by becoming a part of them, we cannot aid the participants, we can only add another belligerent.

And we have our racial problems, too. In France, in Italy, in Germany and in England there is one race, homogeneously national. We are heterogeneous. Every race on earth is part of our citizenship. Human nature does not forget, though it may forswear, the land of its birth. A controversy in Europe of one of the races abundant with us at once arouses sympathy and advocacy here. If we become a part of a European pact we are not only in European embroglios, we invite controversies at home. By going into Europe, we have little chance of settling Europe's racial hatreds, and we may transfer them to our own land. There's just one course to pursue, just one way to play our proud part, just one method to render real service—speak our voice, frankly and boldly, be true to our own institutions, hold to our own ideals, be fair and just to all peoples, but standing upon our own shores, remain the master of our own destiny, the captain of our own souls.

One of those present at the banquet was Ambassador Harvey. In referring to his presence, the New York "Times" of the 26th stated:

An unexpected guest who put in an appearance so late that his name did not appear on the seating list was George Harvey, Ambassador to Great Britain. When Mr. Harvey appeared he was invited to occupy a seat at the speaker's table, but modestly waived that honor and found a place at table 43 with Henry L. Stoddard, a former Progressive; Joseph S. Auerbach and others. When asked before he entered the banquet hall whether he had any comment to make on the dinner or on President Harding's World Court plan, Mr. Harvey merely shook his head.

"You have heard what Henry Ford said, 'Yes, I am not a candidate,' My answer to your question is, 'Yes, I have nothing to say.' I came to hear what Senator Johnson had to say after his trip to Europe."

George M. Reynolds Urges that United States Keep Aloof from European Affairs—Says France Has No Intention of Paying War Debt—Sees War Clouds Abroad.

George M. Reynolds, Chairman of the Board of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, has come back from Europe with the impression that "the best thing for America to do is to keep her hands out of European affairs and for every class of its citizens to get together and co-operate in the solving of our own problems." Mr. Reynolds, who returned on the steamer Leviathan, arriving here on Monday last (July 23) after a five months' trip abroad, has come to the conclusion that France has no intention of paying her war debts to the United States, and no intention of resuming friendly relations with Germany until the latter country has been practically milked of her life blood. According to a Chicago dispatch to the New York "Times" on July 23, Mr. Reynolds, upon his return to that city, declared that a war between France on the one hand and Germany and Russia combined on the other, with Britain holding aloof, is now a possibility. He hoped for the best the dispatch states, but feared the worst, and painted conditions in Europe in drab colors, due, as he explained, to the machinations of politicians. The dispatch further said:

Mr. Reynolds declared that high tariff is a hindrance to international trade; that Premier Mussolini of Italy faces assassination, and that Hiram Johnson is a conservative when compared to other recently elected legislators.

"There is need," he said, "of a great deal of co-operation on the part of all American citizens. It is doubtful if legislation alone would help greatly. If the farmer gets \$2 for his wheat, the high cost of living will go up, and 66% of the population, instead of 33%, as now, will be discontented. As a result of such class legislation other special legislation will be wanted.

"I believe that readjustment must come about chiefly through a deflation of the prices of manufactured articles to the farmer."

As to American-European relations, after discussing French occupation of the Ruhr, the general "cocky" attitude of the French people, and the possibility of a German-Russian-English entente, Mr. Reynolds concluded: "The best thing for the United States to do is to keep its money at home, where it will be needed."

From the New York "Evening Post" of July 24 we take the following statement attributed to Mr. Reynolds:

France is frankly after Germany's lifeblood. She wants every penny Germany can scrape up; the smothering of the country as a nation, or, if she can't get either, some kind of a guarantee from some other big nation that Germany will pay. Everywhere in France the individual says: "No matter what offer Germany makes, we won't accept it."

The attitude of the Government apparently is the same. They have their big army on German territory and they are feeling cocky. In Paris one hears everywhere the expression: "We'll stay in the Ruhr until they pay."

I see little prospects of Prime Minister Baldwin's note on the Ruhr being of any help. He tried to placate the French, but apparently he has failed. The great difficulty is that the nations of Europe do not trust one another, and until they do conditions are going to continue from bad to worse.

France as a nation is broke. She is frank about it and smiles when mention is made of paying her debts. Her argument is that she will pay when Germany pays her. She is not making any effort to collect her taxes, and some of the people sit at their tables and boast that they haven't paid the Government anything. One reason for this laxity is the Government's fear of serious trouble among the peasants if they press down upon them.

I was sorry to find that England and France were so estranged over the Ruhr situation, and that the situation was far more serious than the majority of the American people are aware of. France has not the slightest intention of paying one cent of her war debts to the United States.

In its issue of July 25 the "Evening Post" enlarged upon Mr. Reynolds' earlier statement as follows:

The problem of restoring Europe is the problem of restoring international trust and understanding, in the opinion of George M. Reynolds, Chairman of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, who arrived here on the Leviathan after a six-months study of European countries

and left to-day for Chicago. And the problem of restoring trust and understanding? It is unsolvable, said Mr. Reynolds in an interview at the Hotel Biltmore.

The Chicago financier found the outlook gloomy in France, England, Germany and other countries.

"What," he was asked, "do you deem a remedy?" There was the rub. There is no cure-all, he replied. "There is not a responsible man in Europe to-day," he avowed, "who can suggest a remedy."

He shook his head to all suggestions. Cancellation of debts? No. The World Court? No. The League? No. Suspicion between nations has taken the place of trust, he said, and in all likelihood it will take a stretch of years for the distrust to spend itself.

France's Fear of Germany.

"France fears Germany," said Mr. Reynolds. "France's population is 3,000,000 less than it was at the outbreak of the war. According to existing population trends, in 25 years Germany will count 100,000,000 persons, against 25,000,000 for France. Frenchmen foresee that situation and say that France would then be a helpless victim to their traditional enemy's undissipated wrath.

"So France would like to crush Germany utterly. That is a hard thing to say, but it is the truth of the matter. Either that or she must have guarantees of safety from other powerful nations or from some one nation. That cannot come from the United States. Americans would not go overseas for such a fight. The guaranty must come from some country that would also suffer from an attack on France. Great Britain seems the logical selection."

But Mr. Reynolds declared the disturbing thing was the growing estrangement of France and Great Britain in consequence of the Ruhr invasion.

"England fears that Germany, mangled by the French heel, may be forced into an alliance with Red Russia, and accordingly become Bolshevik herself. This would not only be fearsome politically to England. She is a trading nation, and is hurt by the cutting off or reduction of German and Russian markets.

"So England blames France for this danger, and holds she was precipitate in occupying the Ruhr. France recriminates by charging there would never have been any passive resistance from Germany if England had properly supported the French policy. So the effect is to split France and England as well as Germany and the Allies."

France and Her Debts.

Englishmen no longer feel that France is their Ally, said Mr. Reynolds. They complain "that France wanted to be I and not Ally," and that the Entente could continue only so long as things went France's way. Now for this complicated and unhappy situation he saw no remedy. France has no money, he continued, and the attitude of the average Frenchman towards his country's debts abroad is quite cynical.

"They say," said Mr. Reynolds, "they will pay their debts to America and elsewhere when Germany pays them. Privately, they laugh up their sleeves. Personally, I think that if France had suffered herself to make a determined effort to pay her debts, as the British have done, sympathy in the United States would have been aroused for the cancelling of those debts. But certainly their attitude does not now beget sympathy. French taxes are not collected to the full, because it is felt they dare not put too great a burden on the peasant."

The Chicago banker did not want to give the impression that he personally was unfriendly towards the French. He complimented the extraordinary exertions that have been put forth to restore the devastated areas. These large sections of land ruined by the war have been reclaimed to the plough.

Asked what he thought of the American loan to Austria, made with a view to bolstering her credit and industrial health, Mr. Reynolds remarked that similar work conducted on a large scale "might do some good." "If the investor feels that the return makes it worth while," he said, "I should approve it thoroughly."

He felt that America's policy of isolation had been the best possible course.

"The night before I left London," he said, "I talked with a very intelligent Russian diplomat, who said to me: 'Do you know, I believe that the shrewdest of all the nations since the war has been the United States? She has kept out of the broil. American diplomats could never succeed with those of Europe. When American diplomats say or agree to do something, why, they do it. But the Europeans—no, they do not do it unless they have to, or it pleases them later to do so.'

"So I feel, after six months of studying the situation at first hand, that the best thing we can do for the time is to let matters drift. There is no prompt remedy. As for stopping wars, all Europe feels there is more likelihood of more war than less."

Magnus Johnson, Farmer-Laborite, Elected United States Senator from Minnesota—Thinks Country Will Go to Pieces Unless the Farmer-Labor Party Get Control.

According to completed returns this week, Magnus Johnson, the Farmer-Labor candidate for United States Senator from Minnesota, to succeed the late Knute Nelson, was elected by a majority of 94,846. The Minneapolis "Journal" of July 23 stated that reports had been received by the Secretary of State from 83 of the State's 87 county canvassing boards and that semi-official returns came from the other four, these reports showing that Mr. Johnson had received 290,165 votes; Governor J. A. O. Preus, his Republican opponent in the Senatorial contest, 195,319, while 19,859 were cast for James A. Carley, the Democratic candidate, making a total of 505,343 votes cast.

Following his election, which was conceded on July 16, the day the election was held, Senator Johnson issued the following statement:

The majority of voters have elected me to the United States Senate because of the principles they and I stand for.

Government is instituted to promote the welfare of the people, not to protect a few in the special privileges given them. The high tariff on the consumers, the unjust treatment of labor, the plight of the farmers, the packing of the judiciary with men favorable to the large financial and railroad groups, the short-sighted bungling foreign policy pursued by our Government toward other countries and their peoples, and other similar problems will receive my earnest attention and study.

I congratulate the people of this State on their victory. What the organized farmers and workers, pulling together, have accomplished in Minnesota they can likewise accomplish in other States of the Union.

I thank the people of this State for the honor they have conferred on me. I want to thank particularly the thousands who unselfishly have given of their time and of their small means to help bring about this great victory.

Governor Preus, who conceded the result early in the day, made the following brief statement: "I desire to thank those who labored so earnestly and unselfishly for my election. I have nothing further to say."

James A. Carley, the Democratic nominee, issued the following statement:

Inasmuch as propaganda was spread by my opponents claiming that I did not have a chance in the election, very few Democrats turned up at the polls. To this fact may be attributed my defeat.

In an address at Kimball, Minn., on July 21 the newly elected Senator stated that it was not Governor Preus who was defeated at last week's election, but the Republicans as such. The Associated Press accounts of his remarks follow:

Unless the people get control of the Government through the Farmer-Labor Party or other similar organizations, this country "will go to pieces," Magnus Johnson, United States Senator-elect from Minnesota, said in an address here last night.

The people, Mr. Johnson said, were dissatisfied with the present national Administration, and if President Harding were to run to-morrow for reelection he would be defeated three to one. Three years ago the Republicans "had a wonderful chance" to help the farmer, he asserted, but they failed to do as they had promised.

He said that he would ask for a special session of Congress within a month or two to take up matters relating to farming in order to relieve the distress of the tillers of the soil.

It was not Governor Preus who was beaten in Monday's election, he contended, but the Republicans as such.

Regarding statements published in newspapers attacking his education, he said that he "had more education now than Henry Ford" and that he had more learning than the late James J. Hill.

When he is in the Senate he will align himself with Senators La Follette, Brookhart, Frazier and Shipstead, he announced. He favors a soldier's bonus, to be paid from "excess profits."

Senator-elect Johnson said that he did not want to see the Supreme Court abolished, as had been charged, but he did not believe in a five to four decision in declaring laws passed by Congress unconstitutional. He favored a unanimous decision of the Court before a law could be declared void.

Concluding, the Senator-elect said that he hoped to see the day when farming would be put on some sort of a commercial basis the same as business.

In Associated Press advices from St. Paul July 26, Senator Johnson was reported as having expressed the opinion that revolution—political, industrial or even a resort to arms—faces the United States "if conditions confronting the laboring man and the farmer are not changed." These accounts continued:

"Many think the same thing that happened in Russia cannot happen in this country," the Senator-elect said to-day in a statement to the Associated Press, "but don't fool yourself. It could happen here before you knew what was going on.

"The Czar had a big army, but he couldn't stop a revolution. We haven't hardly any army at all, so what could our Government do if there was a nation-wide revolution? It couldn't do a thing."

Many things need changing, the new Senator said, when asked if he had a definite plan for altering conditions, but "right now he has nothing worked out." "It will all have to be worked out by Congress," he said. The farmer is in dire need, he continued, and "emergency legislation" is needed to remedy the situation. But clamoring for a special session of Congress, "that isn't any use," he said, "for President Harding, in a letter I saw recently, said he would not call a special session under any circumstances."

"The farmer should have cost of production plus a reasonable profit definitely guaranteed by the Government," Mr. Johnson holds, "because the farmers' products have lost their buying power, and when the farmer can't buy the country will soon feel it."

"To accomplish the desired result it will be necessary for Congress to proceed carefully, but right now temporary or emergency legislation is needed to take care of the situation for this year," he added.

Explaining "some of the things that can lead to revolution" the Senator-elect said "65% of the wealth of the country is in the hands of 2% of the population," and "unless there is a better distribution of this wealth, the common people are going to revolt against it."

Would Revise Taxation.

This "better distribution of wealth," he said, "could be accomplished through heavier taxation of large and successful corporations taxing of, non-productive incomes, "excess profits, and profiteers," with regulation of their activities so the added tax burden could not be shifted again to the people.

Mr. Johnson is "for the bonus for former soldiers," payable out of taxation on excess profits; he wishes to "change the Federal Reserve System," and curb the power of the United States Supreme Court, to "do away with 5 to 4 decisions, and perhaps call for unanimous decisions."

There is another thing Mr. Johnson "wants everybody to understand": Though a friend of the farmer and the laboring man, he would "not consent to turning Congress over to the exclusive benefit of that class, any more than I want it to be run for the sole benefit of the capitalists. Congress should be run for everybody, and be run on the square."

Mr. Johnson will have several conferences with leaders of the group he will affiliate with in Congress—commonly termed the "La Follette bloc"—before he goes to the Senate in December.

One of those who offered congratulations to Mr. Johnson with his election last week was Mayor Hylan of New York. In a telegram of felicitation the Mayor said:

Hon. Magnus Johnson, United States Senator-elect, Minnesota

Heartiest congratulations on your election to the United States Senate. Official Washington has had an inkling of the temper of the people, which bids fair to sweep the existing regime into the political discard.

The Administration is paying for its fine promises to the farmer which did not square with such oppressive measures as the Fordney-McCumber tariff. It will pay for its wobbly international policy, especially if it binds the American nation in a political alliance such as the World Court. It will

pay if it remains idle while the Inter-State Commerce Commission permits the transcontinental railroads to get away with a valuation ten billions in excess of actual investment, thereby inflicting an annual burden of a billion and a half dollars on the American people.

It will pay so long as it permits a system to exist which allows a farmer but \$715 a year on his farm while the railroads during the same period earned \$717,000,000 above cost of operation, largely through exorbitant freight rates.

JOHN F. HYLAN, Mayor.

Among the various comments which the election of Mr. Johnson and the defeat of Governor Preus has occasioned, we quote the following from St. Paul July 21 from the "Daily Financial America":

Preus Beaten Because of His Unpopularity.

The unpopularity of Governor J. A. O. Preus and the growing dissatisfaction with the Minnesota Republican machine so forcibly expressed last November in the defeat of Senator Frank Kellogg by Henrik Shipstead, Farmer-Laborite, are responsible for the election of Magnus Johnson, Farmer-Laborite, in Minnesota, Monday, rather than the popularity of Johnson and his party.

There has been a growing dissatisfaction in the farming districts, which was further aggravated by the recent decline in wheat prices to the lowest point since before the war. Then the fact remains that Minnesota voters believed that Governor Preus could have appointed a successor to Senator Knute Nelson rather than to saddle an extra election debt of hundreds of thousands of dollars on Minnesotans and become a candidate himself.

These points formed excellent ammunition to place the full membership of the upper House of Congress from Minnesota in the hands of the Farmer-Laborites, formerly the Non-Partisan League in Minnesota.

The rank and file of the people in Minnesota are not really strongly in favor of Johnson, but preferred him to Governor Preus. Johnson was defeated in the race for the Governorship in 1922 by 11,000 by Preus. Conditions among the farmers since that time and the prestige the old Non-Partisan Leaguers gained through the election of Shipstead helped that party to get out a big vote, according to close observers here.

There was no surprise in the election result here. Even some of the larger newspapers which supported Preus in the election had been opposed to him in the primary and declare he never could have won except for the fact that there were nine candidates for the Republican nomination.

"Make no mistake about it," the St. Paul "Pioneer Press" election editorial says. "The vote was a resounding vote of protest. It was a protest against the so-called Preus machine, which has acted for the past few years as if political office hereabouts was a personal perquisite. . . . For the sake of the reputation of the State, it is a pity that Minnesota must put up for a while with a sorry front in Washington—a front commanded by General La Follette of Wisconsin, but if as a result the dominant party there undergoes a thorough housecleaning and summons some new blood to the high command, all may yet be well. If it hasn't the sense to do this it deserves to have Mr. Magnus Johnson in Washington forever."

Satisfaction is expressed that the election is for the short term only and that things should shape themselves around so that a popular candidate can go before the people in the 1925 election.

That Minnesota is not really in the radical ranks is shown by the makeup of the members of the lower House of Congress. In only one district, the Ninth, where Halvor Steenerson, a veteran, was defeated, is there a Farmer-Laborite. In the Seventh District Rev. O. J. Kvale defeated Andrew Volstead of prohibition fame. Kvale had run as a Non-Partisan two years before, but at the last election was filed as an independent with Democratic and Farmer-Labor endorsement.

We also take from the New York "Times" the following editorial in its issue of July 19:

Republican Afterthoughts.

In spite of their pretense that they expected it, Republican leaders cannot conceal the fact that their dove-cotes were terribly fluttered by the Minnesota explosion. The effort to pass it off as a merely local and temporary outburst of agrarian discontent is already seen to be futile. Magnus Johnson defeated Governor Preus in the cities as well as on the farms. Thus both wings of the Farmer-Labor Party flapped together. Workingmen in St. Paul and Duluth and Minneapolis were just as emphatic in registering their verdict against the Republican Party as were the grumbling farmers in the interior of the State.

There is no getting away from the political consequences. It is evident that there must be an entire recasting of the Republican plan of campaign. If it were to be pursued along the lines indicated by the speeches of President Harding, it is clear that half a dozen States in the West, hitherto regarded as surely Republican, might be swept away as Minnesota has been. A conference of Republican managers in Illinois has just been held, and from its inner conclave the fear leaks out that even that State will elect a Democratic Governor and a Democratic United States Senator next year. It is pathetic to think of such a towering statesman as Medill McCormick having to fight for his political life, but that is what the Illinois Republican experts tell him he will have to do.

After such a political murder as that in Minnesota, it is inevitable that the Republican coroners, sitting on the corpse, should disagree as to the causes of death. The eminent Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, thinks it was purely accidental. Others declare it a plain case of criminal carelessness. Complaint is made of the course followed by Governor Preus. Republican critics charge him with folly in having allowed his personal ambition to be Senator to bring about such an unfortunate test of public sentiment just at this time. If the Governor had been content to keep out of it himself, and make a temporary appointment as United States Senator, the mischief might have been averted.

This idea cannot commend itself to the President. Before leaving for Alaska he let it be known that he was going to make use of his trip to try out the feeling of the country regarding his Administration. He explained that, as an old newspaper man, he was not going to be taken in by crowds and shouting, but was determined to discover what the people really thought. The best way to find out is certainly to let them vote; and there is no doubt that in the mind of President Harding, as of every other observer, the result of the polling in Minnesota on Monday is more significant than all the other signs in connection with the President's journey across the country put together.

It is now plain that the true cause of this Republican warning and disaster lie far back. The trail fired in Minnesota was laid by a Republican Congress. It mistook the disease from which the country was suffering and prescribed the wrong remedy. Doubtless it was out of old habit that the Republican doctors decided that there was nothing like their favorite old household drug, a high tariff, to make the people well again. In 1920 they had doubts about this. Their platform then virtually admitted that it would be absurd in the present circumstances of the United States to revert to the ancient doctrines of protection. But two years later all this was forgotten, and a tariff was enacted which every test has shown to be a serious

misfit. It was intended to "fool the farmers," in the good old way, by dead-letter agricultural duties, and it was planned to make laboring men believe that their high wages were solely due to high tariff taxes.

All these nice calculations and fond hopes got their quietus in the Minnesota election. The Republican tariff was attacked and thumped up and down the State. Workingmen vied with farmers in denouncing it as a mistake and an injury. President Harding's indiscreet praise of the protective tariff, with his complacent recounting of the special benefits which it had conferred upon the farmer, only served to lend peculiar force to the repudiation which Minnesota made so emphatic. The Republican leaders will have to try again. Their chosen plans have gone to smash.

Foreign Holdings of United States Steel Corporation.

According to the figures for June 30 1923, made public this week, the foreign holdings of both common and preferred shares of the United States Steel Corporation have undergone still further reduction. The total of common stock held abroad on June 30 1923 stood at 207,041 shares, as against 239,310 shares March 29 1923 and 261,768 shares Dec. 31 1922. The foreign holdings of preferred shares, which on Dec. 31 1922 were 121,308 shares, amounted to only 117,631 shares March 31 1923 and but 117,631 shares June 30 1923. Contrasted with the period before the war, the shrinkage in foreign holdings of common stock, which now, as stated, amount to only 207,041 shares on March 31 1914 aggregated no less than 1,285,636 shares. The foreign holdings of preferred now total 117,631 shares, as contrasted with 312,311 shares on March 31 1914.

Below we furnish a detailed statement of the foreign holdings at various dates since Dec. 31 1914 to the latest period:

Table with columns for Stock Type (Common/Preferred), Date (June 30, Dec. 31), and various years (1923, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1914). Rows list countries like Africa, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bermuda, Brazil, British India, Bulgaria, Canada, Central Amer., Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Holland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela, Wales, West Indies, and a Total row.

Table comparing COMMON and PREFERRED shares with columns for Date, Shares, and Per Cent. Rows list dates from Mar. 31 1914 to June 30 1923.

In the following table is shown the number of shares of the Steel Corporation distributed as between brokers and investors on June 30 1923 and June 30 1922:

Table showing distribution of shares between Brokers and Investors for Common and Preferred stock, comparing June 30 '23 and June 30 '22. Columns include Ratio and shares.

The following is of interest as it shows the holdings of brokers and investors in New York State:

Table showing holdings of Brokers and Investors in New York State for Common and Preferred stock, comparing June 30 '23 and June 30 '22.

Issuance of Regulations Under Cotton Standard Act.

The regulations for the enforcement of the United States Cotton Standards Act which goes into effect August 1 were issued on July 24 by the United States Department of Agriculture. The Department announcement says:

This Act requires that in inter-State and foreign commerce none but the official cotton standards of the United States shall be used. None of the regulations relate to the mandatory provision of the Act.

The regulations provide for the administration of the Act by the Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agriculture and specifies how the Act shall be administered with respect to its optional features. Among the most important provisions of the regulations are those relating to Section 4 of the Act which gives the owner or custodian of cotton the privilege of submitting samples to the Department of Agriculture for classification and makes the Department's final certificates of such classification prima facie evidence in United States courts.

The regulations provide in detail how such samples are to be submitted for classification. Three distinct services are contemplated: (1) Informal classification of samples drawn and submitted by individuals indiscriminately; (2) classification for purposes of arbitration of agreed samples submitted by two parties involved in a dispute, and (3) the classification of samples, the authenticity of which is established by supervision of the storage and sampling of the cotton.

The purpose of the informal classification of samples is presumably to assist the owner or custodian to determine the commercial value of his cotton. Upon the classification of such samples the Department of Agriculture will issue a sample classification Form A, memorandum stating simply that the classification of the samples as and when submitted is as shown therein. As the integrity of such samples is not taken into account, Form A memoranda can not have the weight of final certificates.

In the second case, it is provided that when two parties are in disagreement as to the true classification of any cotton involved in a transaction between them, they may agree upon a set of samples to be submitted to the Department of Agriculture either for a determination of their true classification or for a comparison with types or other actual samples specified in their contract. Upon the classification of such samples, the Department will issue a certificate Form B, which, when once appealed or reviewed, shall be deemed to be a final certificate within the meaning of the Act, but only as to the parties concerned.

It is proposed in the third case to supervise the storage and sampling of cotton and upon the classification of samples to issue Form C Supervised Bale certificates, which shall follow the cotton so long as its identity can be established. It is required that cotton submitted in this way shall first be submitted through an established and recognized cotton exchange working in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture.

Under Section 3 of the Act, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to examine and license cotton classers and the regulations provide the method by which properly qualified classers will be licensed upon application to the Bureau. It is not compulsory upon those engaged in commercial classing of cotton to secure a license to pursue their occupation.

Cotton and Wool Experts of United States Agricultural Department to Confer Abroad With European Trade.

Agreements with European cotton associations for the adoption of universal cotton standards and arbitrations will be made by Lloyd S. Tenny, Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and Arthur W. Palmer, cotton specialist, of the United States Department of Agriculture, who will sail to-day for England and the Continent. G. T.

Willingmyre, wool specialist of the Department, sails at the same time to conduct, with Mr. Tenny, an investigation of European methods of grading wool. The Department of Agriculture made this known July 26, saying further:

A committee of each of the several English and European cotton associations will meet with the Department's representatives to complete the agreements. This action will be in accordance with the understanding entered into with the delegates of the foreign exchanges who recently met with representatives of the American cotton trade and the United States Department of Agriculture.

A study of the English count system of grading wool will be made by Messrs. Tenny and Willingmyre, who will confer with leading producers, dealers and representatives of woolen manufacturing industries about commercial classes and grades of wool used in the countries visited. This study is a further development of the wool standardization work of the Department of Agriculture and is in conformity with recommendations made at the final hearing on the tentative wool grades held at Washington last February. As a result of the investigation, it is hoped to correlate the United States official grades for wool with those of other countries with a view to facilitating trading.

In our issue of Saturday last (page 278) we noted that slight changes in four cotton grades and the retention of American names for the grades were agreed upon on the 19th inst. by representatives of the Liverpool and Manchester Cotton associations and the American cotton trade in conference with officials of the Department of Agriculture.

United States Steel Corporation and American Iron and Steel Institute Confer on Eight-Hour Day.

Officials of the United States Steel Corporation and of independent companies attending an executive session of the American Iron and Steel Institute at the Metropolitan Club on July 27 resumed conferences on plans to begin the elimination of the 12-hour day in the steel industry. The meeting followed closely a first formal conference of officials of the United States Steel Corporation and the announcement on July 26 by President Eugene G. Grace of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation that his company was making progress on plans to shorten the shifts of steel workers in the continuous operation departments. Chairman Elbert H. Gary of the U. S. Steel Corporation and Charles Schwab, Chairman of the Board of the Bethlehem Company, were among those present at the meeting of the Institute directors.

The United States Steel Corp. on July 26 took its first definite step to establish the universal eight-hour day within its industries, in accord with a pledge made to President Harding. Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the Board and spokesman for the entire steel industry, sat in conference with Presidents of the corporations' subsidiary companies, for the purpose of working out a plan by which the steel men's promise could be met with the least possible loss of both money and production. The most probable solution to be expected, according to officials of leading companies, is an increase in the hourly rate of pay by either 15 or 20%.

Officials of the leading companies realize, they say, that they cannot arbitrarily reduce the wages of their vast army of workers from \$4.80 per day to \$3.20 per day without endangering their morale, leaving out of consideration all humanitarian factors in the problem. The only way out of the situation, most of them believe, is to add a sufficient sum to the established hourly wage to give the laborer almost as much for eight hours as he has been receiving for twelve.

The movement to abolish the twelve-hour day throughout the iron and steel industry already has made substantial headway, it was indicated on July 26 by a statement from Eugene G. Grace, President of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, and the announcement that the Republic Iron & Steel Company has installed the eight-hour day in its open-hearth department, giving to employees the same rate of pay that was in effect for twelve hours' work.

Dilworth-Porter Steel Co. to Start 8-Hour Day Aug. 1.

The Dilworth-Porter Co. of Pittsburgh, will go on an eight-hour basis Aug. 1, a dispatch from Pittsburgh stated July 24. An increase of 10% in wages may also be granted at the same time. This concern occupies a block on the south side of Pittsburgh.

Rehearing Asked in Assigned Coal Car Case—Order Forbidding Railroads to Allot Extra Cars to Bituminous Mines Where Product is Intended for Railroad Use, Postponed.

The American Railway Association, in behalf of practically all the railroads in the country, has filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission a petition asking for a rehearing or a reargument of the so-called assigned car case, in which a decision was handed down on June 26 (as reported in our issue of July 7, page 41) requiring the carriers to distribute

cars to the bituminous mines on a pro rata basis after Sept. 1. In consequence the Commission has postponed the effective date of the order to October 1. The order, it is contended in the petition, will increase the annual operating expenses of American railroads by more than \$100,000,000 without any compensating benefit to the public generally.

The action by the railroads as a whole is considered to be the initial step in a move that will eventually bring the matter before the courts to test the validity of the Commission's order requiring railroads to cease a long-established practice of insuring for themselves an adequate supply of fuel coal in times of emergency. The "Journal of Commerce" of this city, referred to the petition as follows:

The petition claims that the change in practice is so "revolutionary" that it is bound to jeopardize the efforts of the carriers to meet the transportation needs of the country if the order becomes effective on September 1.

"Whatever the action of the Commission," it states, "it is earnestly asked that the effective date of the order be deferred until April 1 1924."

If the petition for a rehearing or reargument is denied, the petition asks that the Commission give further and special consideration to the solution of the carriers purchasing for substantial periods the total output of mines, and the situation of carriers owning their own coal mines and using the output solely for railroad fuel, to the end that the order may be modified so that the practice of assigning cars for the purpose of securing railroad fuel from such mines be not prohibited.

Hurts Roads' Coal Supply.

The petition points out that the abolition of the assigned car rule will obviously make it impossible for the railroads to contract ahead for a proper supply of coal at a fair price. "The carriers," it continues, "will almost inevitably find themselves scrambling for coal in a runaway market, and there will be no time to apply to the Commission for priority orders and no time for the Commission to give the matter sufficient consideration to issue an order which will do justice to all concerned. Situations will doubtless arise where the carrier will be offered coal, but at a price so high as greatly to increase operating expenses."

The petition adds that "the Commission proposes to take away something like \$100,000,000 from the railroads of America and hand it over to certain coal operators apparently without knowing what the effect will be other than that the cost of fuel will be increased."

"It seems to be impossible to determine from this record just how many more cars will be available for commercial mines if the assigned car rule is abolished. If this is correct, and the opinion of the Commission seems so to indicate, then there should be a rehearing in this case so that more accurate and careful information might be compiled to enable the Commission to act intelligently before it reduces the income of the carriers from 5 3/4%, as it theoretically stands to-day, to 5 1/4%."

On July 23 two additional petitions were filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission seeking a rehearing of the decision in the assigned coal car case. The Bethlehem Steel Company, for itself and its subsidiaries, declared that the record before the Commission in reference to the effect the decision would have on the steel industry was "clearly inadequate." The Chicago By-product Coke Company and the Seaboard By-product Coke Company asked permission to present evidence on the ground that the decision had "revolutionary and widespread consequences." The effect of the decision, it is averred, is to prevent companies owning private coal cars from obtaining special railroad service through their use in times of car shortage. The United States Steel Corporation and other corporations also have sought a reconsideration.

On July 26 the effective date of the Inter-State Commerce Commission order requiring railroads to cease giving special car service to coal mines furnishing railroad fuel was postponed from September 1 to October 1. The ruling also deferred operation of the order under which the roads would be prohibited from giving preference to private owners of cars in the use of their own equipment. As noted above a large number of petitions for rehearing and reconsideration of the case had been filed by railroads and industrial corporations, generally. The original decision resulted from complaints brought by mine owners and operators, and declared that in times of car shortage the railroad practice of assigning cars especially to mines producing railroad fuel or in allowing private cars to be furnished to mines in excess of the quota of railroad equipment which such mines might be able to obtain constituted an unfair discrimination.

Wage Increases Totaling \$24,000,000 Asked by Brotherhood of Steamship and Railway Clerks, Freight Handlers, Station and Express Employees.

Wage increases amounting to \$24,000,000 annually and affecting 125,000 clerical and station service employees on more than half the nation's railroads were requested by E. H. Fitzgerald, President of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Station and Express Employees at a hearing before the United States Railroad Labor Board on July 23. The increases asked for range from 9 to 17 cents an hour for the employees on the 69 railroads involved. If these wage rates are established by the Board it will restore the compensation granted the men in 1920 by Decision No. 2 of the Board. This wage

was known as the war-time wage award and added a total of \$120,000,000 to the salaries of all railroad workers.

Workers on Chicago's Surface Lines Get Pay Increase.

Chicago surface line employees obtained an award of 73 cents an hour for the first year and 75 cents an hour for the second year in a two-year agreement made on July 20 by Mayor Dever's Board of Arbitration. James M. Sheehan, representing the surface lines, dissented to the finding of the other members of the board. Maclay Hoyne, former States Attorney, represented the employees. Corporation Counsel Busch represented the public and was Chairman of the Board. Under the terms of the arbitration, both men and company are obliged to accept the award.

Shop Crafts Workers on Southern Railway Get Pay Increase.

Wage increases of from 1 cent to 3 cents an hour for shop crafts employees of the Southern Ry. have been authorized as the result of conferences at Washington, it was stated at the General Manager's office of the road at Cincinnati on July 20. Metal trades workers in shop crafts are to receive increase of 3 cents an hour, car repairers 2 cents, and apprentices and helpers are to receive 1 cent an hour raise in pay, according to the information given out. It was said that from 18,000 to 20,000 men will share in the increases in pay.

Wage Increases on Lehigh Valley RR.

J. F. Maguire, the general manager of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, reports the following increases in wages: Effective April 1 1923, track foremen and assistants, \$5 a month; foremen and assistants in the bridge and building departments, \$2 50 and \$3 50 a month. Effective May 1 1923, clerks and station employees, 1 to 4 cents an hour. Effective July 1 1923, machinists, boiler makers, electrical workers, stationary engineers and firemen, ranging from 1 to 2 cents an hour.

Express Clerks Get Wage Increase.

Eighty thousand clerks on the payrolls of the American Railway Express and Southeastern Express companies have been granted wage increases by the United States Railroad Labor Board averaging 3 cents an hour or an approximate annual total of \$7,000,000. The direction ordering this advance, Chicago dispatches say, is now in course of preparation by the Board and will be issued officially within the next few days.

Telegraphers Ask Wage Increase.

Telegraphers on the Atlantic Coast Line RR. represented by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers are requesting increases of six cents an hour in the rate of pay, according to joint submissions filed with the United States Railroad Labor Board on July 20 by the telegraphers and the carrier. The railway also requests that the rate of pay of agents at small non-telegraph stations be decreased four cents an hour and that they be placed on the monthly paying basis.

The Order of Railroad Telegraphers has filed application for increase in rates of telegraphers with the Railroad Labor Board asking for increase in rates of telegraphers on the Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry. averaging 10 cents an hour.

Telegraphers on the Chicago Great Western RR. have filed a submission with the Railroad Labor Board requesting an advance of 11.58c. an hour.

Telephone Operators Lose Strike in New England.

The strike of telephone operators in New England was declared off, effective on July 26, by Julia S. O'Connor, President of the Telephone Operators' Department, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The strike has been in force since June 26 for a seven-hour day and higher wages. The girls failed to attain anything by their walkout, and if the company holds to its announced terms of re-employment they will probably lose their seniority. The official "strike off" statement reads:

On the recommendation of the Massachusetts State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration, the telephone operators' strike has been terminated. The strike ends officially at 3 o'clock to-day.

The New England Council of Telephone Operators' Unions, also known as the regional council, in recommending to the membership that the strike be ended, and the membership in sustaining this recommendation, were influenced by the Board's assurance that its good offices would be available in making any adjustment incident to the settlement of the strike.

Railroad Labor Board Orders D. L. & W. to Reimburse Freight Handlers for Pay Lost After Cut.

Freight handlers employed at the various New York piers, Hoboken City freight house, New York transfer and the Hoboken terminal piers by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western RR., shall be reimbursed in the amount of compensation they lost between April 1 1921 to July 1 1921, the Railroad Labor Board decided on July 20. The opinion was delivered in the dispute between the carrier and the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees. The carrier reduced the wages of the freight handlers to 45 cents an hour April 1 1921.

Decision of Inter-State Commerce Commission on Opening of New Coal Mines by Railroads to be Tested.

The Okmulgee Northern Railway Co. sought on July 24 to test the Inter-State Commerce Commission's announced policy of refusing railroads permission to open new coal fields. The company filed an application to build a 15½ mile extension into the Henryetta coal fields of Oklahoma for the purpose of serving coal mines which have not yet been opened. The Commerce Commission in a decision affecting the Virginian Ry. three weeks ago refused a similar application on the ground that there already were sufficient coal mines in the country.

Charles Hansel on Valuation of Railroads—"Original Cost to Date."

It seems proper to say that the paper by Mr. Hansel on the above subject which we reprinted in these columns last week (pages 283 and 284) did not come to us from Mr. Hansel himself. This explanation is due to Mr. Hansel, because it appears that the paper has not actually been submitted to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, as we supposed it had, but has simply been furnished to one of the railroad committees having charge of the matter before the Commission for that committee's use and consideration. As the paper is of such decided merit and covers a point not previously treated, it is to be hoped it will eventually find its way to the Commission itself.

New French Loan—Sums Raised for Devastated Regions.

In "Commerce Reports" of July 16, the U. S. Department of Commerce announced the following advices from Eugene A. Masuret, Clerk to the Trade Commissioner, Paris:

By a decree of the French Minister of Finance, dated June 9 1923, the Credit National to Facilitate the Reparation of Damages Caused by the War is authorized to issue a loan of a nominal maximum capital of 2,000,000,000 francs, in 500-franc bonds. Each bond will carry an annual interest of 30 francs, payable half on April 15 and half on Oct. 15 1923. (Subscriptions opened June 15 and were to close July 13 at the latest without notice.)

These bonds will participate each year, beginning with Oct. 1 1923, in quarterly lottery drawings, the total which will include 1,200 lots per year for each series of 1,000,000,000 bonds as follows: One lot of 500,000 francs, 3 lots of 100,000 francs, 3 lots of 50,000 francs, 8 lots of 10,000 francs, 32 lots of 5,000 francs, and 1,153 lots of 1,000 francs, making a total of 2,343,000 francs. The 500,000-franc lot will be included each year in the October drawing.

The method of procedure for the drawings will be determined by the Administrative Council. The bonds not drawn at these lotteries will be reimbursed in full at 500 francs on April 15 1949. However, the Credit National reserves the right to redeem at 500 francs, in whole or in part, and at any time beginning with Oct. 15 1933, in lots of 500,000,000 francs.

The Credit National also undertakes to pay to all present and future taxation on the coupons, premiums and lots. Mention of this privilege will be made on the bonds.

The price of issue is fixed at 490 francs per bond. Payment will be made in full at the time of subscription.

In stating in a copyright cablegram from Paris, July 1, that the Credit National 2,000,000,000-franc loan for reconstruction in the devastated district was meeting with great success, and it was expected that the lists would close before the date fixed, the New York "Times" added:

The market recognizes that interest rates on this latest Credit National loan are high. The issue is costing the State 6.8%. It is redeemable, however, in 26 years, and stress is laid on the fact that three Treasury bonds of five to ten years' maturity issued last April yielded more than 7c.

The actual rate for State loans, which was still only 6.07% for the 6% perpetual loan issued in 1920, has been raised for each successive loan in view of the State's having been obliged to make too frequent calls upon its credit in order to meet reparations while receiving nothing from Germany.

The annual amount of interest on the loans which France has thus floated for reparations purposes comes to about 5,000,000,000 francs; of which, however, only 1,500,000,000 are comprised in the special budget of "recoverable expenses." The remainder are covered into the ordinary budget.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of July 5 we take the following Paris advices:

When Credit National's seventh loan in the cause of reconstruction (2,000,000,000 francs in 6% 500-franc lottery bonds at 490) has been subscribed,

the Credit National will have raised in all a nominal total of 24,000,000,000 francs—not a bad record for three and a half years. Details of the seven issues are as follows, the bonds in each case being for 500 francs:

Date.	Nom. Amt.	Int.	Date of Repayment.
Nov. 1919	4,000,000,000	5%	At latest 1995.
May 1920	4,000,000,000	5%	At latest 1995.
Oct. 1921	3,000,000,000	6%	1929 to 1934 by series of 1,000,000 bonds.
Jan. 1922	Unlimited	6%	1924, 1927 and 1932.
July	3,290,000,000	6%	1925, 1928, 1934 and 1940.
Jan. 1923	3,000,000,000	6%	At latest 1948.
June	2,000,000,000	6%	At latest 1948.

The unlimited issue of 1922 produced 4,710,000,000 francs, which constitutes a record. In the first loan the bonds are repayable at 600 francs. In the second and third, as well as the two last, they are redeemed at par. The two issues of 1922 have no lottery feature and rely for their attraction on the premiums payable according to the date on which holders choose to redeem, ranging from five francs on five-year bonds to 30 on 18-year.

A Great Record.

To the end of April Credit National had paid out on claims for compensation for damages suffered by the war just under 20,000,000,000 francs in over 6,000,000 individual payments. It is carrying no less than 1,880,000 accounts and reckons that there are only 120,000 more to be added to complete the roster of "sinistres" entitled to and desiring advances on provisional or definite titles approved by the State. The long and arduous task of valuation of damages will be completed this year, but the work of the Credit National will continue for many years, since the claims approved are paid by installments as the rebuilding progresses. In respect to damages estimated at 1,000,000 francs or more, settlement may be made in 30 annuities and in the case of non-re-employment of the funds on reconstruction and in respect of allowances for depreciation, etc., there are delays extending over many years.

Henceforth, the main effort is to be devoted to building claims, which will be settled entirely in cash. The whole mass of claims on loss of and damage to personal property, including furniture, etc., will be met partly by issue of six-year bonds. Apart from actual payments on claims the Credit National has long-term loans out to the amount of 357,000,000 francs. These are made on its own responsibility, but the bulk of them are secured by annuities for war damage. They yield something over 8%. Credit National's capital remains at 100,000,000 francs, with 125 francs paid up on the 500-franc share, and this year as in two preceding ones it is paying a dividend of 6%. Net profits, totaling nearly 10,000,000 francs, are double those of 1921.

Operates for Devastated Region.

Three and one-half years of existence have made the institution a vital organ of the State—the most vital organ for the devastated regions, for which it is the State's real paymaster. If the big industrialists go direct to the market to raise money on their titles to compensation from the State, if municipalities and co-operative building associations in the devastated regions likewise float their own loans, the Credit National remains the resource in money and counsel for the small sufferer from the ravages of war. Its lottery loans are one of the most popular of French investments. It is striking illustration both of French financial ingenuity and French capacity for investment.

French External Debt Double Sum Owed Her—Paris "Temps" Semi-Official Presentation of Financial Position Places Internal Debt at 282,418,000,000 Francs.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of July 25:

At beginning of 1923 French internal debt aggregated 282,418,000,000 francs. Internal debt was divided into: Long term debt, 145,000,000,000 francs; floating and short term debt, 114,000,000,000 francs; advances from Bank of France to French Government, 23,000,000,000 francs. External debt consisted of two items, Government debt to United States and Great Britain totaling 29,969,000,000 gold francs and commercial debt of 5,493,000,000 francs, making aggregate external debt of 35,463,000,000 gold francs.

Total amount owed France by other countries, 15,282,000,000 francs, is but little more than one-half the amount France owes Great Britain and the United States. The old Russian Government is the largest debtor to France, owing a total of 5,560,000,000 francs, payment of which is now being disputed. The various other regimes which have been in power in Russia since the downfall of the Czar owe France 480,000,000 francs. Division of debts to France is shown in the following table:

	Francs.
Russia (old Government).....	*5,560,000,000
Russia (various Governments).....	480,000,000
Belgium.....	3,684,000,000
Jugoslavia.....	21,795,000,000
Rumania.....	1,181,000,000
Poland.....	1,056,000,000
Greece.....	886,000,000
Czechoslovakia.....	574,000,000
Italy.....	49,000,000
Montenegro.....	13,000,000
Latvia.....	11,500,000
Esthonia.....	10,500,000
Lithuania.....	6,000,000
Hungary.....	1,000,000
Austria.....	500,000
	15,282,000,000

* Including 995,000 charged by Bank of France for discounting Russian Government bonds. a Including 220,000,000 in book credits. b Including 300,000,000 in book credits. c Not including 800,000,000 in supplies of materials to be covered to indefinite extent by value of Italian supplies of materials.

French General Budget Passed.

According to advices from Commercial Attache Chester Lloyd Jones, at Paris July 3, to the Department of Commerce, Washington, the French general budget, adopted on June 30, and published in the "Journal Officiel" of July 1, provides for revenues of 23,437,954,832 francs and expenditures of 23,402,487,556, thus allowing for a surplus of 35,467,276 francs, compared with a surplus of 800,000,000 francs

in the budget as voted on by the Senate, and a deficit of 600,000,000 francs in the budget as voted on by the Chamber. The item of interest on reconstruction loans, which the Senate desire to place in the special budget, has been left in the general budget, as insisted on by the Chamber of Deputies. The advices from Commercial Attache Jones, as given in "Commerce Reports" July 16, also state:

Expenses are divided approximately as follows: Services and interest charges on the public debt, 12,000,000,000 francs; appropriations for the various ministries, 10,000,000,000 francs; maintenance of monopolies, customs collections, etc., 1,169,000,000 francs. Revenue items include: Direct taxes, 3,100,000,000 francs; registration, 3,400,000,000 francs; business turnover, 2,800,000,000 francs; income on securities, 1,100,000,000 francs; customs, 2,300,000,000 francs; indirect revenues, 2,800,000,000 francs; monopolies, 2,000,000,000 francs; war-profit tax, 2,000,000,000 francs.

The Associated Press accounts from Paris July 1 regarding the adoption of the budget, said:

Parliament adopted the budget early this morning after an all-night session and 13 months of interminable wrangling and with a difference of 1,000,000,000 francs from that originally proposed. Premier Poincare forced through his demand to make the belated 1923 appropriations stand for 1924 only after insisting that it should be a question of confidence in the Government.

The budget shows a deficit of 400,000,000 francs, but, as it provides for the retirement of 800,000,000 francs of 6% securities, its proponents say it really has a surplus of 400,000,000 francs instead of nearly a 4,000,000,000 franc deficit, as estimated by the Government last May. It has been alternately presented to Parliament with a surplus or a deficit, according to the views of the various commissions. The Chamber sent it back to the Government last year with the request that it be balanced. This M. de Lasteyrie, the Finance Minister, promptly offered to do by increasing taxation 10%.

The Senate recently, after a month's work, exhibited the document with a surplus of 800,000,000 francs, by increasing the Government's estimates of what the income would be and pruning expenses. The Chamber replied by restoring the reduced appropriations, and thus turned the surplus into a 600,000,000-franc deficit.

The Chamber and Senate in the last two days have shuffled the budget back and forth, one reducing, the other increasing the expenses until a last-hour compromise was reached by the sleepy legislators long after daylight, the Chamber getting a budget that shows a deficit, as it contends facts justify, while the Senate is satisfied to prove by mathematics that the deficit is really a surplus.

Poland Forbids Luxury Importations with View to Restricting Amount of Money Sent Out of Country.

The Polish Government, according to Warsaw press advices, July 21, has decided to forbid the importation of all luxuries so as to reduce the amount of money sent out of the country. Exceptions are made, it is stated, in the case of certain articles imported from France which are provided for under the Franco-Polish commercial treaty.

League of Nations Decides to Reduce Nicaragua's Dues From \$60,000 to \$10,675.

Associated Press advices from Managua July 26 stated:

According to a representative of the League of Nations now here, the League has decided to reduce the \$60,000 that Nicaragua owes it for three years' membership dues to \$10,675, payable at the rate of \$1,067 50 annually for ten years.

The League has also decided, he said, to reduce this country's annual dues from \$20,000 to \$5,047.

Nicaragua resolved to withdraw from the League several years ago, but the delegate entrusted with carrying out the orders failed to present the resignation and the matter was dropped. A member of the League must give two years' notice and pay all obligations before it can withdraw.

The new proposal will be submitted to Congress in December.

American Bankers' Association Convention Plans.

The general plan for the sessions of the American Bankers' Association annual convention, to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 24 to 27, inclusive, is announced as follows:

Monday, Sept. 24, morning: General meeting of the Clearing House Section.

Afternoon: General meeting of the Trust Company Division:

Throughout the day there will be conferences of the committees and commissions of the Association, including the Executive Council, Administrative Committee, Finance Committee, Agricultural Commission, Commerce and Marine Commission, Economic Policy Commission, Bank and Currency Committee of the Economic Policy Commission, Public Relations Commission, Committee of Five, Committee on Membership, Committee on Public Education, Committee on State Taxation, Special Committee on Taxation, Fiftieth Anniversary Committee, Insurance Committee, Protective Committee, Committee on Federal Legislation, Federal Legislation Council, Committee on State Legislation, and State Legislative Council. There will also be meetings of committees of the various Divisions and Sections.

Tuesday, Sept. 25, morning: General Convention session of the whole Association.

Afternoon: General meeting of the Savings Bank Division.

Wednesday, Sept. 26, morning: General Convention session.

Afternoon: General meeting of the State Bank Division.

Thursday, Sept. 27, morning: General Convention session.

Afternoon: General meeting of the National Bank Division.

The headquarters of the association during the convention will be the Hotel Traymore, and the general convention sessions will be held on Young's Million-Dollar Pier. The meetings of the committees, divisions and sections will be scheduled in various hotels at Atlantic City. The entertainment program is being arranged by a local committee of Atlantic City.

Nominations of Officials for Investment Bankers Association.

At the meeting of the Investment Bankers Association of America held in Minneapolis on July 24, new officers and governors were nominated as follows:

President, John W. Prentiss, one of the members of the firm of Hornblower & Weeks, New York.

Vice-Presidents: Eugene E. Thompson, of Crane, Parris & Co., Washington D. C.; Philip S. Dalton, of Coffin & Burr, Boston; Arthur Sinclair, Jr., of Estabrook & Co., New York; J. A. Fraser, of Dominion Securities Corp., Toronto, and Walter Brewster, of Russell Brewster & Co., Chicago.

John G. Brogden, of Strother, Brogden & Co., Baltimore, was nominated for Treasurer, and F. R. Fenton, of Fenton, Davis & Boyle, Chicago, was nominated to continue as Secretary.

The nominations will be voted upon at the annual meeting of the Association, to be held at the forthcoming convention in Washington, D. C., on October 31 next. The governors whose terms expire in 1924 and who will continue in office are:

J. W. Horner, Jr. of Dillon Read & Co.; Joseph A. Rushton of Babcock, Rushton & Co.; Barrett Wendell, Jr., of Lee, Higginson & Co.; Thomas B. Gannett, of Parkinson & Burr; Morris F. Fox, of Morris F. Fox & Co.; J. R. Edwards, of the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati. Governors whose terms expire in 1925 include Ray Morris, of Brown Brothers & Co.; John W. MacGregor, of Glover & MacGregor; J. Clark Moore, Jr., of Barclay, Moore & Co.; Tom K. Smith, of Kauffman-Smith-Emert & Co., Inc.; Eli T. Watson, of Watson, Williams & Co.; W. O. Chanute, of Bosworth, Chanute & Co.; Frank Remick, of Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Fred S. Borton, of Borton & Borton, and George B. Caldwell, of Caldwell, Mosser & Willaman.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

J. P. Morgan will sail to-day (July 28) for Europe on the White Star steamer *Homeric*. George F. Baker, Jr., President of the First National Bank of this city, will also sail on the same steamer. Mr. Morgan, it is said, expects to remain abroad several months.

The stockholders of the Battery Park National Bank of this city on July 16 approved the plans for the proposed merger of that institution with the Bank of America. The Battery Park National has been placed in voluntary liquidation. Preparatory to the merger with the Bank of America the business of the National Bank will be transferred to the newly created State institution, Battery Park Bank, that bank in turn merging the business of the bank into that of the Bank of America. Reference to the proposed plans was made in our issues of June 9, page 2599, and June 30, page 2956. The merger will go into effect about the last of August.

Earl D. Babst, President of the American Sugar Refining Co., has resigned as a director of the National City Bank of New York. Mr. Babst also recently resigned from the board of the Metropolitan Trust Co. to comply with the law governing interlocking directorates.

Since our item of a week ago (page 293) in which it was stated that the Manufacturers Trust Co. (head office New York) was negotiating to assume control of the Columbia Bank, of this city, announcement was made July 24 by the trust company that an agreement has been entered into between its directors and those of the Columbia Bank for the merger of the latter into the trust company and the ratification of the same by the stockholders has been recommended by the directors of both institutions. The company's announcement also says in part:

The Manufacturers Trust Co. has a capital of \$3,000,000 and surplus of \$3,250,000, and the Columbia Bank has a capital of \$2,000,000 and a surplus slightly in excess of \$2,000,000. When the merger is consummated, the effect will be that the combined capital and surplus of the merged institutions will be approximately \$10,000,000 and the deposits between \$95,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

It is expected that all of the officers of both institutions will be retained in some capacity and the board of directors of the Manufacturers Trust Co. will be enlarged to give representation to some of the board of the Columbia Bank. The Columbia Bank is much larger and more important than any of the six banks which have previously been merged into the Manufacturers Trust Co.

The Manufacturers Trust Co. has eight offices located in the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens at the following addresses: 139 Broadway, 481 Eighth Avenue and 385 Fourth Avenue, Manhattan; 774 Broadway, 84 Broadway, 225 Havenmeyer Street and 710 Grand Street, Brooklyn, and 1696 Myrtle Avenue, Ridgewood, in the Borough of Queens—with its principal office at 139 Broadway, Manhattan. The Columbia Bank has three offices, located at 507 Fifth Avenue and 415 Broadway, Manhattan, and the corner of Westchester Avenue and Southern Boulevard, in the Bronx.

Nathan S. Jonas is President of the Manufacturers Trust Co. and Eli H. Bernheim is President of the Columbia Bank. In the negotiations, Jonas & Neuberger represented the trust company and Stroock & Stroock and Ernst, Fox & Cane, represented the bank.

The story of the rapid growth of the Manufacturers Trust Co. is interesting. Organized in 1905 as the Citizens Trust Co., the bank made excellent progress, and on July 1 1912 it acquired control of the Broadway Bank, merging the two institutions and increasing its deposits thereby from slightly over \$2,000,000 to \$6,000,000; at the same time the capital of the bank was increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

On Aug. 12 1914 the Citizens Trust Co. took over the old established Manufacturers National Bank of Brooklyn with approximately the same amount of deposits then held by the Citizens Trust Co. and the name of the

company became temporarily the Manufacturers-Citizens Trust Co. Shortly thereafter the word "Citizens" was dropped and the name "Manufacturers Trust Company" was adopted. On the completion of this merger the deposits of the company were \$12,000,000.

On June 15 1918 the Manufacturers Trust Co., which hitherto had been operating only in the Borough of Brooklyn, extended its field into the Borough of Manhattan by purchasing control of the West Side Bank, with deposits of \$4,000,000, making the deposits on that date \$19,500,000. Incidentally this was the first time a Brooklyn institution had boldly and successfully invaded the Manhattan field. The deposits in this one office are now over \$16,000,000.

After this merger the business of the company grew by leaps and bounds, and in January 1920 the capital was increased to \$2,000,000 and an additional \$1,000,000 from this sale of stock was added to the surplus, making the capital and surplus more than \$4,000,000. The then last published statement showed the deposits of the company as \$32,000,000.

On Sept. 1 1921 the trust company acquired control of the Ridgewood National Bank and merged it, making the total deposits over \$40,000,000, with capital and surplus exceeding \$4,500,000. This acquisition also gave the company an office in the Borough of Queens.

About the same time a new office in the heart of the financial district, at 139 Broadway, Manhattan, was opened, which has since become the principal office of the company.

On April 28 1922 control was acquired of the North Side Bank of Brooklyn, and that bank was also merged into the Manufacturers Trust Co., bringing the total of deposits to approximately \$50,000,000.

On Dec. 18 1922 the Industrial Bank, located at Fourth Avenue and 27th Street, was merged into the Manufacturers Trust Co., adding \$8,000,000 to the deposits and making the total deposits \$65,000,000. At the same time the capital was increased to \$3,000,000, with surplus and undivided profits at about the same figure.

This latest merger with the Columbia Bank consummates probably the most rapid growth of any institution attaining the importance which will now be assured to the Manufacturers Trust Co.

The Manufacturers Trust Co. pays quarterly dividends of 4%, or at the rate of 16% a year, and the stock is quoted at 275 bid.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York announces the appointment of John J. Sample as a Vice-President of the company. Mr. Sample will continue to be associated with the domestic banking department of the company, where he will supervise all loans on staple commodities, such as sugar, coffee, cotton and grain, which the company specializes in and finances on a large scale, both domestic and export. Recently Mr. Sample has been supervising banking relations with customers in Southern States, and in the future he will devote more of his time to the business of the company in that section. Mr. Sample has devoted most of his business life to specialization in cotton. During the war his earlier experience in cotton and with French import and export methods was, it is stated, invaluable to the trust company, which handled the financing of cotton purchases for the French Government and for private concerns in France, all of which were made through the French Cotton Commission. In recognition of his services to France in that regard, Mr. Sample was awarded the gold medal of the Consortium *Cotonnier Francais*, his being one of two such medals awarded.

At a regular meeting of the board of directors of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. of New York on July 19, William G. Chisolm was appointed an Assistant Secretary.

Walter E. Loveland, Second Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce in New York, died at his home in Yonkers, N. Y., on July 19 after a two weeks' illness.

The National Bank of America in Paterson, N. J., began business on July 2, following the issuance of its charter by the Comptroller of the Currency. The officers are: Wm. E. Walter, President; Wilmer A. Cadmus and Albert H. Slater, Vice-Presidents, and Frederick P. Hofmayer, Cashier, and Carmine F. Vigorito, Assistant Cashier. The bank has a capital of \$300,000 and surplus of \$150,000. Its proposed organization was referred to in our issue of April 28, page 1859. The directors are:

Joseph Appel, Ernest Barber, Horace Beaumont, Wilmer A. Cadmus, William Cochran, J. T. Doremus, W. W. Evans, John J. Fitzgerald, David Fullerton, William H. Gurney, John V. Hinchcliffe, Alexander Herbert, Jacob Katz, Abram Klenert, John G. Knippenberg, Meyer Levine, William J. Lockwood, C. Walter Lotte, Thos. F. Morgan, Francesco Palleria, Edwin Pierce, Dr. Wm. H. Pruden, Geo. W. Renkel, A. H. Slater, W. W. Stalter, William E. Walter, Frank Warner and Fred. W. Wentworth.

On July 1 1923 the City National Bank of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, merged with the Perth Amboy Trust Co., of that city. The consolidation of these two banks gives to that city a bank with resources over \$7,000,000. The capital and surplus are \$500,000. The Perth Amboy Trust Co., the older of the two banks and the name under which the consolidated banks will operate, is situated in the heart of the business district and has made great progress under the administration of its present officers. It is Perth Amboy's largest bank. The officers are: George S. Silzer, Chairman of the board; Isaac Alpern, President; Frank Dorsey, Vice-President; Peter Olsen, Vice-President; William M. Weiant, Secretary & Treasurer, and William H. Pullen, Assistant Secretary & Trust Officer.

A new banking institution began business in (East Liberty) Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 21 under the name of the Highland National Bank. The new institution is under the direction of the officers of the Bank of Pittsburgh, N. A., and its stock is largely held by stockholders of that institution. The Highland National has a capital and surplus of \$200,000 each. Its stock is in shares of \$100. The active officers of the bank are: Harrison Nesbit, President; J. N. Morrow, Vice-President; J. F. Collins, Cashier, and A. V. Merriman, Assistant Cashier. Other officers of the institution are: Vice-Presidents, J. D. Ayres and Alex Dunbar; Directors, Harrison J. Hays, Mr. Dunbar, Isaac W. Frank, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Ayres, Frank J. Lanahan and Mr. Nesbit, who is also President of the Bank of Pittsburgh, N. A.

A consolidation of the Luzerne County National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., with the Miners' Bank of that city was consummated on July 15. The resulting institution is known as the "Miners' Bank of Wilkes-Barre." The latter has a capital of \$950,000 and surplus and undivided profits of \$3,910,054. The officers are: F. M. Kirby, President; Isaac M. Thomas, J. N. Conyngam, C. W. Laycock, Samuel McCracken and J. C. Wiegand, Vice-Presidents; William J. Ruff, Cashier; Guy Sturdevant, M. G. Robbins and Roland Grover, Assistant Cashiers, and A. N. Rippard, Trust Officer.

We are advised by the First National Bank of Sunbury, Pa., that that institution will shortly take over the Sunbury National Bank. Upon the consummation of the merger, it is understood, the First National Bank will move from its present quarters to the building of the Sunbury National Bank. The enlarged First National Bank will have a capital of \$250,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$900,000. The officers of the bank will be the same as heretofore, namely John F. Derr, President; Wm. B. Waples, Vice-President; W. F. Rhoads, Cashier, and D. E. Bloom, Assistant Cashier.

The officers of the Edwardsville National Bank of Edwardsville, Ill., announce the opening of their new building on July 26.

At a meeting of the directors on July 12, L. G. Bournique was elected a Vice-President of the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee. Previous to the consolidation of the First National and Wisconsin National banks on July 1 1919, Mr. Bournique was a Vice-President of the Wisconsin National Bank.

Charles C. George and George Brandeis of Omaha, and George J. Woods of Lincoln have been elected directors of the Omaha National Bank, filling a vacancy caused by the death of the late Arthur C. Smith and other vacancies of longer standing. The new directors will also become directors of the Omaha Trust Co. and the Omaha Safe Deposit Co. Mr. George is President of George & Co., realtors, and of several other real estate and holding corporations. He is a Vice-President and for 25 years has been a director of the Conservative Savings & Loan Association. For four years, until recently, he was a director of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; he is also a member of the International Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Brandeis is President of J. L. Brandeis & Sons and of the Brandeis Investment Co. These interests operate a large department store and have heavy real estate investments. Mr. Woods is Vice-President of the Woods Brothers Corporation of Lincoln, director of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., and director of the Standard Timber Co. of Wyoming and Vice-President of the O'Gara Coal Co. of Chicago.

Charles Kohlmeyer, President of the Continental Turpentine & Rosin Co., with a plant at Laurel, Miss., has been elected Vice-President of the Interstate Trust & Banking Co. of New Orleans, in charge of the bond department. Mr. Kohlmeyer was selected from the board of directors of the institution to succeed C. G. Rives, Jr., who recently became connected with the Whitney banks. Mr. Kohlmeyer has long been connected with New Orleans's commercial life and has a wide acquaintance in that city. He is actively connected with a number of concerns, besides his affiliation with the bank. In 1903 he organized the firm of Kohlmeyer, Jacobs & Hyams, of which he served as President until June 30 1919. He was also President of the Southern Re-Distilling & Rectifying Co. from 1917 to 1919. After the dissolution of these two firms Mr. Kohlmeyer became Vice-President of the Republic Box Co., severing his connection with that firm

when it became by amalgamation a part of the General Box Company.

The stockholders of the Commercial National Bank of Los Angeles have approved a proposal to issue \$500,000 of new stock, the capital being thereby increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The stock was sold at \$225 a share. A special stockholders' meeting was held June 21 1923 to authorize this new capital which became effective July 12.

The directors of Lloyds Bank, Ltd., London, have declared an interim dividend for the half-year ended the 30th of June last of 1s. 8d. per share, being at the rate of 16 2-3% per annum, payable, less income tax, on and after the 28th of July. This is the same as a year ago.

The New York "Times" in its issue of July 20 stated that, according to cablegrams from South America received by bankers in this city, the Banco Lopez, with its central office in Bogota, Columbia, had closed its doors on Thursday, July 19. With regard to the failure the "Times" went on to say:

The failure came as a surprise here, one banker describing it as a "thunderclap." In foreign business the Banco Lopez had often been described as the "Gibraltar of Colombia," and, although reports of money stringency in Colombia added to the confusion growing out of a drop in coffee prices, it had been expected that outside aid would pull the Banco Lopez through its difficulties.

According to the meagre information received by New York bankers, the collapse was due primarily to the sharp drop in Colombian coffee prices. The quotation at present is around 16 cents a pound; only a few months ago it was as high as 22 cents. Owing to this drop, secured loans of the bank shrunk accordingly in value, and in some cases shipments which were financed on the basis of a price of 18 or 20 cents a pound for coffee found upon arrival at foreign ports that the price had dropped to the present level.

Despite this collapse in coffee quotations, however, New York bankers who have done business with the Banco Lopez expressed confidence that the bank's assets would approach closely, if not exceed, its liabilities. The money stringency, which was so pronounced that even the Government had difficulty in meeting certain of its obligations with ready cash, affected also the Banco Lopez.

Recently the bank sounded out New York for a loan. The request came too late in the day for New York bankers to comply, it was stated yesterday, and after a few telegraphic exchanges, the request was refused with the explanation that the New York bankers were not sufficiently well acquainted with Colombia's situation to advance the money. Thereafter it was reported that the bank sought a loan from Lazard Brothers, in London. This, according to report, was granted, but when Lazard Brothers heard that New York had turned down a similar request the loan was withdrawn.

As an eleventh-hour measure, it was learned that the Colombian Government purchased the bank's building in Bogota for 750,000 pesos, or the equivalent of \$704,250, advancing 500,000 pesos, or \$468,500. This sum, however, was exhausted by a run on the bank.

New York bankers who have had dealings with the Banco Lopez said the losses which would be entailed by New York organizations would be small, scarcely more than a ripple, as the business depression in Colombia had reduced the usual amount of business. The Banco Lopez had branches in five other cities.

The "Wall Street Journal" in its issue of July 20 stated that Huth & Co. (of this city and London) are "informed that the Manizales and Cucaramanga branches of the bank were closed some months ago, and that the London & River Plate Bank was preparing to take over that in Cali. According to latest advices received by them, the situation in Medellin is still good.

Senor Jose Maria Arango, the Consul-General of Colombia in this city, on Thursday, July 26, made public a cablegram he had received from his Government reporting the organization of a bank by the Colombian Government to succeed the Banco Lopez, according to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of yesterday, July 27. The cablegram is as follows:

The alarm caused by the suspension of payments of the Banco Lopez of Bogota has been overcome by the action of the Government in the foundation of the Banco de la Republica (National Bank), which has just been opened. Banking and commercial conditions are normal.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market developed great weakness again during the last two days. In this weakness the railroad list participated and even led the way, notwithstanding the good reports of earnings coming from the roads. The anthracite shares displayed considerable strength, but Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Chicago & North Western common and a number of others dropped sharply and established new low records for the year. On Saturday trading was light and prices fluctuated within a narrow range, but on Monday the market in many respects improved. On Tuesday the market again declined and recessions of one to two points were noted in several of the standard securities as the day closed. The decline continued as the session opened on Wednesday, but the market rallied somewhat during the mid-session. The recovery was due in part to the favorable reports regarding conditions in the steel industry and the declaration

of the regular dividend on Delaware & Hudson stock. Stocks of roads in the Northwest, which had shown considerable weakness for some days, broke badly on Thursday and Friday. This had a somewhat disturbing effect on the general list, though Baltimore & Ohio advanced to 50¼ and New York Central went above par on Thursday. Great Northern and Northern Pacific were again under pressure on Friday, dropping, as already stated, to a new low level. United States Steel common dropped from 90% to 88½, Baldwin Locomotive fell off over 4 points, Studebaker went down to 101½ and New York Central receded to 97.

THE CURB MARKET.

Trading in the Curb Market this week was exceedingly dull, and while the opening showed a firm tone the market soon developed an easier tendency. Oil stocks were the chief sufferers. South Penn Oil in particular was conspicuous for a drop from 120 to 105. Eureka Pipe Line lost two points to 101. Ohio Oil sold down from 58½ to 57. Prairie Oil & Gas declined from 183½ to 175. Prairie Pipe Line was off from 102½ to 99¼. Standard Oil (Indiana) moved down from 55½ to 51¾. Standard Oil (Kentucky) lost four points to 90. Standard Oil of New York receded from 38¾ to 36½ and closed to-day at 36¾. Swan & Finch sold up from 30 to 36. Vacuum Oil dropped from 45½ to 41¼ and ends the week at 42. Gulf Oil of Pennsylvania weakened from 51½ to 50 and finished to-day at 50¼. International Petroleum declined from 16⅞ to 14⅞. Magnolia Petroleum moved down from 139 to 129½ and sold finally at 129¼. Mutual Oil was off from 10½ to 9. Industrials were quiet. The strength of Reading Coal issues was a feature, the stock advancing from 42 to 50⅞ and the "rights" from 19⅜ to 23¼. The close to-day was at 50 for the former and 21½ for the latter. Armour & Co. of Delaware preferred lost a point to 87. Cleveland Automobile declined from 29 to 27½. Durant Motors sold down from 48 to 44½. Glen Alden Coal after early advances from 72½ to 73½ sank to 70¼. Midvale Co. weakened from 16⅜ to 15. National Supply Co. declined from 55 to 52⅞ and closed to-day at 53. Bonds were quiet. United Oil Producers 8s, after an advance from 94 to 99, fell to 91¼ and recovered finally to 93.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 428.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of July 11 1923:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue on the 4th inst. was £125,796,970, as compared with £125,794,950 on the previous Wednesday.

The demand from the Indian Bazaars continues to be moderate, and the bulk of the available supplies will be sent to America.

CURRENCY.

Extracts from the Chairman's speech at the annual meeting of the Royal Numismatic Society were thus given by the "Daily Telegraph": "Sir Charles Oman said that the silver issue of 1920-21, with its 'well known lemon tinge,' was highly unsatisfactory. The new 1923 alloy was no less abominable, though it did not flake off and come to pieces in the hand, like Mr. Chamberlain's first issue. Instead of the lemon tinge, it had a slight, but noticeable, pink deposit, which seemed to spread from the lettering inwards. Owing to the over-issue, in a time of inflation, of this alloyed coinage, much of it lay redundant in bank cellars, and the banks had forced the Mint to repurchase £250,000 worth of it this spring at the cost of £1 Bradbury to every pound of silver, although it was worth only half of its face value. There was a rumor," added Sir Charles, "that a British nickel coinage was in progress for threepenny and sixpenny pieces, and he thought that it might do much to improve the silver issue."

SILVER.

The latest news as to the Monsoon seems good. Rainfall was nearly general in Lower Burma and Koukan. In the United Provinces and Punjab crops were good and normal results were to be expected. The reappearance of the Bombay Monsoon has fixed values firmly of textiles, &c.

Notwithstanding this good news as to the Indian Monsoon, the market has not been robust, and purchases from that quarter have been on a small scale. The tendency has been to prolong Indian bear sales as they fall due.

China has figured as both a buyer and a seller on several days. The Continent has sold moderately, and America has kept more in touch with the market here as a seller. On the whole the prospects do not command much confidence, though the bear account open here may cause unexpected stringency in the event of sudden attempts to cover short positions.

Owing to pressure of sales to-day on an unwilling market, a sharp drop took place of ¼d., but at the fall buyers preponderated.

The subscription lists for the Government of India 5% Loan, which were opened on July 4, were closed on the 9th inst., the full amount of 24 crores of rupees having been subscribed. This result would appear satisfactory from the exchange point of view. The "Times of India," in its issue of June 23 last, thus commented upon the Government loan policy: "It is considered that, owing to the economic depression now prevalent in India, the amount of money available for investment is not so large as during the last two years and that the rates offered seem to ignore this important factor. On the other hand, the ease with which the Government can borrow in London makes them reluctant to pay high rates in India, and but for the exchange problem, which is year by year assuming a more sinister aspect,

the Government would still further reduce the borrowing rate. Every million now borrowed in London will aggravate the exchange situation in years to come, and from this point of view the rush of Indian local authorities to borrow in London needs to be discouraged."

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees.)	June 15.	June 22.	June 30.
Notes in circulation	17152	17238	17361
Silver coin and bullion in India	8385	8471	8595
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)	585	585	584

The silver coinage during the week ending the 30th ult. amounted to 3 lacs of rupees.

The stock in Shanghai on the 7th inst. consisted of about 25,800,000 ounces in sycee, 32,500,000 dollars and 420 silver bars, as compared with about 25,300,000 ounces in sycee, and 33,000,000 dollars on the 30th ult.

The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. ¾d. the tael.

Quotations—	—Bar Silver per Oz. Std.—		Bar Gold per Oz. Fine.
	Cash.	2 Mos.	
July 5	31d.	30 11-16d.	90s. 7d.
July 6	31 5-16d.	31d.	90s. 5d.
July 7	31½d.	30 15-16d.	
July 9	31¾d.	31½d.	90s. 4d.
July 10	31¼d.	31d.	90s. 2d.
July 11	30¾d.	30½d.	89s. 11d.
Average	31.156d.	30.875d.	90s.3.4d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 1-16d. above and the same as those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

London,	July 21.	July 23.	July 24.	July 25.	July 26.	July 27.
Week ending July 27.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Silver, per oz.	30 15-16	31¼	30 15-16	30½	30¾	30 13-16
Gold, per fine ounce	89s. 8d.	89s. 8d.	89s. 8d.	89s. 8d.	89s. 8d.	89s. 8d.
Consols, 2½ per cents	59	58½	58½	58½	58½	58¾
British, 5 per cents	100½	101¼	100½	100½	100½	100¾
British, 4½ per cents	97	96¾	96¼	96¼	96¼	96¼
French Rentes (in Paris), fr.	57.15	56.85	55.68½	57.15	57.85	57.85
French War Loan (in Paris), fr.	75.70	75.52	75.52	75.10	75.15	75.15

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

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	Foreign
	63½ 63½ 63½ 63½ 62½

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings for the country again show a small decrease from a year ago, due to the large falling off at New York. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day (Saturday, July 28) aggregate bank clearings for all the cities in the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns, show a decrease of 2.9% as compared with the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$6,638,285,984, against \$6,833,618,772 for the same week in 1922. At this centre there is a falling off of 14.2%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending July 28.	1923.	1922.	Per Cent.
New York	\$2,744,000,000	\$3,197,830,928	-14.2
Chicago	462,195,331	421,644,086	+9.6
Philadelphia	379,000,000	345,000,000	+9.9
Boston	261,000,000	228,000,000	+14.5
Kansas City	107,177,404	104,926,401	+2.1
St. Louis	a	a	a
San Francisco	114,400,000	115,000,000	-0.5
Los Angeles	110,245,000	*80,000,000	+37.8
Pittsburgh	142,912,426	*130,000,000	+9.9
Detroit	114,240,329	86,027,000	+32.8
Cleveland	87,425,888	81,092,558	+7.8
Baltimore	67,342,495	58,324,828	+15.5
New Orleans	44,224,209	40,316,586	+8.3
Twelve cities, 5 days	\$4,634,163,082	\$4,888,662,385	-5.2
Other cities, 5 days	897,741,905	806,019,925	+11.4
Total all cities, 5 days	\$5,531,904,987	\$5,694,682,310	-2.9
All cities, 1 day	1,106,380,997	1,138,936,462	-2.9
Total all cities for week	\$6,638,285,984	\$6,833,618,772	-2.9

a Will not report clearings. * Estimated.

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday), and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ending July 21. For that week there is a decrease of 4.2%, the 1923 aggregate of the clearings being \$7,169,655,997 and the 1922 aggregate \$7,486,460,448. This decrease, however, is due entirely to the shrinkage at New York, the decrease here having been 16.7%. Outside of this city there is an increase of 13.4%. 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 an increase of 13.0%, in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 9.3%, while

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 461.—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:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows: Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Total wk. '23, Same wk. '22, Same wk. '21, and Since Aug. 1 for 1922-23, 1921-22, and 1920-21.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday July 21 1923 follow:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows: New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, New-Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Boston, Total wk. '23, Since Jan. 1 '23, Week 1922, Since Jan. 1 '22.

* 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, July 21 1923, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from—, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, Peas. Rows: New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Mobile, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Total week 1923, Week 1922.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1923 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Rows: United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Colonies, Other Countries, Total 1923, Total 1922.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, July 20, and since July 1 1923 and 1922, are shown in the following:

Table with columns: Exports, Wheat, Corn. Rows: North Amer., Russ. & Dan., Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. count'rs, Total.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, July 21, was as follows:

Table with columns: GRAIN STOCKS, United States, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, Galveston, Buffalo, Toledo.

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows: Detroit, Chicago, Sioux City, Milwaukee, Duluth, St. Joseph, Mo., Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Peoria, Indianapolis, Omaha, On Lakes, On Canal and River.

Total July 21 1923, Total July 14 1923, Total July 22 1922.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 26,000 bushels; Baltimore, 6,000; Duluth, 42,000; total, 74,000 bushels, against 239,000 bushels in 1922. Barley, New York, 82,000 bushels; Duluth, 76,000; total, 158,000 bushels, against 134,000 bushels in 1922. Wheat, New York, 180,000 bushels; Boston, 160,000; Philadelphia, 64,000; Baltimore, 93,000; Buffalo, 86,000; Duluth, 28,000; Toledo, 59,000; Chicago, 11,000; On Lakes, 416,000; total, 1,097,000 bushels, against 2,166,000 bushels in 1922.

Canadian— Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Other Canadian.

Total July 21 1923, Total July 14 1923, Total July 22 1922.

Summary— American, Canadian.

Total July 21 1923, Total July 14 1923, Total July 22 1922.

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

July 17—The American National Bank of Fort Payne, Ala. Capital, \$25,000. Correspondent: C. C. Driskill, Fort Payne, Ala. July 20—The First National Bank of Sausalito, Calif. Capital, 25,000. Correspondent: W. L. Brown, Sausalito, Calif. APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE APPROVED. July 20—The West Coast National Bank of Portland, Ore. Capital, 300,000. Correspondent: Edgar H. Sensenich, 706 Porter Bldg., Portland, Ore.

APPLICATION TO CONVERT APPROVED. July 19—The First National Bank of Grafrod, Texas. Conversion of the First State Bank of Grafrod, Texas. 50,000.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

July 16—12412 The Columbia National Bank, Columbia, So. Caro. 500,000. Succeeds the Palmetto National Bank of Columbia, So. Caro. Cashier, T. J. Cottingham. Directors: Ben E. Geer, Leroy Springs, Edwin W. Robertson, Thad J. Cottingham, Wm. A. Coleman. 12413 The National Bank of Adrian, Mo. Capital, 25,000. President, G. B. Wyatt; Cashier, Staten Foster. July 17—12414 The Highland National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa. Capital, 200,000. President, Harrison Nesbitt; Cashier, James F. Collins. July 19—12415 The First National Bank of Norton, Texas. Capital, 25,000. President, J. D. Good; Cashier, T. J. McCaughan. July 21—12416 The First National Bank of Paradise, Texas. Capital, 25,000. Conversion of the Paradise State Bank, Paradise, Tex. President, J. A. Simmons; Cashier, W. A. Green.

CONSOLIDATION. July 18—200 The First National Bank of Boston, Mass. 15,000,000 and —12396 The International Bank of Boston, Mass. 2,000,000 Consolidated July 18 1923 under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under the charter and corporate title of "The First National Bank of Boston," No. 200, with capital stock of 15,000,000.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS. July 16—11491 The Central Exchange National Bank of Kansas City, Mo. 200,000. Effective July 16 1923. Liquidating agent: C. R. Burrell, Kansas City, Mo. July 17—11778 The Minneapolis National Bank, Minneapolis, Minn. 200,000. Absorbed by the Home Trust Co. of Kansas City, Mo. Effective July 9 1923. Liquidating agent: Clarence E. Hill, Minneapolis, Minn. Absorbed by the North Western National Bank of Minneapolis, No. 2006. Liability for circulation will not be assumed under Section 5223, U. S. R. S.

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

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Rows: 50 General Carbonic pref., 10 General Carbonic common, 50 Roanoke Banking Co., 50 Roanoke Banking Co., 177 W. A. Handley Mfg. Co., 160 Roanoke Guano Co., 100 Roanoke Guano Co., 20 Roanoke Guano Co., 7,000 Imports Advance Corp., 200 White City Tanning Co., 600 Arthur H. Crist Co.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Rows: 8 Webster & Atlas National Bank, 5 Hamilton Manufacturing Co., 100 Rights Otis Co., 2 Esmond Mills, pref., ex-div., 5 Merrimack Chemical Co.

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

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Rows: 17 Natl. Shawmut Natk. Boston, 1/4 Fourth Atlantic Nat. Bk., Bos., 1 Fourth Atlantic Nat. Bk., Bos., 220 Rights Otis Co., 2 Cambridge Gas Light Co., 5 Plymouth Cordage Co.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing various stocks with columns for Shares, Price, and Stocks. Includes entries like John B. Stetson Co., 20 Millville National Bank, and various oil and mining stocks.

Table listing various companies with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed. Includes entries like Dow Chemical, Preferred (quar.), and various manufacturing and utility companies.

DIVIDENDS.

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

The dividends announced this week are:

Table listing dividends announced this week with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed. Categorized into Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and Miscellaneous.

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

Table listing dividends from previous weeks with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed. Categorized into Railroads (Steam) and Public Utilities.

Actual Figures.

Table with columns: Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal, Reserve banks, State banks, Trust companies, and weekly totals.

* 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.

Table with columns: Loans and investments, Gold, Currency and bank notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Total deposits, Deposits, Reserve on deposits, Percentage of reserve, 21.6%.

RESERVE.

Table comparing Reserve for State Banks and Trust Companies.

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on July 21 was \$70,678,400.

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 with columns: Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, Reserve in Depositories. Rows list dates from Mar. 31 to July 21.

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: CLEARING NON-MEMBERS, Members of Fed. Res. Bank, State Banks Not in Clearing House, Trust Co. Not in Clearing House, Grand aggregate, Comparison with previous week, Gr'd aggr., July 14, Gr'd aggr., July 7, Gr'd aggr., June 30.

a United States deposits deducted, \$220,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$553,000. Excess reserve, \$317,280 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 25 1923, Changes from previous week, July 18 1923, July 11 1923. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, Individual deposits, Due to banks, Time deposits, United States deposits, Exchanges for Clearing House, Due from other banks, Reserve 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 July 21, 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 July 21 1923, July 14 1923, July 7 1923. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, Exchanges for Clear. House, Due from banks, Bank deposits, Individ dual deposits, Time deposits, Total deposits, U. S. deposits, Res'v 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 25 1923 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with columns: July 25 1923, July 18 1923, July 26 1922. Rows include Resources (Gold and gold certificates, Gold settlement fund, 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.

* Not shown separately prior to January 1923.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Freeman, Smith, Camp & Co. of Portland, Ore., have recently opened a branch office in Los Angeles, Calif., under the management of C. S. Kelty, who was formerly connected with the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland.

—Miller & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce that they have established a private wire connection with Schultz Bros. & Co., Cleveland.

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 406.

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

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange, including weekly, monthly, and yearly totals for various stock categories.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange, comparing weekly sales for 1923 and 1922, and sales from Jan. 1 to July 27.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges, including weekly totals and previous week revised figures.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices July 21 July 23 July 24 July 25 July 26 July 27

Table showing daily record of U.S. bond prices for various bond types, including Liberty Loan, Treasury, and other government securities.

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

Table showing transactions in registered bonds, listing maturity dates and corresponding prices.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness, including maturity, interest rate, and bid/asked prices.

Foreign Exchange.—The market for sterling exchange was lifeless, though rates were fairly steady. In the Continental exchanges irregularity prevailed and the feature was spectacular weakness in German marks.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 56/4 @ 4 56 3/4 for sixty days, 4 58 1/2 @ 4 59 1/2 for checks and 4 58 1/2 @ 4 59 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 58 1/2 @ 4 59 1/2; sixty days, 4 56 1/2 @ 4 57; ninety days, 4 54 1/2 @ 4 55 1/2, and documents for payment (sixty days), 4 57 1/2 @ 4 58 1/2. Cotton for payment, 4 58 1/2 @ 4 59 1/4, and grain for payment, 4 58 1/2 @ 4 59 1/2.

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, including actual and sixty-day rates.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$24 06 per \$1,000 discount. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 407. A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 428.

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 listing various stocks and bonds, including Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and other categories, with columns for sales, range for week, and range since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

For 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. (Saturday, July 21 to Friday, July 27); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1923; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend.

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

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

Table with 6 columns: Saturday, July 21; Monday, July 23; Tuesday, July 24; Wednesday, July 25; Thursday, July 26; Friday, July 27. Rows list stock prices for various companies.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with 2 columns: Shares, Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par. Rows list stock names and share counts.

PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1923. On basis of 100-share lots

Table with 2 columns: Lowest, Highest. Rows list stock names and price ranges.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922.

Table with 2 columns: Lowest, Highest. Rows list stock names and price ranges for the previous year.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales this day. z Ex-dividend.

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

Table with columns for dates (Saturday, July 21 to Friday, July 27), High and Low Sale Price—Per Share, Not Per Cent., Sales for the Week, Stocks New York Stock Exchange, and Per Share Range since Jan. 1, 1923, and Per Share Range for Previous Year 1922.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other market data.

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

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details. The table is split into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending July 27' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending July 27'.

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

Main table containing bond listings for NY STOCK EXCHANGE, categorized by 'BONDS' and 'INDUSTRIALS'. Includes columns for Bid, Ask, Price, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and Interest Period.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. d Due April. e Due March. f Due May. g Due June. h Due July. i Due Aug. o Due Oct. p Due Dec. q Option sale

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Quotations of Sundry Securities

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

Table of New York Bond Record with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of Quotations of Sundry Securities including Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, Tobacco Stocks, Rubber Stocks, and Sugar Stocks.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. d Due Apr. e Due Mar. f Due May. g Due June. h Due July. k Due Aug. l Due Oct. p Due Dec. s Option sale.

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

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and corresponding stock prices. Includes a 'Sales for the Week' column.

Main table listing various stocks and bonds under the heading 'STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include stock names, share counts, and price ranges (Lowest, Highest) from Jan 1, 1923, and previous years.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-rights. d Ex-dividend and rights. z Ex-dividend. q Ex-stock dividend. a Assessment paid. b Beginning with Thursday, May 24, trading has been in new shares, of which two new shares of no par value were given in exchange for one share of old stock of \$10 par value. In order to make possible comparisons with previous quotations, we have divided all these previous quotations by two.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange July 21 to July 27, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various bonds like Amer Agric Chem, Amer Tel & Tel 4s, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange from July 21 to July 27, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is given below. Prices for stocks are all dollars per share, not per cent. For bonds the quotations are per cent of par value.

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like American Elec Pow Co, Amer Refractories, etc.

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange July 21 to July 27, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Amer Wholesale, Arundel Sand & Grav, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds—, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various bonds like Balt Spar Pt & C 4 1/2s, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange July 21 to July 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Am Vitrified Prod, Am Wind Glass Mach, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange July 21 to July 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Amer Pub Serv, Amer Shipbuilding, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like United Paper Bd, U S Gypsum, Wahl Co, etc.

* No par value.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from July 21 to July 27, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists. As noted in our issue of July 2 1921, the New York Curb Market Association on June 27 1921 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official sheet which forms the basis of the compilations below.

Main table with columns: Week ending July 27, Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Indus. & Miscellaneous, Certificates of deposit, Motor Products, and Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries.

Table with columns: Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like Buckeye Pipe Line, Continental Oil, Crescent Pipe Line, etc.

Table with columns: Other Oil Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like Ark Natural Gas, Atlantic Lobos Oil, Barrington Oil Co class A, etc.

Table with columns: Mining Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like Alaska-Brit Col Metals, Alvarado Min & Mill, Argonaut Gold (old), etc.

Table of Mining Stocks (Concluded) with columns for Par, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1. Includes companies like Ray Hercules, Inc., Red Hills Florence, and various copper and silver mining firms.

Table of Bonds (Concluded) with columns for Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1. Includes Russian Govt 5 1/2s, Certificates, and Switzerland Govt 5 1/2s.

* 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. o New stock. u Ex 66 2-3% stock dividend. r Ex 100% stock dividend. s Option sale. t Ex 200% stock dividend. w When issued. z Ex dividend. y Ex rights. z Ex stock dividend. n Ex stock dividend of 40%

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table of New York City Banks and Trust Companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and various bank names like American, Bank of America, and Trust Co's.

* Banks marked with (*) are State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table of New York City Realty and Surety Companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and company names like Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, and Bond & M G.

CURRENT NOTICES.

Multiple notices and news items including: Farr & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange; McDonnell & Co., tracing three states of the company's development; Ladd & Wood have issued a special circular on mortgage bonds; Tamingel, Keen & Co., distributing a booklet on earnings and financial statements; Prince & Whitely moving offices; and various other financial and business announcements.

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 July 7 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 railroads and companies with page numbers. Includes sections for Steam Roads, Electric Railways, and Industrials.

Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry. Co.

(34th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

Extended extracts from the report of President Alfred H. Smith with the corporate income account for the year ended Dec. 31 1922 will be found under the heading "Reports and Documents" on following pages.

Revenues, Tonnage and Passengers.—The total operating revenues were \$84,665,690, an increase of \$4,872,097.

Passenger revenue was \$16,339,289, a decrease of \$941,984. There was a decrease of 1,031,352 passengers, of whom 6,844 were interline and 1,024,508 were local and commutation.

Express revenue was \$1,915,420, an increase of \$457,577. The express revenues of the company are based on a proportion of the net income of the to the adjustment of over-accruals of certain reserves by the express company and to operating economies instituted by it.

Operating Expenses.—Total operating expenses of \$64,858,314 show a decrease of \$1,738,875 as compared with 1921. The decrease of \$1,710,981 in maintenance of way and structures was principally caused by reduction in wages and force and in prices of certain materials and a decrease in the application of rails, ties and ballast.

Notwithstanding a substantial reduction in the outlay for freight car repairs, the result of unusually heavy charges to this account in 1921, maintenance of equipment showed an increase of \$215,196, attributable mainly to expenses incident to the shopmen's strike.

The greater part of the increase in traffic expenses of \$56,925 is due to re-issuance during 1922 of tariffs to cover rate reductions ordered by the I.-S. C. Commission.

Transportation expenses decreased \$331,185 as the result of increased efficiency in operation notwithstanding the increased cost of fuel.

Non-Operating Income.—The amount included in 1922 as additional compensation from the Director-General of Railroads arises from adjustments in the amount due for the use of the company's railroad property during Federal control.

An accumulation of delayed bills included in 1921 caused the decrease of \$142,924 in miscellaneous rent income. The decrease of \$38,748 in dividend income is due to reduction in 1922 in dividend rate on this company's holdings of stock of Cincinnati Northern RR. and of the Missouri & Illinois Bridge & Belt RR.

The increase of \$100,864 in income from funded securities is principally due to the temporary investment in United States securities of the company's share of the proceeds of the sale of New York Central Lines equipment trust certificates of 1922 and to interest on additional European Loan bonds of the company acquired during the year and carried as an investment.

Contributing to the increase of \$71,355 in income from unfunded securities and accounts are interest on reserve fund on deposit with trustee under the company's Ref. & Impt. Mtg. and increased interest on bank balances. These increases are partly offset by reduction in temporary investments and discontinuance of accruals of interest on accounts due by the Director-General of Railroads.

Deductions from Gross Income.—The decrease of \$354,294 in rent for leased roads is principally due to less favorable results of operation of the Peoria & Eastern Ry.

The decrease of \$162,518 in miscellaneous rents is due to the inclusion in 1921 of a number of delayed bills.

The decrease of \$171,449 in "separately operated properties—loss" is almost entirely accounted for by a smaller payment for deficit in operation of the Central Indiana Ry.

The decrease of \$312,025 in interest on unfunded debt is largely due to reduced accruals of interest on accounts due the Director-General of RRs.

The increase of \$287,530 in miscellaneous income charges is due to large adjustments through this account in 1921 in connection with the Federal control and guaranty periods, resulting in a heavy net credit in that year. Net Corporate Income.—The net corporate income of the company was \$7,528,837, from which were declared dividends on Pref. stock aggregating \$5, amounting to \$499,925, and dividends on Common stock aggregating 5% (4% for 1922 and 1% declared in 1922 payable in Jan. 1923), amounting to \$2,551,435. There was applied for sinking funds and investment in physical property \$95,074. After these deductions there remained a surplus of \$4,582,403, which was carried to the credit of profit and loss.

Changes in Funded Debt.—The changes in the funded debt were as follows: The amount on Dec. 31 1921, \$132,556,553, has been increased \$5,625,000 by N. Y. C. Lines Equipment Trust 5% certificates of June 1 1922, and has been reduced \$5,098,818, leaving the funded debt on Dec. 31 1922 \$133,082,735.

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and rows for Tons rev. freight carried, Tons carried 1 mile, Rev. per ton per mile, Fr't earns, Per ton rev. fr't per tr. mile, Passengers carried, Pass. carried one mile, Rev. per pass. per mile, Rev. rev. per train mile, Oper. revenue per mile.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and rows for Operating Revenue, Freight, Passengers, Mail, express & miscell., Incidentals, &c., Total oper. revenues, Expenses, Total expenses, P. c. exp. to revenue, Ry. operating income.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1922, 1921, 1922, 1921) and rows for Assets (Road & equip., Impt. on leased, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.).

Michigan Central Railroad Company.

(77th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

The text of the report is cited fully under "Reports and Documents" on following pages, together with the tabular "Summary of financial operations affecting income" for the years 1920 and 1921.

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and rows for Operations—Passengers carried, Pass. carried one mile, Rev. per pass. per mile, Revenue tons moved, Rev. tons car. 1 mile, Rev. per ton per mile, Tons rev. ft. per tr. mile.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1922, 1921, 1920, 1919) and rows for Operating Revenues—Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Incidentals, &c., Total oper. revenue, Expenses, Total expenses, Per cent of exp. to rev., Net revenue.

present it has been conspicuously absent in their laws, although fully respected in ours. We have never ceased to take every suitable opportunity of impressing upon all the Governments of the world our view that in the oil business they have everything to gain and nothing to lose by pursuing the open-door policy and extending equal rights and an equal welcome to foreigners and nationals.

(3) *Rumania*.—Exaggerated fiscal and nationalistic tendencies are both handicapping our activities in Rumania. An extremely onerous and complicated taxation system, combined with measures tending to nationalize the subsoil, restrictions in the employment of foreign labor, the arbitrary fixing of unremunerative maximum prices for the large proportion of products compulsorily sold in the home market, cannot prove very conducive to further prosperity of the petroleum industry in that country and in the long run can only be detrimental to the interests of the Rumanian people themselves.

(4) *Russia*.—The time for resuming our activities in Russia does not yet seem to be ripe. As far as can be ascertained, among the present persons in power in that unfortunate country various economical ideas are contending for the upper hand and the situation is not yet considered sufficiently cleared for seriously contemplating the aid of foreign capital and management—the restoration of the petroleum industry so sorely disturbed.

Preliminary steps in this direction, however, were taken by us in the summer of 1922, when we joined in an arrangement with the principal former owners of Russian petroleum concerns, as a result of which there will no longer be any reason to fear that the one will try to enrich himself at the expense of the other by taking possession of lands which formerly belonged to others. We are continuing to keep in regular contact with the various parties interested and think that this policy may prove of great value for all concerned when the time arrives for serious negotiation with the Soviet Government. In the meantime our contact with the Russian oil industry is exclusively confined to the purchase of certain quantities of products produced there.

From a few quarters these purchases have been subjected to criticism: some have expressed the opinion that the best manner of attaining a speedy restoration of the confiscated property would be a general boycott of the Soviet Government, by which they think the latter would be compelled, on account of lack of revenue, to restore this property to the former owners. Personally, we do not think such a policy to be wise or effective. Firstly, a boycott is never an agreeable nor even a clean weapon with which to strive for the attainment of any object, whilst it should not be forgotten that part of the exported products must necessarily come from State fields, i.e., a source to which not the slightest objection can be made. Our attitude is not by any means in contravention to any promise made by us (as some have thought fit to assert); on the contrary, from the very earliest discussions in regard to the co-operation alluded to, we have emphatically stated that we reserved to ourselves complete liberty in regard to the purchase of products originating to a great extent from our own fields.

Financial Position Remarkably Strong.—It is a gratifying fact that in 1922, as in 1921, we were again able to considerably expand our business without making a further issue of shares. In the summer of 1922, however, we considerably increased our cash resources by the sale of a large part of the shares held by our company in the Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd. Apart from the wish to increase our cash resources, the sale appeared to us quite logical, as in English hands these shares represent a greater value than in Dutch hands. Our company has no English income tax to pay and we therefore derive no benefit from the fact that the tax imposed by the English Exchequer on the Shell profits may be deducted by shareholders from their own tax. In other words: shares in English companies are not in general a practical investment for Dutch holders. Our liquid resources, even after paying the proposed final dividend, will still be very ample, and considering, moreover, that our group possesses unencumbered stocks of crude oil and finished products in all parts of the world, representing an enormous value, it must certainly be admitted that our position is remarkably strong.

Dividends.—Taking everything into consideration, we thought fit to recommend the payment of a final dividend of 16 1/4%, which, in view of the prevailing depression and the onerous taxation, is very satisfactory. We look to the future with confidence.

FURTHER DETAILS IN REGARD TO THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF COMPANY'S BUSINESS.

Dutch East Indies.—During 1922 9 new concessions were granted (of which 2 exclusively for gas), all based on rights acquired prior to the last revision of the Mining Code.

By ordinance it was stipulated that for corporate bodies 20% surtax on the amount of income tax assessment for 1922 should be imposed.

In the ordinance regulating duties to be paid a new article was inserted whereby we were granted a postponement of the payment of export duties for mineral oil and its derivatives as from Jan. 1 1923 under guarantee for the payment of any further export duty which may fall due, plus 6% int.

After the formation of the "Nederlandsch-Indische Aardolie Maatschappij" (N.I.A.M.) on Dec. 14 1921 we immediately placed at their disposal the necessary staff and material in order to prepare and commence activities in Djambi. From the jetty on the Djambi River a 39 k.m. road was constructed through the jungle for the transport of the heavy materials to the two fields (Betoeng and Banjoebang) which were chosen as being the most favorably situated and offering the best prospects for exploration.

On Oct. 4 and Dec. 9 1922 2 drillings were started which, at the end of the year had reached a depth of 172.50 M. and 66 M., respectively. Although strong oil traces have since been encountered in one of these drillings in one instance even yielding a production of 2 tons a day, yet on the present report being drawn up no richly producing layer had yet been struck. In order to transport the expected oil, a suitable tract was sought by which both drilling fields were connected by a 3 in. crude oil pipe line to the company's nearest pump-station in the vicinity of Palembang.

In the past year the Bataafsche were compelled to further restrict their activities; on 5 fields all exploitation wells and on 3 others the exploration wells were stopped.

Notwithstanding the restriction of our exploitation the total production of crude oil in our fields, as compared with 1921, again showed an increase this year (although this is solely due to the increased Borneo production), which will appear from the following figures:

	1922. (K.G.Tons)	1921. (K.G.Tons)	1920. (K.G.Tons)
Sumatra	522,496	564,717	496,351
Borneo (excluding Tarakan)	857,783	741,873	744,119
Tarakan	663,299	695,313	711,009
Java	235,161	244,655	311,677
Ceram	45,053	48,980	20,980
Total	2,323,792	2,295,538	2,284,136

From June 1 1922 the exploitation of 3 mining concessions of the Shanghai-Langkat Co., from whom we previously bought the crude oil production, is being carried out by our company.

The pipe line for the transport of gas from the Loentar field to Pladjoe was taken into service in June 1922 and since that time the factory there has been supplied with gas for fuel purposes.

Saravak (British West Borneo).—The production in 1922 again experienced a considerable increase. It amounted to 403,393 E. tons, as compared with 199,858 E. tons in 1921. The exploration of new fields is being continued. In order to enable the treatment of this increased production the refinery capacity was extended and now amounts to over 1,600 tons per 24 hours. The construction of a fourth submarine oil line for loading vessels on the open roadstead was commenced in the year under review.

Egypt.—The production of the Anglo-Egyptian Oilfields, Ltd., amounted to 169,313 E. tons, against 181,231 E. tons in 1921.

Russia.—Compared with last year no change has taken place in the position of our properties in Russia. Our fields and our entire industry remained nationalized and were exploited by the Soviet Government.

Rumania.—For Rumania the year 1922 can only be considered as partly satisfactory. The transport difficulties, it is true, were gradually eliminated, but by various other causes the petroleum industry was severely handicapped.

In the first place the drilling work of the various companies suffered very much on account of the constant interruption in the supply of electric current by "Electrica."

A further depressing influence on the results of the business was the system still in force there of inland maximum prices, which, together with the decline of the Lei, was the reason why the prices of the products deviated more and more from those of the world market; an increase of these maximum prices introduced in Jan. 1923 did not by far make up for this.

The restriction of the quantity for export resulted in many refineries being hindered in their operations, as the products reserved for inland use were in part not taken up. Repeated petitions made to the Government by the various companies together for a revision of these regulations led to no result.

The refusal to deal with applications for the consolidation of concessions produced a feeling of insecurity in the industry, as also the project of the Government to nationalize the subsoil and the proposed introduction of more onerous taxation laws (these laws have since been introduced and nationalization in principle accepted).

The laws in question are extremely onerous especially for companies established on a gold basis before the war, who were in fact the founders of the Rumanian petroleum industry.

For the Astra the bringing into operation of their own electric central power station on their principal field "Moreni" in the course of 1922 was of great importance.

The crude oil production amounted to 407,442 K.G. tons in 1922, against 333,645 K.G. tons in 1921, an increase of about 22%, which was principally due to the great yield of a few wells struck in 1922.

In spite of the above difficulties the factory in Ploesti was able to treat all the crude oil produced. Towards the end of the year a new lubricating oil bench was put into operation and a start was made with the construction of 6 new stills which are principally intended to enable thorough repairs to be carried out on the old benches without necessitating any restriction in the operations.

The question of indemnification for the properties destroyed in 1916 is still awaiting settlement.

Jugoslavia.—The test well mentioned in the previous report was continued in 1922; the transport of drilling material, however, was seriously affected by great transport difficulties, in consequence of which the drilling operations had sometimes to be suspended for several weeks.

Good quality oil was struck on two occasions in the course of 1922, but commercial quantities have not up to the present been found. The drilling is now being energetically continued.

PROPERTIES IN NORTH AMERICA.

Production, &c.—The prosperity generally enjoyed in the petroleum industry of the United States in 1922 was likewise apparent, to a not inconsiderable extent, in our business there. The total crude oil production in North America (in 1921 amounting to 470,720,000 bbls.) increased in 1922 about 17%, reached a total of 550,006,000 bbls. The production of our group in that country increased about 115%, from nearly 9 million bbls. in 1921 to over 19 million bbls. crude oil in 1922, notwithstanding the fact that for special reasons the production on some of our fields in California had to be restricted as much as possible.

The favorable figures given above were especially due to the remarkable success of the Signal Hill field brought into exploitation by the Shell Co. of California and further to the very considerable production obtained from the new Oklahoma fields acquired in 1921 in conjunction with third parties.

This great production necessitated considerable extensions in our factories and installations. The construction of same requires a very considerable capital outlay and it was in connection therewith that in May 1922 a call was successfully made on the American money market by the issue of \$20,000,000 6% cumulative preference shares of the Shell Union Oil Corp.

Mid Continent.—During the past year the business of the Roxana Petroleum Corp. underwent considerable extension. New production was obtained in the States of Arkansas and Oklahoma; additional storage capacity was erected in Oklahoma and Louisiana; new pipe lines were laid in Oklahoma.

The capacity of the Woodriva refinery near St. Louis was materially increased, whilst the storage space there was considerably extended. At the same time we were completely successful in working up heavy oils to benzine, so that we were able to appreciably enlarge the installations erected for that purpose.

Whenever it appeared possible, from a commercial point of view, to extract benzine from oil gases, installations for this purpose were erected, mostly in co-operation with third parties.

The extension of Roxana's sales district became in the long run an inevitable necessity; for that reason the tank wagon park was enlarged and at the end of the year under review plans were being prepared for the extension of the distributing organization.

California.—Also for the Shell Co. of California the past year showed a remarkable development in their exploration and exploitation work in the south of this State.

The Signal Hill, Santa Fe Springs and Huntington Beach fields yielded rich productions, whilst the Ventura field gradually developed from the exploration stage into a regular exploitation.

In consequence of the greatly increased production the treating capacity of the refinery at Martinez had to be enlarged, whilst our activities there will likewise be increased by the addition of a new cracking installation, the erection of which has already been started.

The enormous gas production in the Shell Co. of California's southern fields led to the construction of very extensive gas treating installations there, which largely contributed to the increased benzine production.

For the treatment of the Southern crude oil a new refinery at Wilmington near Los Angeles is under construction, whilst in the neighboring port of San Pedro a loading installation is being built.

Also during the past year the tank vessels Silver Shell, Gold Shell and Pearl Shell could not be employed for the purpose for which they were originally intended, on account of the restrictive regulations of the American Shipping Act. Permission to sell these tankers to a foreign company was again refused to us this year by the American authorities.

New Orleans Refining Co.—The Good Hope refinery near New Orleans chiefly worked for the supply of local requirements. Their business is developing satisfactorily.

PROPERTIES IN MEXICO.

The principal feature in the petroleum industry for the past year was an appreciable decline in the production of light crude from the Southern fields, while on the other hand an increase of the heavy crude oil production was noticeable in the Panuco district; the total production of Mexico, compared with 1921, showed a slight decline, same amounting to about 186 million bbls., against about 200 million bbls. in 1921.

La Corona.—The territory owned by the Corona was considerably extended. The lands in the Cacallao field, north of Panuco, which were brought into production in May 1922 and which at the end of the year had already yielded more than 3 million bbls., proved a particularly valuable acquisition for the Corona.

Up to the end of 1922 one of Corona's wells in that field, which came in with a production of about 15,000 bbls. a day, yielded 31,500 bbls. daily.

On the old Panuco fields a well was completed with an initial production of 5,000 bbls. a day, which at the end of the year under review had increased to 1,800 bbls. a day.

In consequence of the further encroachment of salt water in the Zacamixtle field Corona's production there likewise gradually decreased. By careful production, however, important quantities of this light oil could still be obtained.

The production of the Corona was: 17,450,000 bbls., against 12,863,000 bbls. in 1921.

Mexican Eagle Oil Co. (El Aguila).—The total crude oil deliveries to the storage installations amounted in 1922 to about 21,700,000 bbls. By a fusion of various departments of this company with those of the Corona we expect to be able to work and extend the territory of both companies in a more economical manner.

The factories in Tampico, Tuxpam and Minatitlan treated in 1922 an average of 62,900 bbls. per day.

VENEZUELA, CURACAO, TRINIDAD AND SOUTH AMERICA.

Venezuela—Caribbean Petroleum Co.—As the transport capacity of our fleet carrying the crude oil from Venezuela to Curacao was again extended in 1922 we were able to likewise increase the production of our fields in Venezuela, the latter amounting to 350,362 K.G. tons, against 241,130 K.G. tons in 1921.

The San Lorenzo refinery again supplied the requirements of petroleum products in Venezuela.

Towards the end of the past year, the Venezuelan Oil Concessions, Ltd. (in which we are likewise interested and of which the management is in our hands) brought in a new well on the east coast of the Lake of Maracaibo, producing no less than 90,000 bbls. oil per day; shortly afterwards the well sanded up, but in any case the bringing in of same gives us a new indication of the great oil wealth of these fields.

Curacao.—The refinery was regularly in operation and supplied the local market and the West Indian Islands with petroleum products.

Trinidad.—The expectations expressed in our last report have unfortunately not been realized; the production of the United British West Indian Petroleum Syndicate, in spite of their intense efforts to increase same, shows a decrease and amounted to 48,760 E. tons, against 51,970 E. tons in 1921.

Colombia.—During the past year geological researches were carried out in various districts; the drilling of exploration wells was postponed for the present and no new lands were acquired.

Argentina.—In the Argentine we have acquired extensive exploration lands west and south of the well known productive fields of Comodoro Rivadavia. To comply with the prescriptions of the Mining Code we have established 3 subsidiary companies under the titles of "Diadema Argentina," "Antorcha" and "La Perla." Drilling operations were started on the northernmost group of our fields. The depth at which oil can be expected has, however, not yet been reached.

[Signed, H. W. A. Deterding, General Managing Director; J. E. F. De Kok, J. Th. Erb, Aug. Philips, Managing Directors.]

Par Value—	1922		1921	
	£ & \$, &c.	Florins.	£ & \$, &c.	Florins.
Bataafsche Co.		180,000,000		180,000,000
Anglo Saxon Petroleum.	£9,600,000	115,200,000	£9,600,000	115,200,000
Shell Co. of California.			\$47,284,879	118,212,197
Asiatic Petrol. Co., Ltd.	£2,100,000	25,200,000	£2,100,000	25,200,000
Shell Transp. & Trad'g Co.	£926,794	11,121,528	£2,176,794	26,121,528
Shell Union Oil Corp., Asiatic Petrol. Co. (Delaware), Ltd.		185,924,597		185,924,597
Astra Romana.	Lei 15,412,800	7,398,144	Lei 15,412,800	7,398,144
Mexican Eagle Oil Co.	Peso 7,464,890	9,705,863		
Roxana (Ord.)			\$17,976,000	44,940,000
Roxana (Pref.)			\$840,000	2,100,000
Ozark Pipe Line.			\$8,268,960	20,672,400
Various.		47,168,468		36,767,138
Total nom. par value.		581,718,599		576,611,407
Reserved for difference between par value and book value.		275,820,511		218,316,601
Balance as per balance sheet Dec. 31.		305,898,088		358,294,806

Note.—In consequence of the amalgamation with Union Oil Co. of Delaware, company vested all its shares in American companies in the Shell Union Oil Corp. and the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (Del.) Ltd., for which it received respectively 3,152,770 and 19,920 shares without nominal values in these companies. These shares were entered in the books at the same value at which former American holdings (nominal value) figured in the books.

The shares in the Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd., which formerly appeared under "Participation in various companies" are now shown separately. Further, company participated in the extension of various other companies. Its holding in the "Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd." was reduced in the past year by £1,250,000. The proceeds above cost price were deducted from the total of company's share holdings.

The usual comparative income account table and balance sheet was given in V. 117, p. 336, 322.

Fairbanks Company & Subsidiary Companies.

(Financial Statement—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

Vice-President Geo. M. Naylor, June 13 in a letter to the stockholders stated in substance:

When your directors, acting with the advice of and guided by the experience of the bank creditors' committee, had thoroughly analyzed the situation of the company from both the physical and financial status, the officers of the company were authorized and instructed to proceed along the following principal lines:

- (1) Material reduction in overhead and operating expenses.
- (2) Elimination of many lines of merchandise to reduce inventories, outstanding accounts and operating expenses.
- (3) Concentration of future business to base lines for which Fairbanks is best equipped and in which the name "Fairbanks" is best known.
- (4) Conversion to cash of surplus inventories, and outstanding accounts in excess of normal amounts for base lines sales.
- (5) Centralized control of sales, credits, inventories, collections and accounting.
- (6) Sale of real estate not necessary to the business.
- (7) Change in type and number of branch houses to suit the new plan for future business.
- (8) Extensive selling campaign for both surplus lines and base lines with proper division of personnel for each.
- (9) Gradual increase of Fairbanks factory production to meet new sales requirements.
- (10) More effective co-ordination between purchasing, sales and factory departments.
- (11) Reorganization of personnel with proper authority and responsibility, &c.

The bank creditors have generously supported the company in the effort of the directors to work out the various problems of the Company by granting extensions of their demand loans from time to time, the present extension being to Sept. 1 1923. During the year 1922, these loans were reduced by \$1,914,625 and it is hoped that further reductions of a substantial amount will be made before Sept. 1.

However, the directors desire to advise that in spite of a full realization of the most optimistic estimates of the officers of the company there will remain on Sept. 1 a large bank loan position as shown in a projected balance sheet as of Sept. 1 1923, the ultimate disposition of which must be provided for by some means satisfactory to the bank creditors, in order to insure the safety of the company for the future. Various plans have been discussed and are now under consideration by directors, one or more of which they may wish to present to the stockholders at an early date.

Surplus Dec. 31 1921.	\$606,364
Surplus arising from appreciation of property based on sound values of appraisal.	1,536,228
Total surplus.	\$2,142,592
Operating loss 1922, and loss in liquidation of surplus and obsolete material.	780,824
Inventories deflation.	1,228,342
Additional reserve set up to provide for possible loss in liquidating the balance of surplus material.	488,395
Settlement with E. & T. Fairbanks & Co. covering proportion of loss in operating scale factory during 1921, \$327,040; less amount reserved in 1921, \$200,000.	127,040
Settlement with Burke Electric Co. to cover cancellation of contr.	13,750
Reserve set up to provide for miscellaneous contingencies.	150,000
Depreciation charged off on standing timber at Oconee, Ga., to bring investment down to the possible realizable value.	24,045
Alterations and improvements to leased stores charged off in view of vacating or sub-leasing a portion of said premises.	116,730
Reserved for depreciation of property since appraisal.	220,726
Reserved for uncollectible accounts.	152,992
Interest on indebtedness.	400,587
Miscellaneous charges to surplus covering disbursements applicable to prior years.	41,685
Deficit, Dec. 31 1922.	\$1,602,523

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.
Sales—Scales.	\$100,440	\$95,599	\$127,371	\$144,487
Valves.	112,860	119,682	130,116	167,018
Dart unions.	62,735	48,142	73,466	57,667
Trucks and barrows.	67,538	79,525	98,883	90,904
Total base lines.	\$343,573	\$342,948	\$429,836	\$460,075
Other.	219,851	176,616	93,683	53,627
Total.	\$563,424	\$519,564	\$523,520	\$513,702
Gross profits on sales.	\$67,563	\$69,317	\$90,264	\$103,221
Fact. prof. & oth. inc.	19,868	26,415	43,281	45,378
Total income.	\$87,431	\$95,732	\$133,544	\$148,599
Operating expenses.	145,077	126,875	133,212	122,049
Operating profit.	loss \$57,646	loss \$31,143	\$333	\$26,550
Int. on notes payable.	\$20,276	\$17,623	\$19,511	\$18,871
Deprec. & reserves.	21,946	20,444	20,204	24,810
Net loss.	\$99,868	\$69,210	\$39,382	\$17,132

James A. Cleary, General Auditor, makes the following commentary on the balance sheet:

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, DEC. 30, 1922.

[The Fairbanks Co. and Subsidiary Companies.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.	\$279,508	Notes pay. to banks.	\$4,710,375
Notes receivable.	a236,500	Accounts payable.	448,481
Accounts receivable.	b2,072,276	Credit on cust. accounts.	103,227
Advances to salesmen.	3,462	Customers' drafts disc.	8,155
Advances to mfrs.	12,814	Accrued taxes (foreign in dispute).	11,338
Merchandise.	1,851,829	Miscel. contingencies.	150,000
Raw material, &c.	643,645	Res.—Uncoll. accounts.	275,000
1st Pref. stk. sink. fund.	165,135	Losses in liquidation of surplus merchandise.	488,395
Contracts & good-will.	898,500	Depreciation.	414,403
Property investment.	c3,312,519	1st Preferred stock.	1,000,000
Prepaid insurance.	14,691	Preferred stock.	2,000,000
Other prepayments.	16,470	Common stock.	1,500,000
Deficit.	1,602,523	F. Co. of Cuba stock.	500
Total (each side).	\$11,109,874	Total (each side).	\$11,109,874

a Current, \$171,189; with attorneys for collection, \$65,312. b Manufacturers, &c., \$82,183; customers, Dec. 1922, \$582,516; Nov. 1922, \$295,755; Oct. 1922, \$130,398; Sept. 1922, \$65,049; Aug. 1922, \$45,473; July 1922, \$40,358; Jan.-June 1922, \$98,446; July-Dec. 1921, \$59,818; Jan.-June, 1921, \$82,057; 1920, \$160,176; 1919, \$5,038; on consignment, \$84,440; European, \$73,742; with attorneys, \$296,823. c Based on sound values of appraisal made by the American Appraisal Co. in 1922: Land, buildings and plant; Binghamton, N. Y., \$1,309,557; Rome, Ga., \$434,785; New Orleans, La., \$318,230; Birmingham, England, \$42,797; standing timber, &c., Georgia, \$60,000; patterns and drawings, \$632,349; furniture and fixtures, \$219,475; automobiles, repair shop equipment, &c., \$295,322.

Note.—The current liabilities exceed current assets by \$1,094,935, after deducting reserves for uncollectible accounts and possible loss in liquidation of surplus merchandise from the book values of the current assets. The net worth of the company, after appreciating the property values, amounts to \$2,897,976, impairing the capital stock to the extent of \$1,602,523.

An analysis of the accounts receivable as of Dec. 31 1922 would seem to indicate that the outstanding accounts were extremely large in proportion to the current sales. In view of the volume of sales in prior years, however, and particularly in 1920, when the sales aggregated \$26,000,000, the balance remaining outstanding prior to 1922 is not excessive.

Since Feb. 1 1923, a centralized control of the credits and collections has been instituted in New York and a concentrated drive an all over due accounts is expected to result in the necessary reduction of accounts receivable to reflect the projected balance of Aug. 31 1923. The reserve of \$275,000 set up Dec. 31 1922 was considered on that date to be adequate in addition to the normal reserves set up monthly to provide for all bad debts. The item of merchandise includes about \$1,000,000 in surplus material, which it is planned to dispose of consistent with the company's policy of handling what it terms as base lines, scales, valves, trucks and barrows, dart unions and a few specialties. This surplus material represents goods of other manufacturers which this company no longer intends to handle and is a balance remaining out of a stock of approximately \$5,000,000, some of which was purchased several years ago and is now obsolete. A reserve of \$488,395 has been set up to provide for any possible losses in the liquidation of this surplus stock.

The property value represents fair values of property investments as a going concern based on an appraisal made by the American Appraisal Co. the early part of 1922. It is, of course, understood that these values would not be realized under forced liquidation.

Our indebtedness due to the banks was reduced last year from \$6,625,000 to \$4,710,375. Current accounts payable are approximately normal for the present volume of business. A reserve of \$150,000 has been set up to cover miscellaneous contingencies including Federal taxes for the years 1917 and 1918 now in dispute.

PROJECTED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AUG. 31 1923. [Fairbanks Co. and Subsidiary Companies.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.	\$200,000	Notes payable to banks.	\$3,000,000
Notes receivable.	200,000	Accounts payable.	400,000
Accounts receivable.	1,250,000	Credit bals. due customers.	50,000
Advances to salesmen.	3,000	Customers' drafts disc.	8,000
Merchandise.	600,000	Accrued taxes.	10,000
Raw mat'l & goods in proc.	750,000	Miscel. contingencies.	25,000
1st Pref. stock sink. fund.	165,135	1st Preferred stock.	1,000,000
Contracts & good-will.	898,500	Preferred stock.	2,000,000
Property investments.	2,394,886	Common stock.	1,500,000
Prepaid insurance.	5,000	F. Co. of Cuba stock.	500
Other prepayments.	10,000	Total (each side).	\$7,993,500
Deficit.	1,516,980	Total (each side).	\$7,993,500

—V. 117, p. 93.

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.—Southern Ry. granted increases of from 1 to 3c. per hour to shopmen. "Wall St. Journal" July 23, p. 6.

Delaware Lackawanna & Western R.R. granted increase of 3c. an hour to signalmen, retroactive to July 15. "Sun-Globe" July 24, p. 24.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh R.R. increased wages of signalmen 3c. an hour, retroactive to July 16. "Sun-Globe" July 24, p. 24.

Boston Terminal Co. granted increases of from 3 to 4c. an hour to station employees, effective July 20. "Sun-Globe" July 24, p. 24.

Maine Central advanced wages of certain classifications of workers, effective as of June 1, amount not reported. "Boston Financial News" July 21, p. 7.

Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis announced wage advances were granted as of July 1 to signalmen. "Financial America" July 25, p. 2.

U. S. R.R. Labor Board grants increases averaging 3c. an hour to employees of American Railway and Southeastern express companies. "Financial America" July 28.

U. S. R.R. Labor Board rules D. L. & W. freight handlers must be reimbursed in amount of compensation lost between April 1 and July 1 1921. (The carrier had reduced wages of these employees to 45c. an hour on April 1 1921.) "Times" July 21, p. 12.

Railway Car Men in Utica, N. Y., Reject Wage Increase Offer.—Decide 3c. an hour increase offered by New York Central July 1 is not enough and appeal to U. S. R.R. Labor Board regarding wage and seniority rights. "Utica Press" July 25.

Canadian Employees Accept Road's Offer.—Canadian National Ry. telegraphers, clerks, telephone operators and mechanics decided to accept the road's offer of wage increases ranging from \$10 to \$20 per month. About 8,000 employees are affected by the increases. "Philadelphia News Bureau" July 25, p. 4.

Car Surplus.—The railroads of the United States on July 14 had \$4,210 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service if transportation conditions warranted, despite the fact that for the week which ended on that day a total of 1,019,667 freight cars were loaded with revenue freight, the second largest number for any one week in the history of the country.

The total number of surplus freight cars on July 14 was an increase of 20,143 over the number on July 8. Surplus box cars in good repair numbered 64,692, an increase within a week of 21,771, while surplus coal cars numbered 4,865, an increase of 245 within the same period. Surplus refrigerator cars totaled 8,074, an increase of 70 over the total number on July 8, but there was a decrease of 1,949 in the number of surplus stock cars, which brought the total on July 14 to 5,702.

Car Shortage.—The reported shortage in freight cars on July 14 totaled only 5,574. This was an actual decrease since July 7 of 1,314 cars, despite the record loading of revenue freight. Shortage in box cars on July 14 was only 1,047, a decrease of 214 within a week, while the shortage in coal cars was 2,700, a decrease of 1,167 within the same period.

Car Loadings.—Loading of revenue freight for the week ended July 14 totaled 1,019,667 cars, according to the American Railway Association report just made public. This total was 2,103 cars less than the 1,021,770 loaded in the week of June 30, the greatest loadings on record, but for the second time within three weeks the previous record (1,018,539 cars loaded in the week of Oct. 14, 1920), was exceeded.

Including the week of July 14, the million car loading mark has been exceeded in six out of eight consecutive weeks so far this year. The average loading for the six weeks has been 1,013,118 cars. In 1920 the million mark was reached only on five occasions and then only in the fall of the year. The average for those five weeks was 1,009,688 cars. The million mark was reached in only two weeks in 1922, but never attained in 1921 or in any week prior to 1920.

Compared with the corresponding week last year the total for the week of July 14 was an increase of 168,991 cars, and an increase of 244,783 cars over the corresponding week in 1921.

By districts, loadings in the week of July 14 this year showed an increase of 12.4% in the Western district, 9.5% in the Southern district and 29.3% in the Eastern district, which includes the Pocahontas.

From Jan. 1 this year to July 14, inclusive, 25,887,240 cars were loaded with revenue freight. This was an increase of 4,309,272 cars, or 20% over the corresponding period last year, and an increase of 5,785,900 cars, or 28.8% over the corresponding period in 1921. It also was an increase of 2,676,475 cars, or 11.5% over the corresponding period in 1920. In making comparisons with last year, however, consideration must be given to the fact that coal shipments were curtailed by the miners' strike which began on April 1. Also, on July 1, the strike of railway shopmen went into effect.

One loadings made a new high record in the number of cars loaded in the week of July 14 with a total of 89,298 cars. This was the largest number of cars loaded with that commodity during any one week on record. The previous record was made during the week of Sept. 15, 1920, when the total was 87,782 cars. Compared with the preceding week, the total for the week of July 14 was an increase of 15,702 cars and with the corresponding week last year, it was an increase of 19,853 cars. It also was an increase of 57,899 cars over the corresponding week two years ago.

Loading of merchandise and miscellaneous freight which includes manufactured products, totaled 577,114 cars for the week of July 14. This was an increase, due to the holiday, of 80,317 cars over the preceding week, while it also was an increase of 19,026 cars over the same week last year. Compared with the same week in 1921, it was an increase of 114,203 cars.

Coal loading amounted to 193,831 cars, an increase of 33,613 cars over the preceding week. This also was an increase of 116,734 cars over the corresponding week last year, when, however, the miners' strike was still in progress. It also was an increase of 42,543 cars over the same week two years ago.

Loading of grain and grain products totaled 40,415 cars, an increase of 9,346 cars over the week before, but a decrease of 8,180 cars under the corresponding week last year. This also was a decrease of 16,768 cars under the same week two years ago.

Livestock loading amounted to 32,726 cars, an increase of 7,604 cars over the week before, and an increase of 2,654 cars over the same week last year. Compared with the same week in 1921 it was an increase of 8,259 cars.

Loading of forest products totaled 71,768 cars, an increase of 17,592 cars over the preceding week. Compared with the same week last year this was an increase of 14,094 cars, and with the same two years ago, an increase of 27,939 cars.

Coke loading amounted to 14,516 cars, an increase of 745 over the week before. Compared with the same week last year this was an increase of 4,819 cars, and with the same week two years ago, an increase of 10,708 cars.

Loading of other commodities reported in the total loading of all commodities were reported in all districts, while all districts reported increases over the corresponding week last year. Except for the south-western district, all districts showed increases over the corresponding week in 1921.

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

	1923.	1922.	1921.
January	3,380,296	2,785,119	2,823,759
February	3,366,965	3,027,886	2,739,234
March	4,583,162	4,088,132	3,452,941
April	3,763,963	2,863,416	2,822,713
May	4,873,427	3,841,683	3,733,137
June	4,045,012	3,404,931	3,114,137
Week ending July 7	854,748	707,025	640,535
Week ending July 14	1,019,667	850,676	774,884

Total for year to date..... 25,887,240 21,577,968 20,101,340

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" July 21.—(a) Conductors and trainmen to ask annual wage increases totaling more than \$100,000,000 a year, p. 283. (b) Shopmen get wage increase on New York Central RR., p. 283. (c) Wage increase on Interborough Rapid Transit Co., p. 283. (d) Wage increases on the Central RR. of New Jersey and the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie roads, p. 283.

(e) Charles Hansel, consulting valuation engineer of the Central RR. of New Jersey, submits paper on valuation of the railroads to the Interstate Commerce Commission—defines "Original Cost to Date" and flays Senator La Follette, p. 283.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Abandons 54 Miles.

The company has received permission from the California RR. Commission to abandon 54 miles of trackage from Goffs, Calif., to Searchlight, Nev., according to reports from San Francisco.—V. 116, p. 2635.

Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.—Equipment.

Authority to borrow \$120,000 with which to repair 400 freight cars has been granted by Judge Samuel H. Sibley to B. L. Bugg, receiver. The amount will be borrowed in installments of \$15,000 and the per diem earnings of each repaired car will be appropriated to the liquidation of the loan under the arrangement.—V. 115, p. 2579.

Austin (Tex.) Street Ry.—Tenders.

The Equitable Trust Co. will until Aug. 2 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, due 1938, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$20,212 at a price not exceeding 102½ and int.—V. 115, p. 1099.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Repays \$1,114,558 More of \$4,000,000 Community Loan.—Six Months' Statement.

The company on July 19 made a second payment to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for distribution to the cities and towns which contributed to the \$4,000,000 loan assessment in 1919. The amount of the second payment is \$1,114,558. The initial payment, made a year ago, was \$517,196, so that the total repaid to date is \$1,631,754.

The allocation of the assessment on the cities and towns, with amounts already paid and still due, is shown in the following table:

Cities & Towns—	%	Amount.	—Repayment—		
			July 1922.	July 1923.	Bal. Due.
Boston	71.9330	\$2,863,042	\$372,035	\$801,735	\$1,689,273
Cambridge	9.7081	386,397	50,210	108,202	227,985
Somerville	4.1981	167,091	21,712	46,790	98,588
Brookline	2.5532	101,621	13,205	28,457	59,959
Medford	2.0464	81,450	10,584	22,808	48,058
Malden	1.9123	76,112	9,890	21,314	44,908
Everett	1.8775	74,727	9,710	20,926	44,091
Watertown	1.4109	56,156	7,297	15,725	33,134
Arlington	1.1122	44,267	5,752	12,396	26,119
Chelsea	1.0157	40,426	5,253	11,321	23,853
Newton	.9316	37,079	4,818	10,383	21,878
Belmont	.8420	25,553	3,320	7,155	15,077
Quincy *	.5332	21,222	2,758	5,943	12,522
Stoneham *	.1258	5,007	651	1,402	2,954
Totals	100.00	\$3,980,152	\$517,196	\$1,114,558	\$2,348,397

* Exempted by Act of the Legislature from payment of assessment, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts assuming payment.

Results for Six Months ended June 30.

Passengers—10-cent	145,392,522	142,725,830
5-cent	49,668,497	35,239,528
Total	195,061,019	177,965,358
Gross receipts	\$17,448,488	\$16,535,329
Total expenses	16,386,353	15,489,794
Net earnings	\$1,062,134	\$1,045,534

The trustees have accepted a lease from the City of Boston for the double line heretofore operated by the Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry. in Hyde Park from the old boundary line to Cleary Square, with rentals of 4¼% on \$235,000, the amount fixed by the Massachusetts P. U. Commission as the value of that portion of Eastern Massachusetts system in Hyde Park. Passengers may now ride from Cleary Square, Hyde Park, to any point on the elevated system for a single fare. The trustees also established a bus service for other points in Hyde Park area.—V. 116, p. 2992.

Beaumont & Great Northern RR.—Successor Company.
See Waco Beaumont Trinity & Sabine Ry. below.—V. 115, p. 435.

Boston & Worcester St. Ry.—Refinancing Plan.—The directors and stockholders of the Boston & Worcester Street Ry. and trustees and stockholders of the Boston & Worcester Electric Cos. have approved the refinancing plan mentioned in V. 116, p. 2992.

Digest of Refinancing Plan.
(a) 1st Mtge. 4¼% bonds to the amount of \$2,260,000 and 1st Mtge. Extended bonds of the Framingham Southborough & Marlborough St. Ry., amounting to \$37,000, which mature Aug. 1 1923 are to be exchanged par for par for new 1st Mtge. 10-Year 6% bonds dated Aug. 1 1923.
(b) In consideration of the exchange of bonds by the bondholders, and subject to the approval of the Department of Public Utilities, the Boston & Worcester Electric Cos.—the voluntary association which owns the Common stock of the Boston & Worcester Ry.—will subscribe at par to \$934,000 Common stock of the street railway company, thereby increasing the Common stock of the street railway company from \$2,025,000 to \$2,959,000, all of which will be owned by the electric companies.
(c) The \$934,000 money received by the street railway company will be applied as follows:
To pay the notes of the street railway company held by the public.....\$115,000
To pay the notes of the street railway company held by the electric companies.....65,000
To retire an equal amount of 4¼% bonds held by the electric companies.....200,000
To retire an equal amount of F. S. & M. Ry. Co. bonds held by the electric companies.....23,000
For improvements to the road and new cars.....531,000
(d) The Preferred shareholders of the electric companies will be offered the right to purchase for each Preferred share held \$7-100 of a share of Common stock of the street railway company for \$24, which is equivalent to \$27.58 a whole Common share. Such an amount of the Common stock of the railway company as is not thus purchased by the Preferred shareholders of the electric companies will be offered, pro rata, for the Common shareholders of the electric companies at the same price, namely \$27.58 for each whole share of the street railway Common stock.
(e) Through the sale of the Common stock of the street railway company to the shareholders of the electric companies there will be provided in cash \$814,450, which will be applied as follows: \$168,450 to pay the outstanding notes of the electric companies; \$646,000 to purchase Common stock of the street railway company, as shown above.
(f) Notes of the street railway company to the amount of \$182,000 held by the electric companies are to be cancelled and no securities issued therefor, and the assets of the electric companies after payment of interest and other liabilities are to be turned over to the street railway company.
(g) Accrued and unpaid dividends of 27%, as of March 1 1923 on the Preferred stock of the street railway company will be waived by the Preferred stockholders.

Through the expenditure of the \$531,000 for improvements and new equipment it is expected that there will be a substantial increase in the earning power of the company and a decrease in the operating expenses.

Under this plan, the funded and floating debt will be materially decreased and the interest charges reduced as shown below:

Present Capitalization.		Capitalization under Plan.	
1st M. 4¼% bds. of st. ry.	\$2,460,000	1st Mtge. 6% bonds	\$2,297,000
1st M. F. S. & M. bonds	60,000	Preferred stock 6%	457,200
Notes payable to public	115,000	Common stock	2,959,000
Notes payable to elec. cos.	247,000	Preferred stock 6%	457,200
Preferred stock 6%	457,200		
Common stock	2,025,000		
Total	\$5,364,200		

Int. paid in 12 mos. to..... Total.....\$5,713,200
Mar. 31 1923.....\$145,387 Int. on new 6% bonds.....\$137,820

The subscription to the Common stock of the street railway company has been underwritten by a syndicate which will receive as its only compensation 600 shares of the Preferred stock of the street railway company now held by the Boston & Worcester Electric Cos.

Arrangements have been made with responsible bankers whereby the shareholders of the electric companies who subscribe to the Common stock of the street railway company may borrow up to three quarters of the amount of their subscription at 6% interest for a year or any part thereof.

The bondholders and Preferred stockholders are requested to deposit their securities immediately with the American Trust Co. under this plan. The plan will be declared effective if a sufficient amount of the bonds and the Preferred stock are deposited on or before Aug. 1 1923 and the other provisions of the plan complied with.

The committee in charge of carrying out of the plan consists of William M. Butler, Charles Hayden, Arthur E. Childs.

Earnings Six Months ended June 30 (B. & W. St. Ry.).

	1923.	1922.
Gross revenues	\$577,214	\$519,398
Surplus after bond interest	4,027	def. 5,141

Canadian National Ry.—New Financing.—The issue of \$22,500,000 15-year 5% Equip. bonds has been awarded to a Canadian syndicate composed of A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co. and Dominion Securities Co. at 97.889.—V. 117, p. 323, 85.

Central Indiana Ry.—Sale.

Charles Martindale, special master, will sell the property at not less than \$945,000 on Oct. 9 at Anderson, Ind. See V. 117, p. 85.

Charlottesville (Va.) & Albemarle Ry.—New Control.

The company, it is understood, has been sold to banking interests which control the Stanton Lighting Co. Control of the latter has been acquired by the Virginia-Western Power Co. It is stated that the \$417,000 Charlottesville & Albemarle Ry. 1st mtge. 6s. due April 1 1943, have been called for payment at 105 and interest.—V. 116, p. 2515.

Chesapeake & Potomac Tel. Co. of W. Va.—Purchase.

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 14 approved the acquisition by the company of certain properties of the Trap Hill Telephone Co. at Beckley, W. Va., which is a city of about 4,200 inhabitants. The parties have made a tentative agreement by which the Chesapeake company agrees to pay \$5,000 in cash for the properties of the Trap Hill company in Beckley and immediate vicinity, free from all liens and encumbrances.—V. 116, p. 1653.

Chicago Elevated Rys.—Reorganization—Status of Divisational Bonds and Equipment Notes.

Wm. Hughes Clarke of Chicago has issued a bulletin presenting the divisional earnings of the separate companies applicable to their respective mortgage bond issues and equipment notes with further particulars regarding the proposed issues of 1st & Ref. 6% bonds due 1953 and Adjustment 4% Cumul. 6% Income debentures due 1963 and Common stock. Compare plan in V. 117, p. 323.

Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.—Bonds Auth.

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 16 authorized the company to issue \$853,000 1st & Gen. Mtge. Gold bonds, Series "B," all or any part of said bonds to be pledged and repledged from time to time until otherwise ordered, as collateral security for certain notes which may be issued without having first obtained the authorization of the Commission.—V. 116, p. 1270.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Branch Line.

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 9 authorized the company to abandon that portion of a branch line of railroad extending from Gratiot, Lafayette County, Wis., to Warren, Jo Davies County, Ill., a distance of seven

miles, of which 5.8 miles are in Wisconsin and 1.2 miles in Illinois.—V. 116, p. 2992.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Listing, &c.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,233,000 additional Gen. Mtge. gold bonds of 1987 (on which interest has been increased from 4 to 5%), 3% bonds, \$31,816,000; 4% bonds, \$22,500,000, unstamped, and \$8,064,000 4% bonds, stamped as to non-payment of Federal income tax, and \$30,705,000 5% bonds, stamped as to non-payment of Federal income tax.

The \$2,233,000 Gen. Mtge. gold bonds of 1987 were issued and sold to reimburse the company's treasury for past expenditures for permanent improvements or additions to the property, and for retiring, refunding and paying priority "existing bonds," as follows: (1) Permanent improvements or additions, \$1,100,000. (2) Retiring, refunding and paying (a) C. & N.W. Ry. Sinking Fund Debts, of 1933, \$424,000; (b) M. L. S. & N. Ry. Ext. & Imp't. Sinking Fund bonds, \$134,000; (c) C. & N.W. Ry. Sinking Fund bonds of 1879, \$135,000; (d) Wisconsin Northern Ry. 1st Mtge. bonds, \$440,000.

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 29 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$4,755,000 Equip. Trust certificates of 1922, Series "N," to be issued by the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. and sold at not less than 96% in connection with the procurement of certain equipment. (Compare offering in V. 116, p. 2767, 2881.)

The Commission also rescinded so much of the order of Dec. 19 1921 as authorized authentication and delivery to company's Treasurer of \$3,000,000 of 1st & Refunding Mtge. bonds, and granted authority to procure authentication and delivery to its Treasurer of \$6,000,000 of 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds to be held in the treasury until further order of the Commission.—V. 116, p. 2881.

Chicago Surface Lines.—Wages Increased.—

The board of arbitration has awarded surface line employees an increase of three cents an hour for the year from June 1 1923 to June 1 1922, and two cents additional for the year following. The men were previously paid 70 cents an hour.—V. 117, p. 85.

Cincinnati & Dayton Traction Co.—Decision.—The Cincinnati "Enquirer" of July 17 says:

The stockholders of the old Cincinnati Dayton & Toledo Traction Co. [sold at foreclosure June 30 1917 and succeeded by the Cincinnati & Dayton Traction Co.] won a second victory July 16 in their fight against paying the balance of a bond mortgage of the extinct Southern Ohio Traction Co., when the Court of Appeals handed down a decision affirming Common Pleas Judge Stanley C. Roettinger's action in sustaining demurrers which they had filed to the suit to assess stockholders' liability against them. As a result of the decision, approximately 4,000 stockholders of the C. D. & T. escape paying approximately \$1,000,000 to the holders of the Southern Ohio Traction Co. bonds.

The Southern Ohio Traction Co. was organized in 1900, when the old double liability law was in force. When the C. D. & T. and its subsidiaries consolidated and took over the Southern Ohio Traction, the Ohio constitution had been changed and single liability only was in force, and while the new company assumed all the debts of the old, its contract specified and its stock certificates contained the specification that the new stockholders were not to be liable for the bonds issued by the Southern Ohio Trac. Co.

When the bondholders sued to enforce stockholders' liability to pay the balance due on their bonds, after the sale of the mortgage security, it then was claimed that it was against public policy to relieve the new stockholders of liability on the old bonds, but Common Pleas Court sustained a demurrer to this and the matter went to the Appellate Court. In its decision the Court of Appeals says that the contract was between individuals and no public right was affected by it in any way, and, therefore, it was not a matter which comes under the rule of public policy, but one which must stand entirely upon the wording of the contract made when the money was lent. In other words, the decision declares that a debtor cannot change his security by claiming his contract is against public policy.

These bonds, aggregating \$1,000,000, are held by the Cleveland Trust Co. They were issued by the Southern Ohio Traction Co., which was formed by the consolidation of three lines between Cincinnati and Dayton, and the trust company sought to hold the stockholders of all these subsidiaries and of the C. D. & T., which later was formed and took over all the properties. Under the decision by the Court of Appeals, which was written by Judge Wade Cushing, and concurred in by Judges Robert Z. Buchwalter and Francis M. Hamilton, the Cleveland Trust Co. is estopped from recovering from these stockholders.

[The Cincinnati & Dayton Traction Co. went into receivership in Dec. 1920. There are now in default \$1,350,000 Southern Ohio Traction 5s, due May 1 1920, and other bond issues amounting to \$900,000.] See V. 115, p. 307.

Cuba RR.—Bonds Offered.—

The National City Co. are offering at 86 and int., to yield 6%, \$1,250,000 1st Mtge. 5s of 1902, due July 1 1952. The above offering, it is understood, does not represent any new financing on the part of the company.—V. 117, p. 207.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$7,500,000 (total authorized) 15-Year 5½% gold bonds, due May 1 1937.—V. 117, p. 324.

Denver Rio Grande Western RR.—Deposits Under Plan Urged.—

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the Equitable Trust Co., reorganization managers, in a notice (see advertising pages) to the holders of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5s and 7% Cumul. Adjust. Mtge. bonds of Denver & Rio Grande RR., announce that the time fixed for deposit of the bond under the reorganization plan dated June 15 expires Aug. 1. The notice further states:

A majority of the bonds called for deposit under the plan have already assented to the plan. It is of the utmost importance to security holders that the reorganization should proceed as rapidly as possible, so that the expense incident to the receivership may be kept down, the property promptly restored to its owners, and a permanent operating organization perfected. The sale of the property and its transfer to the new company as contemplated by the plan cannot take place until holders of each issue of bonds to an amount sufficient to justify the reorganization managers in declaring the plan operative shall have signified their approval of the plan. Accordingly bondholders are urgently requested in their own interest to expedite the reorganization by depositing their bonds immediately with the depositaries.

The stockholders' protective committee of the Denver & Rio Grande RR. sent out the following statement July 14: "The interests of our stockholders will be greatly benefitted by the co-operation of holders of the following bonds: D. & R. G. RR. Cons. 4s, due 1936; D. & R. G. RR. Consol. 4½s, due 1936; Rio Grande Western RR. Co. 1st Consol. Gold 4s, due 1949; Denver & Rio Grande Impt. 5s, due 1928."

"We are advised that these holders are entitled to the reinstatement of collateral security of which they have been deprived and the proposed reorganization plan neglects to provide for their proper security. If you hold any or are in touch with any holders thereof, kindly advise us."

No attempt, it is stated, will be made by either stockholders of the old Denver & Rio Grande or holders of the underlying bonds to block the reorganization now in process.

The attorneys, representing the stockholders of the old Denver Company, the capital of which was eliminated into a receivership, further announced that it has not formed a deposit committee to receive bonds, though such a committee may be formed in the future if circumstances warrant. Such a committee, however, would be independent of the stockholders' committee of the old Denver. The stockholders have pending before the State Supreme Court a personal suit against the directors of the old Denver Company and other individuals, to recover \$200,000,000 they claim they have lost through alleged mismanagement. This suit is purely personal and has no bearing on the position of the underlying bondholders, who have been paid interest regularly. Several of the stockholders involved in this suit are also holders of bonds of the Denver & Rio Grande Western, and these individuals, acting through the attorneys, have sounded out other bondholders with the thought of discovering their inclination of joint intervention in the personal

suit of the stockholders against the Denver & Rio Grande. This action was misconstrued in the press as purporting to aim at an injunction against the reorganization plan.

The prime objection of these bondholders to the present reorganization plan, it is pointed out, is that it puts the equity in the Utah Fuel stock, which is pledged under one of the underlying issues, in the hands of the Western Pacific and the Missouri Pacific. The reorganization managers claim that the terms of the plan protect the equity in this stock for the bondholders, while the putting of new money into the property increases the equity of the bondholders.—V. 117, p. 321.

El Paso & Southwestern Co.—To Consolidate Lines.—

Application was made to the I.-S. C. Commission by the El Paso & Southwestern Co. and subsidiaries for authority to merge the system lines into one company. The system comprises 1,139 miles of railroad in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. It is proposed that the El Paso & Southwestern RR. shall issue \$35,000,000 capital stock, as against its present issue of \$20,000,000 and issue its stock share for share in exchange for stock of the subsidiary companies. The present capitalization of the companies to be merged consists of \$28,570,000 in stock and \$14,922,000 in bonds.

The El Paso & Southwestern Co. which will not be merged, but will be the holding company for the operating company and the stock of the latter will not be issued to the public.

The El Paso & Southwestern system was grouped together in the tentative consolidation plan of the I.-S. C. Commission.—V. 116, p. 2883.

Illinois Central RR.—Listing—Earnings.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$13,447,000 additional Ref. Mtge. 5% coupon bonds (authorized \$120,000,000), due Nov. 1 1955, making the total amount applied for \$40,740,000 4% bonds and \$13,447,000 5% bonds.

The proceeds of the bonds applied for are to reimburse the company, in part, for expenditures for betterments, improvements and additions.

Income Account for Four Months ended April 30.

<i>Operating Revenues—</i>		<i>Net income from ry. oper.—</i>	\$13,211,944
Freight	\$45,051,014	*Taxes	\$3,455,731
Passenger	8,568,823	Uncollectible railway rev.	2,773
Mail	713,208	Railway operating income.	\$9,753,438
Express	1,234,604	Equipment rents—Net.	Dr. 275,736
Miscellaneous	1,973,075	Joint facility rent—Net.	Cr. 32,085
Total operating revenues.—\$57,540,725		Net railway oper. income.—\$9,509,787	
<i>Operating Expenses—</i>		Non-operating income.—1,348,685	
Maint. of way and structures	\$6,931,153	Gross income.—\$10,858,472	
Maintenance of equipment	13,299,029	Deductions (Int. and rentals) 4,545,426	
Traffic	799,999		
Transportation	21,906,486		
Miscellaneous operations	861,105		
General	1,266,018		
Transportation for investm't	Cr. 235,006		
Total operating expenses.—\$44,328,780		Available for divs., &c.—\$6,313,045	

* Federal income tax, \$29,825; other taxes, \$2,625,906; total, \$3,455,731.

General Balance Sheet as of April 30 1923.

<i>Assets—</i>	\$	<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Invest. in road and equip.	257,151,650	Capital stock	120,225,466
Invest. in misc. physical prop.	1,517,309	Government grants in aid of construction	33,272
Invest. in affiliated eos.:		Funded debt unamortized	280,732,105
Stocks	37,644,144	Traffic and car-service balances payable	1,972,332
Bonds	47,363,577	Audited accounts and wages payable	18,141,163
Notes	16,622,675	Misc. accounts payable	1,546,974
Advances	117,491,257	Interest matured unpaid	1,835,758
Other investments:		Dividends matured unpaid	50,343
Stock	51,050	Funded debt matured unpaid	931,866
Bonds	7,472,575	Unamortized interest accrued	2,424,093
Notes	12,013,620	Unmatured rents accrued	447,268
Miscellaneous	10,021	Other current liabilities	19,736
Cash	9,851,066	Deferred liabilities	171,537
Special deposits	5,658,410	Tax liability	8,159,112
Loans and bills receivable	32,688	Insurance and casualty res.	2,773,146
Traffic and car-service bal. rec.	489,590	Operating reserves	743,861
Netbals. recs.from agts. & cond.	3,748,529	Accrued deprec.—Equipment	36,704,348
Misc. accounts receivable	5,367,681	Other unadjusted credits	9,021,506
Material and supplies	15,028,030	Additions to property through income and surplus	7,807,314
Int. and dividends receivable	809,852	Profit and loss	51,842,121
Working fund advances	31,541		
Other deferred assets	99,107		
Discount on funded debt	3,067,112		
Other unadjusted debits	4,131,837		
Total	545,673,329	Total	545,673,329

—V. 117, p. 86.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Tenders.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, N. Y. City, will until Aug. 14 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1966, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$218,961 now on deposit in the sinking fund, at prices not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 117, p. 325.

Longview Portland & Northern Ry.—Construction.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 11 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct and operate a line of railroad in Cowlitz and Lewis counties, Wash., commencing at a point of connection with the line of the Northern Pacific Ry. about three miles south of Kelso, Wash., crossing the Cowlitz River near its mouth and passing through Longview, Wash., extending thence northward along the west side of the Cowlitz River to Olegua, Wash., thence northwesterly to a point in Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 3 West, and thence southwesterly to a point in Section 10, Township 10 North, Range 3 West, a total distance of about 30 miles.

The company was incorporated in Washington and its charter authorizes it to construct and operate the proposed line. All of its capital stock except directors' qualifying shares has been subscribed for by the Long-Bell Lumber Co., but none of it has yet been issued.

Milford & Uxbridge Street Ry.—Equip. Notes Approved.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has approved an issue of \$52,249 6% Equipment Trust Notes.—V. 115, p. 2267.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Receiver Appointed

—Protective Committee for Bondholders.—W. H. Bremmer was appointed temporary receiver July 26 by Federal Judge W. F. Booth at Minneapolis on the petition of Minneapolis Steel & Machinery Co., a creditor with claims of about \$15,000.

Following the appointment of the receiver, the committee named below was formed to protect the interest of the 1st & Ref. Mtge. 4% 50-Year Gold bonds and Iowa Central Ry. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 4% 50-Year Gold bonds. The committee in an announcement says:

A receiver having been appointed of the property of the company, the undersigned, representing a large amount of the bonds of each of the above named issues, and believing the present situation in respect of the company makes desirable the formation of a committee to act for the protection of the interests of the holders of such bonds, have consented to act as such committee.

As the committee desires to be in a position to take such action as it may deem advisable in behalf of depositing bondholders, should default occur in the payment of interest due Sept. 1 1923, the committee urges the immediate deposit of bonds with its depository, Empire Trust Co., 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, for which certificates of deposit will be issued under a deposit agreement in course of preparation.

Committee.—Jules S. Bache of J. S. Bache & Co., F. Q. Brown of Redmond & Co., Charles Hayden of Hayden, Stone & Co., H. F. Whitcomb, Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co. of Milwaukee, with E. P. Goetz, Sec., 42 Broadway, New York, and Alfred A. Cook, Counsel.
F. J. Lisman & Co., it is announced, are organizing a committee to protect the interests of bondholders of Des Moines & Fort Dodge 4s. This firm is of the opinion that these bonds as well as Consolidated 5s and Iowa Central 5s will not be disturbed in a reorganization of the road, pointing out that they are adequately secured by valuable terminal property in Des Moines.—V. 117, p. 325.

Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.—
Dividend Decision to U. S. Supreme Court.—

The Continental Insurance Co. and the Fidelity-Phenix Fire Insurance Co. are seeking to have the U. S. Supreme Court review the decision of Federal Courts in Minnesota, which held that the company could pay dividends on its Common stock before paying the full 7% div. on the Preferred. The insurance company owns about \$130,000 of Preferred stock, and has attempted to prevent the payment of a 2% dividend on Common stock, ordered in March 1922.—V. 116, p. 2388.

Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.—Lease of Branch Line.—
See Wabash Ry. below.—V. 117, p. 86.

Monongahela West Penn Public Service Co.—Agents.—
The American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., and the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago have been appointed coupon paying agents for the First Lien & Ref. Conv. 6% gold bonds, Series "A." (For offering of bonds see V. 116, p. 616.)—V. 117, p. 87.

Morris County (N. J.) Traction Co.—Receivers Named.—

Federal Judge Lynch in Newark on July 24 appointed Joseph P. Tumulty of Jersey City, and Joseph K. Choate of New York (President), receivers. Jitney competition is blamed by the company for its difficulties. Application for the receivership was made by the People's Savings & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, for the issue of \$3,000,000 first mtge. 5s and \$1,179,000 income Deb. 5s.
According to an affidavit filed by Otto S. Schultz, Sec. & Treas., the company is in default \$6,100 interest on bonds; \$65,102 for past-due franchise and local taxes; \$38,108 for this year's taxes; \$15,000 for a judgment obtained against the company; and \$26,000 in current bills. The cash on hand of the company is said to be \$2,500.—V. 116, p. 516.

New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry.—Denied Application
to Acquire Control of Dayton-Goose Creek Ry.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 16 upon further hearing and consideration denied the application for the proposed purchase of the capital stock of the Dayton-Goose Creek Ry. by the New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry. The Commission had previously denied the application upon the principal ground that the price to be paid for the stock of the Dayton-Goose Creek company, \$925,000, was not shown to be reasonable, inasmuch as it exceeded by about \$400,000 the investment in road and equipment, less depreciation, as shown by the books of that carrier.—V. 116, p. 1887.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Abandonment
of Branch Line Approved by I.-S. C. Commission.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 18 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon a branch line of railroad in Franklin County, Mass. The report of the Commission says in part:
"The company on May 11 1923 filed an application for a certificate for authority to abandon a branch line of railroad extending from South Deerfield to Shelburne Junction, a distance of 6.74 miles, all in Franklin County, Mass. The line was built by the New Haven & Northampton Co. and was opened to traffic on July 13 1881. It was operated by that company until 1887, when it was leased to the applicant. On Oct. 26 1910, all the property and franchises of the New Haven & Northampton Co. were conveyed to the applicant and the two companies were merged. The applicant continued to operate the line until Jan. 1 1918, on which date it was taken over by the U. S. R.R. Administration. The latter discontinued freight service on Jan. 1 1919 and passenger service on Jan. 4 1919. Neither class of service has ever been resumed, and it is stated that there are no cities or incorporated villages on the line, and the only stations are at South Deerfield and Conway. South Deerfield is served by the Boston & Maine RR. and by the applicant's Northampton-Turners Falls line. The applicant's station at Conway is about one-third of a mile from South River station on the Boston & Maine. No industries are located on the line.
"In 1918, the last year of operation, the total freight tonnage was 378 tons and the revenue from passenger traffic was \$5 74. It is claimed that the decrease in traffic has been due principally to the use of motor trucks and automobiles. The applicant represents that there is no apparent need for resumption of the service discontinued during the Federal control period and that it is desirable that the line be abandoned so that it may be relieved from the obligations under its existing mortgage to maintain the property in good operating condition.—V. 117, p. 208, 87.

New York Ontario & Western Ry.—Assumption.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 21 granted authority to the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of the payment of \$185,000 and interest thereon, secured by a mortgage made by the Inland Lakes to Sea Terminal Corp., to the Oswego Dock & Land Co. and Gerrit S. Miller, under date of June 19 1923, and further secured by a conditional bond of the same date in the penal sum of \$370,000 made by the Inland Lakes to Sea Terminal Corp., to the Oswego Dock & Land Co. and Gerrit S. Miller. The proposed assumption is in connection with the acquisition by the company of approximately 13 acres of land in the city of Oswego, N. Y.—V. 116, p. 2131.

Northwestern Pacific RR.—Bids for Bonds.—

The company will receive bids for the sale of \$1,208,000 4½% 1st & Ref. bonds due March 1 1957. No bid will be considered if submitted for a price less than \$95 and int. Bids must be addressed and submitted by 12 o'clock noon, Pacific standard time, on Aug. 9, to W. S. Palmer, Pres., 64 Pine St., San Francisco, Calif. See V. 117, p. 208.

Ohio Traction Co.—New Mortgage.—

A mortgage covering all the real estate, the franchise and the traction building in Cincinnati was executed July 20 by the company to the Union Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati, as trustee, to secure a bond issue of \$4,400,000. The entire mortgage is subject to a mortgage given to the Fidelity Trust Co. of Philadelphia in 1911. The company has an issue of notes amounting to \$1,116,000, due Oct. 1 next, and it is expected that part of the issue will be sold to provide funds to pay off these notes.—V. 116, p. 410.

Oregon Short Line RR.—Construction.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 21 granted a certificate authorizing the company to construct a line of railroad extending from a connection with its Rogerson Branch at Rogerson, Twin Falls County, Idaho, in a general southerly direction to Wells, Elko County, Nev., a distance of 97.7 miles, of which 21.1 miles are in Idaho and 76.6 miles in Nevada. The Commission had previously issued a certificate authorizing the Idaho Central RR. to build a railroad from Rogerson to Wells, upon the condition, among others, that the line be completed and placed in operation on or before Dec. 31 1923. In that certificate, on May 24 1923 the holders of 80% of the outstanding capital stock of the Idaho Central RR. unanimously adopted resolutions asking the Commission to cancel the certificate issued to that company and to grant a certificate to the Oregon. These resolutions state that the Idaho company has not commenced the construction of the railroad and will not do so.
The cost of construction, without equipment, is estimated at \$5,094,000. The company represents that no additional equipment will be necessary as the line can be operated with the equipment now used on its Rogerson Branch and other parts of its system. It is proposed to finance the construction from current funds or from advances made by the Union Pacific RR., which owns all of the capital stock. The Chambers of Commerce of Twin Falls and Wells have undertaken to provide the company a free right-of-way, including land for terminals at Wells, the estimated value of which is \$80,000. It is proposed to begin construction about Sept. 1 1923 and to complete the line by Dec. 31 1924.—V. 117, p. 88, 325.

Penn-Ohio Edison Co.—Transfer Agent.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed transfer agent for \$6,359,500 6% Cumulative Pref. stock, and 248,240 shares of Common stock, no par value. See also V. 117, p. 325.

Pennsylvania RR.—Number of Stockholders.—

The number of stockholders on July 1 1923 totaled 139,999, an increase of 171 compared with July 1 1922. The average holdings July 1 1923 were 71.32 shares, a decrease of .09 as compared with a year ago. Foreign stockholders on July 1 last were 2,843, a decrease of 45.—V. 117, p. 208.

Richmond (N. Y.) Railways, Inc.—May Acquire Railroad
Properties of Richmond Light & RR. in Reorganization.—
See Richmond Light & RR. in last week's "Chronicle," p. 326.—V. 115, p. 2581.

Springfield Terminal Ry.—Stock Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 7 authorized the company to issue \$15,800 Capital stock, to be sold at not less than par and the proceeds used solely for the purpose of capitalizing assets heretofore uncapitalized which have been charged to capital account.—V. 113, p. 850; V. 115, p. 2582.

Terre Haute Ind. & Eastern Trac. Co.—Appeal.—

The Indianapolis Light & Heat Co. and the Merchants' Heat & Light Co. have appealed from the decision of the Superior Court of the Indiana Supreme Court for an injunction to prevent the Indiana P. S. Commission from permitting the Terre Haute Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Co. to enter the Indianapolis power field. See also V. 117, p. 89.

Toledo Traction, Light & Power Co.—Tenders.—

The Harris Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, Chicago, Ill., up to July 26 received bids for the sale to it of 3-Year 6% Gold notes dated Aug. 1 1922, to an amount sufficient to exhibit \$115,440, at prices not exceeding 101 and interest.—V. 116, p. 617.

Unadilla Valley Ry.—Notes Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 16 authorized the company to issue unsecured promissory notes in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$350,000 for such terms, not exceeding 20 years, and at such rates of interest not exceeding 6% per annum as may be practicable and expedient.

No contracts or underwritings have been made and no commissions are to be paid in connection with the issue, all of which it is expected will be taken by the stockholders.

The proceeds from the sale of the notes are to be used for the following purposes: (1) \$177,000 for new equipment; (2) \$35,000 for facilities and the balance for rails, rail fastenings and ballast.—V. p. 78, 1168.

United Gas & Electric Corp.—Earnings.—

Earnings for 12 Months Ended June 30 1923.

Balance of subsidiary operating companies	\$2,910,342
Deduct—Reserve for renewals & replacements	835,710
Proportion of earns. applic. to stk. of sub. cos. owned by public	462,175
Balance	\$1,612,457
Add net income from bond investments, &c., sources than those covered above	110,817
Total	\$1,723,274
Deduct—Interest Un. G. & El. Corp. bonds, \$580,140; interest Un. G. & El. Corp. chfs of indebtedness, \$49,000	629,140
Amortization of debt discount	55,661
Balance	\$1,038,473

In the above earnings statement no account is taken of profit or loss from sales of securities, nor of earnings from oil operations.—V. 116, p. 2994.

United Light & Rys.—Bonds Offered.—Yonbright & Co., Inc., are offering at 96½ and int., to yield over 6¼%, \$1,000,000 1st Lien & Consol. Mtge. gold bonds, Series "A" 6%, non-callable for 25 years. (See advertising pages).

Dated April 1 1922. Due April 1 1952. Int. payable A. & O. at office or agency of the company in New York or Chicago. Red., all or part, on 30 days' notice at any time on or after April 1 1947 up to April 1 1948 at 103; thereafter at 1% less each year up to April 1 1950, and thereafter at 100. Plus int. in each case. Denom. c* \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, and ** \$1,000 and multiples. Company will pay normal Federal income tax up to 2%, and will refund Penn. 4 mills tax and Connecticut tax up to 4 mills annually. New York Trust Co., New York, trustee.
Data from Letter of President Frank T. Hulswit, Chicago, July 21. Company.—Controls and operates properties furnishing a diversified public utility service in prosperous and growing communities located in the heart of the Middle West. These are situated principally in Iowa and Illinois. In all, 77 communities are served with electric power and light, gas, street railway or interurban service. Combined population of the territory served has grown from 340,000 in 1900 to over 600,000 at present.

Purpose.—Proceeds will partially reimburse company for expenditures for additions and improvements to the properties.
Security.—There will be presently outstanding \$10,056,500 1st Lien & Consol. Mtge. gold bonds secured by a direct mortgage lien upon important properties and by pledge of all securities of subsidiary companies, as defined in the mortgage, now owned or hereafter acquired, subject only to existing liens. They are further secured by an equal face amount of 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds or, in lieu thereof, cash or obligations of the U. S. Govt. These pledged bonds of the company are secured by a first mortgage upon important properties and by pledge of all securities of subsidiary companies owned. The outstanding issue of \$1,988,000 Convertible debentures due 1926 share with the bonds of this issue in the lien on the property and assets of the company.

Combined Capitalization Outstanding with Public After Present Financing.

First and Refunding Mortgage 5% gold bonds, 1932	\$11,000,000
First Lien & Cons. Mtge. gold bonds (incl. this issue)	10,056,500
Divisional bonds and securities on portions of property	9,770,898
6% Convertible debentures, 1926	1,988,000
Gold Debenture bonds, Series "A," 6%, 1973	2,500,000
Prior Pref. stock, 7% Cumulative (Delaware Co.)	2,210,921
Preferred stock, 6% Cumulative	10,095,600
Participating Pref. stock, 7% cumulative (now paying 8%)	3,408,700
Common stock, now paying 5% and extras	3,766,300
x Not including bonds pledged as collateral to 1st Lien & Consol. Mtge. gold bonds. y Not incl. bonds and securities pledged with trustee of 1st & Ref. Mtge. or underlying mortgages.	

Of the issued securities of the subsidiary companies, the United Light & Railways owns over 70% of bonds and notes, over 84% of Pref. and Common stocks combined, and over 99% of the Common stocks.

Earnings 12 Mos. ended May 31—

	1921.	1922.	1923.
Gross earnings	\$12,083,934	\$11,201,934	\$12,337,596
Oper. exp., maintenance and taxes	8,826,970	7,726,601	8,304,471
Net earnings	\$3,256,964	\$3,475,333	\$4,033,125
Total annual charges prior to int. on secured debt of United Light & Railways Co.			\$535,580
Annual int. on: \$11,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5s. \$550,000; \$10,056,500 1st Lien & Consol. Mtge. Series "A" 6s. \$603,390; \$1,988,000 6% Convertible debentures.			\$1,272,670
Balance			\$2,224,875
—V. 116, p. 2517.			

Utah Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—

	x1922.	x1921.	x1920.
Gross earnings	\$8,840,905	\$8,531,001	\$8,591,206
Operating expenses, including taxes	4,472,492	4,458,213	4,504,512
Net earnings	\$4,368,413	\$4,072,788	\$4,086,694
Other income	165,666	90,798	129,086
Total income	\$4,534,079	\$4,163,586	\$4,215,780
Interest on bonds	2,407,875	2,082,713	1,994,940
Other interest and deductions	297,832	422,990	486,626
Dividends on Preferred stock	786,402	660,221	591,500
Dividends on 2d Preferred stock	216,930	288,050	345,590
Renewal and replacement reserve	600,000	600,000	759,725
Balance	\$225,040	\$109,612	\$37,399
x Combined statement of Utah Power & Light Co., Western Colorado Power Co. and Utah Light & Traction Co., inter-company charges eliminated.—V. 117, p. 209.			

Wabash Ry.—Equipment Trusts Sold.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York, have purchased* and placed privately \$2,010,000 5½% Equip. Trust certificates.

Dated July 1 1923, due \$134,000 annually July 1 1924 to 1938, both incl. Denom. \$1,000*. Bank of North America & Trust Co., Phila., trustee. Dividends payable J. & J. at the agency of the trustee in the City of New

York, in gold coin of the U. S. A. or of equal to the present standard of weight and fineness, and without deduction for any tax or taxes (other than Federal income taxes) which the company or the trustee may be required to pay or to retain therefrom under any present or future law of the U. S. A. or of any State, county, municipality or other taxing authority therein.

Security.—There will be vested in the trustee title to new equipment costing not less than \$2,695,500, including the following: 30 heavy Mikado-type locomotives, and 20 8-wheel switching locomotives.

Guaranty.—The principal and dividends will be unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement thereon by the Wabash Ry.

Earnings.—The total net operating income for the calendar year 1922, applicable to interest on funded debt, &c., amounted to \$5,161,851, while the total of such interest, &c., amounted to \$5,710,208. The total of such net operating income for the five months ended May 31 1923 shows an increase of \$1,766,016 over the corresponding period of 1922.

Issuance.—Subject to the approval of all public authorities that may be necessary!

The I.-S. C. Commission on July 17 approved the acquisition by the company of control of a line of railroad of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR., by lease. The line extends from Moberly to Hannibal, Mo., a distance of 69.75 miles.

By the terms of the proposed lease, the Missouri company demises to the Wabash the Hannibal line and its terminal facilities at Hannibal for the term of 99 years from July 1 1923, subject to any mortgage or mortgages executed by the Missouri company or its predecessor upon the demised premises. The Wabash company agrees to pay an annual rental of \$120,000, all taxes, charges and assessments levied upon the property or the use and operation thereof; and all payments required to be made by the Missouri company for the use of the union depot at Hannibal. The rental payment of \$120,000 equals 5% on the claimed fair and reasonable value of the property. The Wabash is given an option to purchase the demised property at any time during the term, free from all mortgage liens, for \$2,400,000. The Missouri company represents that this amount is approximately 50% of the estimated reproduction cost of the property.—V. 117, p. 89.

Waco Beaumont Trinity & Sabine Ry.—Acquisition.

The I.-S. C. Commission has approved the acquisition by the company of a line of railroad extending from Trinity in an easterly direction through Polk County to Colmesneil, Tyler County, Tex., a distance of 66.6 miles. This line (hereafter called the Colmesneil line) was formerly owned by the Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry. Co. of Texas. The report of the Commission says in part: "The applicant was formerly known as the Beaumont & Great Northern RR. It owns, and until on or about May 1 1914, operated, a line of railroad extending from Livingston, Polk County, in a northwesterly direction to Weldon, Houston County, Tex., a distance of 48.3 miles. Effective May 1 1914, the applicant leased its railroad to the Missouri company. On May 20 1922 this lease was canceled and possession of the property was surrendered as of Oct. 1 1922, but until March 31 1923 the applicant's railroad and the Colmesneil line were operated by the receiver of the Missouri company as the Trinity division of that company's system.

"On or about Dec. 13 1922 the properties of the Missouri company, including the Colmesneil line, were sold at a receiver's sale. The purchaser, under authority conferred by the decree of sale, elected not to take the Colmesneil line, and it is stated that that line will be ordered resold by the court.

"On March 31 1923 the Waco company resumed the operation of its railroad and also undertook to operate, and is now operating, the Colmesneil line as agent for the receiver. The Legislature of Texas has passed an Act authorizing the company to acquire, own, maintain, and operate the Colmesneil line, and for that purpose to issue and sell its corporate stock and mortgage bonds, additional to such stock and mortgage bonds as it has issued, or has the right to issue, in respect of properties previously owned by it, for an amount in the aggregate equaling the value of the Colmesneil line and property acquired. The amount of the mortgage bonds to be issued by the company on or about June 2 1922, less the amount of the mortgage or other lien indebtedness, if any, secured thereby, remaining outstanding. The valuation fixed by the Railroad Commission of Texas was \$2,433,000.

"The company's railroad has no direct physical connection with the Colmesneil line, but interchange is effected at Trinity by use of the rails of the International & Great Northern under trackage rights.

"The company proposes to acquire the Colmesneil line at a receiver's sale, and for some time has been negotiating to that end. It is proposed to issue \$60,000 in equipment trust notes, \$666,000 in 1st Mtge. 6% bonds, and Capital stock in an amount to equal the balance of the valuation fixed by the Texas Commission under its order of finding of June 2 1922, and as shall be approved by the I.-S. C. Commission, all of such securities to be delivered to the vendors in payment of the railroad, appurtenant property, and equipment to be acquired. It is also proposed to issue certain securities to refund \$883,000 of 1st Mtge. bonds issued by the company under a mortgage dated July 1 1909. An application for authority to issue securities is pending before the I.-S. C. Commission."

West Penn Co.—Offers to Purchase Outstanding Stock of West Penn-Monongahela Co. Not Already Owned.

The company has made an agreement with Clarence W. Watson for the purchase of Mr. Watson's stock in the West Penn-Monongahela Co. at \$5 a share as follows: \$1 25 in cash and 25% on July 15 1924, July 15 1925 and July 15 1926. The stock will be held for him by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York under a trust indenture as security for final payment in full. In event of default in payment, the stock is to be sold at the expense of the West Penn Co. and the proceeds applied to the debt. The West Penn Co. offers to buy holdings of all other common stockholders under the same terms, the offer to hold good until Nov. 1 1923. Stock bought under the offer is to be deposited with the Equitable Trust Co. and certificates issued for it as a receipt. The same proportion in cash is to be paid as paid Mr. Watson, and the same proportion to be paid on the dates given above. All holdings of 100 shares or less, however, are to be paid for in cash. [According to latest reports, West Penn-Monongahela Co. has 931,830 common shares (no par) outstanding, of which 621,220 shares owned by West Penn Co.]

Listing of 7% Cum. Pref. Stock and Com. Shares (No Par Val.).
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Aug. 15 1923 of temporary certificates for \$8,054,700 (auth. \$41,945,300) 7% Cum. Pref. stock, par \$100 each, on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding shares of 6% Cum. Pref. stock, par \$100 each, par for par, and on or after July 25 of temporary certificates for 225,000 shares of Common stock, without par value (auth. 500,000 shares), on official notice of issuance, in exchange for 225,000 shares of Common stock, par \$100 each, now outstanding, at the rate of one share of no par value shares for each share of Common stock, par \$100.

Of the capital stock now issued and outstanding, 46,685 shares of 6% Cum. Pref. stock and 163,440 shares of Common stock are owned by American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.

Since April 2 1923 to and including May 31 1923, the following changes in the capitalization have taken place with respect to subsidiary companies:

West Penn Railway Co. issued \$292,800 additional 6% Pref. stock and \$600,000 additional Common stock, making the capital stock issued and outstanding \$9,340,600 6% Pref. and \$10,600,000 Common, of which \$10,600,000 Common is owned by West Penn Co.

West Penn Monongahela Co. issued 1,404 shares of additional Common, making the total Common issued and outstanding 933,234 shares, of which 622,261 shares are owned by West Penn Co.

West Penn Power Co. issued \$1,254,300 additional 7% Pref. and \$200,000 additional Common, making the stock issued and outstanding \$7,256,300 of 7% Pref. and \$1,100,000 Common, of which \$1,100,000 Common is owned by West Penn Railways.

Monongahela West Penn Public Service Co. reduced its 5% Pref. stock \$200, making the total 5% Pref. stock issued and outstanding \$35,200. It also issued \$9,138 additional 6% Pref. stock, making the total 6% Pref. stock issued and outstanding \$4,283,346, of which \$225 6% Pref. is owned by West Penn Monongahela Co. The West Penn Monongahela also acquired \$1,303 additional Common stock, making the total Common stock owned by West Penn Monongahela Co. \$7,777,228.

Since April 2 1923 subsidiaries of the company have acquired stock in the following companies:

West Penn Power Co. has acquired all of the outstanding \$500 stock of Ohio County Fuel Co. of W. Va., chartered Oct. 2 1922.

West Virginia & Maryland Power Co. has acquired all of the outstanding \$40,000 stock of West Maryland Power Co. of Maryland. West Maryland Power Co. was incorporated July 27 1922.

The West Penn Co. has acquired all of the outstanding \$25,000 stock of St. Mary's Power & Light Co. of W. Va., incorporated Sept. 26 1916.

Consolidated Income Acct. 5 Mos. end. May 31 1923 (West Penn Co. and Subs.)	
Operating revenue, \$9,693,450; operating exp., taxes and deprec., \$6,487,070; net operating revenue	\$3,206,380
Non-operating revenue	324,215
Gross income	\$3,530,596
Deduct: Int. and amortization, \$1,643,510; Pref. divs. of subsidiaries and minority interests, \$613,829	2,257,339
Net income	\$1,273,256
Consolidated surplus Jan. 1 1923	\$2,951,693
Other surplus additions	15,071
Total	\$4,240,020
Deduct: Divs. on Pref. stock of West Penn Co., quarter ended May 15 1923, \$120,820; divs. Nos. 1 and 2 on Common stock of West Penn Co., \$225,000; discount and expense on sale of Pref. stock of subsidiaries, \$90,073	435,894
Consolidated surplus May 31 1923	\$3,804,127
V. 117, p. 209.	

West Penn Power Co.—Acquisitions.

The Pennsylvania P. S. Commission has authorized the company to acquire electric companies in the following cities and townships: Karns City, Bruin, Fraser Township, Queenstown Township, Cowanshannock Township, Wayne Township and Springdale Township.—V. 117, p. 209, 89.

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."

Steel and Iron Production, Prices, &c.

The review of market conditions by the "Iron Age," formerly given under this heading, appears to-day on a preceding page under "Indications of Business Activity."

Coal Production, Prices, &c.

The United States Geological Survey's report on coal production, together with the detailed statement by the "Coal Trade Journal" regarding market conditions, heretofore appearing in this column, will be found to-day on a preceding page under the heading "Indications of Business Activity."

Anthracite Conference Threatened by Miners' Demands.—Mine workers' representatives at anthracite conference on wages and working conditions demand full recognition for the union, closed shop and check-off system. The operators refuse to recede from their position, standing firm for open shop and abolition of the check-off system. Voted to grant a 24-hour truce for reconsideration. "Times" July 27, p. 1.

The changes in prices of both crude and refined oil formerly appearing here will be found to-day on a preceding page of this issue under the heading "Indications of Business Activity."

Oil Production, Prices, &c.

The statistics regarding gross crude oil production in the United States, compiled by the American Petroleum Institute and formerly appearing under the above heading, will be found to-day on a preceding page under "Indications of Business Activity."

Prices, Wages and Other Trade Matters.

Sugar Price Reductions.—On July 23 National Sugar Refining Co. reduced price 25 pts. to 8.75c. per lb. On July 24 Arbuckle reduced price 25 pts., to 8.50c. per lb. On July 25 American Sugar Refining Co. reduced price 25 pts., to 8.75c. per lb.

Lead Price Advanced.—American Smelting & Refining Co. advanced price 25 pts., to 6.25c. per lb. on July 23. "Engineering & Mining Journal-Press" July 28, p. 170.

A further advance to 6.50c. per lb. was made by the American Smelting & Refining Co. on July 27. "Financial America" July 28.

Smelting Prices Reduced.—Anaconda Copper Mining Co. has reduced its smelting charges on gold and silver ores and on copper ores containing over 5% of copper from \$7.50 to \$6.50 per ton.—"Times" July 24, p. 35.

Woolen Goods Advanced in Price.—American Woolen Co. announces spring 1924 prices are advanced from 15 to 18% over spring 1923 prices on certain lightweight goods. "Boston Financial News" July 23, p. 1.

New England Telephone Strike Called Off.—President Julia O'Connor of telephone operators' union declares strike is off "on recommendation of State Board of Conciliation," which gave assurance that its good offices would be available in making adjustments. The strike for a 7-hour day and higher wages began on June 26. "Times" July 25, p. 28.

Paper Mill Strike in Massachusetts.—Seventy stationary firemen at paper mills, involving 12 companies and 27 mills, strike for 7 cents an hour increase in wages. About 4,000 mill employees are thrown out of work as a result. American Writing Paper Co. (with 16 mills closed through the strike) and other mills in Holyoke have refused demands, first presented about two months ago. Mill officials say wages now paid are above 1920 level, considering buying power. "Boston News Bureau" July 23, p. 1.

Longshoremen in New York Harbor District Strike.—"Mystery strike" at Hoboken—a walkout of members of the International Longshoremen's Association without having presented any demands for higher wages or shorter hours—lasts a day. Officials of I. L. A. call it an "outlaw" strike and plead that men return to work and disregard I. W. W. agitators, who are trying to tie up shipping in the harbor. "Evening Post" July 25, p. 1.

New York City Bricklayers Fail to Report for Work on Schools.—Only 2 men out of 59 who signed up for work on public schools for \$12 a day at Mayor Hylan's request, reported for work. This is the second time a signed contract to work on the schools has been ignored by the bricklayers. About 106 men are needed to finish schools under construction in time for the fall sessions. "Times" July 27, p. 6.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" July 21.—(a) The eight-hour workday (editorial), p. 257. (b) Decline of wholesale prices in June, p. 260. (c) Increase in retail prices of food during June, p. 260. (d) Fall River mills to shut down about three days each week, p. 261. (e) Amoskeag mills also curtail, p. 261. (f) Builders in New York remove ban on building, p. 261.

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Air Reduction Co., Inc.—Earnings.			
Results for Quarters end. June 30—			
	1923.	1922.	1921.
Gross income	\$2,701,530	\$1,773,882	\$1,337,784
Operating expenses	1,669,948	1,235,004	898,196
Operating income	\$1,031,582	\$538,878	\$439,588
Additions to reserve	270,801	270,586	219,530
Bond and mortgage interest	32,322	36,941	35,744
Net profits before Federal taxes	\$728,459	\$231,351	\$184,314
V. 117, p. 328.			

Aetna Life Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.—Capital Increased—100% Stock Dividend.

The stockholders on July 24 increased the authorized capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, par \$100, by the transfer of \$5,000,000 from surplus, which amounted to \$12,694,482 on Dec. 31 1922. It is proposed to issue the new stock as a 100% stock dividend to be payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 15.—V. 116, p. 2996.

Ajax Rubber Co., Inc.—Semi-Annual Report.

President J. C. Weston says in part: While sales covering the first quarter were heavy, sales for the second quarter were practically 90% of those for the first quarter, resulting in an increase for the six months' period of 1923 of 61% as compared with the corresponding period of 1922.

Due to greatly increased sales, with consequent greater production, our manufacturing costs have been reduced and we have, therefore, made provision for the revaluation of finished goods on hand at June 30 to conform to these lower costs, and in addition we have set up a reserve for maximum price reduction rebates to our customers due to changes in price. The amount of these two reserves is \$177,127. After making these provisions the net profit for the six months' period ended June 30 is \$414,720.

While we have met competition in the reduction of selling prices of tires, our material and other costs of production during the last half of the year, we believe, will be less than anticipated at the time of the last price increase, and due to an increased demand for tires, generally, in which the company expects to share liberally, because of its excellent product and constantly increasing prestige and goodwill, the management looks forward with encouragement and confidence for the future welfare of the company from a standpoint of profits.

Income Account for the Six Months Ended June 30.

	1923.	1922.
Sales	\$8,964,371	\$5,447,193
Operating expenses, &c	8,106,116	5,131,969
Gross profit	\$858,255	\$315,224
Other income	58,829	53,265
Total income	\$917,084	\$368,489
Interest and depreciation	325,237	176,953
Revaluation and rebates	x177,127	—
Net profits	\$414,720	\$191,536

x For revaluation of finished stock and for maximum price reduction rebates to customers due to changes in prices.—V. 117, p. 91.

Alabama Power Co.—Acquisition.

The Alabama P. S. Commission has authorized the company to purchase the electric distribution system of the Autauga Oil & Fertilizer Co.—V. 117, p. 210, 91, 81.

Alabama Water Co.—Sub. Co. Stock Increase, &c.

The Union Water Co., a subsidiary, recently filed four petitions with the Alabama P. S. Commission in which it seeks (a) to obtain certificates of convenience and necessity for construction of a new water works system at Hartselle and Leeds, Ala.; (b) to increase its capital stock from \$2,000 to \$50,000, par \$100, and (c) to issue not to exceed \$500,000 of 6½% 25-Yr. Gold bonds to be secured by a mortgage on the properties of the company. Hearing of the petition was set for Aug. 8 1923.—V. 115, p. 2049.

American Bank Note Co.—Earnings.

	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
6 Mos. end. June 30—				
Net profits	\$953,926	\$484,713	\$782,765	\$1,061,958
Miscellaneous income	58,215	93,125	78,264	61,911
Total income	\$1,012,141	\$577,838	\$861,029	\$1,123,869
Interest charges	154,054	64,296	5,666	196,277
Approp. for contng.	—	—	200,000	75,000
Preferred divs. (3%)	134,870	134,870	134,870	134,870
Common dividends (4½%)	222,314	179,828	179,828	134,871
Special dividend paid	—	(2%)89,914	—	—

Balance, surplus.....\$500,904 \$108,931 \$340,666 \$582,851
Profit and loss, surplus.....\$5,610,115 \$5,651,694 \$4,475,384 \$3,678,679
x After deducting all expenses, including repairs, and after providing reserves for all taxes accrued and for bad debts and depreciation.

The balance sheet shows cash on hand June 30 1923, \$1,446,215, as against \$1,204,217 on Dec. 31 1922. John P. Treadwell Jr. has been elected Secretary, to succeed the late George H. Danforth.—V. 116, p. 2996.

American Bosch Magneto Corp.—Billings—Earnings.

	1923—June—1922.	1923—6 Mos.—1922.
Billings	\$1,012,592	\$797,184
Net earnings, after interest, &c. (approximate)	\$288,000	def. \$22,500

A Washington dispatch says that within a fortnight attorneys for the Department of Justice and the Alien Property Custodian's office will begin preparations of a suit in equity to set aside the sale of the Bosch Magneto Co. to Martin E. Kern and return the property to the Custodian's control. The suit will probably be filed early in October in the U. S. District Court at Springfield, Mass.—V. 117, p. 328.

American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.—Earnings.

It is unofficially reported that earnings for the first half of 1923 were approximately \$1,500,000. This compares with about \$1,000,000 in the corresponding period of 1922.—V. 116, p. 1535.

American International Corp.—Liquidates Rosin Co.

The corporation, it is announced, has liquidated its proprietary company, the Rosin & Turpentine Export Co., at approximately its book value. The parent company's investment in this concern, including stock owned and loans advanced, was carried in the annual report at \$800,000. This figure represented the balance of the original cost of investment after deductions for losses charged off or provided for through reserves in previous years.—V. 116, p. 2769, 2133.

American Refining Co.—Equip. Trusts Offered.—Stix & Co. and the Lafayette-South Side Bank, St. Louis, are offering at 100 and int. \$121,000 Serial 6½% Railroad Equip. Trust Certificates, Series B. A circular shows:

Dated July 1 1923, due \$6,000 quarterly Oct. 1 1923 to April 1 1928, and \$7,000 July 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c. Int. payable Q.-J. at South Side Trust Co., St. Louis. Charles H. Stix, trustee. Red. on any int. date on 45 days' notice at 102½ and int.

Company.—Organized in 1919. Is engaged in the production, refining and marketing of petroleum and its products. Owns and operates a modern refinery, located at Wichita Falls, Tex. Company has no funded indebtedness other than tank car equipment certificates.

Security.—Direct obligation of company, and secured by pledge of title to 97 standard railroad steel tank cars of 10,050-gallon capacity, Standard Tank Car Co. construction, built in 1920. These cars have a present market value, after depreciation, of \$1,800 per car, against which certificates are being issued at the rate of only \$1,248 per car.

Guaranty.—Certificates will be additionally secured by the unconditional joint and several guarantee, by endorsement, of both principal and interest, of P. P. Langford, R. M. Waggoner, W. T. Willis, N. B. Chenault, W. W. Silk, W. M. Priddy, H. A. Allen and M. J. Bashara, directors of the company. The net worth of these guarantors is in excess of \$5,000,000.

Balance Sheet as of February 28 1923.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Producing oil leases	\$802,209	Capital investment (represented by 100,000 shs. no par value)	\$2,655,634
Refinery, pipe line, tank cars, &c	1,493,534	Tank car notes & cts.	258,652
Cash	72,937	Accounts & notes payable	117,052
Notes & accts. receivable	527,937	Reserve for taxes	36,049
Inventories	220,597	Profits 1st 2 mos. 1923	49,821
Total (each side)	\$3,117,209		

—V. 116, p. 2996.

American Smelting & Refining Co.—Operations.

Zinc operations have been curtailed by the closing of the smelter at Kusa, Okla., and by partly closing the smelter at Henrietta, Okla. This is

due, it is stated, entirely to the price of the metal, which continues slightly below production cost.—V. 117, p. 210.

American Steel Foundries.—Acquisition.

The company has issued 7,500 shares Preferred stock (par \$100) in exchange for the entire outstanding 5,000 shares (par \$100) Common stock of Damascus Brake Beam Co. (V. 116, p. 2998). The additional stock of the American company has been admitted to the Boston Stock Exchange list.—V. 116, p. 2996.

American Strawboard Co.—Sale.

The properties of this company were sold July 18 for \$1,586,200. The protective committee for the outstanding \$1,400,000 7% bonds, it is stated, has prepared to bid \$1,585,000. It is stated that the committee also had a plan of reorganization, but is said to have preferred the final result to its own plan. The interest due July 1 1922 and subsequent on the \$1,400,000 7% bonds, has been in default but the above purchase price assures them payment in full. Members of the bondholders' committee are James C. Fenhagen and B. A. Brennan, of Baltimore; C. S. Baton, of Cleveland; and C. W. Anderson, of Chicago.—V. 112, p. 2539.

American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co.—Earnings.

Operating Profits Before Depreciation and Depletion.		
1923—2nd Quar.—1922.	1923—1st Quar.—1922.	
\$138,175	\$110,515	\$142,665
		\$50,152

See also V. 117, p. 329.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—Tenders.

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, New York City, will, until Aug. 31, receive bids for the sale to it of 10-year secured Series "A" 6% gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1929, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$750,000, but at prices at which the rate of return, based on the yield from Aug. 31 1923 to Jan. 1 1929, would not be less than 6% per annum.—V. 117, p. 91.

Apperson Bros. Automobile Co.—New Directors.

Maurice Rothschild and Don C. McCord have been elected directors.—V. 117, p. 329.

Art Cloth Mills, Inc., Belmont, N. C.—Pref. Stock Offered.

The American Trust Co., Charlotte, N. C., recently offered at 100 and div. \$600,000 7% Cumul. Sinking Fund Pref. (a. & d.) stock participating with Common stock to 9%. A circular shows:

Dividends payable Q.-J. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at 110 and dividends. When the net earnings for any year exceed 7% of the par value of the then outstanding Common and Preferred stock, the holders of Preferred stock will be entitled to additional dividends in excess of 7% up to 9%, which dividends, if not paid, shall be cumulative. No mortgage or other lien can be created upon the plant or plants without the consent of the holders of at least 75% of the Preferred stock.

Capitalization (No Bonds)	Authorized.	Outstanding.
7% Cumul. Sink. Fund Pref. stock (this issue)	\$600,000	\$600,000
Common stock	900,000	\$600,000

x The \$600,000 Common stock has been subscribed for and will be paid in full at par by R. L. Stowe, A. C. Lineberger, W. T. Love, B. E. Geer, and their associates.

Company.—Incorp. in North Carolina Aug. 2 1922 for the purpose of manufacturing fine and fancy goods, silk striped shirtings, dress goods, &c. On April 7 1923 the stockholders increased the authorized capital from \$200,000 to \$1,500,000 as above.

Management.—Directors and principal officers are: R. L. Stowe (Pres.), A. C. Lineberger, (V.-Pres.), Belmont, N. C.; W. T. Love (V.-Pres.), E. T. Switzer (Sec. & Treas.), Gastonia, N. C., and B. E. Geer, Greenville, S. C.

Earnings.—Fine goods mills of this class in the South have shown consistent satisfactory earnings. Corporation will start production with approximately \$200,000 net operating capital. Dividends on the Pref. stock are guaranteed by the organizers for 18 months, or about 8 months beyond the time when the mill will be on a full production basis.

Associated Producing & Refining Co.—No Receiver.

Chancellor Wolcott at Wilmington (Del.) recently handed down an opinion refusing to appoint a receiver for this company.—V. 115, p. 186.

Associated Simmons Hardware Cos.—Report.

Income Account for Year ending Dec. 31 1922.	
Gross profit on sales	\$6,302,306; deduct expenses, \$6,160,869;
operating income	\$141,437
Miscellaneous income	440,591

Total income	\$582,028
Interest and discount	\$691,644
Losses on oper. and on sales of prop. of Grant Leather Corp.	552,126
Dividends on Preferred stock	357,700
Deficit Dec. 31 1921	2,676,508

Total deficit, Dec. 31 1922, carried to balance sheet.—\$3,695,950 —V. 116, p. 2887.

Atlantic Refining Co.—Oil Contract.

The company is reported to have contracted with the General Petroleum Corp. for the purchase of 1,000,000 bbls., or 42,000,000 gal. of California gasoline to be delivered at Philadelphia, at a price of 12 cents per gallon. The first consignment of Pacific Coast gasoline has already been received by the Atlantic Refining Co.

The company on July 23 announced a reduction of 1 cent per gallon in the tank wagon price of gasoline in the Pennsylvania and Delaware district.—V. 116, p. 2887.

Bayuk Cigars, Inc.—Listings—Earnings.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after Aug. 1 1923 temporary certificates for \$2,000,000 (authorized, \$5,000,000) 7% Cumul. Sinking Fund Preferred stock (also called 1st Pref. stock), par \$100 each, and for 77,121 shares of Common stock of no par value (authorized, 250,000 shares), on official notice of issuance of such certificates bearing the corporate title Bayuk Cigars, Inc. in exchange for the present outstanding certificates bearing the corporate title Bayuk Bros., Inc., with authority to list temporary certificates for so much of \$1,280,500 (authorized, \$1,300,000) 2d Pref. stock, par \$100 each, as may be stamped to indicate assent of outstanding 2d Pref. stock to reduction in yearly dividend rate from 8% to 7% and convertible into Common stock on official notice of issuance of such certificates bearing the corporate title Bayuk Cigars, Inc. in exchange for the present outstanding certificates bearing the corporate title Bayuk Bros., Inc. with further authority to add 22,718 shares of Common stock of no nominal or par value, ocd. official notice of issuance on conversion of 7% Convertible 2d Pref. stock.

Output.—In the 6 months period commencing Jan. 1 1923 and terminating June 30 1923 the company's sales totaled slightly in excess of 100,000,000 cigars.

Earnings Account Six Months Ended June 30 1923 (Subject to Adjustment).

Earnings from operations	\$1,147,847; other income, \$18,700;	\$1,166,548
total		\$1,166,548
Deduct expenses and depreciation		574,435

Profit before 1923 Federal taxes.....\$592,113

Balance Sheet as at June 30 1923 (Subject to Adjustment).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$391,124	Loans	\$861,379
Trade debtors, less res.	1,422,777	Trade creditors	130,212
Sundry debtors	81,200	Sundry creditors	27,066
Inventories	4,040,188	Accrued wages payable	28,507
Revenue stamps	53,249	Accrued taxes	2,076
Investments	15,036	Federal taxes 1922	80,420
Land & bldgs., less deprec.	549,289	Federal taxes 1923	74,014
Equip. & fixtures, less dep	185,639	Div. payable July 15	60,610
Cigar making machines, less reserve	97,266	Mortgage payable	29,080
Prepaid insurance, &c	25,706	Res. for 1st Pref. sink. fd.	15,000
Refinancing expense	136,334	7% Cumul. Pref. stock	2,000,000
Total (each side)	\$6,997,811	8% 2d Pref. stock	1,280,500
		Common (no par value)	x1,668,089
		Surplus	749,856

x Issued 77,121 shares. V. 117, p. 210.

Barney & Smith Car Co.—Sale.—

It is reported that negotiations are in progress between a committee of the bondholders for the sale of the property, and it is expected that a deal will be completed within a short time, as the majority of the bondholders are favorable to the proposition made for the purchase of the plant. It is reported that one of the large railroad companies serving the territory is interested.—V. 116, p. 2518.

Beech-Nut Packing Co.—Sales—Earnings.—

President Bartlett, Arkell says: "Sales for the first half of 1923, as compared with the first half of 1922, show an increase of 24.5%."
Six Months Ending June 30— 1923. 1922.
Net earnings before taxes—\$1,215,030 \$961,563
—V. 116, p. 2392.

Belgo Paper Co., Ltd.—Sale Price.—

According to a dispatch from Montreal the shareholders have been advised that the Bank of Outremere, Brussels, Belgium, received \$97 a share for its controlling interest in this company from the Canadian syndicate; the same amount being payable to the minority shareholders. To take advantage of the offer, shares must be handed in prior to Oct. 8. The outstanding capital of the Belgo Paper Co. was \$14,000,000 common of an authorized \$20,000,000. The price paid for the stock of the company, therefore, represents \$13,580,000. (Compare also Belgo-Canadian Paper Co. in V. 116, p. 2640).—V. 116, p. 2640.

Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Statement for June 30 1923—To Issue Quarterly Statements in Future—Bonds Ready.—

The directors on July 26 declared the usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 % on the Common stock, payable Oct. 1 1923 to holders of record as of Sept. 1 1923.

President Grace states that the directors have decided to issue quarterly statements of earnings.

When questioned as to business conditions, Mr. Grace said that the demand for steel products had held up well for this time of the year and was showing unmistakable signs of increased activity. No important cancellations or delayed deliveries had been requested, and that prices were holding firm. Present operating schedules were approximately 80% of capacity.

In reference to the 12-hour day, Mr. Grace said they were making progress in formulating plans for eliminating the 12-hour turn and expected within a very short time to begin the actual rearrangement of the working forces. This will all be accomplished with the employees a party to it, through Bethlehem's employee representation system.

Earnings for the Quarter Ending June 30 1923 (Including Subsidiary Cos.).
Value of orders on hand June 30 1923—\$80,066,000
Total net earnings—\$11,601,682
Less—Interest charges, incl. proportion of discount on and expense of bond and note issues—3,245,082
Provision for depreciation, obsolescence and depletion—2,930,129
Dividends on stocks of Bethlehem Steel Corp.: Preferred—1,079,851
Common (1 1/4 %)—2,244,358

Surplus for the quarter—\$2,102,262
The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York are now prepared to deliver permanent Consol. Mtge. Series "B" 5 1/2 % Gold bonds due 1953, in exchange for outstanding temporary bonds. (For offering of bonds, see V. 116, p. 413).—V. 116, p. 2392.

(E. W.) Bliss Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Operations.—

The company, it is stated, is concentrating operations in Brooklyn, N. Y., at the Bay Ridge plant. The plant located beneath the Brooklyn Bridge is being abandoned and will probably be sold.—V. 116, p. 1279.

Booth Fisheries Co., Chicago.—Results for Four Months ended April 28 1923. President K. L. Ame says in subst.:

Our excess inventories, caused by the war, were finally closed out in June 1922. We purposely curtailed our pack of salmon in 1920 to about 40% of our capacity, and during the whole year of 1921 we sold only about 10% of our supply of canned salmon, but by June of 1922 we had sold it all. We have made an operating profit every month since June 1922, but the inventory losses in connection with our salmon department could not be fairly adjusted until December 1922. During the six months commencing Nov. 1 1922 to April 30 1923 we earned a total of \$165,425 over and above all charges, and with small earnings from the salmon department of our business during that six months and with no earnings from other idle departments which are now starting to operate and with a large saving over idleness even if they make very little money. Earnings for the fiscal year commencing April 30 1923 should exceed those of any previous year in our history with the exception of the two war boom years of 1917 and 1918.

I do not think it is over-confidence to believe that after we have made a showing of earnings during the coming year, that we will be able to refinance and get back into the business again the working capital which we have used in paying off our bonded indebtedness. We really could earn ourselves out of our difficulty in three or four years but we certainly cannot expect our banks to continue indefinitely their present and past wonderfully liberal treatment.

Earnings Period—

	A Mos. to Apr. 28 '23	1922.	1921.	1920.
Net profit	\$339,287	\$54,023	\$1,214,852	\$61,580
Interest	196,259	736,356	827,093	746,372
Depreciation, &c.	56,483	186,711	197,009	108,770
Dividends				(5 1/4) 262,489

Balance—sur\$86,545 def\$977,090 df\$2,239,044 df\$1,056,051

Balance Sheet.

Apr. 28'23		Dec. 31 '21		Apr. 28'23		Dec. 31 '21	
Assets—	\$	\$		Liabilities—	\$	\$	
Real estate mach., &c.	15,257,009	19,413,869	Preferred stock	4,999,800	4,999,800	Common stock	5,000,000
Sinking fund	184	184	Funded debt	3,535,000	3,210,814	Res. for deprec.	4,124,468
Cash	612,584	856,716	Res. for Fed. taxes		129,072	Res. for renew. & repairs	53,551
Accts. & bills rec.			Accts. payable	547,935	494,905	Notes payable	6,083,818
Less reserves	836,398	1,040,617	Int. tax, ins., &c., accrued	107,960	225,011	Surplus	414,138
Inventories	3,334,648	5,969,707	U. S. Govt. bonds, &c.				877,494
Unexpired insur	27,427	22,136	Total	20,742,200	27,365,544	Total	20,742,200
Adv. & def. oper.	134,590	12,788					
Deferred charges	538,519	49,527					
Total	20,742,200	27,365,544					

—V. 116, p. 1764.

Bothin Real Estate Co., San Francisco.—Bonds Offered.

Union Trust Co. of San Francisco are offering at 100 and int. \$500,000 Closed 1st Mtge. 5 1/2 % Serial Gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated May 1 1923. Due serially May 1 1925 to May 1 1938. Callable on any int. date on 30 days' notice (last maturities first) at 105 and after May 1 1925 and prior to May 1 1933; thereafter bonds so redeemed shall be paid at a premium as follows: Subsequent to May 1 1933, 4%; subsequent to May 1 1934, 3%; subsequent to May 1 1935, 2%; subsequent to May 1 1936, 1%; subsequent to May 1 1937, none. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 c. Int. payable F. & A. Normal Federal income tax up to 2% paid by company. Union Trust Co., San Francisco, trustee.

This issue of bonds is secured by a closed first lien deed of trust and mortgage to 5 parcels of land, with improvements on all parcels in San Francisco. The properties have been appraised by competent appraisers and the lowest appraisalment is \$850,700, after allowance for building depreciation. **Annual Income Year Ending Dec. 31 1922.**

Gross income	\$84,612
Total expense, taxes and insurance	9,323
Annual interest requirements	27,500
Surplus available for serial maturities	\$47,788

British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd.—Rumored Merger.

A tobacco merger is nearing completion, according to rumors in the financial district during the past week. The merger, if effected, would

bring into being the largest tobacco combine in the world and its field of operation would include the United States and Europe. Negotiations are under way in England, it is reported, with J. B. Duke, George Whelan, E. R. Tinker and other important figures in the tobacco world in consultation with the British-American Tobacco Co. The movement, it is stated, is a sequel to the efforts to purchase the tobacco monopoly held by the French Government.

The merger, it is said, affects directly the interests of the British-American Tobacco Co. and the Tobacco Products Corp., and it is assumed that these two companies will form the nucleus of the combine. Other companies which have been named as parties to the deal are Philip Morris & Co., Melachrinco & Co., the Falk Tobacco Co., Schinasi Brothers, Stephano Brothers, John J. Bagley & Co. and other manufacturing and distributing companies. These companies are part of the holding interests of the Tobacco Products Corp., which, in addition, holds the chain of United Cigar Stores and controls the Foreign Trade Corp., which manages companies operating in the Near East.—V. 116, p. 2640.

Brompton Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.—Back Dividends.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 4% (on account of back divs.) on the Preferred stock, payable Aug. 15, and the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the Preferred stock, payable Aug. 31, both to holders of record July 31. This cleans up all accumulated dividends on the issue.—V. 116, p. 2887.

Butte-New York Copper Co.—

The stockholders will meet July 31 to consider what action should be taken regarding the pending foreclosure of the first mortgage bonds to the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as trustee. In addition to the outstanding \$150,000 bonds, upon which interest amounting to \$72,000 is said to be now due, the company owes \$1,679, making a total of \$233,679.—V. 100, p. 1754.

Calaveras Copper Co.—Consol. Bal. Sheet May 31 1923.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$8,377	1st Mtge. Income bonds	\$1,653,000
Inventories	48,460	Other indebtedness	400
Current accts. at mine	1,701	Notes payable at mine	15,000
Mining property, &c.	1,837,448	Accounts payable, mine	16,934
Permanent improvements	526,992	Wages payable, mine	9,896
Mine development	249,373	Prepaid rentals, mine	159
New construction & equip	72,163	Accounts payable, Boston	6,240
		Mine drafts in transit	15,000
		Capital stock	1,868,750
Total (each side)	\$2,744,514	Profit and loss, deficit	\$40,865
See also V. 116, p. 180, 1416.			

Carbo-Oxygen Co.—Earnings—New Plants.—

For the six months ended June 30 1923 gross revenue totaled \$512,268, operating and general expenses \$240,752 and net income \$271,516. It is stated that at the present time all the plants are operating to full capacity. A new plant is being built at Erie, Pa., to take care of business in that region. The company is contemplating the erection of a plant at Baltimore and one at St. Louis.—V. 112, p. 2645.

Central Leather Co.—Quarterly Report.—

Results for Quarter and Six Months ending June 30.

	1923—3 Mos.—1922.	1923—6 Mos.—1922.
Total income	\$1,092,167	\$3,736,162
General exp., loss, &c.	822,750	1,619,234
Income from investments	Cr. 110,497	Cr. 213,515
Int. on bonds & debens	459,552	919,108
Balance, deficit	\$79,637	\$399,032

A Total income here indicates the result from "the operations of all properties for the quarter after taking into account the expenses incident to operations (including those for repairs and maintenance), approximately \$485,059 in 1923, against \$416,995 in 1922.—V. 116, p. 1898.

Chemical Foundation, Inc.—Suit Postponed Until Oct.—

After eight weeks of the taking of testimony, the trial at Wilmington, Del., of the Government's suit against the company, to set aside the sale of seized enemy dye and chemical patents sold to the Foundation by the Alien Property Custodian in 1919, came to an end July 23 before Federal Judge Morris. Final arguments will be heard in October.—V. 116, p. 2641.

Chile Copper Co.—Dividend No. 3.—

A quarterly dividend (No. 2) of 2 1/2 % has been declared on the outstanding Capital stock, par \$25, payable Sept. 29 to holders of record Sept. 1. On March 22 and June 30 quarterly dividends of like amount were paid.—V. 116, p. 2393.

Colt's Patent Fire Arms Mfg. Co.—Charter Amended.—

The stockholders have approved an amendment to the company's charter (already approved by the Connecticut State Legislature), giving it general manufacturing powers instead of limiting it to the manufacture of arms and munitions. The amendment also gives it permission to buy up 5% of its outstanding stock for resale to employees.—V. 116, p. 2641, 1280.

Columbia Gas & Electric Co.—Funded Debt Reduced \$2,930,000 Since Jan. 1—Earnings for June and Six Months.

President P. G. Gossler, in a letter to the stockholders under date of July 21, advises them that since Jan. 1 1923, through sinking fund operations purchases in the open market and redemption in accordance with mortgage provisions, funded debt in the hands of the public has been reduced by \$2,930,000 and the stocks of leased companies have been reduced \$50,000; and in addition, \$485,799 was invested in obligations of leased properties. On June 30 none of the subsidiary or affiliated properties had any unfunded debt. President Gossler further states:
In this way, with cash from the treasury, and without the issuance of any securities or borrowing from any source outside of the system, the company and its subsidiary and affiliated companies have reduced their outstanding debt and capital stock out of earnings by \$3,438,799, in addition to fully maintaining the properties and spending over \$1,900,000 in additions and improvements. The result is that annual interest charges, sinking fund and lease rental requirements (the latter including interest, sinking fund and dividends on securities of leased properties) have been reduced \$401,063 with corresponding benefit to the stockholders of the company.

Beginning with the regular quarterly dividend paid on May 15 1923, the rate of dividend on the stock was increased, resulting in an increased distribution of \$225,000 each quarter to the stockholders.
The company and its subsidiaries are in a strong current position at the middle of the year, in spite of the large amount of cash invested in this manner, showing at June 30 quick assets more than twice their current liabilities.

Consolidated Earnings—June and Six Months ended June 30 1923.
(Columbia Gas & Electric Co. and Subs. controlled by 100% stock ownership or lease.)

	June.	Increase.	6 Mos.	Increase.
Gross earnings	\$1,485,120	\$185,966	\$11,010,509	\$1,525,325
Oper. exp. & taxes	791,770	150,645	5,142,350	644,149
Net oper. earnings	\$693,349	\$35,321	\$5,868,159	\$881,176
Other income	171,461	21,277	949,613	92,633
Total income	\$864,810	\$56,597	\$6,817,773	\$973,809
Lease rentals, &c.	429,046	11,290	2,552,241	79,028
Fixed charges (Columbia Gas & Elec. Co.)	57,560	dec.396	345,363	dec. 2,375
Surplus	\$378,204	\$45,702	\$3,920,169	\$897,156

For the first six months of the calendar year, the total gross earnings of all the companies constituting the system operated by the company amounted to \$20,832,338, and net earnings for the same period, after eliminating inter-company items, were \$10,345,388; representing increases respectively of \$3,553,668 and \$1,762,081 over the corresponding figures for the first half of last year.—V. 116, p. 2888.

Columbia Graphophone Mfg. Co.—Suit.—

A suit has been filed in the Chancery Court at Trenton, N. J., against the company by the Universal Security Co. of Jersey City to recover \$3,427,000, which alleges the amount sued for was used extravagantly on plants in Baltimore and Toronto by directors without proper authorization.

The suit was brought so that stockholders might join as party complainants. The suit, it is explained, is against the old directors of the company and not the present officials. It applies to those in control in 1919 and 1920.—V. 116, p. 1046.

Commonwealth Light & Power Co.—Notes Offered.— Paul C. Dodge & Co., Inc., Chicago, and B. E. Buchman & Co., Madison, Wis., are offering at 99½ and int., to yield 7½%, \$600,000 7% 2-Year Secured Gold notes. The bankers state:

Dated July 2 1923, due July 1 1925. Interest payable J. & J. at New York Trust Co., New York, trustee, and Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c. Callable at 102½ and int. on 60 days' notice.

Company.—Company and its subsidiary organizations furnish a diversified public utility service to 101 prosperous and growing communities located in the States of Kansas, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Missouri and Texas, serving a combined population of approximately 200,000. The company furnishes light, power, ice, water, heat, cold storage. The most important activity of the company is the manufacture and distribution of electric energy through a central station and high tension transmission line development. The valuation of the physical property of the company and its subsidiaries, as reported in Aug. 1922, plus amount expended for additions and betterments since that date and the valuation of properties acquired amounts to \$9,956,894 without considering going values or intangibles.

Purpose.—Proceeds will retire \$300,000 notes maturing Sept. 1 and furnish funds for additional equipment and general improvements and other corporate purposes.

Security.—Direct obligation of company and further secured by deposit with the trustee of \$750,000 (125%) of company's 1st Lien & Ref. 6% Gold bonds, due Nov. 1 1947.

Capitalization table with columns for Authorized and Outstanding amounts for various bond types and stock.

Ref. & Unifying bonds were issued in part to acquire the Preferred stock of the Interstate Electric Corp. and are not a mortgage security. 91.05% of the Common stock and 77.73% of the Preferred stock of the Interstate Electric Co. is owned by the Commonwealth company and is deposited or in process of being deposited with the trustee under the indenture covering the 1st Lien & Ref. bonds, \$750,000 of which are deposited as collateral security for the 7% notes now offered.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended March 31 1923. Table showing Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Interest, and Balance.

—V. 117, p. 330.

Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y.—Special Master.

Judge Winslow, in the U. S. District Court July 25, appointed James G. Graham special master to take testimony in suit instituted by the company and its seven subsidiary companies to enjoin the P. S. Commission and Attorney-General of the State of New York from enforcing provisions of the Walker \$1 Gas Law. Judge Winslow directs that the special master call a preliminary hearing on July 30 to fix a date for commencement of hearings to take testimony and further directs that these hearings to take testimony begin on or before Sept. 28.—V. 116, p. 2998.

Consumers Power Co., Jackson, Mich.—Acquisition.—The company recently acquired the plant and system of the Citizens Electric Co., Battle Creek, Mich.—V. 116, p. 2998.

Continental Gas & Electric Corp.—Earnings (Giving Effect to New Acquisitions).

Table comparing 1923 and 1922 earnings for Continental Gas & Electric Corp., including revenue, expenses, and surplus.

Continental Motors Corp.—Obituary.

James F. Bourquin, Vice-President & General Manager, died July 1.—V. 116, p. 2642.

Corn Products Refining Co.—Earnings.

Table showing 6 months to June 30 earnings for 1923 and 1920 for Corn Products Refining Co.

x Net earnings from operation, after deducting charges for maintenance, and repairs of plant and estimated amount of excess profits tax, &c.—V. 116, p. 2888.

Damascus Brake Beam Co.—Sale.—See American Steel Foundries above.—V. 116, p. 2998.

Derby Oil & Refining Corp.—To Erect Building.—It is announced that the company will erect its own office, warehouse and distributing station in Pueblo, Colo.—V. 116, p. 2888.

(D. G.) Dery Corporation.—Plan Blocked.—Federal Judge A. N. Hand on July 26 denied a motion to permit the receivers to pay off in full all the small creditors with \$1,000 or less as proposed under a reorganization plan prepared by a committee representing a large number of creditors. This decision, it is stated, will necessitate another plan, as the court deemed it unwise to show discrimination in the matter of claims.

E. Gerli, of E. Gerli & Co., Chairman of the Creditors' Committee, authorized a statement July 25 in which he said: "The properties will not be liquidated, but the business will be reorganized and carried on as a vigorous and important factor in the silk industry. The attorneys for the creditors and the receivers will co-operate in determining upon the proper method of putting the plan into effect and all the creditors are to be treated equally."

It is stated that creditors holding 95% of the total claims had consented to the proposed plan given in V. 116, p. 2998.

(Jacob) Dold Packing Co.—Earnings. Table showing income account for six months ended June 30 1923, including operating profit, bond interest, and surplus.

—V. 116, p. 1654.

Diamond Match Co.—Semi-Annual Statement. Table showing income account for 6 months ending June 30 for 1923 and 1922, including earnings, deductions, and dividends.

General Balance Sheet. Table comparing assets and liabilities for June 30, 1923 and Dec. 31, 1922.

Continuation of the General Balance Sheet, detailing assets like plants, real estate, and liabilities like capital stock and notes payable.

z Plants, real estate, &c., \$12,193,624, less reserve for depreciation and amortization, \$3,385,025. y Includes California pine lands, stumpage, plants, &c., after deducting \$764,291 for depreciation and amortization, \$2,260,899; other Western pine lands, stumpage, plants, &c., after deducting \$980,317 for depreciation and amortization, \$2,347,021; New England and Southern timber land and stumpage, \$283,810. z To be redeemed Nov. 1 1923 at 105 and int.—V. 117, p. 211.

Dome Mines Co., Ltd.—Earnings.

Table showing results for 3 months ending June 30 and years ended March 31 for Dome Mines Co., Ltd.

Bal., sur., before divs. \$380,281. Profit and loss surplus. \$988,981. The company on July 20 last paid a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding capital stock, compared with 50 cents per share paid quarterly from July 1922 to April 1923, incl. Prior to July 1922 dividends at the rate of \$1 per annum were paid. Compare also V. 116, p. 1899.—V. 117, p. 93.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Semi-Ann. Report.

Consolidated Profit & Loss Account for Stated Periods. Table showing net sales, net income, and profit & loss on sale of real estate for 6 months ending June 30 and calendar years.

Total earnings. \$11,948,047. Deduct bond int., incl. propor. of disc. 1,407,107. Balance of income for period. \$10,540,940.

Total surplus. \$47,778,092. Deduct—Deb. stock div. (cash). \$2,009,622. Common stock div. (cash). 2,850,911. Common stock div. (stock). 31,682,600.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table comparing consolidated assets and liabilities for June 30, 1923, Dec. 31, 1922, and Dec. 31, 1921.

Total. \$263,725,808. Liabilities: Debenture stock, \$68,415,580; Common stock, \$5,060,900; Accounts and notes payable, &c., 6,579,649.

Total. \$263,725,808. Surplus. \$42,917,559. Total. \$263,725,808.

—V. 116, p. 2393.

Durant Motors, Inc.—Production, &c.

Production in June totaled 20,132 vehicles, making aggregate production from Aug. 1 1921 to June 30 last, 168,683 cars and trucks. Production of Flint sixes started at the Long Island City plant in June when 37 were turned out. July schedule calls for 800 Flint. Operations at the Flint Motors plant at Flint, Mich., will begin Sept. 15. Edwin B. Jackson has been elected V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr. of the Locomobile Co. of America, succeeding Col. E. H. Havens.—V. 116, p. 1771.

East Butte Copper Mining Co.—Status.

The company in April and May earned combined operating profits of slightly less than \$70,000. This is before depreciation and depletion and included silver revenues based on the Pittman Act of \$1 an ounce. The company's smelter is at present producing approximately 1,250,000 pounds of copper and about 80,000 ounces of silver a month. About 50% of the copper comes from its own mines, the balance from custom ores; of its monthly silver output the ratio is about 45,000 ounces from its own property and the remainder from custom ore. The company has been able to cut down costs somewhat this year. Production figure in May was 13 cents per pound, exclusive of depreciation and depletion, comparing with an average in 1922 of 14¼ cents.

The company has in cash and copper about \$1,250,000 and is sold through July, August and September on its copper at prices better than the prevailing market.—V. 116, p. 1537.

Eastern Iowa Power Co.—Guaranteed Bonds Offered.

Ames, Emerich & Co. are offering at 97½ and int., to yield about 6¾%, \$350,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6¾% Gold bonds, guaranteed, principal and interest, by Iowa Electric Co. Dated March 1 1923, due March 1 1943. Red. on 30 days' notice on or after March 1 1933 at 105 and int., less ½ of 1% for each year or fraction thereof subsequent to such date and prior to Sept. 1 1942, and thereafter at par and int. Int. payable M. & S. at Illinois Merchants Trust Co., trustee, Chicago, or at Ames, Emerich & Co., New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 c^t.

Data from Letter of A. A. Hurst, President of the Company.

Company.—An Iowa corporation, organized for the development and sale of electric power in a rich section of eastern Iowa, as part of the system of the Iowa Electric Co. Under a contract made with that company, all the power generated will be purchased by the Iowa Electric Co. and distributed through its transmission system.

Company owns available water power sites and has under construction a modern hydro-electric property, including a dam, a modern power plant and high tension transmission lines tying in with the Iowa Electric transmission system. The hydro-electric plant will have an annual capacity of 3,500,000 k.w.h. It is to be located on the south branch of the Maquoketa River, about one mile west of Maquoketa, and will supersede a reserve steam plant at that point.

The Iowa Electric system now serves 80 communities and a substantial rural territory in 15 of the richest agricultural counties in Iowa. Total estimated population in this district is more than 60,000 and the system has more than 13,500 customers, total sales of electricity approximating 12,000,000 k.w.h. per year.

Purpose.—Incidently provides that two-thirds of the cost of the development shall be obtained from proceeds of first mortgage bonds and one-third from the sale of junior securities.

Earnings.—Under the terms of the contract between the company and the Iowa Electric Co. the latter agrees to pay as an operating charge a rental which will at least equal all operating expenses of the Eastern Iowa Power Co. as well as its bond interest, maintenance and depreciation charges, and 7% on the additional investment represented by its junior securities. This rental is an operating expense of the Iowa Electric Co., preceding interest on its own bonds.

The earning power of the guarantor company is indicated by the increase in gross revenues from about \$25,000 in 1913 to \$725,826 for the 12 months ended April 30 1923; net earnings have increased proportionately, those for the year ended April 30 1923 being \$224,028, or more than 9 times the amount required to pay the annual interest charges of \$22,750 on the total amount of this authorized issue of bonds.

Eastern Leather Co.—Resignation.

Phillip L. Reed has resigned as Treasurer to accept a position of Assistant Treasurer of Armour & Co.—V. 110, p. 662.

Gardner (Mass.) Electric Light Co.—To Issue Stock.

The Massachusetts Dept. of Public Utilities has authorized the company to issue 750 shares of Common stock (par \$100) at 125; also 1,000 shares of Preferred stock (par \$100) at 83, the proceeds to be applied to the cost of additions and betterments.—V. 85, p. 1404.

Gardner Motor Co., St. Louis.—Earnings—Output.

Net earnings for the first half of 1923, it is reported, amounted to approximately \$110,000, as compared with a deficit for the same period of 1922. During the first six months of 1923 the company produced approximately 6,000 cars, compared with 9,000 for the entire year of 1922.—V. 116, p. 1900.

General Cigar Co.—Semi-annual Statement.

6 Months Ended June 30—	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings	\$4,270,823	\$3,861,478
Selling, adm. & gen. exp. (incl. Fed. taxes)	3,138,952	2,876,777
Operating income	\$1,131,871	\$984,701
Other income	78,885	89,061
Gross income	\$1,210,756	\$1,073,762
Interest on loans	129,045	57,686
Balance for dividends	\$1,081,711	\$1,016,076
Profit and loss surplus	\$4,651,554	\$8,083,530

—V. 116, p. 612.

General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.—Asst. Mgr.

B. L. Delack, formerly manufacturing engineer of the Erie (Pa.) Works, has been appointed assistant manager of the Erie Works.—V. 117, p. 330, 212.

General Motors Acceptance Corp.—Balance Sheet.

J'ne 30'23.	Dec. 31'22.	J'ne 30'23.	Dec. 31'22.		
Assets—		Liabilities—			
Cash	6,205,919	4,429,846	Capital stock	6,000,000	4,800,000
Notes rec., &c.	61,586,715	46,245,645	Surplus	2,443,147	1,509,257
For. bills of exch.	4,892,205	2,685,776	Notes payable	57,640,195	43,517,620
Acc'ts receivable	479,622	422,943	For. bills of exch. discounted	4,648,462	2,442,154
Int. earned not rec.	3,239	2,293	Accounts payable	248,970	193,542
Office fur. & equip.	351,249	319,376	Cash & secs. pledged by for't cust'ers (see contra)	210,864	192,283
less deprecia'tion	6,000	6,000	Int. &c., received in advance	1,712,388	1,117,984
Investments	210,864	192,283	Reserves	1,328,972	872,959
Cash & secs. pledged by for. cust'ers (see contra)	497,185	341,636			
Deferred charges					
Total	74,233,002	54,645,800	Total	74,233,002	54,645,800

—V. 116, p. 1900.

General Petroleum Corporation.—Oil Contract.

See Atlantic Refining Co. above.—V. 116, p. 3000.

General Railway Signal Co.—Semi-Annual Report.

George D. Morgan, V.-Pres. & Treas., in a letter to the stockholders says:

We have at this time on hand unfulfilled contracts and orders for railway signaling aggregating \$1,200,000. We are being called upon to submit tenders upon a very substantial amount of work, which we are given to understand will be ordered by the railways within the near future. Such includes block signaling and interlocking, also automatic train-control, to be installed under the order of I.-S. C. Commission on 49 important railroads. Accordingly, we are enjoying a greater activity in our business than at any time since the unprecedented depression following the Federal control of our railroads, incident to the World War.

Income Account for Six Months Ended June 30.

Gross income, \$747,936; expenses, &c., \$438,202; net income	\$309,734
Interest, &c., \$55,929; taxes, \$8,468	64,397
Preferred dividends	60,000
Balance, surplus	\$185,337
Profit and loss surplus	755,169

—V. 117, p. 212.

Gimbel Brothers, Inc.—Listing.

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$18,000,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock, par \$100 (the total authorized issue), and 600,000 shares of Common stock, no par value (the total authorized issue). Transfer agents, Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. City, and the Merchants Loan & Trust Co., Chicago, Ill. Registrars, Central Union Trust Co., N. Y. City, and the Northern Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.—V. 116, p. 3000.

Globe Automatic Sprinkler Co.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 62½ cents per share on the Cumul. Partic. Class "A" stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20. See offering in V. 116, p. 2394.

Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co.

In the first six months of this year the company produced 16,000,000 pounds of copper, running somewhat ahead of the scheduled rate of 30,000,000 pounds year. It is stated that work is progressing rapidly on the company's new concentrator at Anyox, scheduled for completion about Jan. 1 1924.—V. 116, p. 2394.

(W. T.) Grant Co.—Pref. Stock Sold.—Blake Bros. & Co. and J. B. Walker & Co., Inc., have sold (subject to the right of the 7% Pref. stockholders to exchange) \$2,500,000 8% Cumulative Sinking Fund Preferred (a. & d.) stock. Redeemable all or part at \$110 and divs. Dividends payable Q.-J.

Data From Letter of President W. T. Grant, July 15.

Company.—Operates a chain of 55 department stores, located in important cities of the East, South and Midwest, selling merchandise with a retail price limit of \$1. All sales are for cash and no deliveries are made. The fundamental idea upon which the company is operated is the widespread distribution of low-priced articles of staple merchandise, which by reason of their common usage are replaced many times a year.

Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing.
8% Cumulative Preferred stock (authorized \$10,000,000)-----x\$2,500,000
Common stock (50,000 shs., no par., representing, with surplus) 2,009,957
x There is now outstanding \$1,578,700 of 7% Cumulative Participating Preferred stock, practically all of which has consented to exchange for the new 8% stock.

Purpose.—To provide working capital for opening new stores.

Earnings, &c., Years Ended Jan. 31.

	No. Stores.	Sales.	x Profits.	Surplus.
1916	23	\$3,061,689	\$244,760	\$215,022
1917	25	3,636,253	267,834	371,564
1918	30	4,510,776	278,341	458,640
1919	32	6,029,082	328,557	519,695
1920	33	7,941,688	632,099	706,696
1921	38	10,192,534	557,880	846,107
1922	45	12,728,412	651,781	1,014,671
1923.	54	15,382,631	1,010,927	1,456,045
1924 (estimated)	54	20,000,000		

x Profits after inventory adjustment and before taxes and bonuses. **Business of 1923.**—Sales for the first six calendar months of 1923 amounted to \$8,511,018, which is 42% greater than for the same period last year.

Sinking Fund.—On Mar. 1 1924 and each year thereafter the company will set aside as a sinking fund an amount equal to not less than 3% on the par value of the largest amount of Preferred stock at any time outstanding. These payments are cumulative and no dividends shall be declared or paid on the Common stock unless all prior sinking fund payments shall have been made. The sinking fund will be applied to the purchase or redemption of Preferred stock at the lowest price at which it is obtainable, but not exceeding \$110 and dividends.

Balance Sheet June 30 1923 (Before This Present Financing).

Assets—	Liabilities—	Surplus.
Cash	Notes payable	\$615,000
Accounts receivable	Accounts payable	212,496
Merchandise inventories	Accrued accounts	180,300
Insurance policies	Federal income tax, 1922	74,444
Empl's & Sundry acct's rec.	Res. for Fed. taxes, 1923	77,141
Land, buildings	Real estate mtgs. payable	75,000
Furniture and fixtures	Deferred expenses—rents	8,885
Sinking fund for Pref. stock	Preferred 7% stock	1,578,700
Alter'ns & Impts. leased stores	Common stock	150,000
Prepaid taxes, &c.	Surplus	1,912,809
Total	Total	\$4,884,778

x This item is being written off over the term of the leases.—V. 116, p. 2771.

Gray & Davis, Inc.—Sales—Earnings.

Six Months Ended June 30—	1923.	1922.
Net sales	\$2,455,338	\$1,579,582
Net profit after all charges (incl. bond interest)	269,507	133,118
Preferred dividends	30,000	—
Depreciation and extra charges	111,457	—
Balance, surplus	\$128,050	\$133,118

—V. 116, p. 2136.

Guanajuato (Mexico) Power & Elec. Co.—Earnings.

	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross earnings	\$1,477,436	\$1,407,153	\$1,324,573	\$1,131,290
Operation maintenance	845,014	793,507	711,074	580,999
Reserve for depreciation	168,687	160,539	162,052	156,222
Extraordinary expense	15,160	10,528	16,016	33,764
Mexican exchange	12,870	5,895	—	—
Taxes	26,758	33,726	28,929	22,188
Bond interest	321,075	321,489	334,997	339,777
Other income	Cr.57,641	Cr.60,750	Cr.75,129	Cr.63,040
Balance, surplus	\$147,513	\$142,719	\$146,634	\$61,381

All overdue interest on the bonds of the above companies has been paid and interest on bonds is now being paid regularly when due.—V. 115, p. 2588.

(M. A.) Hanna Co.—Listing and Earnings.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$12,000,000 7% Cumulative 1st Pref. stock, Series A, par \$100, out of a total authorized issue of \$20,000,000.

Consolidated Income Account Years Ended Dec. 31.

	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
Net income after int., &c., charges	\$2,378,184	\$5,373,450	\$496,143	\$1,608,424
Depreciation & depletion	735,534	977,900	336,979	571,369
Fed. taxes at 12½%	205,331	549,444	19,895	129,632
Net income	\$1,437,319	\$3,846,106	\$139,269	\$907,423
Add co.'s proportion of undistributed net inc. of partially owned cos. applicable to divs. on shares owned, less Fed. taxes at 12½%	1,134,491	1,100,375	loss2434,669	loss1375,105
Surplus	\$2,571,810	\$4,946,481	loss2295400	loss467,681

Consolidated Income Account for 5 Months Ended May 31 1923.

Net income after interest, &c., charges	\$993,585
Depreciation and depletion	158,429
Federal taxes	28,044
Net income	\$807,112
Add stockholding proportion of net inc. of prin. partly owned cos	Cr.119,887
Dividends paid on 1st and 2d Preferred stock	256,101
Balance, surplus	\$670,898

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of May 31 1923.

Assets—	Liabilities—	
Cash on hand & on dep.	Accounts payable	\$4,617,132
U. S. Treasury cfts	State & local taxes accr'd	123,202
Receivables	Interest accrued	43,623
Inventory	Stand. Inv. Co. 6% notes	1,750,000
Notes receivable—Miscel	Wakefield Iron Co. notes	600,000
Miscel. advances	Pitts. & East. Coal Co. (bonds)	118,000
Sinking fund (bonds)	W. & Lake Erie Coal Min- ing bonds	204,000
Investments	Miscel. reserves	388,935
Property account	General contng. reserve	500,000
Deferred assets	1st Pref. 7% stock	12,000,000
	2d Conv. Pref. 8% stock	2,594,800
	Common (no par value)	x12,000,000
Total (each side)	Surplus	4,730,861

x Authorized, 500,000 shares; issued, 282,844 shares.—V. 117, p. 331.

Hawaiian Sugar Co.—Dividend Increased.

The directors have declared a dividend of 2% on the outstanding \$3,000,000 capital stock, par \$20, payable Aug. 15, and have fixed the monthly rate for the remainder of the year at 1½%. The previous monthly rate has been 1%.—V. 112, p. 1149.

Habirshaw Electric Cable Co.—Status, &c.—The reorganization committee, Malcom D. Whitman, Chairman, has issued a letter to the creditors dated July 25, which says in substance:

The committee has received requests from various creditors for information regarding the probable financial condition of the new company, to be organized in accordance with the reorganization plan. According to the latest reports from the receivers, the claims filed against the estate are approximately as follows:

Claims.—Net amount of claim of U. S. Govt. (after deducting claims of companies against the Govt.), as to which the Govt. claims a priority over other creditors..... \$600,000
 Acknowledged debts with accrued int. to date of receivership..... 4,894,277
 Unliquidated claims allowed to date..... 514,342
 Unliquidated claims before Special Master for determination..... 463,970

Total, approximately.....\$6,472,589
 The committee is advised that the foregoing statement of claims includes only those filed against one company in each instance and does not include claims filed against one or more of the other companies based on endorsement or guaranty of the same obligation

Balance Sheet of New Company as of June 2 1923.

Based upon information obtained by the committee from the receivers, it is estimated that, after giving effect to the new financing contemplated by the plan, the balance sheet would be substantially as follows.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$724,804	Reels and lags.....	\$275,274
Notes & acc'ts rec. (less res.).....	398,657	Preferred stock.....	1,500,000
Other current assets.....	3,180	Common stock.....	3,054,141
Inventories.....	988,865		
Plant.....	2,500,000		
Reels and lags.....	213,909	Total (each side).....	\$4,829,415

Book Value for Common Stock.—On the basis of the above estimated balance sheet, the book value of the Common stock of the new company would be about \$10 per share.

Profits.—The committee is advised by the receivers that since Jan. 1 1923 the business conducted by the receivers has resulted in an average operating profit of about \$50,000 a month, exclusive of depreciation, interest on investment, &c. The committee is also advised by the receivers that a large element of the above profit was due to favorable contracts which expire Oct. 1 1923, and that since June 2 1923 a 10% reduction in the price of code wire has been established which will lessen future earnings considerably.

Rights to Subscribe.—With reference to the right to subscribe to the shares of Preferred and Common stock of the new company, as set forth in the plan, the committee advises that such right will not accrue until the plan, on due notice, has been declared operative and that the right of subscription will not expire until a date fixed by the committee. (See plan in V. 116, p. 3001; V. 117, p. 93.)

Hill Mfg. Co., Boston.—To Re-incorporate in Mass.—

The stockholders voted on July 27 to dispose of the assets of the company to a company of the same name to be incorporated in Massachusetts. The present company is a Maine corporation. Approximately 7,264 shares of its Capital stock is owned by persons who live in Massachusetts, 1,726 held in State of Maine and the balance of its stock is owned by residents of other States. The directors are of the opinion that it would be to the advantage of all stockholders to re-incorporate in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts stockholders are now required to pay an income tax to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts amounting to 6% of the divs. which they receive upon their stock. If the company were a Massachusetts corporation, their dividends would be free from this Massachusetts tax. Stockholders who reside in Maine would continue to pay upon their shares if the company were incorporated in Massachusetts precisely the same local taxes which they now pay in the cities or towns where they reside.

The new Massachusetts corporation will have the same amount of capital as the present Maine corporation, which shall take over the assets, assume the liabilities and carry on the business of the Maine corporation.

Operating Statement 12 Months Ending May 31.

	1923.	1922.
Sales.....	\$3,652,769	\$1,889,634
Inventory May 31 1923.....	403,947	260,482
Inventory May 31 1922.....	797,755	—
Total.....	\$3,258,932	\$2,150,116
Cost of manufacture.....	2,790,643	1,917,487
Depreciation.....	42,848	42,848
Net profit.....	\$425,441	\$189,780
Hill Mfg. Co. dividends.....	424	2,120
Lewiston Bleachery dividends.....	7,500	7,500
Hill Mfg. Co. stock profit.....	11,804	—
H. B. Claffin Co. stock profit.....	—	450
Tenement rents.....	1,312	5,442
Profit.....	\$446,481	\$205,293

Balance Sheet May 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real est., mach., plant, &c.....	1923. 1922.	Capital stock.....	1923. 1922.
Cash.....	\$2,224,751 \$2,015,342	Draper corp. accts.....	\$1,000,000 \$750,000
Accounts receivable.....	187,777 125,946	Unpd. bills not due.....	106,432 104,807
Inventories.....	413,217 250,398	Notes payable.....	309,989 197,276
Deferred charges.....	1,461,314 1,231,011	Res. Fed. taxes.....	1,136,000 1,189,600
Investments.....	50,949 29,265	Surplus.....	330,025 323,207
	233,000 253,860		19,559 8,372
Total.....	\$4,571,908 \$3,905,822	Total.....	\$4,571,908 \$3,905,822

In the annual report Treas. W. F. Moore says: "The capitalization of \$1,000,000 is extremely small and the directors have in mind to have a larger capital after our present construction work is completed."—V. 115, p. 1948.

Household Products, Inc.—Dividend No. 2.—

A quarterly dividend (No. 2) of 75 cents per share has been declared on the outstanding 500,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15. An initial dividend of like amount was paid May 31 last.—V. 116, p. 2643.

Hupp Motor Car Co.—Sub. Co. New Plant.—

The Detroit Auto Specialties Co., a subsidiary, has started construction on a building, 504 by 120 ft., which will more than double the present capacity and be completed about Nov. 10. The cost is estimated at \$350,000.—V. 117, p. 94.

Hygienic Ice Co., Chicago.—Par Value Changed.—

The company has changed its authorized capital stock from 25,000 shares, par \$100, to 200,000 shares, no par value. Stockholders will receive 5 shares of new stock, no par value, for each \$100 share held. Of the new stock, 75,000 shares will be retained in the treasury.

Imperial Cotton Mills Co. of Los Angeles, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—

Banks, Huntley & Co., Los Angeles, and M. H. Lewis & Co., San Francisco, are offering at 100 and int. \$500,000 1st Mtge. 7% Convertible Gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1923; due annually, June 1 1926 to 1933. Interest payable J. & D. at Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Callable on any interest date on 60 days' notice at 104 and int.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock.....	\$4,000,000	\$1,500,000
8% Preferred stock.....	1,500,000	450,000
1st Mtge. 7% Convertible bonds.....	1,000,000	500,000

Data from Letter of Pres. F. M. Douglass, Los Angeles, June 15.

Company.—Incorporated in 1922 by a group of prominent Los Angeles business men and bankers, after a careful analysis both of the demand for staple cotton goods on the Pacific Coast and of the available supply of raw materials, in close proximity, for the manufacture of cotton cloth in Los Angeles. The superior quality of cotton grown in the Imperial Valley of California, in the Salt River Valley of Arizona and in northern Mexico, together with the advantageous manufacturing conditions in Los Angeles, and the large saving in transportation costs both of raw material and finished products, give the company a material advantage over Eastern textile mills.

The Pacific Coast market consuming approximately 150,000,000 yards of cotton goods annually, insures a continuous demand for the products of the mill. Cheap electric power rates, together with unusually favorable labor and climatic conditions for the manufacture of cotton goods, materially increase the output at favorable operating costs. Company is engaged

in the spinning and weaving of long and short staple cotton into cloth such as denims, ducks, drills, osenaburgs and chambrays, all of which are staple products.

Security.—Property pledged as security consists of approximately 3 1/2 acres of land with buildings, machinery and full equipment comprising a complete manufacturing unit, including one of the most modern dye houses in the United States, located at North Main St. and Ave. 19, in the city of Los Angeles valued in excess of \$1,400,000.

Earnings.—The mill has been in operation since December 1922, and the estimated earnings for the 12 months period beginning April 1 1923 are approximately \$350,000, which is ten times the maximum interest requirements on this present issue.

The entire output of the mill is now sold several months in advance, and contracts could be obtained for a much longer period, if desired.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire purchase money obligations and to provide additional working capital.

Conversion.—Bonds may be converted at par into Common stock at \$125 per share on any interest date or upon 30 days' notice.

Management.—F. M. Douglass, Pres.; Jefferson P. Chandler, V.-Pres.; Chas. H. Fish, Treas. & Gen. Mgr.; Glenn B. Chadwick, Sec.; H. F. Bishop, A. W. Ellington, Edw. M. Fowler, F. R. Galbreath, R. B. Hardacre, Wm. Lacy, Edw. Mathie, J. H. Ramboz, W. L. Williams.

Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Earnings.—

	3 Mos.	6 Mos.
Period ended June 30—		
Gross earnings.....	\$393,219	\$904,623
Operating and administrative expenses.....	154,006	292,532
Interest and discount (net).....	Cr.2,141	Deb.3,565
Net income before Federal taxes.....	\$241,354	\$608,526

—V. 116, p. 2015.

Indiana Coke & Gas Co.—Sale of Mine.—

See Pond Creek Pocahontas Co. below.—V. 116, p. 1538.

International Salt Co.—Quarterly Report (Incl. Subs.).—

	3 Mos. end, June 30—	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Earns. after deducting all exp. except Fed. taxes.....	\$431,284	\$400,772	\$469,771	\$532,695	
Fixed chgs. & sink. fund.....	97,813	99,430	101,263	98,376	
Net earnings.....	\$333,471	\$301,342	\$368,508	\$434,319	

—V. 116, p. 1902.

International Shoe Co., St. Louis.—Shipments.—

Shipments of Friedman-Shelby Co., a branch of the International Shoe Co., were \$11,540,971 for the 7 months ending June 30 1923, compared with \$9,319,666 for the 7 months ended June 30 1922.—V. 117, p. 332.

Iowa Electric Co.—Guaranty—Earnings, &c.—

See Eastern Iowa Power Co. above.

Island Creek Coal Co.—Quarterly Report.—

Income Statement for Six Months ended June 30.

	1923.	1922.
Output (tons).....	1,278,818	2,072,638
Gross income.....	\$1,938,107	\$2,698,780
Preferred dividends.....	149,598	149,598
Common dividends.....	1,187,980	1,306,778
Surplus.....	\$23,652	\$522,051

—V. 117, p. 213.

Johnson Educator Biscuit Co.—Initial Dividend.—

An initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the Cumulative & Participating Class "A" stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 30. See also offering in V. 116, p. 3002.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—Financial Condition.—

The company reports its financial condition as of June 30 1923 as follows:
 (a) Current Assets—Cash, \$763,338; U. S. Liberty bonds and Treasury certs., \$475,000; G. R. Kinney Co. Secured 7 1/2% Notes rec. (employees), \$9,430; accts. rec., \$181,914; life insur., \$57,219; inventories, \$4,891,428

Total current assets.....	\$6,872,830
(b) Current Liabilities.—Accts. payable, \$394,939; accrued liab., \$15,955; Fed. & State income taxes (est.), \$49,000; total current liabilities.....	\$459,896

See also V. 117, p. 333.

Locust Gap Improvement Co.—Div. of 20 Cents.—

The company, a Reading Co. subsidiary, on July 26 paid a dividend of 20c. per share out of earnings for the year ended June 30 last, to holders of record July 20. The dividend for the year ended June 30 1922 was 15c. per share.—V. 81, p. 1103.

Loft, Inc. (Candy), N. Y.—Sales.—

Quarter Ending June 30—	1923.	1922.	1921.
Sales.....	\$1,527,818	\$1,605,375	\$1,479,936

—V. 116, p. 1656.

Magnolia Petroleum Co.—Acquisition.—

The company is reported to have acquired the plant and property of the Kansas-Gulf Oil Co., in the Northwest and Burkburnett fields, near Wichita Falls, Tex., for approximately \$1,250,000.—V. 116, p. 2890.

Mahoning Investment Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share, both payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 24. Extra dividends of like amount were paid March 1 and June 1 last.—V. 116, p. 2137.

Marland Oil Co.—Stock Subscriptions.—

President E. W. Marland states that as a result of the issuance of rights to subscribe to new stock the company has sold 140,261 additional shares, 89,936 to holders of rights and 50,325 to holders of bond warrants. From the sale it received \$3,612,415 cash and will receive \$1,998,025 additional Sept. 1 from the holders of rights who deferred part payment until then. The right to subscribe expired July 20.—V. 117, p. 213.

Massachusetts Oil Refining Co.—Plan Operative.—

A notice has been mailed to holders of certificates of deposit for the 1st 7s and Collateral Trust 7s by the protective committee notifying them that the plan of reorganization under which the property is to be taken over by the Cities Service Refining Co. has been declared in effect. A substantial majority of the holders of certificates of deposit have assented to the plan and will receive the cash and securities to which they are entitled thereunder on or about Sept. 15, on presentation of certificates of deposit to the First National Bank, Boston, depository, for exchange. Security holders who have dissented from the plan will on the same date receive the amount of cash to which they are entitled as a result of the foreclosure sale, less properly deductible charges and expenses of the committee. See plan in V. 116, p. 3004.

Metropolitan 5-50 Cent Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

Month of—	June 1923.	May 1923.	June 1922.	May 1922.
Sales.....	\$581,158	\$574,149	\$462,040	\$456,899

—V. 116, p. 2890, 1904.

Michigan Sugar Co., Saginaw, Mich.—Earnings.—

Net operating profit for the year ended June 30 1923, before dividends, amounted to \$505,455, compared with a deficit of \$1,092,597 for the previous year. Total profit and loss surplus June 30 1923 was \$2,405,077.—V. 115, p. 984.

Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co.—Agreement Terminated.—

The plan in respect of the modifications of the trust indenture under which the 20-Year 5% Conv. Sinking Fund Gold bonds were issued having been consummated, notice is given that the proxy committee agreement, dated Jan. 15 1923 has been terminated. Holders of receipts issued under the proxy committee agreement who have not yet surrendered their receipts to the depository should do so and receive bonds stamped with the unconditional guaranty of principal, interest and sinking fund payments by

Bethlehem Steel Corp. Guaranty Trust Co. of New York will continue to receive deposits of bonds for the purpose of having stamped thereon such unconditional guaranty of Bethlehem Steel Corp.—V. 116, p. 2890.

Minneapolis Gas Light Co.—Gas Rates Cut.—

Receivers A. T. Rand and C. T. Jaffray announce that gas rates in Minneapolis will be reduced 4 cents per 1,000 cu. ft. beginning Sept. 1. The new rate will be \$1.01 for a period of four months. This will effect a total saving of about \$45,000 to the 102,000 gas consumers in the city during the four month period. The City of Minneapolis receives gas for 13 cents per 1,000 cu. ft. less than general consumers; the new rate to the municipality will be 88 cents.—V. 116, p. 2521.

Montana Power Co.—Earnings (Incl. Subsidiary Cos.).—

Results for Three and Six Months Ended June 30.

	1923—3 Mos.—1922.	1923—6 Mos.—1922.
Earnings.....	\$2,031,594	\$1,751,884
Oper. exp. & taxes, incl. Federal income tax.....	757,051	682,618
Net earnings.....	\$1,274,543	\$1,069,266
Interest & bond discount.....	437,071	445,218
Surplus.....	\$837,471	\$624,048

1923—6 Mos.—1922. 1,362,058 1,887,323 1,235,282

Moroso Holding Co., Inc.—Receiver Appointed.—

In a creditor's suit brought against this company, a Delaware corporation, and owner of the capital stock of the Moroso Theatre Co. and the Moroso Productions Co., Judge Winslow in the Federal District Court on July 23 appointed John Martin Riehl as receiver.

Munsingwear, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.—Initial Div.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 75c. per share on the outstanding capital stock, no par value, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 20. See also offering in V. 116, p. 2138.

(J. W.) Murray Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—

Net profits of the company and its subsidiary, after bond interest, depreciation and Federal taxes, for first six months of 1923 were \$828,294. After dividend requirements on \$412,000 8% Preferred stock, there remained \$811,814, or \$4.82 a share on the outstanding 168,300 shares of Common stock, par \$10.

Combined sales for the six months were \$6,778,283. Plans are under way for the establishment of a Pacific Coast plant at Oakland, Calif. The land has been purchased and a building to cost approximately \$250,000 is expected to be completed by Jan. 1.—V. 117, p. 96.

National Acme Co.—Sales—Earnings.—

Quarter ending June 30—

	1923.	1922.
Net sales.....	\$2,632,144	\$1,693,977
Net profits after bond interest.....	287,945	def. 37,659

New England Oil Refining Co.—Listing, &c.—

The Boston Stock Exchange on July 18 authorized for the list 74,000 shares of Preferred stock (par \$100) and share trust certificates for 751,848 shares of Common stock of no par value.

The Common stock of the New England Oil Corp. was listed on the Boston Stock Exchange on Aug. 18 1921 [and removed July 18 1923]. At that time the New England Oil Corp. owned all of the Common stock of the New England Oil Refining Co., which consisted of 75,000 shares, par \$100 each, paid for in cash. In Jan. 1922 receivers were appointed for the New England Oil Corp. and subsequently security holders evolved a plan of reorganization (V. 116, p. 523). The New England Oil Refining Co., not involved in the receivership, was used as the medium for such reorganization, its authorized capital structure being changed to meet the situation. The 74,000 shares of Preferred stock were issued in exchange for the former Common shares of the company, and the 1,251,848 shares of Common without par value were issued for cash, personal property and services. Of the 1,251,848 Common shares, however, 500,000, although issued, have been deposited with the Old Colony Trust Co. in accordance with the terms of a share purchase agreement between the company and the Old Colony Trust Co. under date of Feb. 27 1923. These shares are to satisfy the share purchase warrants which were issued to the purchasers of the \$5,000,000 Gen. Mtge. 8% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series A, the warrant entitling the holder to buy until Jan. 1 1933, at \$10 per share Common stock in the Refining Company and pay for the same in whole or part with cash or Gen. Mtge. 8% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series A, at par and accrued interest.

The New England Oil Refining Co. owns and operates a modern tide-water refinery covering approximately 50 acres at Fall River, Mass. Company also owns a terminal and storage station in New Bedford, Mass., covering about 3 acres of land, with a tide-water dock in a 25-ft channel, and has tide-water and rail terminals at Everett, Mass., and Portland, Me. Company also owns all the Capital stock of the Assonet Oil Storage Corp. of Mass. (organized in Feb. 1923 with 6,000 shares of Capital stock without par value). This company owns 215 acres of land located in deep water on the Taunton River, 3 1/2 miles above the parent company's refinery at Fall River, the parent company having lease of pipe line location connecting this land with the Fall River plant. This land is subject to a mortgage in favor of the Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, for the Gen. Mtge. bonds of the refining company.

The Assonet company also owns all the 2,000 shares (par \$5) Capital stock of the New England Oil Corp., Ltd., incorp. July 11 1921 in Canada. The Assonet's ownership is subject to the pledge to the Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, for the Gen. Mtge. bonds of the refining company. The Canadian corporation controls valuable rights and equities in approximately 210,000 acres of oil concessions in the Maracaibo district of Venezuela. These concessions adjoin the holdings of the Carter Oil Co. of Venezuela and other important oil interests.

The New England Oil Refining Co. also owns the Capital stock of the New England Oil Steamship Co., incorp. Feb. 26 1923 in Del. with a capital of 2,500 shares, without par value, all issued for property. This company owns the 1st Mtge. on the Swiftsure fleet of 7 oil tankers of 11,928 (75,000 to 80,000 bbl. capacity) deadweight tons each. It also owns one small tanker, one tug and four barges, and has under long term charters, 11 large tankers (60,000 to 75,000 bbl. capacity), 3 small tankers and one tug.

New England Oil Refining Co. Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1922 (After giving effect to the sale of \$5,000,000 Gen. Mtge. bonds and issuance of new Preferred and Common stocks effective Feb. 28 1923, under plan of readjustment dated Jan. 1 1923.)

Assets—	Liabilities—
Land at appraised value.....	Ref. 7% stock.....
Refinery, equip., &c., less depreciation.....	Com. stock, no par value.....
Patent fees and expenses.....	1st Mtge. 8s, 1931.....
Cash in banks & on hand.....	Gen. Mtge. 8s, 1943.....
Cash due fr. Synd. Mgrs.....	5-yr. 7% serial gold notes.....
Trade acceptances receivable.....	Purchase money obligations.....
Accounts receivable.....	Accounts payable.....
Inventories.....	Notes payable.....
Cash (for est. Mex. taxes).....	Bank acceptances payable.....
Special cash funds.....	Accr. salaries & wages.....
Invest. in subsid. cos.....	Interest, &c.....
Prepd. & advanced exp.....	Trade acceptances payable.....
	Prov. for U. S. & Mex. tax.....
	Reserves.....
Total (each side).....\$21,722,829	\$7,400,000
	22,534,692
	4,715,000
	5,000,000
	a36,205
	120,200
	221,021
	390,933
	600,500
	155,200
	5,046
	191,967
	b352,063
x Cash for interest due March 1 1923 on 1st Mtge. 10-year 8% Gold bonds (accrued Dec. 31 1922, \$192,372; cash to be applied to reduction of liability to Tanker Syndicate, Inc., \$217,572; cash reserved for sinking fund of 1st Mtge. 10-year Gold bonds, due March 1 1923, \$250,000.	
y New England Oil Steamship, \$1,287,539; Assonet Oil Storage Co. (at appraised value), \$5,036,866.	
z Authorized, 1,500,000 shares, less reserved for corporate purposes, including issue to employees, 148,152 shares, unissued 150,000 shares; total issued, 1,201,848 shares carrying right to voting trustees against outstanding share purchase warrants carrying right to purchase share trust certificates or shares at \$10 per share until Jan. 1 1933 (proceeds to this company) 500,000 shares; outstanding (represented by share trust certificates) 701,848 shares, as called for payment July 1.	
b For repairs of tankers, \$68,106; for contingencies, \$100,000; claim of France & Canada Oil Transport Co., counterclaim approximately same amount not shown in assets, \$183,957.	

Note.—Company is guarantor of the principal of \$7,488,000 and int. at 7% per annum for the purchase of seven steel tankers over a period of 15 years from Jan. 1 1923, in equal monthly installments by the New England Oil Steamship Co.

Trade acceptances receivable discounted in the sum of \$85,274.

Suit by Kelley, Drayton & Co. for alleged breach of contract. Contract for 250 steel tank cars amounting to \$575,575 and interest, dated Dec. 12 1922, payable in installments over a period of 5 years.—V. 116, p. 1540.

New England Power Co.—Earnings.—

Results for Four Months ended June 30, 1923.

	1923—June—1922.	1923—6 Mos.—1922.
Gross revenue.....	\$1,716,537	\$1,716,537
Gross income.....	\$545,970	\$545,970
Deductions.....	\$168,184	\$168,184
Dividends.....	\$376,070	\$376,070
Surplus.....	\$1,714	\$1,714

—V. 117, p. 214.

New Madison Square Garden Corp.—Initial Div.—
An initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the Class "A" Cumul. Partic. Preference stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 31. See also offering in V. 117, p. 334, 214.

New York Dock Co.—Earnings.—

Results for Month and Six Months ending June 30.

	1923—June—1922.	1923—6 Mos.—1922.
Gross revenues.....	\$275,098	\$355,577
Expenses.....	113,345	156,496
Taxes, interest, &c.....	107,587	124,513
Net income.....	\$54,166	\$74,568

Niagara Falls Power Co.—Report.—

Results for Quar. and Six Months end. June 30 (Incl. Can. Niagara Power Co.)

	1923—3 Mos.—1922	1923—6 Mos.—1922
Total operating revenue.....	\$1,757,091	\$1,620,440
Op. exp., amort. & taxes.....	731,906	587,924
Net earnings.....	\$1,025,185	\$1,032,516
Other income (net).....	94,019	104,173
Net income.....	\$1,119,204	\$1,136,689
Interest, &c.....	529,524	548,810
Surplus income.....	\$589,680	\$587,879

North American Co.—Earnings 12 Mos. ended June 30.—

Consolidated Income Account for the 12 Mos. ended June 30 (Incl. Sub. Cos.).

	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings.....	\$67,316,885	\$43,418,179
Operating expenses and taxes.....	42,990,372	28,760,922
Net operating income.....	\$24,326,512	\$14,657,256
Other net income.....	437,884	370,941
Total income.....	\$24,764,397	\$15,028,197
Interest charges.....	7,669,144	5,213,402
Preferred dividends of subsidiaries.....	1,623,897	951,830
Minority interest.....	893,186	444,482
Preferred dividends.....	1,144,914	1,084,995
Bal. for deprec., Com. divs. and surplus.....	\$13,433,254	\$7,334,387

The number of electric customers June 30 1923 was 558,677. Electric output during the 12 months ended June 30 1923 amounted to 1,936,143,661 k. w. hours.—V. 116, p. 3004.

Northern New York Utilities, Inc.—Tenders.—

F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc., 49 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Sept. 4 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Lien & Ref. Gold bonds, Series "B" at a rate not exceeding 103 1/2 and int., the total offer not to consumer more than \$6,847.—V. 116, p. 2775.

Ohio Copper Co.—Production.—

During June the company produced 335,000 lbs. of copper at a cost slightly over 7c. a lb. This was 75,000 lbs. more than May production. During the first 5 months of this year the output of copper averaged 180,000 lbs. a month at a production cost of about 7.5c. a lb.—V. 116, p. 2776.

Ontario Steel Products Co., Ltd.—Resumes Dividends.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1% on the Common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Preferred stock, both payable Aug. 15. This is the first distribution on the Common stock since Feb. 1922, when a quarterly payment of 1% was made.—V. 116, p. 2397.

Owens Bottle Co.—Sale of Brushes.—

The company announces that for the three months to July 1 1923 close to 1,000,000 tooth brushes were sold. The company predicts that about 3,000,000 brushes will be sold during the three months to Oct. 1 1923.—V. 116, p. 2645.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings, &c.—

Vice-President A. F. Hockenbeamer says:
"Final balance of \$1,967,333 [see below] after including in operating expenses \$1,694,702 for depreciation and providing for the full 6 months dividend on the Preferred stock is equivalent to \$5 52 a share on all the Common stock outstanding on June 30 1923."

"Gross earnings in June increased \$70,519 and net after taxes and depreciation increased \$202,154; surplus after fixed charges increased \$97,188. This indicates that increased business and economies from operation of new hydro-electric development on Pit River have more than offset rate reductions made in early part of year and additional charges on new capital invested in these developments."

"Total customers connections June 30 1923 were 667,451, an increase within the year of 54,420. New customers connected in the first half of the current year were 22,041, compared with 14,062 in the same period of 1922 and 10,606 in the first half of 1921. In the first six months of 1923 electric sales increased 57,277,000 k.w.h., or 11 2-5%, and gas sales increased 706,378,000 cu. ft., or 11%."

With this large additional volume of business and with every indication that the present rate of growth will continue or probably be exceeded, the last six months of 1923 ought to show even better results than the first half of the year.

Results for Six Months Ending June 30—

	1923.	1922.
Gross earnings.....	\$19,787,193	\$19,496,446
Operating expenses, incl. taxes and depreciation.....	13,020,835	13,691,066
Net income.....	\$6,766,358	\$5,805,380
Interest and discount.....	3,245,817	2,740,072
Dividends on Preferred stock (3%).....	1,553,208	1,259,455
Balance, surplus, available for Common stock.....	\$1,967,333	\$1,805,853

Pacific Mills of Lawrence, Mass.—Earnings.—

	1923.	1922.
Six Mos. to June 30—	1923.	1921.
Net sales.....	\$25,045,282	\$11,076,339
Net profit before Fed. tax.....	2,752,485	27,384
x In 1920, after taxes and other reserves.—V. 116, p. 2265.		

Parke, Davis & Co.—New Officers, &c.—

Changes in the personnel of the administrative staff of Parke, Davis & Co. have been made recently as follows:

Treasurer N. H. F. McLeod has been elected Secretary and Treasurer Harry B. Mason has become assistant to the President. L. B. Hayward has been elected a director.—V. 116, p. 2646.

Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.—Acquisition.—

The company, it is reported, has taken over control of the Schuylkill Electric Co. See also V. 117, p. 335.

People's Gas Light & Coke Co.—Rates Cut.—

The Illinois Commerce Commission has ordered a reduction of 5 cents per 1,000 cu. ft. in gas rates in the Chicago district.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—Definitive Certificates Ready.

Definitive certificates of Common stock are now ready for delivery as the Land Title & Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa., upon surrender of the full paid stock allotment warrants.

Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.—Truck Order.—

The company has received from the city of New York an order, valued at approximately \$500,000, for 100 heavy duty dump trucks to be used by the Department of Street Cleaning.

Pierce Oil Corp.—Preferred Stockholders Elect New Board

Pursuant to a decision recently handed down by the Virginia Supreme Court (V. 116, p. 2776), the Preferred stockholders have elected a new board of directors, as follows:

W. H. Coverdale of Coverdale & Colpitts; Arthur Lehman of Lehman Bros.; Arthur Sachs of Goldman, Sachs & Co.; Duncan A. Holmes, Vice-Pres. Chase Securities Co.; Henry W. Parker of Parker & Co.; Moritz Rosenthal of Ladenburg-Thalman & Co.; Frederick Lewisohn; Alvin Undermyer; Harold B. Thorne, formerly Vice-Pres. of Pierce Oil Corp.; Clay Arthur Pierce and Eben Richards.

At a meeting of the board on July 26 W. H. Coverdale was elected Chairman, succeeding Henry Clay Pierce. The firm of Guggenheim, Undermyer & Marshall has been appointed general counsel.

Pittsburgh Utilities Corp.—Listing, &c.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,120,700 7% Cumulative Pref stock (authorized \$10,000,000), par \$10, and \$729,300 voting trust certificates for 7% Cumulative Preferred stock, with authority to add \$3,120,700 voting trust certificates on official notice of issuance in exchange for an equal par value of 7% Cumulative Preferred stock.

Corporation was organized in New York March 26 1923 and on March 27 acquired from United Railways Investment Co. 484,000 shares of Common stock of Philadelphia Co., with a reservation to United Railways Investment Co. of all dividends declared on the stock on or before May 1 1923, subject to all the terms and conditions of an agreement dated April 5 1906 between United Railways Investment Co. and the New York Trust Co. as trustee, securing an issue of the Collateral Trust 20-Year Sinking Fund 5% Gold Bonds, Pittsburgh issue, of the United Railways Investment Co., and subject also to the said bonds then issued and outstanding, and to all the provisions thereof; and on March 27 1923 it also acquired from United Railways Investment Co. an additional 8,000 shares of Common stock of Philadelphia Co., with a reservation to United Railways Investment Co. of all dividends declared on the stock on or before May 1 1923.

United Railways Investment Co. on its part agreed to retire on or before May 1 1923, or on such later date as might be consented to by Pittsburgh Utilities Corp., \$750,000 of the bonds, and to satisfy all the sinking fund requirements under which the bonds were issued and outstanding, from May 1 1923 to May 1 1925, both dates inclusive; it being within the contemplation of the agreement that there should be set apart for the purpose of tendering the same to the sinking fund \$1,250,000 of such bonds, subject to an agreement not to dispose of the same in any manner if by such disposition there should remain outstanding in the hands of the public (excluding the bonds so set apart) an excess of \$12,000,000 of such bonds.

The United Railways Investment Co. also agreed to take all action which might be required or permitted under the agreement with the New York Trust Co. dated April 5 1906, to exercise for the sole benefit of Pittsburgh Utilities Corp. all rights, privileges, powers and immunities which it possesses under the terms of the agreement as pledgor of the 484,000 shares of the Common stock of Philadelphia Co. In exchange for such transfer and covenants, Pittsburgh Utilities Corp. issued to or upon the order of United Railways Investment Co. 385,000 shares of its 7% Cumul. Pref. stock, par \$10, and 240,000 shares of Common Stock, and assumed and agreed to perform all the provisions of the agreement dated April 5 1906 between the United Railways Investment Co. and the New York Trust Co.; provided that, as between the United Railways Investment Co. and Pittsburgh Utilities Corp., the United Railways Investment Co. should perform its covenants in respect of such agreement, in default of which performance Pittsburgh Utilities Corp. is entitled to demand a rescission of the whole transaction.

Pittsburgh Utilities Corp. has agreed that United Railways Investment Co. may perform the covenants on its part to be performed with respect to the retirement of bonds on or before June 1 1923 (such bonds have been retired). United Railways Investment Co. has also anticipated the performance of its sinking fund obligation by entering into an agreement, dated May 28 1923, between itself, Pittsburgh Utilities Corp. and Ladenburg, Thalman & Co., as trustees, under which there were deposited \$1,250,000 bonds to be used by the trustees solely to be tendered to the sinking fund, and for no other purpose unless the amount of bonds outstanding in the hands of the public shall at any time be less than \$12,000,000; it being set forth in the agreement as its purpose to limit the amount of bonds in the hands of the public to \$12,000,000.

Such transaction was pursuant to a plan affecting the United Railways Investment Co. (V. 116, p. 1533, 1651, 1762), pursuant to which the stockholders of United Railways Investment Co. were given the opportunity to subscribe, on or before April 30 1923, at par, for the 7% Cumul. Pref. stock of Pittsburgh Utilities Corp. of a par value of 9% of the par value of their holdings of stock in United Railways Investment Co. A substantial number of stockholders availed themselves of their subscription rights. The balance of the outstanding Preferred stock has been sold to the public.

Capital Stock table with columns for Authorized and Outstanding amounts for 7% Cumulative Preferred stock and Common stock.

General Balance Sheet as of June 15 1923, showing Assets (Philadelphia Co. stock, Philadelphia Co. Common stock) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Collateral Trust 5% bonds, Capital surplus).

Postum Cereal Co., Inc.—Earnings (Incl. Subsidiaries).

Income Account for Six Months ended June 30 1923, showing Sales to customers, Provision for income taxes, and Net profits.

Pond Creek Pocahontas Co.—Acquisition.—

The company recently purchased from the Indiana Coke & Gas Co. its mine at Big Four, W. Va., known as the By-Products Pocahontas Co. The property is on the main line of the Norfolk & Western in McDowell County, W. Va., and contains, it is said, 5,000,000 tons of high-grade Pocahontas coal. It is a non-union district.—V. 116, p. 2139.

Public Service Co. of Northern Ill.—Rates Cut.—

See People's Gas Light & Coke Co. above.—V. 116, p. 1061.

Pyramid Pictures, Inc.—Halts Sale of Stock.—

Charging that the public had been defrauded of almost \$1,000,000 by the sale of worthless stock and that \$2,000,000 in worthless bonds were about to be issued, the Attorney-General on July 24 got an injunction closing Pyramid Pictures, Inc., a movie producing company, and Smallwood & Co., a stock selling company, both of 150 West 34th St. The injunction was issued by Supreme Court Justice Nathan Bijur, who ordered Arthur N. Smallwood, President of both companies, to appear in court July 27 to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent.

Replogle Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing Earnings for Replogle Steel Co. including Wharton & Northern RR. and Ferro Monte RR. with columns for 1st Quarter, 2d Quarter, and Total 6 Mos.

Rogers Milk Products Co., Inc., N. Y.—Receivers.—

Chester Young and Harold Clouland were appointed receivers in equity July 25 in the Federal District Court by Judge Winslow upon application of a creditor's complaint by the Seaboard National Bank, which alleges the milk company owes it \$10,000 due on notes.

Scotten-Dillon Tobacco Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% and the regular quarterly dividend of 3%, both payable Aug. 13 to holders of record Aug. 4.—V. 115, p. 2487.

Sharon Pressed Steel Co.—Sale.—

By virtue of a decree entered in the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, James McGregor, U. S. Marshal, will sell the entire property on Aug. 17 at Sharon, Pa.—V. 116, p. 1771.

Shattuck Arizona Copper Co.—Quarterly Report.—

The report for the quarter ended June 30 1923 says in part: Preparations were begun Feb. 9 1923 to reopen the mine and actual repair work was started about Feb. 20. Shipments of lead to the El Paso smelter and of silicious ore to the Douglas smelter began on March 7 and 10, respectively. The first shipment of copper ore was made to the Douglas smelter on April 1 1923 and continued at the rate of 50 tons per day until April 27, when shipments of 100 tons per day began and have continued up to date.

Table showing Production for the Second Quarter of 1923, including Dry tons mined, Dry tons treated, Pounds metal produced, etc.

Operating expense, copper — \$92,301; Oper. exp., lead and silica — 119,894; Administrative expense — 7,592. Total net, plus deprec., depl. and deferred developm't, \$96,635.

Shreveport-El Dorado Pipe Line Co., Inc.—Bonds.—

The company on Aug. 1 will pay off \$43,000 additional bonds, which will leave \$386,000 of bonds on the property. There were originally issued \$1,250,000 of bonds—\$864,000 having been paid off out of earnings. See also V. 117, p. 336.

Silver Export Association.—F. H. Brownell, First Vice-President American Smelting & Refining Co., Proposes Association.

See "Current Events" in last week's "Chronicle," p. 270.

Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co.—Earnings.—

Net earnings for the six months ended June 30 1923 were \$1,681,422, equivalent after Preferred dividends to \$14.57 per share on the outstanding 100,000 shares of Common stock, par \$100. Compare V. 116, p. 1660, 2018.

Standard Equipment Co., Cleveland.—Plant Taken Over by Timken-Detroit Axle Co.—

See Timken-Detroit Axle Co. below.—V. 117, p. 217.

Standard Oil Co. of California.—New Tanks.—

The company will erect at El Segundo one of the largest oil storage tanks in the world. It will cover 20 acres, be completely roofed over, 28 feet deep, concrete-lined and hold 3,000,000 bbls. oil.

Standard Parts Co., Cleveland.—Sale.—

The Cincinnati division of the company has been acquired by Dallas E. Winslow, who recently purchased the Paterson Motor Car Co. of Flint. The deal, it is stated, involved \$400,000. The entire equipment of the Cincinnati plant will be moved to Flint.—V. 116, p. 2647.

Staten Island (N. Y.) Edison Corp.—To Acquire Light Properties of Richmond Light & RR. in Reorganization.—

See under Richmond Light & RR. in last week's "Chronicle," p. 326.

Studebaker Corp. of America.—1924 Models.—

The company announces that the 1924 model Studebaker cars will be offered in three six-cylinder chassis models—the Big-Six, the Special-Six and the Light-Six—in twelve body types. There are no radical changes, but a number of refinements and improvements are embodied. Each line comprises four models. Except for advances announced several weeks ago, prices remain unchanged.—V. 117, p. 336, 98.

Texas Gulf Sulphur Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table showing Earnings for Texas Gulf Sulphur Co., Inc. for Quarters ending June 30 '23, Mar. 31 '23, and Total 6 Mos., including Net earnings, Dividend paid, Balance, surplus, and Surplus and reserve for depletion.

Texas Company.—Oil Contract.—The Argentine Government has awarded the company a contract for the supply of lubricating oils for the Argentine navy. The contract will run for one year and calls for any amount of the lubricants needed.—V. 117, p. 98.

Timken-Detroit Axle Co.—Acquisition of Plant of Standard Equipment Co. of Cleveland.—

The directors officially confirm the announcement of the purchase of the plant of the Standard Equipment Co. of Cleveland. The purchase of this new plant was consummated by an exchange of Timken-Detroit Axle Common stock for all outstanding Preferred and Common stock of the Standard Equipment Co. 81,000 shares of the Timken-Detroit Axle Common have been issued in exchange for the entire outstanding \$860,000 Preferred and \$626,000 Common stock of the Standard Equipment Co. A balance sheet as of April 30 1923 shows the Standard Equipment Co. has total net assets of \$1,857,264 and a net worth of \$1,042,177.

The plant is located at 106th St. and Loraine Ave., Cleveland, with excellent shipping facilities over the New York Central R.R. The plant itself is less than five years old, is of modern construction and fully equipped with new tools and machinery. The present buildings and unoccupied grounds give the Timken company a tract of approximately 21 acres.

Through the purchase of this new manufacturing unit, the Timken company has materially augmented its facilities for the production of complete passenger car axles, and has also insured for itself an additional source of supply for bevel gears, differentials and drop forgings, three extremely important items in axle construction that have heretofore proved limiting factors under stress of heavy production.

The Standard Equipment Co. will retain its identity and will operate under the same management as heretofore, with O. J. Ashman as Vice-President, and Gen. Mgr. All other executive positions in the company will be filled by the present officers of the Timken-Detroit Axle Co. The board of directors of both companies will be identical. O. J. Ashman will be elected as a member of the Timken-Detroit Axle board.—V. 117, p. 217.

Timken Roller Bearing Co.—Extra Dividend—Earnings.—An extra dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the outstanding capital stock, no par value, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share, both payable Sept. 5 to holders of record Aug. 20.

Net earnings for the six months ended June 30 1923, after all taxes and depreciation, were \$4,554,301.—V. 116, p. 2140.

Tooke Bros., Ltd.—Financial Statement.—For income account for years ended May 31 see last week's "Chronicle," page 337.

Consolidated Balance Sheet May 31.

Assets—		1923.		1922.		Liabilities—		1923.		1922.	
Ld., bldgs., mach., &c.	\$659,232		\$521,775	Preferred stock	\$985,000		\$985,000		\$650,000		\$650,000
Cash	10,036		11,762	Common stock	650,000		650,000	Bank loans	302,000		271,000
Accts. rec. (less prov. for doubtful debts)	491,010		550,740	Accts. payable	223,947		193,439	Bills payable	6,443		1,127
Bills receivable	25,668		22,084	Bond int. accrued	4,013		4,095	1st Mtge. 7% bds.	343,000		350,000
Stock of merchandise on hand	779,511		622,320	Deprec. res. acct.	105,902		74,228	Profit & loss acct.	124,821		102,572
Deferred charges	23,384		11,644								
Investments	---		136,100								
Good-will	720,035		720,035								
Discount on bonds	33,250		35,000								
Total	\$2,745,126		\$2,631,460	Total	\$2,745,126		\$2,631,460				

Note.—Contingent liability: Customers' paper under discount, \$203,920.—V. 115, p. 554; V. 117, p. 337.

Trumbull Steel Co., Youngstown, O.—Earnings.—Net earnings in April were approximately \$353,000 in May \$439,000 and in June \$480,000, making a total of approximately \$1,272,000 for the three months ended June 30, as against approximately \$750,000 for the first three months.—V. 116, p. 2893.

Truscon Steel Co.—Dividend Increased—Earnings.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 3% on the Common stock payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Sept. 5 and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the Preferred stock, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 21. On June 15 last, a disbursement of 2% was made on the Common stock. (Compare V. 116, p. 2523.)

Union Light, Heat & Power Co. of Covington, &c.—Twenty-two 1st Mtge. 7% Gold bonds, Series A, dated Feb. 14 1920, of \$1,000 each, and bonds of \$500 each and 11 of \$100 each (total \$27,600) have been called for redemption Aug. 15 at par and int. at the Union Savings Bank & Trust Co., trustee, Cincinnati, Ohio.—V. 110, p. 877.

Union Waxed & Parchment Paper Co.—Receiver's Sale.—Federal Judge Lynch, on application by George Furst, has made an order directing the sale by Charles R. McNair of Paterson, receiver of the company's property, on Aug. 30, as a going concern. The company is a subsidiary of the Hercules Paper Corp., also in receivership.—V. 72, p. 779.

United Gas Improvement Co.—Sales of Gas.—The sales of gas in Philadelphia through the company's subsidiary, the Equitable Illuminating Gas Light Co., for the three months ended June 30 1923 compare as follows:

	1923.	1922.	1921.
Sales of gas (cubic feet)	4,355,965,170	3,862,506,580	3,825,330,100

The amount due the city of Philadelphia on sales for the quarter ended June 30 1923 was \$1,135,189. The amount collected from sales of gas was \$4,540,780.—V. 117, p. 218.—V. 72, p. 779.

United Oil Producers Corp.—Interest Payment.—Payment of the current six months coupon on the 8% Guaranteed and Participating Production bonds on July 25 amounted to \$855 on \$100 bond, compared with \$8 10 in the previous half-year (V. 116, p. 306). These bonds were issued in 1921 and have eight years yet to run. In two years holders have received a total of \$34 5/8, against a guaranteed \$16, making an average return of over 17 1/2% on each \$100 par value. In the two years \$709,500 of bonds have been retired by the sinking fund.—V. 117, p. 98.

U. S. Smelting, Ref. & Mining Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1922.		1921.		Liabilities—		1922.		1921.	
Property investm't account	\$60,070,426		61,154,035	Common stock	\$17,555,888		\$17,555,888	Preferred stock	\$24,317,775		24,317,775
Imp't. options & oth. def. chgs.	1,288,432		1,832,723	Cap. stock of sub.				cos. not held	2,147,397		1,731,337
Inventories	8,439,575		10,813,648	10-year 6% notes	12,000,000		12,000,000	Bonds of sub. cos.			
Stocks & bonds	1,829,947		1,583,448	Notes payable	289,500		361,500	Accts payable	---		1,300,000
Notes rec. & loans	423,291		329,375	Accts payable, &c.	1,849,272		1,525,598	Drafts in transit	426,760		466,596
Accts. receivable	2,693,672		1,381,480	Res. for taxes, interest, &c.	1,342,415		2,114,251	Dividend declared	425,556		425,556
Cash	2,353,152		1,238,730	Profit & loss acct.	18,743,931		16,534,938				
Tot. (each side)	\$77,098,495		78,333,439	Total	\$77,098,495		78,333,439				

x Property and investment account as at Dec. 31 1921, \$74,982,443; add adjustment, \$659,322, additions during year, \$1,561,117; total \$77,202,882; deduct reserves for depreciation, depletion and amortization, \$17,132,456. Capital assets at net book values \$60,770,426. y Including \$138 scrip. z Including \$275 scrip.

The usual income account was published in V. 116, p. 1424.—V. 116, p. 3008.

Utah Securities Corp.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.
x Gross income	\$1,678,488	\$757,223	\$726,192	\$764,664
Exp., taxes & int. of Utah Secur. Corp.	218,555	229,427	180,533	156,670
Interest	295,462	491,274	496,320	496,320

Balance, surplus... \$1,164,471

x Includes undisturbed earnings of sub. cos. \$36,522

Condensed Income Account (Utah Securities Corp.) from Sept. 10 1912 to Dec. 31 1922.

Interest and dividends	\$8,579,076
Profit realized from redemption (at a discount) of \$20,838,000 Utah Securities Corp. 10-Year 6% Gold notes	1,926,664
Profit from sale of securities	1,061,432
Total	\$11,567,172
Expenses, including taxes and interest on floating debt	\$1,723,772
Interest on 10-Year 6% Gold notes	6,641,371
Commission paid on underwriting of 10-Year 6% Gold notes	631,144
Net income	\$2,570,885

Balance Sheet (Utah Securities Corp.) Dec. 31 1922.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Investments	\$3,724,368	Accounts payable	\$18,938
Cash	153,614	Capital stock	1,256,020
Accrued int. and divs. rec.	55,338	Reserves	89,351
Prepaid accounts	1,874	Surplus	2,570,885
Total	\$3,935,194	Total	\$3,935,194

x \$30,775,100 par value outstanding, issued under the laws of Virginia, for assets valued at \$1,256,020.

The Utah Securities Corp. controls the Utah Power & Light Co. through the ownership of all its outstanding 2d Preferred and Common stock, except directors' shares. Utah Power & Light Co. controls Western Colorado Power Co. through the ownership of all its issued securities and the Utah Light & Traction Co. through the ownership of all its capital stock except directors' shares.—V. 116, p. 1424.

West India Electric Co., Ltd.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 5% 20-Year 1st Mtge. bonds, dated Jan. 1 1898, will, upon presentation and surrender thereof at the office of Montreal Trust Co., Montreal, Canada, be redeemed at par and interest to July 19.—V. 116, p. 2893.

Willys Corp.—Disposes of Willys-Overland Stock.—

Federal Judge Knox, at Buffalo on July 24, awarded 739,866 shares of Willys-Overland Common held by the receiver of the Willys Corp. to Thomas H. Tracey, an attorney, representing Toledo interests, including John N. Willys, S. M. Jones and others. The Tracey bid agrees to pay the receiver \$3,000,000 and gives an agreement to pay up to \$500,000 additional in case, at final liquidation, receiver has not sufficient funds to pay all Willys Corp.'s liabilities.

The Tracey plan includes provision for participation by Willys Corp. First Preferred stockholders. The decision makes possible the return of complete Willys-Overland control to Toledo and gives Willys Corp. First Preferred stockholders the recognition for which J. N. Willys has been fighting.

The substance of the agreement which Tracey entered into with Joseph P. Cotton, counsel for the First Preferred stockholders of the Willys Corp., was that if his bid of \$3,000,000 was accepted, 169,866 shares of the stock will be delivered to Cotton free and without expense to him when Tracey receives it. Cotton is to distribute 150,000 shares ratably among the holders of First Preferred stock of the Willys Corp., when they deliver their certificates for First Preferred stock properly endorsed to the order of Cotton's committee. Tracey understands that the balance of such shares are to be used for compensation and expenses. Mr. Tracey in a letter to Joseph P. Cotton says:

"You shall submit the method in which you distribute this stock to the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and the Northern District of Ohio, Western Division, for approval. The physical certificates of the above 150,000 shares which are deliverable to you shall not, except as hereinafter provided, be marketed, nor distributed to the First Preferred stockholders direct for a period of five years from the date of such delivery to you, but you shall give them either shares in a corporation representing such stock, or certificates of interest in such reasonable manner as you and I may agree and the Courts shall approve.

"In case any considerable portion of the balance of the Common stock which I am purchasing from the receivers of the Willys Corp. is marketed by me or any one who receives stock from me, then you are also to be free to distribute or market the shares delivered to you, or any part thereof."

Stock Acquired from Willys Corp. Will Not Be Offered.—

Commenting on sale of Willys-Overland Common stock held by the receiver of Willys Corp., John N. Willys says: "Acquisition of this block of stock removes one of the biggest elements of uncertainty in the Willys-Overland situation. It means a continuance, without interruption, of present policies. The stock acquired by my associates and myself will definitely pass into investment hands as soon as formalities are complied with, and it will not be offered on the market. The policy of the company will be to hold large cash reserves until the future of the automobile market is clearly seen. Company's cash is now \$8,914,000, or more than enough to pay the \$6,000,000 notes due in December."

Referring to plant operations, Mr. Willys says: "Production for the first six months was 104,000 cars. July output will be approximately 22,000, and August 22,000."

Probable Equities for First Preferred Stockholders.—

John N. Willys says in a letter to J. P. Cotton: "If the bid of Tracey and associates is accepted, I will give the right through your committee to every individual holder who was an original investor and bought from the distribution house on the original offering, providing he still owns the stock and continues to do so when taking advantage of this, the option to acquire through me, out of the Jones and Minger stock given me at option, and subject to their carrying out their agreement to sell me the stock, one share of Overland Common at \$12 a share for each share of Willys Corporation First Preferred so held. My purpose is to afford such additional chance of recouping a part of their losses only to bona fide investors who have held on.

"The details are to be worked out before this offer is put into definite shape, but I take pleasure in giving you this statement of my purpose."

The "Wall Street Journal" says: Early winding up of affairs of Willys Corp. is in prospect. Under the bid the receiver will be given \$3,000,000 cash within 10 days after the bid has received the approval of both the New York and Ohio Federal Courts.

According to a minimum estimate by Francis G. Caffey, receiver, the equity for the \$15,000,000 1st Pref. stock is \$1,500,000, which figures \$10 a share. The last sale on the curb was at \$6. Unpaid allowed claims of the Willys Corp. slightly exceed \$3,000,000, while unadjudicated claims are \$1,227,000, making a total of \$4,227,000, not including expense for reorganization purposes. Court expenses and carrying charges, which may run up to \$1,000,000, making minimum liabilities \$5,227,000. Maximum liabilities, assuming all cases in liquidation result adversely and that interest and penalties accrue for two years, are \$8,654,000, but it is estimated by the receiver that at least \$3,000,000 may not have to be paid, or at least are certain to be reduced.

Against liabilities of \$5,227,000, the receiver holds \$2,614,000 cash. He will receive a minimum of \$3,000,000 from the sale of Willys-Overland Common and has at a conservative estimate \$1,000,000 of other securities unsold, a total of \$6,600,000, which leaves approximately \$1,500,000 as equity for the First Preferred stockholders of the Willys Corp. after all claims are satisfied.

Still further equities will accrue from the conditions under which the bid was accepted, providing participation in the Willys-Overland Common within a period of five years. Each share of Willys Corp. First Preferred under this offer will receive one share of Willys-Overland Common, with a quoted value of 7. If the improvement in the position of the Willys-Overland Co. continues, it is likely that some effort will be made by the interests who bought the block of stock from the receiver to dispose of portions of it at favorable prices, in which the First Preferred stockholders may participate with their holdings.

A second offer providing participation in the Willys-Overland Common has been advanced by John N. Willys, giving the First Preferred shareholders the right to subscribe at \$12 a share, but this applies only to the original holders of the Willys Corp. certificates.—V. 117, p. 219.

Willys-Overland Co.—Purchase of Stock Held by Willys Corp.—

See Willys Corp. above.—V. 117, p. 219.

For other Investment News, see page 453.

Reports and Documents.

THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1922.

To the Stockholders of the Michigan Central Railroad Co.:

The Board of Directors herewith submits its report for the year ended Dec. 31 1922, with statements showing the income account for the year and the financial condition of the company.

ROAD OPERATED.

The following is a comparative table of the mileage operated:

	1922 Miles	1921 Miles	Increase Miles
Main line and branches owned.....	1,184.69	1,184.69	
Line jointly owned.....	.70	.70	
Leased lines.....	577.71	577.67	.04
Lines operated under trackage rights.....	98.96	98.96	
Total road operated.....	1,862.06	1,862.02	.04

The increase in the mileage is the result of corrections in measurements.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

A general revival of business in the early part of the year continued in some industries throughout the year, but the coal strike and later the shopmen's strike caused a serious setback in the return of normal conditions affecting the railroads. Notwithstanding these unfavorable factors, an increased freight tonnage was handled by the company as compared with 1921.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AFFECTING INCOME.

Operating Income—	Year ended Dec. 31 1922.	Year ended Dec. 31 1921.	Increase (+) Decrease (—)
	\$	\$	\$
Railway operations—			
Railway operating revenues	83,426,407 27	72,911,852 36	+10,514,554 91
Railway operating expenses	59,576,357 37	52,551,944 57	+7,024,412 80
Net revenue from railway operations.....	23,850,049 90	20,359,907 79	+3,490,142 11
Percentage of expenses to revenues.....	(71.41)	(72.08)	—(.67)
Railway tax accruals.....	4,571,702 45	4,681,296 47	—109,594 02
Uncollectible railway revenues.....	13,497 68	52,834 07	—39,336 69
Railway operating income.....	19,264,849 77	15,625,777 25	+3,639,072 52
Equipment rents, net debit	716,353 02	*235,302 55	+951,655 57
Joint facility rents, net debit	482,387 46	457,809 28	+24,578 18
Net railway operating income.....	18,066,109 29	15,403,270 52	+2,662,838 77
Miscellaneous operations—			
Revenues.....	320,795 60	48,187 23	+272,608 37
Expenses and taxes.....	179,713 48	27,921 29	+151,792 19
Miscellaneous operating income.....	141,082 12	20,265 94	+120,816 18
Total operating income.....	18,207,191 41	15,423,536 46	+2,783,654 95
Non-operating income—			
Additional compensation and adjustment of standard return under contract with Director-General of Railroads for use of the company's railroad property during Federal control.....		621,873 80	—621,873 80
Miscellaneous rent income.....	360,962 81	178,304 44	+182,658 37
Miscellaneous non-operating physical property.....	4,515 29	8,314 20	—3,798 91
Dividend income.....	498,877 00	440,679 47	+58,197 53
Income from funded securities and accounts.....	110,566 14	71,310 86	+39,255 28
Income from unfunded securities and accounts.....	279,964 49	472,724 77	—192,760 28
Miscellaneous income.....	x102,609 45	x1,441,616 95	+1,339,007 50
Total non-operating income.....	1,152,276 28	351,590 59	+800,685 69
Gross income.....	19,359,467 69	15,775,127 05	+3,584,340 64
Deductions from Gross Income—			
Rent for leased roads.....	2,736,021 30	2,793,425 71	—57,404 41
Miscellaneous rents.....	2,700 17	4,493 94	—1,793 77
Miscellaneous tax accruals.....	14,015 09	12,756 68	+1,258 41
Separately operated properties—			
loss.....		896 35	—896 35
Interest on funded debt.....	3,320,967 40	3,396,968 64	—76,001 24
Interest on unfunded debt.....	408,136 11	1,849,322 88	—1,441,186 77
Amortization of discount on funded debt.....	104,753 99	68,360 99	+36,393 00
Maintenance of investment organization.....	1,633 34	273 51	+1,359 83
Miscellaneous income charges.....	*47,030 57	*76,708 27	—29,677 70
Total deductions from gross income.....	6,541,196 83	8,049,790 43	—1,508,593 60
Net income.....	12,818,270 86	7,725,336 62	+5,092,934 24
Disposition of Net Income—			
Dividends declared (14% 1922, 6% 1921).....	2,623,096 00	1,124,184 00	+1,498,912 00
Surplus for the year carried to profit and loss.....	10,195,174 86	6,601,152 62	+3,594,022 24

* Credit balance.
x Debit balance.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Balance to credit of profit and loss, Dec. 31 1921.....	\$27,110,347 23
Additions:	
Surplus for the year 1922.....	\$10,195,174 86
Unrefundable overcharges.....	4,269 75
Adjustment of retirements incident to elimination of Canada Southern Railway equipment from lessee's accounts.....	166,112 92
Federal income tax returned by United States in connection with years 1913 and 1914.....	7,893 70
Various adjustments of accounts (net).....	8,879 00
	10,382,330 23
Deductions:	
Depreciation prior to July 1 1907 on equipment retired during 1922.....	\$558,409 00
Road property abandoned and not replaced.....	100,577 21
	658,986 21
Balance to credit of profit and loss, Dec. 31 1922.....	\$36,833,691 25

REVENUES, TONNAGE AND PASSENGERS.

The total operating revenues were \$83,426,407 27, an increase of \$10,514,554 91.

Freight revenue was \$55,721,157 95, an increase of \$9,993,022 96, notwithstanding the adverse conditions affecting tonnage and the rate reduction of July 1 elsewhere referred to in this report. Total revenue tonnage increased 4,790,563 tons. There was a decrease of 744,351 tons of anthracite coal caused by the coal strike, but despite the suspension of bituminous coal traffic from certain mines during this strike, there was an increase in bituminous coal of 1,343,471 tons.

The revenue from passengers was \$19,247,622 17, a decrease of \$768,764 89. There were 24,482 more interline passengers carried than in 1921, but there was a decrease of 589,627 in local and commutation passengers. The amount of passenger traffic was somewhat affected by the coal and shopmen's strikes.

Express revenue was \$4,292,291 83, an increase of \$1,521,180 34. The express revenues of the company are based on a proportion of the net income of the American Railway Express Company. The increase over 1921 is largely attributable to the adjustment of overaccruals of certain reserves by the express company and to the operating economies instituted by it.

OPERATING EXPENSES.

The increase of \$3,657,974 56 for maintenance of equipment is due to extraordinary freight car repairs by which bad order cars were reduced approximately 50 per cent during the year; to extensive work on passenger equipment necessitated by the postponement of repairs in previous years for various causes; to increased locomotive repairs due to work deferred in 1921 on account of depression, when shops were closed for a protracted period; and to increased costs incident to the shopmen's strike.

Although a greater volume of traffic was handled in 1922 there was a decrease in nearly all of the items of expense in the transportation group, reflecting economy and efficiency in operation. An advance in the price of coal resulting from the coal miners' strike caused a substantial increase in the outlay for fuel. There was one particularly noteworthy item of decrease in this group, \$1,243,912 45, in loss and damage to freight, a reduction of approximately 60 per cent.

Reduction in wages of clerical forces and in valuation expenses are the principal items contributing to the decrease in general expenses.

RAILWAY TAX ACCRUALS, EQUIPMENT AND JOINT FACILITY RENTS.

Tables setting forth the details of these accounts will be found in another part of this report.

NON-OPERATING INCOME.

The non-operating income increased \$800,685 69. The largest change in this group is an increase of \$1,339,007 50 in miscellaneous income, mainly due to adjustments in 1921 in connection with the guaranty period, March-August 1920.

DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME.

The total deductions from income for the year decreased \$1,508,593 60. Of this \$1,441,186 77 is in the account "Interest on unfunded debt" and is largely caused by decreased accruals of interest on amounts due the United States Railroad Administration.

NET CORPORATE INCOME.

The net income of the company was \$12,818,270 86, from which there were declared dividends aggregating 14 per cent, amounting to \$2,623,096, leaving a surplus for the year of \$10,195,174 86, which was carried to the credit of profit and loss.

REDUCTIONS IN FREIGHT RATES.

Under decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, dated May 16 1922, a 10 per cent reduction in freight rates became effective on July 1. It is estimated that the effect of this order, on the basis of the freight traffic handled in the last half of 1922, was to reduce revenue by approximately \$2,339,000.

TAXES.

Taxes have been steadily increasing. They amounted to approximately \$4,571,702 in 1922 as compared with \$1,366,985 in 1912, an increase of 234.43 per cent. Taxes per mile of road operated (excluding trackage rights) were approximately \$2,678 in 1922 as compared with \$793 in 1912, an increase of more than 200 per cent.

ACCOUNT WITH RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

The company's account with the Railroad Administration for the period of Federal control is still undergoing check by the representatives of the Director-General. It is hoped that this matter will be disposed of in 1923.

CLAIM AGAINST THE UNITED STATES UPON THE GUARANTY.

The company's claim against the United States, based upon its guaranty for the period March-August 1920, has been submitted and should reach settlement in 1923.

WAGES.

In the annual report for 1921 attention was called to negotiations with employees looking to further reductions in pay and to further changes in working conditions. These negotiations failed and the matters in dispute were referred to the Railroad Labor Board. Decisions of the Board were made, effective in most cases on July 1 1922, reducing the rates of pay of several classes of employees. It is estimated that the effect of these decisions would normally have been to reduce the total wages payable by the company in 1922 by approximately \$770,000, but the shop strike more than offset any benefits from the Board's findings.

STRIKE OF SHOP CRAFT EMPLOYEES.

This company, in common with other railroad companies in the United States, was affected by the strike of the shop craft employees which became effective on July 1 and continued until a settlement was reached on September 19.

COAL STRIKE.

After failure of negotiations between coal operators and the United Mine Workers of America, a general strike of United Mine Workers took place on April 1 1922. The result was a suspension of work in the entire anthracite coal field and in all the unionized bituminous coal mines.

The Federal Government used its good offices to compose the differences between the operators and miners but without result. Finally, in the latter part of August, the operators and the United Mine Workers in joint conference agreed to resume operation of the bituminous mines upon the basis of the wages that had been effective prior to April 1, with the result that by September 1 practically all the bituminous mines were active again. Shortly afterwards the anthracite operators and United Mine Workers reached an agreement.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

During the year there were located upon the company's lines nineteen new industries which will produce additional traffic estimated at 6,000 carloads per year. Fifty-one industries already located on the company's lines increased their facilities, the estimated result of which will be an increase of about 14,800 carloads annually.

NEW ARCH BRIDGE OVER NIAGARA RIVER AT NIAGARA FALLS.

The Niagara River Bridge Company, the entire capital stock of which is owned by The Canada Southern Railway Company, is the owner of a cantilever bridge over the Niagara River at Niagara Falls, which this company operates under lease from the Canada Southern Railway Company. The bridge is thirty-nine years old and rapidly becoming obsolete. It has been decided to replace it with a double-track three-hinged steel arch bridge, with a clear span of 640 feet and a deck girder approach span of 100 feet at each end, to be erected just north of the existing bridge. The estimated cost of the project (exclusive of the easterly track approach, the design for which has not yet been determined) is \$1,797,500. This amount is divided into net capital charges of \$888,500 (\$1,034,500 chargeable to the capital account of the Niagara River Bridge Company and \$146,000 to be credited to the capital account of The Canada Southern Railway Company) and a charge to this company's operating expenses of \$909,000. The last mentioned charge will be reduced by the value of salvage recovered (estimated at \$50,000) and may be further reduced through trackage contract with the Pere Marquette Railway Company. The location of the new bridge has been approved by United States and Canadian authorities and substantial progress has been made in the preliminary work.

YARDS AT NILES, MICHIGAN.

The construction of the east-bound receiving yard at Niles was completed during the year and twelve tracks of the east-bound classification yard were constructed, in addition to which a substantial amount of grading was done upon this yard. Both yards were put into operation before the close of the year, and, upon the completion of the classification yard in 1923, modern facilities for handling business through this terminal will be provided.

PROPERTY INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Increases in the property investment accounts for the year, as shown in detail elsewhere in this report, were:

Road	\$2,000,890 78
Equipment	2,572,599 90
Improvements on leased property	109,453 33
Miscellaneous physical property	64,392 31
Total	\$4,747,336 32

CHANGES IN FUNDED DEBT.

Issue of Equipment Trust Certificates.

Under the New York Central Lines Equipment Trust of 1922 there were issued \$27,645,000 of certificates, of which this company's share is \$5,595,000.

Retirement of Notes.

The company paid during the year its 6 per cent notes, dated Dec. 23 1920, which had been given to The New York Central Railroad Company in order to provide for equipment and additions and betterments, as described in the report for 1920, as follows:

Serial notes for \$262,000 each, due Dec. 23 1922-1935	\$3,668,000
Ten-year note, due Dec. 23 1930	613,000

Five hundred and seven thousand dollars of the company's 6 per cent refunding and improvement mortgage bonds, series B, which were pledged as collateral security for the ten-year note, were returned to the company's treasury.

The changes in the funded debt of the company, in detail, were as follows:

The funded debt outstanding on Dec. 31 1921 was	\$69,530,924 97
It has been increased as follows:	
N. Y. C. Lines Equipment Trust 5% certificates of June 1 1922	5,595,000 00
	\$75,125,924 97

and has been reduced as follows:

Serial notes to the N. Y. C. RR. Co. dated Dec. 23 1920, due Dec. 23 1922 to 1935	\$3,668,000 00
Ten-year note to the N. Y. C. RR. Co. dated Dec. 23 1920, due Dec. 23 1930	613,000 00
Payments falling due during the year and on Jan. 1 1923 on the company's liability for principal installments under equipment trust agreements as follows:	
N. Y. C. Lines Trust of 1907, final installment due Nov. 1 1922	260,425 43
N. Y. C. Lines Trust of 1910, installment due Jan. 1 1923	393,960 44
N. Y. C. Lines Trust of 1912, installment due Jan. 1 1923	151,710 90
N. Y. C. Lines Trust of 1913, installment due Jan. 1 1923	262,359 54
M. C. RR. Trust of 1915, installment due Oct. 1 1922	300,000 00
M. C. RR. Trust of 1917, installment due March 1 1922	600,000 00
Equipment Trust No. 48 (1920), installment due Jan. 15 1922	346,490 00
M. C. RR. Co. proportion of N. Y. C. RR. Co. Trust of 1920, installment due April 15 1922	467,664 75
	7,063,521 06
leaving the funded debt on Dec. 31 1922	\$68,062,403 91

TERMINATION OF NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES EQUIPMENT TRUST OF 1907.

The New York Central Lines equipment trust of 1907 having expired on Nov. 1 1922 the title to the equipment was transferred by the Trustee to the several railroad companies, parties to the trust, in proportion to the amount of the cost thereof paid by each company, respectively. This company's share of the equipment so transferred from trust to railroad-owned consisted of 11 locomotives, 17 passenger-train cars, 3,439 freight-train cars and 198 work-train cars.

NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES EQUIPMENT TRUST OF 1922.

This trust was created by agreement dated June 1 1922, to which The New York Central Railroad Company, The Michigan Central Railroad Company, The Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company, The Cincinnati Northern Railroad Company, The Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Company, and The Pittsburgh McKeesport and Youghiogheny Railroad Company are parties. Under the trust \$27,645,000 of 5 per cent equipment trust certificates maturing in equal annual installments of \$1,843,000 over a period of fifteen years were issued, representing approximately 75 per cent of the cost of the equipment which was leased by the Trustee to the railroad companies. The equipment allotted to this company under the trust consists of 3,500 freight cars and 10 switching locomotives, costing \$7,471,955. The certificates are pro-rated among the railroad companies in proportion to the cost of the equipment allotted to each, this company's share being \$5,595,000.

NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES 4 1/2% EQUIPMENT TRUST OF 1922.

This trust was created by agreement dated Sept. 1 1922, to which The New York Central Railroad Company, The Michigan Central Railroad Company, and the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company are parties. Under the trust \$12,660,000 of 4 1/2 per cent equipment trust certificates maturing in equal annual installments of \$844,000 over a period of fifteen years are issuable, representing approximately 75 per cent of the cost of the equipment leased by the Trustee to the railroad companies. The equipment allotted to this company under the trust consists of 15 locomotives estimated to cost \$1,026,000. No certificates were issued during the year. When issued they are to be pro-rated among the railroad companies in proportion to the cost of the equipment allotted to each.

PENSIONS.

In the operation of the Pension Department, 84 employees were retired and placed upon the pension rolls. Of these retirements, 56 were authorized because of the attainment of seventy years of age, and 28 because of permanent physical disability. Thirty-six pensioners died during 1922. At the close of the year, 450 retired employees were carried upon the pension rolls. The total amount paid in pensions during the year was \$167,073 53.

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION.

The board records, with deep regret, the death during the year of the following:

Abraham T. Hardin, Director and Vice-President, February 21;

John Carstensen, Vice-President, April 14;

William Rockefeller, Director and member of Finance Committee, June 24.

The Board records the election or appointment of the following:

Warren S. Hayden, Director, May 4, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Hardin;

John L. Burdett, Vice-President, June 14;

John G. Walber, Vice-President, Personnel, November 1;

Alfred H. Smith, member of Finance Committee, December 13, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Rockefeller.

Appreciative acknowledgment is made to officers and employees of their loyal and efficient co-operation and service.

For the Board of Directors,

ALFRED H. SMITH, *President.*

For Comparative General Balance Sheet, &c., see Annual Reports in "Investment News" Columns.

THE CLEVELAND CINCINNATI CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY COMPANY

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1922.

To the Stockholders of the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company:

The Board of Directors herewith submits its report for the year ended Dec. 31 1922, with statements showing the income account and the financial condition of the company.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

A general revival of business in the early part of the year continued in some industries throughout the year, but the coal strike and later the shopmen's strike caused a serious setback in the return of normal conditions affecting the railroads. Notwithstanding these unfavorable factors, an increased freight tonnage was handled by the company as compared with 1921.

REDUCTIONS IN FREIGHT RATES.

Under decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, dated May 16 1922, a ten per cent reduction in freight rates became effective on July 1. It is estimated that the effect of this order, on the basis of the freight traffic handled in the last half of 1922, was to reduce revenue by approximately \$2,500,000.

TAXES.

Taxes have been steadily increasing. They amounted to approximately \$4,226,800 in 1922, as compared with \$1,317,800 in 1912, an increase of 221 per cent over 1912.

ACCOUNT WITH RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION.

The company's account with the Railroad Administration for the period of Federal control is still undergoing check by the representatives of the Director-General. It is hoped that this matter will be disposed of in 1923.

CLAIM AGAINST THE UNITED STATES UPON THE GUARANTY

The company's claim against the United States, based upon its guaranty for the period March-August 1920, has been submitted and should reach settlement in 1923.

WAGES.

In the annual report for 1921, attention was called to negotiations with employees looking to further reductions in pay and to further changes in working conditions. These negotiations failed and the matters in dispute were referred to the Railroad Labor Board. Decisions of the Board were made, effective in most cases on July 1 1922, reducing the rates of pay of several classes of employees. It is estimated that the effect of these decisions would have been to reduce the total wages payable by the company in 1922 by approximately \$760,000, but for the shop strike which more than offset any benefits from the Board's findings.

COAL STRIKE.

After failure of negotiations between coal operators and the United Mine Workers of America, a general strike of United Mine Workers took place on April 1 1922. The result was a suspension of work in the entire anthracite coal field and in all the unionized bituminous coal mines.

The Federal Government used its good offices to compose the differences between the operators and miners but without result. Finally, in the latter part of August, the operators and United Mine Workers in joint conference agreed to resume operation of the bituminous mines upon the basis of the wages that had been effective prior to April 1, with the result that by September 1 practically all the bituminous mines were active again. Shortly afterwards the anthracite operators and United Mine Workers reached an agreement.

STRIKE OF SHOP CRAFT EMPLOYEES.

This company, in common with other railroad companies in the United States, was affected by the strike of the shop craft employees which became effective on July 1 and continued until a settlement was reached on September 19.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

During the year there were located upon the company's lines 171 new industries, which will produce additional traffic estimated at 53,800 carloads per year. Twelve industries already located on the company's lines increased their facilities, the estimated result of which will be an increase of about 9,400 carloads annually.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AFFECTING INCOME.

	Year ended Dec. 31 1922. 2,409.43 Miles Operated.	Year ended Dec. 31 1921. 2,410.87 Miles Operated.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-). -1.44 Miles.
Operating Income—			
Railway operations:			
Railway oper. revenues	\$84,665,690 16	\$79,793,593 13	+\$4,872,097 03
Railway oper. expenses	64,858,313 54	64,406,122 34	+452,191 20
Net revenue from railway operations	\$19,807,376 62	\$15,387,470 79	+\$4,419,905 83
Percentage of expenses to revenues			
	(76.61)	(80.72)	(4.11)
Railway tax accruals	\$4,226,814 61	\$3,982,289 42	+\$244,525 19
Uncollectible railway revenues	10,962 98	6,475 11	+4,487 87
Railway oper. income	\$15,569,599 03	\$11,398,706 26	+\$4,170,892 77
Equipment rents, net debit	\$1,230,728 94	\$723,356 65	+\$507,372 29
Joint facility rents, net debit	591,641 10	575,057 31	+16,583 79
Net railway oper. income	\$13,747,228 99	\$10,100,292 30	+\$3,646,936 69
Miscellaneous operations:			
Revenues	\$27,954 57	\$29,703 42	-\$1,748 85
Expenses and taxes	19,703 33	25,837 75	+6,134 42
Miscellaneous operating income	\$8,251 24	\$3,865 67	+\$4,385 57
Total operating income	\$13,755,480 23	\$10,104,157 97	+\$3,651,322 26
Non-operating Income—			
Additional compensation under contract with Director-General of Railroads for use of the company's railroad property during Federal control			
	\$321,843 23	\$117,693 70	+\$204,149 53
Miscellaneous rent income	223,894 06	366,818 69	-\$142,924 63
Miscellaneous non-operating physical property	194,042 24	188,411 82	+5,630 42
Dividend income	74,105 89	112,853 90	-38,748 01
Income from funded securities	447,176 09	346,311 62	+100,864 47
Income from unfunded securities and accounts	397,031 92	325,676 98	+71,354 94
Release of premiums on funded debt	1,165 44	1,322 75	-157 31
Miscellaneous income	*26,328 89	*53,130 79	+26,801 90
Total non-oper. income	\$1,632,929 98	\$1,405,958 67	+\$226,971 31
Gross income	\$15,388,410 21	\$11,510,116 64	+\$3,878,293 57
Deductions from Gross Income—			
Rent for leased roads	\$110,990 00	\$465,283 70	-\$354,293 70
Miscellaneous rents	271,663 81	434,182 13	-162,518 32
Miscellaneous tax accruals	15,207 74	14,400 00	+807 74
Separately operated properties—loss	65,310 55	236,759 48	-171,448 93
Interest on funded debt	6,400,594 87	6,421,907 20	-21,312 33
Interest on unfunded debt	807,864 92	1,119,890 21	-312,025 29
Amortization of discount on funded debt	158,932 17	146,038 92	+12,893 25
Maintenance of investment organization	51 17	328 17	-277 00
Miscellaneous income charges	28,908 43	x258,621 67	+229,713 24
Total deductions from gross income	\$7,859,573 66	\$8,580,168 14	-\$720,594 48
Net income	\$7,528,836 55	\$2,929,948 50	+\$4,598,888 05
Disposition of Net Income—			
Dividends declared:			
On preferred stock 5% each year	\$499,925 00	\$499,925 00	
On common stock 5% (4% for 1922 and 1% declared in Dec. 1922, payable Jan. 20 1923)	2,351,435 00		+\$2,351,435 00
Sinking funds	39,175 10	37,216 79	+1,958 31
Investment in physical property	55,898 62	66,189 93	-\$10,291 31
Total appropriations of income	\$2,946,433 72	\$603,331 72	+\$2,343,102 00
Surplus for the year carried to profit and loss	\$4,582,402 83	\$2,326,616 78	+\$2,255,786 05
* Debit. x Credit.			
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.			
Balance to credit of profit and loss Dec. 31 1921			\$18,885,959 08
Adjustments:			
Surplus for the year 1922		\$4,582,402 83	
From Miami Conservancy District in connection with relocation of line between Dayton and Enon		1,126,267 37	
From others, for side tracks, &c.		216,246 06	
Accumulated unrefundable overcharges		101,374 20	
Profit on sale of land		22,092 82	
Requirement of securities below par		15,890 25	
			6,064,273 53
			\$24,950,232 61
Deductions:			
Surplus appropriated for investment in physical property		\$1,342,513 43	
Depreciation prior to July 1 1907 on equipment retired during year		332,907 21	
Road property abandoned		150,493 50	
Adjustment of sundry accounts (net)		8,472 93	
			1,834,387 07
Balance to credit of profit and loss Dec. 31 1922			\$23,115,845 54

PROPERTY INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Increases in the property investment accounts for the year, as shown in detail elsewhere in this report, were as follows:

Road	\$1,728,137 87
Equipment	6,564,836 73
Miscellaneous physical property	180,871 12
Improvements on leased property	1,411,244 33
Total	\$9,885,090 05

TERMINATION OF NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES EQUIPMENT TRUST OF 1907.

The New York Central Lines equipment trust of 1907 having expired on Nov. 1 1922 the title to the equipment was transferred by the Trustee to the several railroad companies, parties to the trust, in proportion to their respective allotments. This company's share of the equipment so transferred from trust to railroad owned consisted of 114 locomotives, 18 passenger-train cars, 1,520 freight-train cars and 94 work-train cars.

NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES EQUIPMENT TRUST OF 1922

This trust was created by agreement dated June 1 1922 to which The New York Central Railroad Company, The Michigan Central Railroad Company, The Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company, The Cincinnati Northern Railroad Company, The Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Company and The Pittsburgh McKeesport and Youghiogeny Railroad Company are parties. Under the trust \$27,645,000 of 5 per cent equipment trust certificates maturing in equal annual installments of \$1,843,000 over a period of fifteen years were issued, representing approximately 75 per cent of the cost of the equipment which was leased by the Trustee to the railroad companies. The equipment allotted to this company under the trust consists of 4,000 freight cars and 15 switching locomotives, costing \$7,523,260. The certificates are pro-rated among the railroad companies in proportion to the cost of the equipment allotted to each, this company's share being \$5,625,000.

NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES FOUR AND ONE-HALF PER CENT EQUIPMENT TRUST OF 1922.

This trust was created by agreement dated Sept. 1 1922, to which The New York Central Railroad Company, The Michigan Central Railroad Company and The Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company are parties. Under the trust \$12,660,000 of 4½ per cent equipment trust certificates maturing in equal annual installments of \$844,000 over a period of fifteen years are issuable, representing approximately 75 per cent of the cost of the equipment leased by the Trustee to the railroad companies. The equipment allotted to this company under the trust consists of sixty-five locomotives estimated to cost \$4,504,250. No certificates were issued during the year. When issued they are to be pro-rated among the railroad companies in proportion to the cost of the equipment allotted to each.

ACQUISITION OF STOCK AND GUARANTY OF BONDS OF THE CLEVELAND UNION TERMINALS COMPANY.

The company purchased during the year 19 shares of the capital stock of The Cleveland Union Terminals Company (par value \$100). The remainder of the stock of the Terminals Company is held, 68 shares by The New York Central Railroad Company, 4 shares by The New York Chicago and St. Louis Railroad Company, and 9 shares by directors of The Cleveland Union Terminals Company, each of the railroad companies having an option upon three of such directors' shares. The proprietor companies have entered into an agreement with The Cleveland Union Terminals Com-

pany to join in a joint and several guaranty of its first mortgage sinking-fund bonds, principal and interest, of which not exceeding \$60,000,000 are issuable. The first series of such bonds, series A, consisting of \$12,000,000 of fifty-year 5½ per cent bonds, were issued, guaranteed and sold to the public during 1922.

ACQUISITION OF STOCK OF THE CINCINNATI NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

During the year the company acquired 11,515 shares, par value \$1,151,500, of the capital stock of The Cincinnati Northern Railroad Company, making the total shares in that company now owned by this company 29,289, or 97.32 per cent of the total shares outstanding.

ACQUISITION OF EUROPEAN LOAN BONDS.

With additional purchases in 1922, the company's holdings of European Loan bonds at the end of the year amounted to 36,122,000 francs, equivalent at the normal rate of exchange (5.1813 francs to the dollar) to \$6,971,609 44. The total cost of these bonds was \$3,397,748 12.

EVANSVILLE INDIANAPOLIS AND TERRE HAUTE RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Evansville Indianapolis and Terre Haute Railway Company expended \$825,848 58 in 1921 and 1922 for the reconstruction of its road and additions and betterments thereto. Of this expenditure \$400,000 was provided by a loan from the United States and the remainder through advances by this company. The Evansville Company was indebted to this company at the close of the year to the extent of 1,490,866 75, for advances and unpaid traffic balances and interest on these accounts.

CENTRAL INDIANA RAILWAY

This company and The Pennsylvania Company own, in equal proportions, the capital stock of the Central Indiana Railway Company and this company is the guarantor of \$750,000 of that company's 4 per cent mortgage bonds which were sold in 1904 at 90½ per cent of par, the Pennsylvania Company being the owner of the remaining \$750,000 of such bonds.

The operation of the Central Indiana has for years resulted in large deficits which have been made good by the proprietor companies. No interest has ever been paid by that company upon its mortgage bonds, and this company has since 1904 been paying the interest upon the bonds guaranteed by it. The value of the Central Indiana to its proprietor companies has not been in any way commensurate with the financial burden, and on February 1 1922 the proprietor companies withdrew their support from the Central Indiana. Foreclosure proceedings were instituted by the Trustee of the mortgage on account of default in the payment of bond interest, the road was placed in receivership on Nov. 1 1922 and the property will doubtless be brought to judicial sale in 1923. The bonds having become due through the procedure for acceleration of maturity provided for in the mortgage, it will be necessary for this company to take up the \$750,000 of bonds guaranteed by it in protection of such guaranty and look to the property for such reimbursement as it may afford.

Appreciative acknowledgment is made to all officers and employees of their loyal and efficient co-operation and service.

For the Board of Directors,
ALFRED H. SMITH, *President.*

[For General Balance Sheet, see "Annual Reports" in Investment News Columns.]

Vanadium Corporation of America, Inc.—Earnings.—

Six Months ending June 30—	1923.	1922.	1921.
Profit after expenses	\$416,267	\$75,648	\$22,058
Other income	23,599	4,180	20,642
Total income	\$439,866	\$79,828	\$42,700
Depreciation and depletion	52,735	61,282	146,904
Net income	\$387,131	\$18,566	def. \$64,204
Profit and loss		def. 74,233	sur. 456,388

—V. 116, p. 949.

Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Co.—Earnings.—

Results for the Quarter and Six Months Ended June 30.	1923—3 Mos.	1922—3 Mos.	1923—6 Mos.	1922—6 Mos.
Net earnings	\$212,831	\$210,782	\$564,583	\$276,402
Interest, taxes, &c.	97,847	114,823	206,040	261,490
Net income	\$114,984	\$95,959	\$358,543	\$4,912

—V. 116, p. 2400.

West Penn-Monongahela Co.—Offer.—

See West Penn Co. under "Railroads" above.

Western Knitting Mills, Inc.—Rights.—

Stockholders of record July 19 were given the right to subscribe on or before July 22 to new Class "A" stock (of no par value) at \$22.50 per share, in the ratio of one share of new stock for each three shares held. The old stock will be known as Class "B" stock.—V. 116, p. 1063.

Western Union Telegraph Co.—Contract.—

A contract has been signed between the company and the Italian Submarine Cables Co. for the establishment of a direct cable communication between the United States and Italy, via the Azores.—V. 117, p. 337.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—Bookings, &c.—

Quarter Ended June 30—	1923.	1922.	Increase.
Bookings	\$47,649,129	\$32,118,924	\$15,530,205
Billings	35,094,884	25,713,707	9,381,177

Bookings for the first three weeks of July, it is stated, were over \$5,000,000 in excess of those of the first three weeks of June. Unfilled orders are approximately \$12,500,000 greater than at the beginning of the fiscal year.

The Cleveland Railway has awarded a \$400,000 contract to the company for sub-station apparatus. This is part of a \$1,000,000 improvement plan providing for the purchase of all power from the city's electric lighting company. Nine automatic substations will replace the railway company's present generating plant. The company has also received a contract from Sanderson & Porter, consulting engineers for Brooklyn City Railways, for motors and control apparatus for 100 cars. This is one of the largest

orders ever placed for street railway passenger car equipment, amounting to about \$400,000.

The company has been awarded a contract for central station generator equipment for the Union Electric Light & Power Co., of St. Louis, Mo. The equipment will cost about \$500,000. The company, it is also reported, has received orders from Japan within the last two weeks for power and electric equipment aggregating over \$1,000,000.

The company was awarded a contract on July 26 for Diesel electric propelling equipment on a new 2,200-ton tanker of the Standard Oil Co. of N. J. The ship will be built by the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co. and is the first ship of this type built for the Standard Oil Co.—V. 117, p. 337, 218.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Quarterly Report.—

Quarters ending June 30—	1923.	1922.
Sales	\$4,259,777	\$3,597,638
Cost of sales	2,748,805	2,321,490
General administrative and selling expense	570,103	300,533
Profit from operations	\$940,869	\$975,615
Miscellaneous income credits	52,003	49,449
Total income	\$992,872	\$1,025,064
Miscellaneous income charges	48,355	59,172
Net income	\$944,517	\$965,892
Net income first quarter (see V. 116, p. 1908)	790,069	468,718

Net income first six months \$1,734,586 \$1,434,610

The above represents net income before deducting reserve for depreciation, depletion and Federal income tax.

It is announced that arrangements have been made to build another refinery to be located near Casper, Wyo., on a 160-acre site purchased near the Platte River and to have a capacity of about 3,000 barrels a day. A satisfactory contract has been made for an adequate supply of high-gravity Salt Creek crude, it is stated. Work on the new plant will begin at once and it is expected to be in operation by Jan. 1 1924.

With the completion of this plant, the company will have three refineries in operation, each located in a different oil producing area, with a total refining capacity of 14,000 to 15,000 barrels a day. The company, it is stated, has an ample outlet for the products of these three plants through its 400 distributing stations in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North and South Dakota; its wholesale customers in this territory and its foreign shipments through the White Eagle export terminal at New Orleans.—V. 117, p. 219.

Wills-Sainte Claire, Inc.—Officers.—

C. Harold Wills has been elected President and A. H. Moorman, formerly of the Security Trust Co., Detroit, Treas. and Compt.—V. 117, p. 337, 219.

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 27 1923.

COFFEE on the spot in fair demand but bids are not altogether satisfactory. No. 7 Rio 10½ to 10¾c.; No. 4 Santos, 13½@14c.; fair to good Cucuta, 13¼@14½c. Futures advanced on higher Rio and Santos cables. July was noticeably strong at one time. Brazilian operators were supposed to be covering in July. The spot situation indeed has attracted much attention. It looks as though people who were expected to sell their July coffee at a premium over September of 125 points, according to the program outlined for them by the Rumor Committee, or by the shorts, have shown a disconcerting readiness to stand pat and accept delivery on their July contracts. This despite the reduced interest and carrying charges in buying September. The result for a time was that July became the rallying point for all the near months. The shorts have covered with a somewhat marked celerity. Spot, moreover, was more active early in the week and naturally stronger. On Thursday prices were on the whole steady though 54 July notices offset higher cables and reports of frosts in three districts in Sao Paulo. Rio was 25 to 325 reis higher; Santos, 100 off to 100 up. It is said that one importer here bid for 20,000 bags of Santos, but his bid was refused and 10 points higher asked. Later on the cables continued to be strong, but with the other speculative markets dull coffee was infected with some of their listlessness and gave little heed to higher Brazilian prices. To-day prices were only a shade higher in response to an advance of 200 reis in September at Rio even though July at Rio dropped 400 reis. Santos rose 100 to 175 reis. Brazilian exchange on London was 5 29-64d. and the dollar rate 40 reis higher at 9\$580. At all Sao Paulo stations the temperatures were 32 to 44 as the minimum. The closing was at a net rise for the week of 33 points on September. The failures of G. Larne & Co. and Durish & Co., both of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, were reported here. Prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial) 10½-11 | December --- 7.31@7.32 | May ----- 7.17@7.18
 September --- 8.01@8.02 | March ----- 7.20@7.22

SUGAR was dull early in the week at 5½c. for Cuba with futures dropping. Rumors of sales of Cuba at 5c. f. o. b. and also at 5c. c. & f. were afloat but they could not be confirmed. On Tuesday Cuba moved to 5¼c, though business was quiet. London was steady with a good demand for British refined. Some 15,000 bags of Cuba for late July and early August shipment sold to New Orleans at 5½c. c. & f. Later Cuban raws became very quiet but steady. But today the tone was weaker and July-early Aug. shipment sold at 5½c. to the extent of 40,000 bags with not much demand apparent. Some offerings are reported of Java, Brazil and Peru sugar. Peru was quoted at 4¾ to 4 13-16c. c. i. f. Refined was 8.35 to 8.75c. Futures closed 24 points lower on Sept. than a week ago.

Spot (unofficial) 5 1-16c | December --- 4.26@4.27 | May ----- 3.42@ no m
 September --- 4.79@4.80 | March ----- 3.36@ 3.37

LARD lower; prime western, 11.40@11.50c.; refined to Continent, 12c.; South America, 12.25c.; Brazil in kogs, 13.25c. Futures declined with Liverpool dull and depressed, hogs lower, and some increase in liquidation. At the decline the smaller packers bought to some extent. To-day prices declined slightly, ending 20 points lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	cts-11.00	10.95	10.85	10.65	10.72	10.65
September delivery	11.15	11.07	10.95	10.80	10.87	10.80
October delivery	11.22	11.17	11.02	10.92	10.97	10.90

PORK quiet; mess, \$25@\$25 50; family, nominal; short clear, \$22@\$25 50. Beef dull, mess, \$15; packet, \$14@\$14 50; family, \$16@\$17; extra India mess, \$28@\$30; No. 1 canned roast beef, \$2 35; No. 2, \$4 05; 6 lbs., \$15; pickled tongues \$55@\$65 nom. per barrel. Cut meats dull; pickled hams, 10 to 24 lbs., 14¾@18¼c.; pickled bellies,

6 to 12 lbs., 13@13½c. Butter, creamery, fresh seconds to high scoring, 36@42½c. Cheese, flats, 20@26c. Eggs, gresh gathered trade to extra fancy, 20@33c.

OILS.—Linseed fails to show any improvement. Buying is confined mostly to small quantities and consumers are taking only enough to cover their immediate wants. The tone of the market is weak. Spot carloads, \$1; tanks, 96c.; less than carloads, \$1 09; less than 5 bbls., \$1 12; boiled, tanks, \$1 03; carloads, \$1 08; 5-bbl. lots, 7½c.; spot, 5 bbls., \$1 14; refined, bbl., carlots, \$1 10; varnish type, bbls., \$1 10; doubled boiled, bbl., cars, \$1 09. However, the spot carlot price of \$1 could probably have been shaded on a firm bid. Coconut oil, Ceylon, bbls., 9@9½c. Cochin, 10¾c. Corn, crude, tanks, mills, 7½c.; spot, New York, 10½c.; refined, 100-bbl. lots, 11½c. Olive, \$1 15. Cod, domestic, 63 to 65c.; Newfoundland, 65 to 67c. Lard, strained, winter, New York, 12c.; extra, 11¼c. Spirits of turpentine, \$.98 to \$1 00. Rosin, \$5 90 to \$7 25. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 10,600 bbls., P. Crude, S. E., nominal. Prices closed as follows:

Spot --- c. 10.00@10.50 | September --- 9.67@9.68 | December --- 8.30@8.33
 July --- 10.00@ --- | October --- 8.87@8.88 | January --- 8.31@8.36
 August --- 10.10@10.22 | November --- 8.32@8.35 | February --- 8.35@8.45

PETROLEUM.—Stocks of gasoline are of very generous proportions and prices are weak. Northwestern Pennsylvania refiners early in the week announced a cut of ¼c. per gallon in the price of gasoline. Very little export business is being done. Foreign buyers are holding aloof awaiting more stabilized prices. On the 23rd inst. the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, cut tank wagon prices of gasoline 1c. per gallon in New Jersey and Maryland. This reduction was met by the Gulf Refining and Texas companies. Bunker oil is quiet tending lower. Many are looking for a 10c. cut per bbl. in the price of Grade C Bunker oil. The price of \$1 60 f. o. b. New York harbor refinery is still quoted. A reduction in Mid-Continent crude oil is also expected before very long. The heavy movement of cheap California crude into that section continues. Later in the week Pennsylvania refiners cut the bulk price of kerosene ¼c. which was attributed largely to increasing supplies and poor demand. In Boston on the 23rd inst. the price of gasoline was reduced to 23c. a gallon to the consumer, making the wholesale price 20½c. This is a decline of 1c. and is largely attributed to the increasing crude oil production in California and overburdened stocks at Eastern refineries. Late in the week the Standard Oil Co. of New York cut the price of gasoline in tank wagons to garages 1c. to 20½c. per gallon. Naptha also was reduced 1c. to 19½c. This was expected and it is even said in some quarters that a further reduction might take place before very long owing to the weakened condition of the bulk market. A feature also on the 26th inst. was the announcement by the Humble Oil & Refining Co. of a cut of 25c. per bbl. in Gulf Coastal crude oil, which is now held at \$1 25 per bbl. Grade B. was reduced 25c. to \$1. Pierce Junction Grade B. was lowered 15c. to 90c. per bbl. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, 27.15c.; U. S. Navy specifications, bulk per gallon, 13.50c.; export naptha, cargo lots, 14.50c.; 63-66 deg., 16.50c.; 66-68 deg., 18c. Kerosene in cargo lots, cases, 15.40c.; Petroleum, refined tanks, wagon to store, 14c. Motor gasoline, garages (steel on September than a week ago. Prices closed as follows: barrels), 20½c. Bulk, delivered, New York, 13¼c.

Penn. --- \$2 75	Ragland --- \$ 75	Illinois --- 1 67
Corning --- 1 60	Wooster --- 1 70	Crichton --- 1 45
Cabell --- 1 50	Lima --- 1 88	Plymouth --- 1 05
Somerset --- 1 40	Indiana --- 1 68	Mexia --- 1 00
Somerset, light --- 1 55	Princeton --- 1 67	

RUBBER at one time was slightly higher on better London cables. There was a good speculative demand, but factory buying was very small. Sellers are scarce. Smoked ribbed sheets and first latex crepe spot July and August, 27¾c.; September, 27¾c.; October-December, 28½c.; January-March, 29¾c. In London on July 23 and 24 plantation standard on the spot showed no change, closing on both days at 14¾d. In London on July 26 plantation standard on the spot was 15¼d. or an advance of ¼d. There was an increase of nine tons in London stocks last week, according to official figures, being 49,985 tons, against 49,976 tons a week ago, 71,857 a year ago, and 70,870 in 1921.

HIDES have been firmer with confirmed reports that 4,000 Colorado and 1,500 butt brand steers have just been sold at something higher than last week's prices. Country hide

were quiet, however. River Plate reported frigorifico steer hides very quiet. Recent sales included some heavy Montevideo steers at \$40, it is said, or 15½c. c. & f., 2,000 Uruguay steers at \$40 25, or 15 1-16c., and 3,000 Bovril Saladero steers to Germany at \$37 75. Bogota, 26c.; Orinoco, 16½c.; Maracaibo, 15½c. At Chicago early in the week big packer hides were active with about 25,000 light native cows selling, it is said, at 13c., a rise of ¼c. Small packer all-weight native cows and steers were reported in good demand at 12¼c. for June and 13c. for July take-off. Country hides were quiet. Some asked 13c. for strictly short-haired free of grub extremes.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have continued quiet and weak.

CHARTERS included coal from Baltimore or Hampton Roads to Rotterdam-Vlaadigen, \$2 15 August; coal from Atlantic Range to Buenos Aires, \$3 50 prompt; grain from Montreal to West Italy or the Islands, 17c., one port, prompt; grain from Gulf to Antwerp-Hamburg, 14½c. August; grain from Montreal to Mediterranean, 16½c., August; coal from Atlantic Range to Antwerp-Hamburg Range, \$2 10, August; 35,000 qrs. grain from Gulf to West Italy, 18½c. to 19c., September; coal from Atlantic Range to Stockholm, \$2 50, prompt; coal from Baltimore to Montreal, \$1 25, prompt; coal from Hampton Roads to Montreal, \$1, August; coal from Hampton Roads to Montreal, \$1, prompt; lumber from Bridgewater, N. S., to Philadelphia, \$7 50; two round trips 1,177-ton steamer in West India trade, \$1 25, prompt delivery Gulf port; ore from Huelva to North Hatteras, 10s., prompt; coal from Atlantic Range to Continent, \$2 15, August; sulphur from Sabine to Hamburg, \$2 75, Aug. 15; grain from Montreal to United Kingdom, 2s. 10½d., Aug. 15; 70,000 barrels crude oil from Texas City to New York, 33c. a barrel, prompt; gasoline from U. S. Gulf port to Hamburg-Wilhelmshaven, 27c., prompt.

TOBACCO as customarily at this time of the year has been in the main quiet, but as stocks of most descriptions are small, prices have been generally firm. Not but that there has been a fair inquiry at times for wrappers. But the actual sales have not been large. Indeed they have been but moderate at best and in most cases small. Usually the mid-summer lull is broken by a certain revival of business in August or at the latest in September, when the question of providing for the needs for fall and winter naturally engages the attention of manufacturers. Until then in the ordinary course of things trade will remain for the most part quiet.

COAL has been firmer on anthracite of late with a better western New England and Canadian demand. Egg, stove and chestnut are now quoted as high as \$13 and supplies in sight are not large. Company prices remain at \$8 to \$8 35. Retail prices are still \$13 50. Independent pea, \$6 50 to \$8 50; company price, \$3 30 to \$6 30. Bituminous, is said to be in more demand without large business. Pool 9 is, it appears, obtainable at as low as \$5, but as a rule prices are \$5 40 to \$5 65. Pool 71 down to \$2 25 mines and \$5 25 piers, but regular dealers quote \$2 50 mines and \$5 50 to \$5 75 piers.

COPPER in better demand for export, but domestic business at best is only moderate. Sales of American copper abroad during the past ten days ending Tuesday were estimated at 25,000,000 lbs. at prices ranging from 14.95 to 15c. c.i.f. European ports. England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the Scandinavian countries were the chief buyers. The purchases by Japan are said to be the first important business done by that country since last year, when its tariff against copper went into effect, and is due largely, it is reported, to a falling off in production there. Domestic business, as already intimated, has been quiet, but the price has been firm at 14¾c. Domestic consumers are closely watching the market, and from present appearances would buy considerable copper on any signs of an upward movement in prices, as their stocks are believed to be very small.

TIN advanced both here and in London. The feeling is more hopeful here owing to the expectation of a decrease in deliveries during July, which in some quarters it is estimated will total only 4,500 tons, against a monthly average of 6,300 tons. There was a better inquiry at one time. But dealers and speculators are the best buyers. Early in the week prices were up to 39½c. Advices from London were to the effect that the advance there was due largely to a better feeling in regard to the Ruhr situation. Later the price here fell with London spot quoted at 38¾@39c. Tin plate is in good demand, especially from manufacturers of food containers. Oil companies are also inquiring for much tin plate. But later tin declined in sympathy with London and heavy arrivals here. Spot was quoted at 38½c.

LEAD on the 23rd inst. was advanced \$5 per ton to 6.25c. New York, by the American Smelting & Refining Co. Outsiders, it is said, were asking premiums for prompt delivery, which naturally helped to brace prices. Lack of selling pressure has also lent a hand. As much as 6.50c. is asked, it is said, in the Middle West. Receipts at East St. Louis last week were 34,130 pigs against 32,090 in the previous week; since Jan. 1, 1,550,230 pigs against 2,379,400 last year. Shipments were 21,570 for the week against 28,880 in the previous week; shipments since Jan. 1st, 829,110 against 1,120,680 in the same time last year. On the 26th inst. lead advanced in the outside market to 6.50c. N. Y., which is \$5 per ton above the price of the leading refiner. The inquiry for large tonnage is quite active from consumers. Prompt lead is scarce.

ZINC higher with a better inquiry, partly for export. The expectation of a cut in ore prices of \$1 or \$2 has caused a better feeling in the market. And the situation abroad is reported to have improved with a better demand from British galvanizers and less production. Spot New York,

6.55@6.60c.; East St. Louis, 6.20@6.25c. Receipts at East St. Louis for the week were 58,380 slabs, against 108,390 in the previous week; since Jan. 1, 1,965,630, against 1,607,840 last year. Shipments were 50,220, against 83,200 in the previous week; since Jan. 1 they were 1,594,870, against 1,950,650 last year.

STEEL has been somewhat more active. Not that there has been sufficient activity to infuse greater strength into the market. There were no signs of forward buying. Fabricating shops are seeking business. And there has been some decline in the output of blast furnaces and steel works in the Pittsburgh and nearby district. Independent concerns in the Pittsburgh and Valley sections are averaging however, something above 80%, and it is interesting to notice that one large concern is running at 92% of its ingot capacity. Yet it is said on the other hand that stocks of steel ingots are accumulating. Semi-finished steel has weakened. Sheet bars and slabs outside the Pittsburgh and Valley districts have been quoted at as low as \$40, as against \$42 50 the contract price. Sheets on good sized orders have sold at 3.75c. for black and hot rolled flats. Some sellers, however, maintain a firm attitude. The 8-hour day with its implication of decreased output may yet strengthen their position. Steel for oil tanks is in sustained demand at Chicago. The gist of the week's news is that there has been a larger trade in some kinds of finished steel, especially plates and structural material. The only drawback from the standpoint of the maker is that the demand has not been large enough to really put new snap into prices. Railroad buying has fallen off in some directions, though there has been a better inquiry for repair work. Semi-finished steel at Youngstown has been quiet. And sheet business has latterly been light in the Pittsburgh region. It is also said that automobile works are buying on a smaller scale. One of the largest is said to have been asking the postponement of deliveries. Some of the makers of parts are now said to be working on a 75% basis. All this is something new in regard to the automobile industry. On the whole, however, the situation has been rather more cheerful.

PIG IRON has been more active it appears at Cleveland the present week on sales to the East than in any similar period for several months past, at some decline, however, in prices. That has given a filip to trade. At Chicago, and in the East as a rule prices have dropped 50c. to \$1. The South maintains a nominal quotation as a rule of \$25, but it appears that business has been done at \$24. Eastern Pennsylvania iron is openly quoted at \$25. It is even hinted that a bid of \$24 on worthwhile tonnage would not be summarily dismissed. Some of the Eastern producers are said to have been piling up stocks in the recent dullness of trade. As a matter of course that means tying up considerable sums. And to make bad worse it is insisted that prices are below the cost of production. It is said that in the Buffalo district the minimum cost is \$25 a ton. Yet even Buffalo No. 1X iron does not go above \$25. And as a rule with prices weakening, trade hesitates at least here in the East whatever may be the case in some parts of the West. The buying too, for the most part is for reasonably prompt delivery. There is no demand for distant iron.

WOOL has been quiet awaiting the fixing of spring men's wear lines by the American Woolen Co. There has been no sign of activity anywhere. Some business in New England has been done, but apparently nothing very much there either. A large lot of Australian wool was taken by a Passaic, N. J., manufacturer at approximately \$1 50, it is asserted. The same manufacturer, it appears, bought quite a large lot of camel hair and mohair noils in New York. In the East prices have been lower frequently, it appears, on sales of medium and low grade wools. At the same time there are intimations that a large Passaic, N. J., mill may close down for a time because of dullness of trade. Some eastern quotations more or less nominal, are as follows: Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces—Delaine, unwashed, 56c.; fine unwashed, 51c.; ½ blood combing, 56@57; ¾ blood combing, 55@56c. Michigan and New York fleeces: Delaine unwashed, 53@54c.; fine unwashed, 48@49c.; ½ blood unwashed, 55c.; ¾ blood unwashed, 55c.; ¼ blood unwashed, 49@50c. Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England ½ blood, 52@53c.; ¾ blood, 53@54c.; ¼ blood, 48@49c. Scoured basis: Texas fine 12 months, \$1 37@1 42; fine 8 months, \$1 25@1 30. California, northern, \$1 37@1 40; middle county, \$1 20@1 25; southern, \$1 05@1 20. Oregon eastern, No. 1 staple, \$1 40; fine and fine medium combing, \$1 25@1 35; eastern clothing, \$1 15@1 20; valley No. 1, \$1 15@1 20; territory fine staple, choice, \$1 40 to \$1 45; ½ blood combing, \$1 25@1 30; ¾ blood combing, \$1 05@1 10; ¼ blood combing, 85@90c. Pulled: Delaine, \$130 @ \$131; AA, \$1 20 to \$1 25; A supers, \$1 05@ \$1 10. Mohair, best combing, 78@83c.; best carding, 70@75c. Some think the above prices would be modified. The Boston "Commercial Bulletin" will say July 28:

The demand for wool is not essentially broader or deeper this week than it was last week, but there is a continuance of the improved tone in the market, which became noticeable a week ago, and while the initial opening of light weight goods by the American Woolen Co. has not shown any definite reaction so far as wool is concerned, it may be said that buyers of cloth and dealers in wool consider the opening as tending to stabilize conditions throughout the entire industry.

The foreign markets are generally steady, with Bradford showing a better tone on the whole. Some of the less attractive wools (of which there are not many) left in South America, are slightly easier. It is difficult to see, however, where any fundamental weakening in wool values is likely to occur abroad.

In the West the market has become considerably quieter, most transactions being on consignments, with scattering sales at 40 to 48c. for the most part in the territory section.
 Mohair moves very slowly, but prices are steadily maintained.
 The rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from Jan. 1 1923 to July 26 1923 inclusive were 85,829,000 pounds, against 71,476,000 for the same period last year. The receipts from Jan. 1 1923 to July 26 1923 inclusive were 339,770,200 pounds, against 264,893,500 pounds for the same period last year.

COTTON.

Friday Night, July 27 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 22,226 bales, against 15,202 bales last week and 20,125 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1922, 5,721,185 bales, against 6,084,471 bales for the same period of 1921, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1922 of 363,286 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	1,786	813	580	1,410	560	504	5,653
New Orleans	227	566	228	1,734	428	413	3,596
Mobile	52	---	---	150	---	---	202
Savannah	908	666	1,743	286	187	1,290	5,080
Charleston	549	42	748	156	6	123	1,624
Wilmington	201	104	193	87	62	43	690
Norfolk	---	2,141	1,592	230	598	257	4,818
Boston	15	---	51	---	---	---	66
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	---	497
Totals this week	3,738	4,332	5,135	4,053	1,841	3,127	22,226

The following tables shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1922 and stock to-night, compared with the last year:

Receipts to July 27.	1922-23.		1921-22.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug. 1 1922.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1 1921.	1923.	1922.
Galveston	5,653	2,337,203	18,152	2,541,897	24,727	80,117
Texas City	---	69,798	50	33,002	13	1,122
Houston	---	723,413	3,524	477,796	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	---	---	---	10,305	---	---
New Orleans	3,596	1,362,073	6,280	1,272,658	51,975	98,090
Gulfport	---	---	---	8,123	---	---
Mobile	202	89,659	764	161,772	802	1,387
Pensacola	---	9,245	---	3,350	---	---
Jacksonville	---	9,156	---	4,038	2,614	1,437
Savannah	5,080	448,921	2,901	757,331	16,366	54,163
Brunswick	---	28,524	435	30,543	190	1,664
Charleston	1,624	136,549	233	156,873	23,680	53,685
Georgetown	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wilmington	690	107,063	199	107,979	5,343	12,333
Norfolk	4,818	287,937	507	350,703	30,624	33,662
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	583	---	---
New York	---	9,541	---	32,129	49,904	150,889
Boston	66	76,464	226	45,060	5,307	5,985
Baltimore	497	20,697	998	60,593	500	1,092
Philadelphia	---	4,942	124	29,736	3,956	3,719
Totals	22,226	5,721,185	34,393	6,084,471	216,001	499,345

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	5,653	18,152	49,108	6,774	25,600	3,961
Houston, &c.	---	50	12,082	215	668	---
New Orleans	3,596	6,280	6,302	7,847	18,851	12,354
Mobile	202	764	1,822	1,229	1,068	412
Savannah	5,080	2,901	9,997	5,119	24,099	17,772
Brunswick	---	435	50	---	10,000	500
Charleston	1,624	233	668	71	2,362	789
Wilmington	690	199	3,138	9	674	---
Norfolk	4,818	507	4,170	2,727	2,392	548
N'port N., &c.	---	---	5	---	---	---
All others	563	4,872	1,370	2,954	1,865	656
Tot. this week	22,226	34,393	98,712	26,954	87,579	37,069
Since Aug. 1.	5,721,185	6,084,471	6,713,411	6,818,954	6,012,740	---

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 45,871 bales, of which 1,081 were to Great Britain, 3,697 to France and 41,093 to other destinations. Below are the exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1922.

Exports from—	Week ending July 27 1923. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1922 to July 27 1923. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	---	---	7,523	7,523	422,398	316,805	1,175,894	1,915,097
Houston	---	---	---	---	235,284	153,292	331,157	719,733
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,765	3,765
New Orleans	---	---	---	---	208,950	87,295	516,157	812,402
Mobile	---	---	---	---	24,375	4,945	29,779	59,099
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	75	---	600	675
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	7,985	---	1,260	9,245
Savannah	464	5,974	6,438	129,793	4,410	156,293	290,496	
Brunswick	---	---	53	53	21,365	---	7,112	28,477
Charleston	318	---	313	32,187	1,094	57,842	89,123	
Wilmington	---	---	6,300	6,300	11,600	---	53,300	98,900
Norfolk	---	146	3,176	3,322	107,080	1,904	57,567	162,551
New York	299	3,551	16,711	20,561	66,445	50,840	175,364	292,649
Boston	---	---	629	629	4,206	---	8,572	12,778
Baltimore	---	---	727	727	1,479	---	894	2,373
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	---	215	1,754	1,969
Los Angeles	---	---	---	---	12,897	1,977	3,925	18,799
San Fran.	---	---	---	---	---	200	68,912	69,112
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	---	9,632	9,632
Total	1,081	3,697	41,093	45,871	1,286,119	622,977	2,687,779	4,596,875
Total '21-'22	11,664	4,126	32,659	48,449	1,755,531	763,220	3,515,242	6,033,993
Total '20-'21	38,992	8,204	110,269	157,465	1,753,072	575,436	3,254,943	5,583,451

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 June 30 (no later returns are as yet available) the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 193,435 bales. In the corresponding period of the preceding season the exports were about 190,000 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 27 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'nt.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	500	1,500	1,700	2,550	1,200	7,450	17,277
New Orleans	89	856	1,378	3,486	502	6,311	45,664
Savannah	---	---	---	---	300	300	16,066
Charleston	---	---	---	---	---	---	23,680
Mobile	---	---	---	350	---	350	452
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	---	30,624
Other ports *	2,000	---	1,500	400	---	3,900	63,927
Total 1923	2,589	2,356	4,578	6,786	2,002	18,311	197,690
Total 1922	5,754	4,993	15,837	27,274	3,233	57,091	402,354
Total 1921	13,353	9,179	38,534	56,910	3,800	121,776	1,226,160

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery early in the week was fairly active, but latterly has died down and prices with it. The decline has been very marked, considering the fact that the weather news from the Southwest has not been altogether satisfactory. It has been too hot and dry there. But on the other hand trade in goods has been dull, and if spot cotton has sold at times more freely it has been at the expense of prices. And everywhere bullish speculation seems to be in disfavor. Not in cotton alone. Cotton caught the infection from other markets if the thing may be so described. Grain markets at times have been falling, notably wheat, whatever may have been the case with other grain. At times stocks have declined and also foreign exchange. The Ruhr trouble has not been settled. There was a report on Thursday that it had been, or at least that the Allies had made a move which looked to an ultimate settlement. That turned out to be a mistake. France and Germany, it is true, opened the frontier between the Ruhr and other parts of Germany at midnight on July 25. But it was merely an ending of the penalty imposed for a particular recent offense. The old tangle remains as much of a snarl as ever. Marks have been quoted at the rate of 4,000,000 to the pound sterling. And reverting to cotton in the South there have been persistent reports from Texas to the effect that the basis was easier. Cotton was quoted there, it was said, at 100 points "off" New York October. Liverpool cabled that it had received urgent offerings of cotton from Texas, and it suspected that the shippers in question had been caught with a larger amount of freight room than they could very well use unless they got other business. And Liverpool seemed little disposed to buy. Its spot sales day by day have been 4,000 bales. Its trading in futures has been small. Operators there have been watching the weather in Texas and elsewhere in the American cotton belt. Meantime they are doing very little. At times, it is true, they have been impressed with the idea that the American crop was not doing very well, especially in the Southwest. But if an advance followed there it soon disappeared. Listlessness, almost inertia, has been the rule in Liverpool rather than anything else. Small wonder, with Manchester so quiet. Its trade with India and China has been very small. On this side of the water cotton goods have been dull. In one instance a large concern offered print cloths, it is said, at 1 cent below the ordinary producing costs. And there were reports from time to time of further curtailment among the New England mills. Meanwhile exports are still light, and for the season show a very large falling off as compared with last season.

July went out on Wednesday at 23.45c. At one time during the day it was down 140 points, as compared with the previous closing. The issuance of notices was estimated at some 15,000 bales. That may have been a couple of thousand bales too large. One estimate was 13,000 bales. But after these had ceased to circulate July quickly rallied and closed at only a very small, or in other words a 15-point, decline from the last price of the previous day, Tuesday. It was expected that as soon as July was out of the way prices would advance. And for a time on Wednesday they did. But the next day came a reaction. The old apathy returned here and abroad. Wheat and stocks were down early in the day. Liverpool cables, as already intimated, gave no stimulus to business here. According to a rumor, the National Ginners stated the condition at 70.6, against 69.9 a month ago, suggesting a crop of 12,143,000 bales, as against the estimate a month ago of 11,412,000 bales. Various estimates have appeared recently of anywhere from 11,300,000 to 12,200,000 bales, with estimated condition of 69.9 to 71. Wall Street and uptown interests have at times sold heavily; also New Orleans and the South generally. More or less hedge selling has been done here by the Southwest. Some prominent local operators have from time to time tried the bull side, only to become discouraged and sell out, because of the indifference of the market to anything savoring of bullish news. Some of the published reports from the Carolinas and Georgia in regard to the crop have, it is true, been more favorable than recently. And some have made the point that if Texas was hot and dry that kind of weather was at least bad for the weevil. And the depression in the grain industry of this country has been emphasized. The grain farmers' buying power has been cut very sharply by the tremendous decline in the price of grain from the high stabilized prices which prevailed during the war. This is believed to have affected all kinds of trade, cotton by no means excepted.

On the other hand, what if the hot dry weather in Texas and Oklahoma continues? Some of the most favorable reports have said that while the crop looked very well in those States it now begins to need rain, in fact, good soaking rains. Complaints, too, are beginning to be heard of premature opening there. And if weevil has done no particular harm it is said that cut worms have. Organized attacks have been projected in some parts of Texas, it seems, to get rid of the leaf worm by a kind of barrage of torches, for instance. And at about this time of the year the Texas crop usually reaches its peak. The next couple of weeks may decide its fate. In any case in the ordinary course of things there is apt to be a deterioration in August. The 10-year average condition for July 25 is 72.4, against 76 on June 25 and the 10-year average on August 25, which is now more to the point, is 63.5%, against 72.4% for July 25, a decline of nearly 10 points. One private report the other day said that the Texas condition within a month had declined some 3 points. Some idea of the heat in that State may be gathered from the fact that in Wednesday's official sheets 26 stations out of 43 reporting stated the temperature at 100 to 109. The next day 30 stations out of some 46 reporting noted temperatures of 100 to 111. In some parts of Texas they were the highest ever known for this time of the year. Oklahoma, which on Wednesday reported from all of its 19 stations temperatures of 100 to 106, on Thursday stated that the same stations were all above 100, i. e. 104 to 109. In some other States a certain number of stations reported 100 to 105. Taking the central and eastern belt as a whole it has recently had too much rain in the estimation of many of the trade. It has been called weevil weather. On the whole the weekly report issued on Wednesday was not considered very favorable. And now it comes to this that the weather in the next couple of weeks will, it is believed, decide the size of the crop, especially in Texas and Oklahoma.

Meanwhile, now that July is out of the way, with its premium, which during much of the season ranged from 3 to 6 cents per pound above the fall months, and with August the spot month on nearly the same level as October, the way is more open, some merchants hope, for a better forward business. That contention sounds reasonable enough. The July premium long barred business. And on Thursday New York shipped 12,810 bales, mostly to the Continent of Europe, but including about one-quarter of it to Japan. According to some estimates here, the New York certificated stock which is now down to 36,300 bales, as against, for instance, 71,929 on July 9, will in the first half of August drop to 10,000 bales or less. Evidently New York cotton is wanted. It is of excellent quality and relatively cheap. At the same time mills at home and abroad are carrying none too much cotton.

To-day prices to the stupefaction of many, declined 75 to 105 points, the latter on October, in the teeth of bad crop reports from parts of Texas, temperatures over most of that State of 100 to 114 and of statements that the drought in some parts is becoming serious. For all that, however, the impression was quite general that the next Bureau report will be favorable. People are not convinced that Texas and Oklahoma have suffered harm beyond the ordinary, not even as much as ordinarily. One report put the condition of the belt at 69.8%, a decline within a month of 1.4%, in contrast with the average deterioration in the same time for ten years past of 3.6%. The above report estimated the crop at 11,300,000, adding that the plant is two to four weeks late and weevil infestation heavy. A Chicago house put the condition at 70.6% and the crop 12,102,000 bales, including 4,475,000 for Texas. Some other estimates for Texas are 4,000,000. Its condition is reported at 73 to 78, the latter much higher than the generality of statements. Wall Street sold very heavily. Also the South and scattered interests. Spots were off. The basis weakened. The Ruhr news was not good. Stocks gave way. Buying power was lacking. Everybody is bearish. Some think the bear side indeed is being overdone. Prices are 210 points lower for the week on October and 142 to 171 on other months. Spot cotton ended at 22.80c. for middling, a decline for the week of 4.45 cents.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the July 26 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on August 2, 1923.

Middling fair.....	.92 on	Strict middling "yellow" tinged...	.38 off
Strict good middling.....	.69 on	Middling "yellow" tinged.....	.93 off
Good middling.....	.48 on	*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged..	1.38 off
Strict middling.....	.26 on	*Low middling "yellow" tinged..	1.90 off
Strict low middling.....	.27 off	Good middling "yellow" stained..	.66 off
Low middling.....	.69 off	*Middling "yellow" stained.....	1.71 off
*Strict good ordinary.....	1.21 off	*Good middling "blue" stained.....	.95 off
*Good ordinary.....	1.75 off	*Strict middling "blue" stained..	1.37 off
*Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged.	.40 on	*Middling "blue" stained.....	1.73 off
*Good middling "yellow" tinged..	Even		

* These ten grades are not deliverable upon future contracts.

The official quotation for Middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

July 20 to July 27—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands.....	Holiday	25.00	24.65	23.90	23.55	22.80

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

1923	22.80c.	1915	7.70c.	1907	12.90c.	1899	6.12c.
1922	21.55c.	1914	13.00c.	1906	10.90c.	1898	6.06c.
1921	12.10c.	1913	11.95c.	1905	11.05c.	1897	7.94c.
1920	40.00c.	1912	13.25c.	1904	10.70c.	1896	7.19c.
1919	35.15c.	1911	13.50c.	1903	13.50c.	1895	7.00c.
1918	28.55c.	1910	15.85c.	1902	9.06c.	1894	7.00c.
1917	25.20c.	1909	12.65c.	1901	8.12c.	1893	8.00c.
1916	13.25c.	1908	10.80c.	1900	10.00c.	1892	7.00c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 185 pts. dec.	EASY			
Monday	Quiet, 75 pts. dec.	Firm			
Tuesday	Quiet, 75 pts. dec.	Very steady			
Wednesday	Quiet, 35 pts. dec.	Easy			
Thursday	Quiet, 75 pts. dec.	Weak			
Friday	Quiet, 75 pts. dec.				
HOLI DAY					
Total					

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, July 21.	Monday, July 23.	Tuesday, July 24.	Wed'day, July 25.	Thurs'dy, July 26.	Friday, July 27.	Week.
July—							
Range	24.50-25	23.80-25	22.50-25	22.50-25			22.50-25
Closing	24.50-75	23.90					
August—							
Range	24.46-200	23.75-220	22.65-200	23.00	22.10-220	22.10-220	22.10-220
Closing	24.22	23.90	23.10	22.95	22.10		
September—							
Range	23.10-200	22.95	22.70-212		22.40-60	22.40-60	22.40-60
Closing	23.07	22.95	23.20	23.20	22.40		
October—							
Range	22.65-235	22.24-72	22.40-94	22.55-90	21.50-65	21.50-65	21.50-65
Closing	22.66-68	22.48-52	22.90-92	22.55-56	21.50-53		
November—							
Range				22.75			22.75
Closing	22.48	22.38	22.80	22.47	21.50		
December—							
Range	22.30-87	22.05-46	22.20-75	22.36-73	21.50-61	21.50-61	21.50-61
Closing	22.30-36	22.28-35	22.72-74	22.39-41	21.50-51		
January—							
Range	22.10-62	21.85-225	21.99-257	22.20-55	21.25-61	21.25-61	21.25-61
Closing	22.10-13	22.10	22.50	22.20	21.30		
February—							
Range				22.12			22.12
Closing	22.12	22.15	22.57	22.24	21.37		
March—							
Range	22.15-59	21.00-38	22.11-75	22.28-67	21.45-29	21.45-29	21.45-29
Closing	22.15-16	22.20	22.65-69	22.28-30	21.45		
April—							
Range				22.12			22.12
Closing	22.12	22.17	22.67	22.27	21.47		
May—							
Range	22.10-58	21.94-60	22.10-70	22.43-67	21.50-20	21.50-20	21.50-20
Closing	22.10	22.15	22.70	22.25	21.47		
June—							
Range							
Closing							

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THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	July 27—	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales	408,000	827,000	1,095,000	943,000
Stock at London.....		2,000	2,000	2,000	12,000
Stock at Manchester.....		46,000	62,000	90,000	133,000
Total Great Britain.....		456,000	889,000	1,187,000	1,088,000
Stock at Hamburg.....		19,000	33,000	21,000	97,000
Stock at Bremen.....		47,000	197,000	269,000	87,000
Stock at Havre.....		47,000	153,000	131,000	192,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....		4,000	10,000	10,000	—
Stock at Barcelona.....		72,000	86,000	87,000	90,000
Stock at Genoa.....		7,000	39,000	27,000	55,000
Stock at Ghent.....		15,000	8,000	36,000	20,000
Stock at Antwerp.....		3,000	1,000	—	—
Total Continental stocks.....		214,000	527,000	581,000	444,000
Total European stocks.....		670,000	1,416,000	1,768,000	1,532,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....		119,000	94,000	30,000	97,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....		90,000	171,000	337,419	146,224
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Eur'e.....		55,000	78,000	51,000	39,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....		147,000	223,000	295,000	79,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....		522,000	967,000	1,189,000	1,360,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....		216,001	499,345	1,347,936	784,713
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....		278,391	388,830	1,129,231	871,707
U. S. exports to-day.....		—	2,713	30,342	16,053
Total visible supply.....		2,097,392	3,839,888	6,148,428	4,925,697

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—		1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Liverpool stock.....	bales	136,000	473,000	685,000	631,000
Manchester stock.....		24,000	45,000	75,000	119,000
Continental stock.....		121,000	442,000	503,000	364,000
American afloat for Europe.....		90,000	171,000	337,419	146,000
U. S. port stocks.....		216,001	499,345	1,347,936	784,713
U. S. interior stocks.....		278,391	388,830	1,129,231	871,707
U. S. exports to-day.....		—	2,713	30,342	16,053
Total American.....		865,392	2,021,888	4,108,428	2,932,697
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—					
Liverpool stock.....		272,000	354,000	410,000	312,000
London stock.....		2,000	2,000	2,000	12,000
Manchester stock.....		22,000	17,000	15,000	14,000
Continental stock.....		93,000	85,000	78,000	80,000
India afloat for Europe.....		119,000	94,000	30,000	97,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat.....		55,000	78,000	51,000	39,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....		147,000	223,000	295,000	79,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....		522,000	967,000	1,189,000	1,360,000
Total East India, &c.....		1,232,000	1,818,000	2,040,000	1,993,000
Total American.....		865,392	2,021,888	4,108,428	2,932,697

Total visible supply..... 2,097,392 3,839,888 6,148,428 4,925,697
Middling uplands, Liverpool..... 14,424 13,194 7,894 26,154
Middling uplands, New York..... 22,800 21,750 12,000 40,000
Egypt, good sakel, Liverpool..... 16,704 20,254 17,504 69,504
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool..... 18,504 13,254 10,504 44,004
Broach fine, Liverpool..... 12,404 11,804 7,804 20,354
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool..... 13,354 12,704 8,304 21,604

Continental imports for past week have been 56,000 bales. The above figures for 1923 show a decrease from last week of 93,352 bales, a loss of 1,742,496 from 1922, a decline of 4,051,036 bales from 1921 and a falling off of 2,828,305 bales over 1920.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Table with columns: Towns, Movement to July 27 1923, Movement to July 28 1922. Sub-columns: Receipts (Week, Season), Shipments (Week, July 27), Stocks (July 27, 28).

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 10,580 bales and are to-night 110,439 bales less than at the same time last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night.

Table showing Overland Movement with columns: July 27—Shipped, Since Aug. 1, 1922-23, Since Aug. 1, 1921-22. Rows include Via St. Louis, Via Mounds, etc., and Total gross overland.

* Including movement by rail to Canada. k We withhold the totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow of proper adjustments at end of crop year.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 13,853 bales, against 12,087 bales for the week last year.

Table showing In Sight and Spinners' Takings with columns: Week, Since Aug. 1, 1922-23, Since Aug. 1, 1921-22. Rows include Receipts at ports to July 27, Net overland to July 27, and Total marketed.

Nor. spinners' takings to July 27... 13,361 k 24,817 k

* Decrease during week and season. a These figures are consumption; takings not available. k We withhold the totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow of proper adjustments at the end of the crop year.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.

Table titled 'Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton' with columns: Week ending July 27, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wed'day, Thurs'day, Friday. Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Norfolk, Baltimore, Augusta, Memphis, Houston, Little Rock, Dallas, Fort Worth.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing New Orleans Contract Market with columns: Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include July, August, September, October, December, January, March, May, and Options.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening denote that temperatures have been somewhat below normal in most sections of the cotton belt, with rainfall light and scattered.

Texas.—The condition of early planted cotton is fair to very good, but the state of late planted cotton is more or less spotted, depending on the extent of local rains.

Mobile.—The weather has been comparatively favorable for cotton and good progress has been made where well cultivated.

Charleston, S. C.—There have been scattered showers, but not enough to do a great deal of good.

Table titled 'Thermometer' with columns: Rain, Rainfall, high, low, mean. Rows list various locations like Galveston, Texas; Abilene; Brenham; Brownsville; Corpus Christi; Dallas; etc.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing river heights with columns: July 27 1923, July 28 1922. Rows include New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, Vicksburg.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table showing Receipts from Plantations 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 May, June, July.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1922 are 5,152,516 bales; in 1922 were 5,271,239 bales, and in 1921 were 6,981,701 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 22,226 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 11,646 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 10,580 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 1,876 bales and for 1921 they were 69,396 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1922-23 (Week, Season), 1921-22 (Week, Season). Rows include Visible supply July 20, American in sight to July 27, Bombay receipts to July 26, etc.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. b Estimated. k We withhold the totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow of proper adjustments at the end of the crop year.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table with columns: July 26 Receipts at, 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21. Rows include Bombay, Exports (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total), Total all.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 29,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 10,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 601,550 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive a weekly cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, July 26, 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21. Rows include Receipts (cantars), Exports (bales) to Liverpool, Manchester &c, 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 26 were nil cantars and the foreign shipments 9,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is quiet. Merchants are not willing to pay present prices. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns: 1922-23, 1921-22. Rows include Mar, June, July with sub-columns for 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 lbs. Shrtngs, Common to Finest, Cor'n Mid. Upl's.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Table listing shipping routes and destinations: NEW YORK, GALVESTON, SAVANNAH, WILMINGTON. Includes ship names, dates, and destinations.

Total 45,871

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table with columns: High Stand. Density, ard. Rows include Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Ghent, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa, Christiania, Stockholm, Trieste, Flume, Lisbon, Oporto, Barcelona, Japan, Shanghai, Bombay, Vladivostok, Gothenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Piraeus, Salonica.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table with columns: July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27. Rows include Sales of the week, 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 with columns: Spot, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include Market, Mid Upl's, Sales, Fu ures, Market opened, Market.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table with columns: July 21 to July 27, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Rows include New Contract, July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, July 27 1923.

Flour has been quiet, and with wheat down prices have been more or less unsettled and weak. The improvement in demand at one time last week proved to be merely a passing phase. It soon died out. The truth is that nine men out of ten have no great confidence in the stability of present prices. They fear that wheat has got to go lower and that flour just as certainly has got to decline with it. Meantime they hold aloof, as is apt to be the case with buyers when they see prices declining. Wheat advances one day and reacts the next. Latterly at one time it was stronger. There was a rally on Wednesday and that attracted some attention. But flour buyers look upon such things as merely the fluctuations of the moment. Some Southwestern centres claim that the interior has been buying more freely. They add, however, that the seaboard markets are not buying. The Southwest professes its inability to understand the indifference of the seaboard. The truth is that the Atlantic centres of business are doing very little. They are quite as much puzzled, apparently, by reports of increased activity at the Southwest as the Southwest is at the dulness at Atlantic markets. Meanwhile there is, of course, more or less buying here from hand to mouth. Buyers are gradually decreasing. Meanwhile export demand is still running light.

Not a few orders, it is true, are being received, but the trouble is that they are for small lots. Europe is playing a waiting game as well as America. At any rate that is how it looks. Minneapolis mills later reported a good business. In the Chicago territory the demand was reported rather better and Minneapolis spring patents up 25c., now being \$7.10 to the retail trade.

Wheat dropped under the pressure of hedge selling, weaker cables, bearish talk from European markets, possibly as a prelude to buying, and finally a certain amount of liquidation. Also, actual export trade has been quiet. Foreign crop advices were on the whole more favorable. European buyers were indifferent. Last week's world's exports increased about 1,000,000 bushels. The quantity on passage rose nearly 3,000,000. Europe was not in the market here. Receipts at interior points were 2,545,000 bushels, as against 1,621,000 in the previous week. Also, there was an increase in the American visible supply last week of 960,000 bushels, as against a decrease in the same week last year of 64,000 bushels. This lifted the total to 24,800,000 bushels, against 15,479,000 bushels a year ago. Yet on Wednesday there was an upward turn after some weakness. Chicago receipts on Monday of 864 cars were forgotten. Country offerings fell off. They reached, indeed, only a fair amount in the Northwest. In the Southwest they were actually small. But the fly in the amber all the time was the lack of European demand. Yet on the other hand the weather was reported bad in the American and Canadian Northwest. Reports of black rust persisted. And the short interest appeared to be far from small. That would be a fair inference in any case from the fact that prices have recently been declining so steadily and that everybody has been bearish on the outlook. It was assumed that buyers would be obliged to sell their wheat to pay bank loans. The fact that the crop movement is much smaller than that of a year ago was held to be more than offset by the smallness of the sales to Europe. Europe thinks there will be a big surplus in exporting countries. War time wheat acreage persists the world over, while the war demand has, of course, disappeared, and the European farmer is gradually getting on his feet. Europe is less dependent than it was during the war on America and other exporting countries. And it was assumed that Canada's crop was going to be very large. Under the circumstances it is believed a large short account was built up, or at least a relatively large account. And outside speculation which usually goes in on the long side, has been discouraged by Government interference with grain trading. It is said that farmers of the West are beginning now to understand this and that it may have an effect on Senatorial elections, in the case of those who have been most conspicuous in trying to hamper futures trading, whereby it is believed the price of wheat has fallen 20 cents lower than it might otherwise have done. And later came renewed reports of black rust in Canada, as well as from our own Northwestern belt. On the 25th inst. Winnipeg advanced 2c. This alarmed the shorts who had hitherto pooh-pooed reports of black rust. September wheat was especially strong. It was affected to some extent by the strength of corn. The technical position of wheat, however, no doubt entered largely into the advance. The short side to all appearances has been overdone. Chicago on the 25th inst., however it may sound, reported export sales at as high as 1,500,000 bushels, coupled with reports of a greatly curtailed yield in the Canadian Northwest. Canadian farmers may yet, it has been said, consider themselves fortunate if they can raise as much wheat as last year, instead of 500,000,000 bushels. The advance in prices was accelerated also by gossip that from threshing returns the season's yield of wheat in Kansas would hardly exceed 80,000,000 bushels in contrast with recent estimates of 100,000,000 bushels. Moscow cabled on July 23 that a contract for the delivery of grain to the amount of 20,000,000 poods (a pood is approximately 36 pounds) was signed that day by the Soviet Government and the German Bread Bureau. The grain will be shipped to Germany in November. Of late there have been reports of reselling of wheat bought for export to England at 1c. under the regular price. Some of the Canadian wheat taken by exporters, it is rumored, has been returned. Rains caused reactions. Hedging sales, too, have been persistent. The total North American crop has been put at 1,242,000,000 bushels, as compared with a forecast of 1,186,000,000 bushels 30 days ago. But rust reports from Canada and the American Northwest again had a steadying effect. To-day prices showed no market net change though at one time 3/4c. lower on the near months. Rust talk continued. Offerings were not large. The last prices showed a decline for the week of 2 1/2c. on July and 1 1/4c. on September. Minneapolis advanced to-day 2 1/2c. to 3c. from the low, though there was a reaction later.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

Table with 7 columns: No. 2, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 113 to 111 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 7 columns: July delivery, September delivery, December delivery, May delivery. Values range from 100 3/4 to 105 1/2.

Indian corn has been notably strong for July delivery. On Wednesday, indeed, it reached 87 1/4c., touching 87 3/4c. to-day under the spur of a good demand, partly to cover shorts. The visible supply in the United States, it is of course in-

teresting to notice, is down 1,847,000 bushels, against 23,419,000 bushels a year ago, which is something certainly suggestive. Also, there have been complaints of continued hot dry weather in the corn belt. Latterly at 26 out of 43 reporting stations in Texas it has been 100 to 108, and at all the 19 stations of Oklahoma on Wednesday morning the temperatures were 100 to 106. Rain is needed over quite a large area, according to the common understanding. The short interest in July in the meantime is believed to be large. Last Friday July was at a premium over September of a little less than 8c. In the fore part of this week it was up to 10c. over September. On the 25th inst. it was close to 10c. At times prices have reacted a little when wheat has receded, or when larger corn receipts have appeared at primary points. There has been an idea that farmers were marketing a good deal of corn with their new wheat. But there is no disguising the fact that the strong statistical position and the oversold condition of July have combined to infuse decided strength into corn. And latterly December has shown rather conspicuous strength, owing to hot weather in the Southwest. If it continues hot there, it may affect corn as well as cotton to a very noticeable degree. There has been deterioration in corn prospects during July, says Snow, in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and parts of Tennessee and Kentucky, due to dry, hot weather. Over the great corn belt from Ohio to Nebraska condition has been maintained up to this time, but a marked shortage of July rainfall exists at the critical period of silk and tassel and advices indicate that the crop is on or approaching the danger line over a wide area. The rainfall to date in July shows a marked deficiency. July mounted to a new high for this season. Cash corn was very strong, though reports of rains in Iowa had a tendency the other way, especially as there was a forecast of showers and cooler weather elsewhere. High prices for old corn began to rather daunt buyers, it seems, in some cases. To-day prices were irregular, but in the end steady on near months, though lower on December and May. May closed at 65 3/4c. and December at 65 1/4c. There is a net rise for the week of 3 3/4c. on July and 1 1/2c. on September.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table with 7 columns: No. 2, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 107 1/2 to 108 3/4.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 7 columns: July delivery, September delivery, December delivery, May delivery. Values range from 84 3/4 to 87 3/4.

Oats have derived a certain strength from corn. And corn has certainly distinguished itself during the week, at least so far as the July delivery is concerned. Traders in oats could not be oblivious to this fact. Yet on the other hand the weather was favorable for harvesting oats, the demand was not large, even viewing it from the most favorable standpoint, and with the crop outlook what it is and trade in a noticeable lull there has been no incentive to aggressive operations on the bull side. So that while July oats in particular have been firm and September also firm, though in a lesser degree, there have been no very interesting features. The visible supply in the United States, it is true, decreased 778,000 bushels last week, but in the same week last year it is interesting to notice that there was a decrease of no less than 2,421,000 bushels. As the case stands, however, the total is down to 5,930,000 bushels, against no less than 33,769,000 bushels a year ago. In other words, the statistical position of oats is almost or quite as strong as that of corn. The only trouble is that there is no insistent demand for oats, whether for consumption or on speculation. To-day prices were without much net change. The fluctuations all day, indeed, kept within narrowly confined limits. The close is at a rise for the week of 1/4 to 5/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table with 7 columns: No. 2 white, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 53 to 53 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 7 columns: July delivery, September delivery, December delivery, May delivery. Values range from 40 to 41 1/2.

Rye declined at one time and then rallied. Fluctuations, however, have been within comparatively narrow bounds. The demand has not been brisk, nor has the movement of prices. At times trade appeared to be becalmed. Export orders have been light and domestic demand, if possible, still more so. May rye was especially weak, falling at one time early in the week to 71 1/2c. Of course, the statistical position is unfavorable. Although there was a decrease in the American visible supply last week of 196,000 bushels, as against a decrease of 16,000 in the same week last year, the total remains at the relatively high point of 13,320,000 bushels, against 951,000 bushels a year ago. This is certainly something of a handicap with foreign and domestic trade as dull as it is and has been for some time past. Foreign demand continued to be light later and prices followed wheat downward, although the crop reports from the Northwest were not altogether favorable. To-day prices were steady, ending about the same as a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 7 columns: July delivery, September delivery, December delivery, May delivery. Values range from 64 1/2 to 73.

The following are closing quotations:

WHEAT.		Oats—	
Wheat—		No. 2 white.....	53 1/2
No. 2 red.....	\$1 11 1/2	No. 3 white.....	52 1/2
No. 2 hard winter...	1 14 1/2	Barley—	
Corn—		Feeding.....	Nom.
No. 2 yellow.....	1 08 1/2	Malting.....	80 1/2 @ 81 1/2
Rye—No. 2.....	75 1/2		
FLOUR.			
Spring patents.....	\$5 75 @ \$6 25	Barley goods—	
Winter straights, soft..	4 75 @ 5 00	No. 1, 1-0, 2-0.....	\$5 75
Hard winter straights..	5 15 @ 5 35	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl..	6 50
First spring clears.....	5 25 @ 5 75	Nos. 3-0.....	5 90
Rye flour.....	3 75 @ 4 00	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0.....	6 00
Corn goods, 100 lbs.:		Oats goods—carload:	
Yellow meal.....	2 25 @ 2 35	Spot delivery.....	2 82 1/2 @ 2 95
Corn flour.....	2 25 @ 2 40		

For other tables usually given here, see page 409.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 24.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending July 24, is as follows:

Generally hot weather prevailed during the week ended July 24 over the northern and central districts from the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley westward to the plateau region, with maximum day temperatures frequently above 90 deg. and occasionally reaching 100 deg. or slightly higher. Sunshine was abundant also in this area, ranging from 75 to nearly 100% of the possible. In most southern districts, however, the weather was mainly cool for the midsummer period, though not seriously so, except for the best growth of cotton in some Central Gulf States.

Rainfall was mostly light in the Central valleys and Atlantic Coast districts, as well as from the Great Plains westward, save that good showers occurred in Arizona and portions of adjoining States. Heavy rains occurred in portions of the lower Mississippi Valley, and moderate falls were rather general over most other portions of the Gulf States, as well as in portions of the Great Lakes region and thence westward to the northern Rocky Mountain region, although there were many sections in that area without appreciable amounts.

On the whole, the weather was favorable for agricultural pursuits over the greater part of the country, although small sections in the Central Gulf States had unseasonably cool weather and too much rain, and drought continued serious in portions of the Atlantic Coast States, particularly from Maryland northward. While little rain fell over the central valleys, the previous moisture conditions had been favorable and little harm resulted from the high temperatures and lack of rain, save in Iowa and portions of adjacent States, where lack of soil moisture has brought development of corn to a standstill. In most of the great corn producing States the crop is now in the tasseling and silking stages and the need of good rains pronounced. In the more northern districts, hot and dry weather was generally unfavorable, but in the Mountain States and thence westward to the Pacific, weather conditions were nearly everywhere favorable for crop growth.

SMALL GRAINS.—Wheat harvest progressed under generally favorable conditions, although retarded in a few localities by high temperatures. The winter wheat harvest is practically completed, except in the more northern and elevated districts, and harvest of spring wheat is becoming general. On account of the high temperatures and generally dry condition of the soil in the eastern spring wheat region, that crop is ripening prematurely, with generally short straw and some damage in North Dakota and Minnesota by black rust. The development of this, however, is being cut to avoid damage. The weather was favorable for wheat threshing in all districts where the harvest had been completed, and that work progressed rapidly, Kansas reporting it in certain sections as now from a half to two-thirds completed.

Rye, oats, and barley were ripening to the northern limits, and were being harvested under generally favorable conditions. In general, these crops are from fair to good, except in the more eastern districts, where the oat crop is mainly light.

The rice crop is generally reported as somewhat improved and making good growth. Grain sorghums are reported as making good growth, but the need of more rain is being severely felt.

CORN.—Corn grew rapidly under the influence of warm weather, but nearly all sections now need rain and some areas are suffering severely. Splendid growth was reported from Kansas where corn is tasseling and silking to the northern border, and some roasting ears, but more moisture is now needed. Corn deteriorated generally in Oklahoma on account of drought, and was badly burned on uplands, much beyond recovery; to an abrupt halt in most of Iowa by drought and high temperatures; leaves curled badly, and the crop is in a critical condition, mostly in tassel and silking well along.

The progress and condition of the crop were mostly excellent in Missouri, although general rains would be timely. Mostly very good progress rain is needed generally in Illinois, and in the southern portions of Indiana and Ohio. Temperature and sunshine conditions were ideal in Kentucky, and there was generally sufficient moisture, and the crop there made excellent progress and is in very good to excellent condition.

Late corn received where good rains occurred in Texas, but deteriorated elsewhere, and its condition is made to only fair. The late crop is excellent in Arkansas, and early corn is made in that State. The progress and condition were fair to very good in Tennessee. In Nebraska corn was good. Rain is needed for this crop in parts of the upper Mississippi and in upper Missouri Valleys, and in parts of the Lake region, while drought is adversely affecting corn in the Middle Atlantic States.

Corn was poor to good in South Carolina, but poor to only fair in Georgia. This crop is in mostly good condition and making very good growth in the northern Rocky Mountain States and in the upper Missouri Valley.

COTTON.—The temperature was below normal during most of the week in the Cotton Belt, and considerable cloudy, rainy weather prevailed in the central portion. In general the progress and condition were good to very good in the northern portion, except in Oklahoma and parts of Arkansas, and also in the more eastern districts, except in Florida.

In Texas early cotton is in fair to good condition, but condition of late is spotted, depending on rainfall. The progress of cotton was good to fair and the condition fair to very good in Oklahoma; plants mostly small but fruiting; weevil active in scattered localities. In Arkansas the progress was good except in a few localities where the soil was too wet; growing rapidly and fruiting well; little damage by weevil. The progress and condition were fair to very good in Louisiana; mostly well cultivated; not many weevil. In Mississippi the development of cotton was poor and weevil damage considerable, except in the north.

Cool weather was unfavorable for the best growth of cotton in Alabama, but favorable for weevil increase and activity; progress of the crop poor to very good; condition mostly fair to good. There was a slight improvement in cotton in Georgia; its condition was diversified, mostly very late; fruiting fairly well in central and north; progress poor in south, condition good; weevil damage serious except where controlled. In South Carolina the progress of cotton was excellent and its condition very good; weevil numerous but slight damage generally, except in sections where preventive measures not used.

Cotton maintained generally good condition in North Carolina and weevil were fairly under control. The progress and condition of the cotton crop were generally fair to very good in Tennessee, some excellent; well cultivated; fruiting well; weevil not numerous. In Florida the condition of the crop was generally very poor, due to shedding, rust, and weevil; early cotton short and open on highlands; some marketed.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Friday Night, July 27 1923.

Dulness continued to characterize the markets for textiles during the past week, and in a number of directions the

undertone was easier. The latter was particularly noticeable in the cotton goods division of the market, where many prices were said to have slipped until profit margins disappeared. Leading authorities in the trade were said to be convinced that curtailment of production on a large scale was necessary to stem the tide of accumulating supplies and declining values. Both jobbers and converters lack confidence regarding the ability to make sales on a profitable basis in the immediate future and hence are not buying anything except what they require for prompt use. Production has been very full, and there are sufficient stocks of goods in sight to meet the demand of the quiet trade now prevailing. Reports of foreign trading conditions have also been less cheerful, including unsatisfactory conditions in yarns and cloths at Manchester, the dropping of the price fixing plan on yarns in that country through the disregard of the price by signers of the original agreement, and the failure of the Bradford woolen goods trade to show any improvement. Furthermore, despite the very large production of cotton goods during the year ending in June, the latest figures show that exports of cotton goods from this country were less during the last fiscal year than during the year preceding. Notwithstanding these adverse factors, however, there are those in the trade who are optimistic in regard to the future. It is believed that the drastic curtailment of output which is now in progress will soon have a stimulating effect upon values, and encourage buyers to enter the market on a more liberal scale.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Nothing of particular interest developed in markets for domestic cotton goods during the past week. Demand has been quiet, and further price concessions were reported in a number of directions. A feature during the week was the announcement by M. C. D. Borden & Sons, Inc., of new percale and print prices on a basis of 17c. to 18c. cotton, or a full cent a yard below what is stated to be actual cost to a printer at the present time. The purpose of the announcement at this time appeared to be to relieve the uncertainty in regard to prices that has entered the market of late through sales being made at irregular figures in different parts of the country. The new prices were so low that they were hardly made known before many buyers placed orders for liberal quantities. Wash fabrics continue to sell irregularly and at clean-up prices in most cases. The new lines for the coming spring are generally very attractively priced, and experienced buyers are finding opportunities for securing service on styled yarn dyed goods that do not occur very often. It appears to be the general feeling that the markets are now going through their worst days for the current year, although until crops are harvested, and until there is more confidence in the European and in the financial conditions in this country cloth merchants prefer to move cautiously. Political uncertainties of a national character have likewise entered into mercantile calculations to some extent. The possible spread of radicalism in farming sections together with the injection of the tariff question into the Minnesota campaign are thought to be a menace to merchandising. Print cloths were quiet. 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 7c., and the 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6 1/2 c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's, are quoted at 10 1/4 c., and the 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 11 1/4 c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Sentiment in markets for woolens and worsteds appeared to be more cheerful than elsewhere. Returns on the openings of the week have been quite up to expectations, and indications are that business is not going very far back at this time. According to best judgment in the trade advances average about 10%, and are not that much when compared with recent top prices. The explanation of the higher prices is found in higher wool and higher wages. Considerable business was said to have been gathered in quietly in advance of the formal openings as selling agents have been busy with the larger consumers for some time past in an effort to insure something definite about the volume of orders that will come forward as needed. The piece goods trade believes there is still more or less fair business to be put through, and is expecting a revival of buying now that a price basis has been named. Many buyers are said to have held off awaiting the opening for spring goods, and as they are now satisfied that prices are firm will soon begin, it is thought, to provide for their heavy weight requirements.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Markets for linens have ruled dull. Retailers report that the linen department is the most inactive in their stores, but despite all this, importers and jobbers do not appear to be much disturbed. The quiet in the market is considered temporary, and is not expected to continue long. The many thousands of new houses and apartments are each a potential user of linens, and between now and December a great number of these will be occupied and the dwellers will need new linens. Consequently linen merchants are of the opinion that they have more than the usual reason for being optimistic. Dress linens continue to sell in a moderate way where stocks are available. While there is no longer a rush to place orders, many sections of the country are sending in requests for additional supplies. Burlaps failed to develop any activity. Demand continued inactive, and as consumers displayed no interest in offerings, prices ruled easier. Light weights are quoted at 5.10c. to 5.15c., and heavies at 6.80c. to 6.85c.

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NEWS ITEMS.

Bitter Root Irrigation District, Mont.—*Supreme Court's Opinion Affirms Judgment of Lower Court.*—In a written opinion delivered, it is stated, by Chief Justice Lew L. Callaway, which affirms the judgment of the Lower Court from which an appeal had been taken after that Court had sustained a demurrer to the complaint filed by the defendant Commissioners, the organization of this district was upheld, the Court holding that there was no error on record. As a result of this decision the Board of Commissioners may now proceed to issue the \$1,400,000 bonds, which G. N. Whalen, appellant, sought to block, he claiming that the irrigation district was unlawfully organized. The appellant contended, according to the "Montana Record-Herald" of July 13, that in organizing the district the law had not been followed in that the Court was not given jurisdiction by the filing of a proper petition and due and legal notice thereon, and that disregard of the provisions of the law with reference to organization made all subsequent action taken void and without effect.

Georgia (State of).—*Income Tax Measure Passed in Upper House.*—With only one dissenting vote registered, the Lankford income tax measure passed on July 17 in the Upper House of the General Assembly where it was introduced. The tax measure was amended twice prior to passage. The "Atlanta Constitution" says with reference to the amendments to the measure:

One of the amendments to the income tax measure provides that it shall be used only to raise State funds. Another offered by Senator Mundy prescribes that all ad valorem taxes shall be decreased from 5 to 4 mills; that an exemption of \$200 shall be allowed each household on furnishings and household goods, and that ad valorem tax paid to the State shall be credited as exemptions.

Repeal of Tax Equalization Law Favored in Lower House.—By a vote of 122 to 72 the House of Representatives passed the bill to repeal the Tax Equalization Law. The bill now goes to the Senate for action. Regarding the measure the "Atlanta Constitution" on July 18 said:

The measure as it passed the House provides that the repeal shall become effective on Jan. 1 1924. It was freely predicted in the Capitol corridors Wednesday afternoon that the Senate will pass the bill with an amendment changing this date to one later, probably Jan. 1 1926. The House, it is believed, will accept this compromise if necessary to secure passage of the bill.

King County Commercial Waterway District No. 1, Wash.—*District May Now Issue Refunding Bonds.*—Right of Commercial Waterway District No. 1, King County, to issue coupon bonds for retirement of bonds now outstanding against the district as provided in the law passed at the last legislative session was upheld, according to the Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" of July 19, by the State Supreme Court July 18. Commissioners of the district, continues the same paper, neglected to levy four annual assessments of 25% each of bonds coming due next December in time to provide the retiring funds and when I. M. Newman sought to join the Commissioners from taking advantage of the law passed for emergencies of this kind, the King County court refused to grant it. Decision of lower court was upheld.

Long Beach, Calif.—*Alamitos Votes to Become Part of Long Beach.*—On July 20 the voters of Alamitos voted in favor of annexation to the city of Long Beach by 674 to 193.

Loveland, Colo.—*City's Light and Power Revenue Bonds Declared Unconstitutional by Federal District Judge.*—Federal District J. Foster Symes declared unconstitutional in a decision handed down on July 19, city bonds under name of "Loveland Light and Power Revenue Bonds." This, it is stated, is in complete disagreement with the decision of the Colorado Supreme Court on the same issue some terms ago. Speaking with regard to Judge Symes' decision, the Denver "Rocky Mountain News" on July 20 said:

The declaration that the bonds were unconstitutional was made in denying a motion of the city of Loveland to have dismissed the suit of the Franklin Trust Co. of New York as trustees for the Western Light & Power Corp., praying for a permanent injunction to restrain the city from placing the revenue bonds on the market.

The original suit, filed by the trust company as trustees for the power company in the sum of \$2,250,000, recites the history of the development of a municipal light and power plant for Loveland on the Big Thompson River, estimated to cost \$425,000.

Limit Already Reached.

The trust company claims that the city of Loveland cannot enter into indebtedness of more than \$128,000, which is approximately 3% of the assessed valuation of the city, and the limit of the indebtedness allowed the city under the Constitution of Colorado.

The complaint recites that in May 1921, the City Council of Loveland passed an ordinance proposing the issuance of \$300,000 revenue bonds, to complete the plant. These bonds, it avers, are unconstitutional. It had already obtained the \$128,000 earlier bond issues.

A motion to dismiss the suit, filed on behalf of Loveland, brought from Judge Symes the decision that the bonds were unconstitutional.

As far as the provision that the \$300,000 revenue bonds were to be paid back out of earnings of the light plant, they were constitutional, the Court declared. It was when the further agreement with holders of the bonds that the city would each year, from general sources, which would in the Court's opinion mean from taxation, place \$5,000 in a special fund to meet the bonds, was examined that Judge Symes held them to be unconstitutional.

Limitation Declared Just.

"I am aware that the Supreme Court of the State of Colorado has decided in cases involving the same issues that these revenue bonds are not in violation of the constitution. With all due deference, with this decision I cannot agree," Judge Symes' decision read.

"This constitutional limitation on municipal debts is a very wholesome and wise provision, and for reasons of sound public policy should be supported to the full extent intended by the people when they made it a part of that solemn and binding instrument intended for the governance and restraint of public officials. I am very strongly of the opinion that those

who drafted the ordinance for these revenue bonds necessarily had before them this constitutional provision and that ordinance is clearly an attempt not only to evade the spirit but the letter of the constitution." Judge Symes concludes.

New York City.—*Court of Appeals Affirms Orders of Lower Courts Holding That an Unjust Assessment May Not Be Reduced Below the Amount Stated in Owner's Petition.*—In a suit brought against the Commissioner of Taxes by the Interstate Land Holding Co. seeking a reduction of the assessments for taxation made in the years 1915 to 1919, inclusive, on the Bayard Building and its site, of which it is the owner, the Court of Appeals handed down a decision, it was announced on July 25 by Corporation Counsel George P. Nicholson, in favor of the city holding that in a proceeding to review an assessment for taxation the Court may not reduce the assessment to an amount less than that which had been requested by the owner in his application to the Tax Commissioner, even if the Court finds that the actual value of the real property was in fact less than the amount as requested. This decision affirms the orders of the Supreme Court and Appellate Division. We take the following from the New York "Times" of July 26 with reference to the decision:

The decision upholds the contention of Mr. Nicholson that even if the court finds the actual value of the real property was less than the amount fixed by the owner in his request for reduction, the assessment may not be reduced below that amount. Mr. Nicholson said the decision was of importance to every locality in the State.

Although most Judges of lower courts before whom the question has come up decided that no reduction lower than that requested by the owner can be obtained, other Judges, in cases where the property appeared to be actually of less value than the figure set by the owners, permitted greater deductions.

The Court of Appeals' decision was made in the case of the Interstate Land Holding Co. against the Commissioners of Taxes. The owners sought a reduction of the assessments for taxation made for the years 1915 and 1916 on the Bayard Building and its site at 524-528 Broadway, at the southeast corner of Spring Street.

The property was assessed at \$635,000 for 1915 and 1916 and the owners requested the Tax Commissioners to reduce the amounts to \$600,000 for 1915 and \$550,000 for 1916. The Commissioners fixed the assessments at the amounts originally entered and the owners took the matter to the Supreme Court. For 1917 and 1918 the property was assessed at \$540,000 and for 1919 at \$535,000. The owners also instituted proceedings to reduce these amounts.

The applications for reduction of the figures for all five years came up at the same time in the Supreme Court. Justice Lydon found, upon the evidence, that the actual value of property for 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918 was \$540,000 and for 1919 \$535,000. The Court held, however, that although the actual value for 1915 was \$60,000 less than the amount fixed by the owners, and the value for 1916 was \$10,000 less than the amount fixed by the owners, and the value for 1916 was \$10,000 less than the amount so fixed, the assessments could not be reduced below the owners' figures.

The owners appealed to the Appellate Division, which affirmed the order of the Supreme Court, one Justice dissenting. An appeal to the Court of Appeals followed on the question of whether Justice Lydon was right in ruling the assessments could not be reduced to the actual values in 1915 and 1916. The Court of Appeals decided unanimously in the city's favor, affirming the orders of the Supreme Court and Appellate Division. No opinion accompanied the decision.

Texas (State of).—*Special Election Revoked by Proclamation.*—A proclamation revoking the former proclamation calling for a special election to-day (July 28) to vote on a constitutional amendment permitting highway legislation in conformity with Federal aid requirements and passed at the last regular session of the Legislature (V. 116, p. 1450) was issued on July 10 by Acting Governor Davidson. This action was taken, it is said, because advertising was not begun "at least three months" before the election, as required by the constitution. The Dallas "News" on July 8 said:

Constitutional amendments can not be submitted to the people at the special sessions of the Legislature, therefore, it will not be until the regular session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature, beginning in January of 1925, that another amendment can be proposed to meet the Federal requirements for Texas to continue to receive Federal aid for the roads.

The time allowed for the several States to comply with the Federal amendment will expire shortly after the Thirty-Ninth Legislature convenes and it will be necessary to expedite submission and adoption if the State is to have Federal aid thereafter. Without the proposed change, Texas would be cut off from Federal aid. This statement is made by those interested in highway construction in Texas and who favor a continuation of the Federal aid and do not want it cut off.

Wyoming (State of).—*Legislature Called in Extraordinary Session.*—The Wyoming Legislature convened in an extraordinary session on the morning of July 16 to amend the State Farm Loan Act in such a way as to reduce the interest rate from 6% to 5% and increase the maximum loans to individuals from \$5,000 each to \$20,000. These amendments, according to "Montana Record-Herald" of July 16, were passed at the regular session last winter, but later were declared nullified because a clerk had failed to include them in the enrolled Act as it was sent to Governor Ross for his signature. The same paper had the following to say regarding the special session:

This is the second special session in Wyoming's history. The only other one was in 1920, when it was found necessary to ratify the Federal women's suffrage amendment in order to permit the women of the country to vote in the Presidential election of that year.

It is anticipated that the session will last about three days.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ADAMS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 89 (P. O. Ritzville), Wash.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed bids will be received until Aug. 1 by Laura Schragg, District Treasurer, for \$3,500 school bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$350.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—*BOND SALE.*—On July 25 the following 14 issues of 5% coupon (registerable as to either principal and interest or both) special assessment bonds offered on that date—V. 117, p. 347—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York at 100.695, a basis of about 4.86%:

\$30,000 miscellaneous streets extension and widening bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1924 to 1941,

inclusive, and \$2,000 1942 to 1947, inclusive.

1,900 Adams St. improvement bonds. Denom. \$200 and one for \$300.

Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$300 1924 and \$200 1925 to 1932, inclusive.

17,400 West Market St. improvement bonds. Denom. \$400. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,400 1924 and \$2,000 1925 to 1932, incl.

40,600 Delia Ave. improvement bonds. Denom. \$600. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,600 1924, \$6,000 1925 and 1926 and \$7,000 1927 to 1932, inclusive.

2,000 Fried Ave. improvement bonds. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1928, inclusive.

13,700 Noble Ave. improvement bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,700 1924, \$2,000 1925 and \$3,000 1926 to 1928, inclusive.

5,000 Carpenter St. improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1928, inclusive.

14,300 Beacon Ave. improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$300. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,300 1924 and \$3,000 1925 to 1928, inclusive.

4,300 Palisades Drive improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$300. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$300 1924 and \$1,000 1925 to 1928, inclusive.

2,300 Lee Drive Extension improvement bonds. Denom. \$300 and four for \$200. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$200 1924 to 1927, inclusive, and \$300 1928 to 1932, inclusive.

83,300 River St. improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$300. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,300 1924, \$9,000 1925 to 1930, inclusive, and \$1,000 1931 and 1932.

92,600 South Main St. improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$600. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,600 1924, \$10,000 1925 to 1930, inclusive, and \$11,000 1931 and 1932.

27,800 Delia Ave. improvement bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,800 1924 and \$3,000 1925 to 1932, inclusive. Date July 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.), payable at the National Park Bank of New York.

ALACHUA COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Gainesville), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$562,000 coupon (registerable as to principal) road and bridge bonds offered on July 23 (V. 116, p. 3024) were awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$100, equal to 100.91. (Interest rate not stated.) Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000 1925 to 1931 incl.; \$4,000 1932; \$5,000 1933; \$4,000 1934; \$5,000 1935; \$6,000 1936; \$7,000 1937; \$8,000 1938; \$9,000 1939; \$10,000 1940; \$12,000 1941; \$14,000 1942; \$15,000 1943; \$17,000 1944; \$19,000 1945; \$57,000 1946; \$60,000 1947; \$65,000 1948; \$68,000 1949; \$73,000 1950 and \$90,000 1951.

ALLENDALE COUNTY (P. O. Allendale), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta have purchased \$17,000 5½% court house and jail bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due July 1 1923.

ALPENA COUNTY (P. O. Alpena), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$63,000 Assessment District No. 1 bonds offered on July 14—V. 117, p. 235—were awarded as 5½% to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit for \$63,363, equal to 100.57. Due yearly on May 1 from 1925 to 1933 incl. Sidney Spitzer & Co. offered to pay a premium of \$1,300 for 6s and a premium of \$660 for 5½s.

ANDERSON, Madison County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Jones, City Comptroller, will receive sealed proposals until 11 a. m. Aug. 4 for \$250,000 5% refunding bonds. Date July 1 1923. Interest semi-annually. Due July 1 1943. Denom. \$1,000. All bids must be accompanied by a draft or cashier's check upon a reputable bank, payable to the City Treasurer for \$12,500. Delivery of bonds shall be made at the City Treasurer's office or at such place as may be agreed upon 3 days after day of sale. The written opinion of Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord and Smith Remser, Hornbrook & Smith, attorneys, of Indianapolis, Ind., approving the legality of said issue of bonds will be on file in the office of the Comptroller not less than five days before the date of said sale and a copy of such opinion will be furnished the successful bidder without charge.

ANDERSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Andersonville), Sumter County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta have purchased \$12,000 5½% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 2 1923. Prin. and annual interest (Jan. 1) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1948, incl.

Real values	-----	-----
Assessed values, 1923	-----	\$987,000
Total bonded debt (this issue only)	-----	222,392
Population 1923 (est.)	-----	12,000

ANTELOPE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Elgin), Nebr.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on July 10 a proposition to issue \$70,000 school building bonds carried by a vote of 266 "for" to 100 "against."

ARTESIAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Artesian), Sanborn County, So. Dak.—BONDS OFFERED.—Until 10 a. m. yesterday (July 27) G. W. Pitcher, District Clerk, offered \$45,000 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1943.

ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. W. Howe, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 1 p. m. (Eastern standard time) July 30 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$105,000 5½% "State Road Improvement" bonds, issued under Sec. 6929 and Sec. 2434 subdivision 4, of General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1924 to 1926 incl., and \$12,000, 1927 to 1932 incl. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award.

AVON LAKE, Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. R. Hinz, Village Clerk, until 12 m. July 31 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$15,000 5½% (village's portion) Avon Center road impt. coupon bonds, issued under Secs. 6950 and 6951 of General Code. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due each six months as follows: \$500, Jan. 1 and July 1 1925, and \$1,000 from Jan. 1 1926 to July 1 1932 incl. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award.

AYDEN, Pitt County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Turnage, Town Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 10 a. m. Aug. 1 for \$65,000 6% coupon or registered funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. (J. & J.) payable in gold coin at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City, and interest on registered bonds will, at option of the holder, be paid in N. Y. exchange. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000 1926 to 1931 incl., \$4,000 1932 to 1938 incl., and \$5,000 1939 to 1943 incl. A cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, upon an incorporated bank bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Reid, Dougherty & Hoyt, N. Y. City, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of Ayden. A like amount of bonds was offered on July 17 (V. 117, p. 235).

BALFOUR SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 56 (P. O. Balfour), McHenry County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5½% coupon funding bonds offered on July 21 (V. 117, p. 349) were awarded to Stacy & Braun of Minneapolis at 102.50, a basis of about 5.29%. Date July 1 1923. Due July 1 1943.

BARBERTON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,433 5½% paving assessment bonds offered on July 17 (V. 116, p. 3024) were awarded to N. S. Hill & Co. of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$161, equal to 100.82, a basis of about 5.33%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due yearly Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,433, 1924; \$2,000, 1925 to 1931, incl., and \$3,000, 1932.

Name.	Premium.	Name.	Premium.
Breed, Elliott & Harrison	-----	Ryan, Bowman & Co.	-----
Provident Sav. Bk. & Trust Co.	54.41	Tucker, Robison & Co.	13.60
National Bank of Commerce	32.00	Sidney Spitzer & Co.	29.15
Kinsey & McMahon	52.47		28.00

BARNESVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Barnesville), Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. H. Murphy, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Aug. 8 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$75,000 5½% fire-

proof school impt. and construction bonds, issued under the authority of Sec. 7630-1 of General Code. Denom. \$3,000 and \$4,000. Date July 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S. 15) payable at the office of Clerk, Board of Education. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$4,000, 1924 to 1938 incl., and \$3,000, 1939 to 1943 incl. The denominations may be changed, but the amount payable in any one year cannot be changed. Bids must be unconditional and must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$1,000, made payable to the Board of Education.

BARRY COUNTY (P. O. Hastings), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 2 by the Board of County Commissioners for the purchase of \$16,515 6% Assessment District No. 24 road bonds. Denom. nine for \$1,000, nine for \$500, nine for \$335. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,835 yearly from 1925 to 1933 inclusive.

BEACH, Golden Valley County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by the City Council until 10 a. m. Aug. 4 for \$10,000 6% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 18 months. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to C. O. Halvorson, City Auditor, required.

BEAVER, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—E. N. Tomlinson, Secretary Town Council, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 8 for the purchase at not less than par of \$75,000 4½% grading and paving streets, improving water works, laying water lines, sewer construction and other legitimate borough uses bonds. Denomination \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1924 to 1929 incl.; \$2,000 1930 to 1940 incl.; \$3,000 1941 to 1947 incl.; \$4,000 1948 to 1951 incl., and \$5,000 1952 and 1953. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to C. M. Hughes, Treasurer, in the sum of \$1,000.

BEDFORD SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Bedford), Lawrence County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bertha M. Boruff, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 9 for the purchase of \$20,000 5% unit school erection completion bonds. The bonds will run for a period of 17 years. If the bonds are not sold when offered, they will be offered from day to day thereafter until sold.

BEEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Beeville), Bee County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 11 on the question of issuing \$15,000 school bonds.

BELLAIRE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bellaire), Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 5% coupon school bonds, offered on July 23—V. 117, p. 113—were awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Toledo for \$80,200, equal to 100.25, a basis of about 4.98%. Date July 23 1923. Due yearly on Jan. 23 as follows: \$3,000, 1925 to 1932 inclusive, and \$3,500, 1933 to 1948 inclusive.

BEN FRANKLIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ben Franklin), Delta County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 20 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$16,000 5% serial bonds.

BENTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. South Bloomington), Hocking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by O. C. Culp, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. July 28 for \$15,000 6% school bonds issued under Sec. 7630-7631 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,500. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due \$1,500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1933 incl. Cert. check for 6% of amount bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

BERGENFIELD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$7,840 82—offered on July 24—V. 117, p. 235—were awarded to H. L. Allen & Co. of New York as follows: \$59,854 36 assessment bonds at a premium of \$95.77, equal to 100.16, a basis of about 4.96%. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$854 36. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$5,854 36 1924 and \$6,000 1925 to 1933, inclusive.

17,986 46 permanent improvement bonds at a premium of \$28 78, equal to 100.16, a basis of about 4.98%. Denom. \$500 and one for \$486 46. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,486 46 1925, \$1,500 1926 to 1932, inclusive, and \$2,000 1933 to 1935, incl. Date July 1 1923.

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Hardin), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Ralph Franklin, Clerk Board of Trustees, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 25 for an issue of funding bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. Denom. \$100. Date Aug. 25 1923. Int. rate 6%. A certified check for \$100 required.

BILLINGS, Yellowstone County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—Benwell-Phillips & Co. of Denver, have purchased the following paving district bonds \$55,500 Paving District No. 206 bonds. 68,600 Paving District No. 208 bonds. 90,000 Paving District No. 210 bonds.

BINGHAM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—The State of Idaho has purchased, it is reported, an issue of \$17,000 school building bonds.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Birmingham), Oakland County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters of this district approved a proposition to issue \$97,000 Baldwin high school addition bonds, at an election held on July 15, by a count of 202 to 107.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY (P. O. Mankato), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 9 for the purchase of \$100,000 road bonds by C. L. Kennedy, County Auditor. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. A certified check for 5% of issue payable to above official, required.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 87 (P. O. Good Thunder), Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—BOND SALE.—At the bond issue held on July 17—V. 117, p. 235—the \$40,000 4½% school building have been sold to the State of Minnesota.

BOARDMAN DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Cherry County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska recently purchased \$25,000 6% drainage 20-year serial bonds.

BOWLING GREEN, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following six issues of 5½% coupon bonds, aggregating \$47,100, offered on July 16—V. 116, p. 3025—have been awarded at par and accrued interest to the Wood County Savings Co. of Bowling Green: \$8,500 Property portion of "White Way" street lighting system bonds, issued under the authority of Sec. 3842-3 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$600, except bond No. 1 for \$700. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$700 1924 and \$600 1925 to 1937 incl.

8,500 City's portion of "White Way" lighting system bonds, issued under the authority of Sec. 3842-3 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$600, except bond No. 1 for \$700. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$700 1924, and \$600 1925 to 1937 incl.

1,000 Property owners' portion Clough Street sanitary sewer bonds, issued under Sec. 3939 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$250. Due \$250 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1927 incl.

4,500 Property owners' portion sanitary sewer No. 4 extension bonds, issued under Sec. 3939 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1924 to 1926 incl. and \$1,500 1927.

3,600 City's portion bonds to pay the cost and expense of improving sundry streets and constructing certain sewers in the city; issued under Sec. 3821 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1932 incl.

21,000 Property owners' portion Clough Street improvement bonds, issued under Sec. 3939 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1924 to 1929 incl., and \$3,000 1930 to 1932 incl.

Date March 1 1923. A conditional bid at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$233 was received from Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati.

BRADY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brady), McCulloch County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—OFFERED.—The proposition to issue \$15,000 6% 10-40 year serial school equipment bonds, submitted to a vote of the people at the election held on July 7—V. 116, p. 3025—carried by a vote of 146 to 19. Bids were received until July 25 for the bonds. F. A. Knox, Secretary.

BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Mohall), Renville County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Robert A. Johnson, District Clerk, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. Aug. 7 for \$6,500 6% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 20 1923. Due Feb. 20 1933. A cert. check for 5% of bid required.

Financial Statement.

Total bonded indebtedness June 30 1922.....	\$12,000 00
Assessed valuation 1921.....	964,479 00
Warrants outstanding June 30 1922.....	18,462 01
Sinking fund June 30 1922.....	4,776 82
Population City of Mohall.....	651
Population Brandon Township.....	192

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On July 19 the following issues of 4 3/4% coupon with full privilege of registration bonds were awarded to the Brockton National Bank of Brockton at 100.83, a basis of about 4.41%:
 \$9,000 Melrose Cemetery Extension Loan 1923, payable \$1,000 July 1 1924 to 1931 incl.; \$500 July 1 1932 and 1933.
 10,000 Sidewalk Loan No. 2, 1923, payable \$2,000 July 1 1924 to 1928 incl.
 40,000 Fire Alarm Signal Building Furnishing Loan, 1923, payable \$4,000 July 1 1924 to 1933 inclusive.
 Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office.

Financial Statement.

Valuation for year 1922 less abatements.....	\$63,915,910 00
Total debt (present loans not included).....	4,995,900 00
Water debt.....	1,601,000 00
Sinking fund (water).....	603,215 08
Population (estimated), 67,643.	

BROWN COUNTY (P. O. Georgetown), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5 1/4% bonds offered on July 21 (V. 117, p. 113) have been awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati as follows:
 \$23,800 I. C. H. No. 30, Sec. P-2, imp. bonds, at 101.19, a basis of about 5.23%. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,800 1925; \$3,000 1926 to 1930 incl.; and \$2,000 1931 to 1933 incl.
 \$7,450 I. C. H. No. 30, Sec. 2, imp. bonds, at 101.38, a basis of about 5.21%. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$8,450 1925; \$9,000 1926 and \$10,000 1927 to 1933 incl.
 Date July 1 1923.

BROWNWOOD, Brown County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 24 to vote on the proposition to issue \$50,000 auditorium building bonds.

BRUELLA SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 6% school bonds offered on July 16 (V. 117, p. 236) were awarded to the City Bank of Stockton at a premium of \$438.40, equal to 103.65, a basis of about 5.32%. Date July 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1935 incl. The following bids were received:
 Cyrus Peters & Co.....\$216 00 premium
 Weedon & Co.....158 00 premium
 Blyth, Witter & Co.....255 00 premium
 City Bank (of Stockton).....438 40 premium
 Wm. Cavalier & Co.....273 60 premium

BULL RUN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, Golden Valley County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Emil Rusted, District Clerk (P. O. Ollie), will receive bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 13 for \$1,500 certificates of indebtedness to mature 18 months from date and to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$500. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

BURKE COUNTY (P. O. Bowbells), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until Aug. 7 by C. J. Kopina, County Auditor, for \$14,000 certificates of indebtedness to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for 5% of bid.

BURKBURNETT, Wichita County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$38,000 water works and \$48,000 street improvement 6% bonds offered on July 16 (V. 117, p. 113) were awarded to J. L. Arlitt & Co. of Austin. Date Sept. 10 1923. Due 1 to 20 years.

CADDO PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Shreveport), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids were received until July 27 by C. E. Byrd, Superintendent of the School Board, for \$75,000 school bonds. Date July 1 1923.

CAIRO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Cairo), Greene County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Francis C. Burkham, Clerk Board of Education, will offer \$43,000 5% coupon school bonds at public auction at 2 p. m. July 31 at Walters' Hotel. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1923. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$500 1923 to 1932 incl.; \$1,000 1933 to 1942 incl.; \$1,500 1943 to 1960 incl., and \$1,000 1961.

CALDWELL COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29 Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 18 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$8,000 5% 10-40-year school bonds.

CAMERON, Barron County, Wis.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special village election the voters favored the issuance of \$10,000 bonds for the purpose of improving the water plant.

CANANDAIGUA, Ontario County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 4 3/4% special appropriation bonds offered on July 20—V. 117, p. 236—were awarded to O. Brian, Potter & Co. of Buffalo at 102.06—a basis of about 4.33%. Date July 1 1923. Due \$6,000 yearly on July 1 from 1939 to 1941, incl.

CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel E. Barr, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12:30 p. m. Aug. 6 for the purchase of \$33,000 5% Trunk Sewer District No. 1 bonds. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$300. Date March 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due on March 1 as follows: \$3,500, 1925; \$3,500, 1926; \$3,800, 1927; \$3,500, 1928; \$3,800, 1929; \$3,500, 1930; \$3,800, 1931; \$3,500, 1932; and \$3,800, 1933. Certified check for 5% of amount, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Cassopolis), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Road Commissioners until 1:30 p. m. July 30 for \$49,500 5 1/2% Road Assessment District No. 8 bonds. Denom. \$500. Interest M. & N. Due \$5,500 yearly on May 1 from 1925 to 1933, inclusive.

CASS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. C-7 (P. O. Murdock), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Peters Trust Co. of Omaha has purchased \$35,000 5 1/4% school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office in Plattsmouth. Due on July 15 as follows: \$1,000 1925 to 1927, incl.; \$2,000 1928 to 1932, incl.; \$3,000 1933 and 1934 and \$4,000 1935 to 1938, incl.

Financial Statement.

Assessed value as returned, 1923.....	\$2,619,554
Total bonded debt (this issue only).....	35,000
Present population, estimated.....	425

CAVALIER SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Cavalier), Pembina County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 6 by Ross McIntosh, Clerk Board of Education, for \$10,000 5% funding bonds. Date July 2 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis. A certified check for \$1,000 required.

CHARLESTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Charleston), Kanawha County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The State Sinking Fund Commission has purchased \$1,350,000 5% school-building bonds at par and accrued interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due \$45,000 yearly.

CHICKASHA, Grady County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 31 a proposition to issue \$225,000 municipal gas system bonds will be submitted to a vote of the people at an election to be held on that day.

CHINOOK, Blaine County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on July 18 an issue of \$15,000 5 1/4% 15-year serial water supply bonds was voted. Apparently these are the bonds, which were sold subject to being voted to Antonides & Co. and the Bank & Trust Co. of Denver, as stated in V. 116, p. 1724.

CLARION COUNTY (P. O. Clarion), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 4 3/4% coupon (registerable as to principal) road and bridge bonds offered but not sold on June 22—V. 116, p. 2798—have been awarded to

Stroud & Co. and Lewis & Snyder of Phila. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date June 30 1923. Int. J. & J. Due \$10,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945, incl.

Financial Statement.

Real value.....	\$30,000 000
Assessed value.....	10,763,253
Bonded debt, including this issue.....	500,000
Population, 1920, 36,170.	

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by O. B. Fifer, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. July 30 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following issues of 5% bonds:
 \$48,000 Geo. H. Lindenmeyer et al road in Oregon Township bonds. Denom. \$1,200.
 73,000 Wm. Schleicher et al road in Wood Township bonds. Denom. \$1,825.
 76,000 Wm. D. Taylor et al road in Washington Township bonds. Denom. \$1,900.

Date July 17 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1943, inclusive.

CLAY TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Buford), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—G. E. Hodson, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 11 for \$2,350 6% school bonds. Denom. \$235. Date Sept. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Clerk, Board of Education. Due \$235 March 1 and Sept. 1 from 1925 to 1929. A certified check for \$50, payable to the Board of Education, required.

CLERMONT COUNTY (P. O. Batavia), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by R. E. Eveland, Auditor, until 11 a. m. Aug. 2 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following three issues of 5% road construction bonds, issued under authority of Section 1223 of the General Code.

\$41,100 I. C. H. No. 7, Sec. J., in Monroe and Ohio twps., bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except the last for \$1,100. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1924 to 1931, incl., and \$1,100, 1932.
 5,900 I. C. H. No. 9 Sec. Owensville in Stonelick Twp. bonds. Denom. \$100. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$700, 1924 to 1931, incl., and \$300, 1932.
 13,800 I. C. H. No. 30 Amelia Sec. in Batavia and Pierce twps. bonds. Denom. \$500 except last bond for \$300. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1924 to 1931, incl., and \$1,800, 1932.
 Date Aug. 1 1923. Interest M. & S.

COBLESKILL, Schoharie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—O'Brien, Potter & Co. of Buffalo purchased \$15,000 4 3/4% filtration plant building bonds on June 18 at 100.254—a basis of about 4.68%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1928, incl.

COHOES, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 3/4% coupon or registered local imp. bonds offered on July 24—V. 117, p. 349—have been awarded to A. M. Lamport & Co. of New York for a premium of \$1,120 85—equal to 100.53—a basis of about 4.42%:
 \$123,956 16 bonds, Series "A." Denom. \$1,000, except Bond No. 1, for \$956 16. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$3,956 16, 1924; \$5,000, 1925 and 1926; \$10,000, 1927 to 1934, inclusive, and \$15,000, 1935 and 1936.
 \$7,525 10 bonds, Series "B." Denom. \$1,000, except Bond No. 1, for \$525 10. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$5,525 10, 1924; \$6,000, 1925 to 1933, incl., and \$7,000, 1934 to 1937, incl.
 Date May 1 1923.

COLERIDGE, Cedar County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until July 31 by E. S. Wall, Village Clerk, for \$24,000 electric-light bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Due Aug. 1 1943, optional after five years from date. These bonds carried at the election held on July 10 (V. 116, p. 2906) by a vote of 99 to 11.

COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT P. O. Chicago, Ill.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York; Ames, Emerich & Co.; Stacy & Braun; Marshall Field, Glore, Ward & Co., and the First National Co. of Detroit has purchased \$2,000,000 4 3/4% gold coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds at 99.14, a basis of about 4.61%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1923. Due \$100,000 yearly on July 15 from 1924 to 1943 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) 15 payable in Chicago. Other bidders were:

Rate Bid.

National City Co.; Northern Trust Co. and Wm. R. Compton Co.....	98.93
Local bank (for \$500,000).....	99.07

COOS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Marshfield), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Aug. 7 by Alice Vestal, District Clerk, for \$54,000 school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the fiscal agency of Oregon in N. Y. City. Due \$3,000 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1941 incl. Int. rate not to exceed 5 1/2%. A certified check for \$1,800 required. The approving legal opinion of Teal, Winfree, Johnson & McCulloch of Portland will be furnished with the successful bidder. Assessed value \$4,027,502. Bonded debt (exclusive of this issue), \$95,700. These bonds are the remainder of a total issue of \$90,000, \$36,000 of which were sold to the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland at 100.38 as 5s, a basis of about 4.95% (see V. 116, p. 2041).

CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. Meadville), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Floyd S. Altenberg, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time), Aug. 3 for the purchase of \$1,000,000 4 1/4% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$102,000, 1928; \$283,000, 1929; \$320,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.; \$36,000, 1933 and 1934; \$40,000, 1935 and 1936; \$42,000, 1937; \$44,000, 1938; \$46,000, 1939; \$48,000, 1940; \$52,000, 1941 and 1942; \$56,000, 1943; \$60,000, 1944 and 1945; \$64,000, 1946; \$68,000, 1947, and \$30,000, 1948. Certified check upon a bank doing business in the State of Pennsylvania for \$20,000, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Phila. Bonds to be sold, it is said, free of State tax.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% coupon Riverside Road bonds offered on April 14 (V. 116, p. 1684) were awarded to the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland as follows:
 \$36,852 44 special assessment bonds for \$37,143 44—equal to 100.78, a basis of about 4.84%. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$852 44. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924 to 1931, inclusive, and \$4,852 44 in 1932.
 18,426 22 county's share bonds for \$18,572 22—equal to 100.79, a basis of about 4.84%. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$426 22. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1931, inclusive, and \$2,426 22, 1932.

Date April 1 1923.

BOND OFFERING.—Until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 1, A. J. Hieber, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed proposals for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$7,000 6% coupon (special assessment) County Sewer District 1. Sewerage Improvement No. 32 bonds, issued under authority of the general laws of Ohio, particularly Section 6602-4 of the General Code. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1937, inclusive. Certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, upon some solvent bank other than the one making bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award, or as soon thereafter as notice is given that the bonds are ready for delivery. Bond forms will be furnished by the county.

BOND OFFERING.—The above official will also receive sealed proposals (for each issue separately) until 11 a. m. (Cleveland time) Aug. 4 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following 5% coupon road improvement bonds issued under authority of the General Laws of Ohio, particularly Section 6920 of the General Code.

\$15,343 60 (special assessment) bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except Bond No. 1 for \$343 60. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$343 60, 1924; \$1,000, 1925, and \$2,000, 1926 to 1932, inclusive.

24,795 92 (county's portion) bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except Bond No. 1 for \$795 92. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,795 92, 1924; \$2,000, 1925, and \$3,000, 1926 to 1932, inclusive.
 Date Aug. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Certified check, on some bank other than the one making the bid, for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. J. Hieber, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 11 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$120,000 5% coupon Sewer District No. 1 construction, special assessment bonds, issued under Sec. 6602-4 of General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$6,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1944 incl. Certified check on some solvent bank, other than one making bid, for 1% of amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award.

BOND OFFERING.—Until 11 a. m. Aug. 4, A. J. Huber, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the following issues of 5% Sprague Road No. 3 improvement bonds: \$10,536 43 Special assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$536 43. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$536 43, 1924; \$1,000, 1925 to 1927, inclusive; \$2,000, 1928; \$1,000, 1929 to 1931, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1932.

20,740 66 county's portion bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$740 66. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,740 66, 1924; \$2,000, 1925; \$3,000, 1926; \$4,000, 1927; \$2,000, 1928; \$3,000, 1929; \$2,000, 1930 and 1931, and \$3,000, 1932.

Date Aug. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Certified check for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by H. O. Bolich, City Auditor, until 12 m. (central standard time) Aug. 6 for the purchase of the following 6% bonds: \$30,000 general improvement bonds (city's portion). Date July 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924, and \$3,500, 1925 to 1932, inclusive.

23,054 West Broad Street improvement bonds. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,054, 1924, and \$2,500, 1925 to 1932, incl.

113,750 Fourth Street improvement bonds. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$13,750, 1924, and \$12,500, 1925 to 1932, incl.

12,874 High Street improvement bonds. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,874, 1924, and \$2,500, 1925 to 1928, inclusive.

11,768 East Bailey Road improvement bonds. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,768, 1924, and \$2,500, 1925 to 1928, incl.

3,642 Arcadia Avenue improvement bonds. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$642, 1924; \$500, 1925 and 1926; and \$1,000, 1927 and 1928.

11,905 Rosewood Avenue water improvement bonds. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,905, 1924, and \$2,500, 1925 to 1928, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the Citizens Bank at Cuyahoga Falls. A certified check on some solvent bank for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bidders to receive and pay for bonds twenty days from date of award.

CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS (P. O. R. F. D. Brooklyn Station, Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by S. E. Clapp, Village Clerk, until 12 m. Aug. 18 for the purchase of \$35,244 96 5 1/2% coupon East 49th Street paving special assessment bonds. Denom. \$500 except Bond No. 71 for \$244 96. Date Aug. 15 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.), payable at the office of the State Banking & Trust Co., Columbia office, of Cleveland. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,500, 1924; \$4,000, 1925 to 1928, inclusive; \$3,000, 1929; \$4,000, 1930 to 1931, inclusive; and \$4,244 96, 1932. All bids must be made upon blank forms which will be furnished by the above official upon application. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check upon a solvent bank located in Cuyahoga County, in an amount equal to 5% of the amount of the bid, payable to the Village Treasurer.

DEFIANCE COUNTY (P. O. Defiance), Ohio.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 30 by J. T. Miller, County Auditor, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$80,000 5 1/2% I. C. H. No. 304 Sec. "C" bonds, issued under authority of Sec. 1223 of the General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly as follows: \$8,000, 1924, and \$9,000, 1925 to 1932 incl. Certified check on one of the banks doing a regular banking business in Defiance County, for \$1,000 required.

DELAWARE (State of).—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Thomas S. Fournce, State Treasurer (P. O. Dover), until 1 p. m. Aug. 8 for \$600,000 4 1/4% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Farmers' Bank of Dover. Due Jan. 1 1963, optional at 105 after one year. Certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the State Treas., required.

DENTON, Denton County, Texas.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 1 by Geo. N. Rucker, City Secretary, for \$200,000 coupon (registerable as to prin. only) 5% school house impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. City. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1932 incl.; \$3,000, 1933 to 1939 incl.; \$4,000, 1940 to 1944 incl.; \$5,000, 1945 to 1948 incl.; \$6,000, 1949 to 1952 incl.; \$7,000, 1953 to 1955 incl.; \$8,000, 1956 and 1957; \$9,000, 1958 and 1959; \$10,000, 1960 and 1961, and \$11,000, 1962 and 1963. The opinion of Chapman, Cutter & Parker of Chicago, approving the legality of bonds, will be furnished. A certified or cashier's check, payable to M. F. Woodward, City Treasurer, for 2% of amount bid for, required. The official circular offering these bonds states: "There is no controversy or litigation pending or threatened affecting the corporate existence or boundaries of the municipality or the titles of its present officials to their respective offices. No previous issue has ever been contested and the principal and interest of all bonds previously issued have been promptly paid at maturity."

DENVER (City and County of), Colo.—**BOND SALE.**—Antonides & Co. of Denver have purchased improvement bonds amounting to \$52,700 as follows:

- \$1,300 5% South Side Special Sanitary Sewer District No. 7, for \$1,303 25 equal to 100.25, a basis of about 4.97%. Dated April 1 1923. Due April 1 1935.
- 900 5% Alley Paving District No. 86 for \$903 15, equal to 100.35, a basis of about 4.97%. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1936.
- 3,900 5 1/2% Alley Paving District No. 88 for \$3,942 90, equal to 101.10, a basis of about 5.39%. Date June 1 1923. Due June 1 1936.
- 1,700 5 1/2% Alley Paving District No. 89 for \$1,718 70, equal to 101.10, a basis of about 5.39%. Date June 1 1923. Due June 1 1936.
- 32,300 5% Broadway Paving District No. 6 for \$32,332 20, equal to 100.09, a basis of about 4.99%. Date Dec. 1 1922. Due Dec. 1 1936.
- 12,600 5% Washington Park Paving District No. 1 for \$12,600, equal to 100.00. Date June 1 1923. Due June 1 1936.

The following bids were received:
Bankers Trust Co. \$52,531 37 Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co. \$52,711 00
Bosworth, Chanute & Co. \$2,582 50 Antonides & Co. 52,800 00

DIVIDE COUNTY (P. O. Crosby), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by R. H. Lynch, County Auditor, until 10 a. m. July 28 for \$25,000 certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. Interest rate not to exceed 5%. Int. semi-ann. A certified check for not less than 5% of bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation 1922.	\$13,974 283
Total bonded debt, this issue included.	257,600
Outstanding warrants and certificates of indebtedness.	10,000
Sinking fund on hand.	121,000
Population.	9,637

DONNYBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24 (P. O. Donnybrook), Ward County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by the Village Clerk until to-day (July 28) for \$3,000 7% 18-months certificates of indebtedness. A certified check for not less than 5% of bid required.

EAGLE FORD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tex.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that Breg, Garret & Co. of Dallas, have purchased \$15,000 school bldg. bonds at a premium of \$18 and cost of printing bonds.

ELDORA INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Eldora), Hardin County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport purchased \$31,500 4 1/4% school heating plant and reconstructing high school building bonds on July 16 at par plus all

expenses. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date July 2 1923. Int. J. & J. Due July 2 1943.

Financial Statement.

Assessed actual value of property, incl. moneys and credits, year 1922.	\$5,822,540
Total debt, including this issue.	120,500
Population, 3,900.	

E-SIX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. New England R. F. D. No. 2), Slope County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. Aug. 1, Mrs. Geo. Gerlich, District Clerk, will receive bids for \$5,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due in 12 months. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Sept. 3 by Charles H. Cross, Village Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following issues of 5 1/2% coupon special assessment bonds, issued under the authority of Section 3914 of the Revised Statutes of Ohio:

\$20,580 00	Abbey St. paving bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1924 to 1929 incl.; \$2,580, 1930, and \$3,000, 1931.
16,291 40	Eastlawn paving bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1930 incl., and \$2,291 40, 1931.
3,724 00	Fern paving bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$224, 1924, and \$500, 1925 to 1931 inclusive.
16,660 00	Garland paving bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1930 inclusive, and \$2,660, 1931.
6,270 00	Orchid paving bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1924; \$770, 1925; \$500, 1926; \$1,000, 1927 and 1928; \$500, 1929, and \$1,000, 1930 and 1931.
19,600 00	Ormiston paving bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,900, 1924, and \$2,500, 1925 to 1931 inclusive.
9,604 00	Marigold paving bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,104, 1924; \$1,000, 1925; \$1,500, 1926; \$1,000, 1927; \$1,500, 1928; \$1,000, 1929 and 1930, and \$1,500, 1931.
39,559 60	Monterey paving bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,559, 1924, and \$5,000, 1925 to 1931 inclusive.
39,559 60	Naumann Ave. paving bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,559 60, 1924, and \$5,000, 1925 to 1931 inclusive.
39,559 60	Renwood Ave. paving bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,559 60, 1924, and \$5,000, 1925 to 1931 inclusive.
38,480 75	South Lake Shore Blvd. paving bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,480 75, 1924; \$5,000, 1925; \$4,500, 1926; \$5,000, 1927; \$4,500, 1928, and \$5,000, 1929 to 1931 inclusive.
19,600 00	Tyronne Road paving bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,600, 1924; \$2,000, 1925; \$3,000, 1926 to 1928 inclusive; \$2,000, 1929 and 1930, and \$3,000, 1931.
1,700 00	Arms Ave. sewer and water curb connection bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$700, 1924, and \$1,000, 1925.
1,700 00	Bayard sewer and water curb connection bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$700, 1924, and \$1,000, 1925.
3,700 00	Bell Ave. sewer and water curb connection bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$700, 1924, and \$1,000, 1925 to 1927 inclusive.
2,600 00	Cushman sewer and water curb connection bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$600, 1924, and \$1,000, 1925 and 1926.
3,000 00	Eastbourne Ave. sewer and water curb connection bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1926 inclusive.
1,600 00	Evergreen sewer and water curb connection bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$600, 1924, and \$1,000, 1925.
1,200 00	Iddings Ave. sewer and water curb connection bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$200, 1924 and \$1,000, 1925.
4,500 00	Mallard sewer and water curb connection bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1924, and \$1,000, 1924 to 1928 incl.
7,000 00	Naumann Ave. sewer and water curb connection bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1930 inclusive.
5,700 00	Nicholas Ave. sewer and water curb connection bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$700, 1924, and \$1,000, 1925 to 1929 inclusive.
4,500 00	Oriole sewer and water curb connecting bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1924, and \$1,000, 1925 to 1928 incl.
4,500 00	Shore View sewer and water curb connecting bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1924, and \$1,000, 1925 to 1928 inclusive.
2,300 00	Gilmore water main bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$200, 1924 to 1926 inclusive; \$300, 1927; \$200, 1928 and 1929; \$300, 1930; \$200, 1931 and 1932, and \$300, 1933.
3,900 00	E. 257th St. water main bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$350, 1924 to 1929 inclusive; \$500, 1930; \$350, 1931 and 1932, and \$550, 1933.
2,900 00	Forest View water main bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$200, 1924, and \$300, 1925 to 1933 inclusive.
6,700 00	E. 257th St. sidewalk bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1924 and 1925; \$1,000, 1926 and 1927; \$700, 1928 and \$1,000, 1929 to 1931 inclusive.
4,312 00	Euclid Ave. sidewalk bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1924 to 1930, and \$812, 1931.
3,600 00	Forest View sidewalk bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$300, 1924; \$500, 1925 to 1927 inclusive; \$300, 1928, and \$500, 1929 to 1931 inclusive.
2,389 24	Lloyd sidewalk bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$289 24, 1924, and \$300, 1925 to 1931 inclusive.
3,500 00	Gilmore grading and sidewalk bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$200, 1924; \$300, 1925, and \$500, 1926 to 1931 incl.

Dated date of sale. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for 10% of the gross amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, upon the condition that if his bid be accepted the bidder will call and pay for such bonds purchased within 10 days from the notice of sale.

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN AWARDED.—On July 20, Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, of Boston, purchased two issues of bonds as follows:

- \$25,000 4 1/4% School Loan, Ward One, at 100.02—a basis of about 4.245%. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1924 to 1933, inclusive, and \$1,000, 1934 to 1943, inclusive.
- 100,000 4 1/2% Permanent Pavement Loan at 100.812—a basis of about 4.33%. Due \$10,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

Date July 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.), payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston.

Financial Statement.

Valuation for year 1922, less abatements.	\$44,721,701 00
Total debt (present loans not included).	2,156,224 00
Water debt.	70,000 00
Sinking fund (water).	71,886 10
Population (1920), 40,120.	

EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Tallahassee), Leon County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that Spitzer-Rorick & Co. of New York have purchased \$3,500,000 5 1/4% drainage bonds. The price paid, it is stated, was 95.

FAIRPORT, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank W. Howard, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) Aug. 6 for \$325,000 coupon or registered water bonds at not to exceed 5% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank of New York or the Fairport National Bank of Fairport, at option of holders. Due \$13,000 yearly on July 1 from 1928 to 1952, inclusive. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount, required. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York. Bidders to name rate of interest expressed in multiples of one-quarter of one per cent. Bonds to be delivered on Aug. 20 at 10 a. m. or as soon thereafter as the bonds may be prepared.

FALLON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Baker), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Aug. 1 by Mrs. R. M. Larson, District Clerk Board of Trustees, for \$3,500 school bonds bearing int. not to exceed 6%. Due in ten years. A certified check for \$350, payable to the above official, required.

FARELLE LAKE LEVEE DISTRICT, Arkansas and Jefferson Counties, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 30 by B. Quinn, Secretary Board of Commissioners, at the office of Rose, Hemingway, Cantrell & Loughborough, 314 Markham St., Little Rock, for \$165,000 bonds.

FORTH, Meade County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 3 by J. E. Beschta, City Auditor, for

\$15,000 electric light bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6% . . . A certified check for 5% required.

FORT YATES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Fort Yates), Sioux County, N. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 10 by A. Colville, District Clerk, for \$27,000 6% funding bonds. . . . Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at place of purchaser's choice. . . . A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to P. J. Jacobson, District Treasurer, required.

CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—The above official will also receive sealed bids at the same time for \$15,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. . . . Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at place of purchaser's choice. . . . A certified check for 5% of amount bid, payable to P. J. Jacobson, District Treasurer, required. . . . Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation 1921	1,031,505 00
Bonded indebtedness June 30 1922	7,000 00
Sinking fund June 30 1922	1,497 24
Warrants outstanding June 30 1922	22,848 22
Population	1,257

FORT VALLEY, Houston County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The Lowry Bank & Trust Co. of Atlanta purchased on Jan. 12 \$24,000 street paving and \$15,000 school 5% bonds at a premium of \$1,298 20, equal to 103.32. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1919. Int. J. & D. Due July 1 1939.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ralph W. Smith, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, until 9 a. m. Aug. 7 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$41,000 5 1/2% road impt. bonds, issued under Sec. 6929 of General Code. . . . Date June 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D. 15) payable at the County Treasurer's office. . . . Due yearly on Dec. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1924 to 1928 incl., and \$4,000, 1929 to 1932 incl. . . . Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 1% of the amount bid for on some solvent bank or trust company, payable to the Board of County Commissioners. . . . These bonds were offered on July 3—V. 116, p. 2907—as 5s, but were not sold, as no bids were received (see V. 117, p. 237).

GARDNER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary revenue loan of \$50,000 has been awarded to F. S. Mosely & Co. of Boston on a 4.32% discount basis. Date July 24 1923. Due \$50,000 on Dec. 20 and Dec. 27 1923.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Herman Bohning, Village Clerk, until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) Aug. 28 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following issues of 5 1/2% coupon bonds special assessment issued under Secs. 3812 and 3814: \$71,245 15 Plymouth Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 except bond No. 1 for \$245 15. . . . Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$7,245 15 1924 and \$8,000 from 1925 to 1932, inclusive.

3,958 92 Henry Street water main construction bonds. Denom. \$400, except bond No. 1 for \$358 92. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$358 92 1924 and \$400 1925 to 1933, inclusive.

2,766 33 East 113th Street water main construction bonds. Denom. \$250 except bond No. 1 for \$266 33. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$266 33 1924, \$250 1925 to 1932, incl., and \$500 1933.

1,531 36 Danbury Ave. water main construction bonds. Denom. \$150 except bond No. 1 for \$181 36. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$181 36 1924 and \$150 1925 to 1933, inclusive. . . . Date Sept. 1 1923. Enclose a certified check for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer with each issue. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within 10 days of the award.

GARRETTSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Garrettson), Minnehaha County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$54,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on July 6 (V. 116, p. 3027), were awarded to Gates, White & Co., of St. Paul.

GENESE COUNTY (P. O. Flint), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 31 for the purchase of \$100,000 6% road bonds. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$1,000, required.

GENEVA VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Geneva), Ash-ta-bula County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. B. King, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 15 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$275,000 5 1/2% Senior High School erection bonds, issued under Sec. 7630-1 of Gen. Code. . . . Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer. . . . Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows \$11,000 in the even years from 1924 to 1946, incl.; \$12,000 in the odd years from 1925 to 1945, incl., and \$11,000 1947. . . . Certified check for 5% of amount, payable to the Clerk-Treasurer, required. . . . Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within 10 days of time of award.

GOSHEN, Elkhart County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 9 by J. W. Swart, City Comptroller, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$50,000 5% coupon municipal water, light, heat and power plant improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 9 1923. Prin. and annual int., payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1934, inclusive.

GRAHAM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Safford), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 6 by Richard Layton, Jr., County Clerk, for \$7,000 6% school bonds.

GRAND ISLAND, Hall County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 intersection paving bonds offered on July 18—V. 117, p. 237—were awarded at par to the First National Bank of Grand Island. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due Aug. 1 1943; optional Aug. 1 1933. (Int. rate not stated.)

GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—George B. Nottingham, County Treasurer, will receive sealed proposals until 9 a. m. Aug. 3 for the purchase of \$7,600 5% A. M. Curry et al free gravel road, Jefferson Township, bonds. Denom. \$380. Date Dec. 5 1922. Due \$380 May 15 1924 and \$380 each six months thereafter until Nov. 15 1933.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 4 1/2% coupon street improvement bonds offered on July 24—V. 117, p. 350—have been awarded to Blodgett & Co. of Boston, at 100.637—a basis of about 4.36%. Date July 1 1923. Due \$4,000 July 1 from 1924 to 1928, incl., and \$3,000 1929 to 1933, inclusive.

GREEN COUNTY (P. O. Monroe), Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 5% highway improvement bonds offered on July 25 (V. 117, p. 237) were awarded to the Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee at a premium of \$950, equal to 100.38—a basis of about 4.93%. Date April 1 1920. Due \$125,000 on April 1 in 1930 and 1931.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Green Lake), Wisc.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 highway bonds offered on July 24 (V. 117, p. 114) were awarded to the State Bank of Berlin, at a premium of \$1,877, equal to 101.877. . . . The following bids were received:

Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., Chicago	99,280 00
First Nat. Bank, Berlin	101,010 83
Berlin State Bank, Berlin	101,877 00
Second Ward Securities Co., Milwaukee	100,502 00
Green Lake State Bank	
Green Lake	100,900 00
Markesan State Bank	
Markesan	101,858 28
Wells-Dickey Co., Minn.	100,450 00

GREENVILLE, Hunt County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 7 to vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 5% school building bonds. F. M. Savage, City Secretary.

GREENVILLE CIVIL AND SCHOOL TOWNSHIPS (P. O. Greenville), Floyd County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John C. Schamel, Township School Trustee, until 2 p. m. Aug. 10 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following issues of 5% coupon bonds: \$11,000 Civil Township bonds. Due \$500 each six months from July 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1935 incl. . . . 12,000 School Township bonds. Due \$500 each six months from July 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1936 incl. . . . Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Second National Bank of New Albany.

GROVER VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tiltonville), Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will

be received by Minnie Armitage, Clerk Board of Education, until 6 p. m. (central standard time) Aug. 7, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$70,000 5 1/2% fireproof school construction and improvement bonds, issued under Sec. 7630-1 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S. 15), payable at the office of the Clerk Board of Education or at a bank, which is designated as the depository of the funds of the district, at option of holder. . . . Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$3,000 1924 to 1945, incl., and \$2,000 1946 and 1947. . . . Bids must be unconditional and must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$1,000, made payable to the Board of Education. . . . The denomination may be changed but the amount payable in any one year cannot be changed.

HACKETTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hackettstown), Warren County, N. J.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—The \$77,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on July 25 (V. 117, p. 350) were not sold, as no bids were received.

HAMDEN, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by Edwin A. Clark, Attorney, at 129 Church St., New Haven, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds: \$129,000 impt. bonds. Due \$15,000 in 1926, 1929, 1932, 1935, 1938, 1941, 1944 and 1947, and \$9,000, 1950. . . . 50,000 school bonds. Due \$10,000, 1925, 1927, 1929, 1931 and 1933. . . . 44,000 impt. bonds. Due \$15,000, 1927 and 1931, and \$14,000, 1935. . . . Date Aug. 1 1923. . . . The official notice of the offering of these bonds appears on a subsequent page of this issue.

HAMMOND, Tangipahoa Parish, La.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$40,000 5% coupon water-works equipment bonds offered on July 17 (V. 116, p. 3027) were not sold.

HAMPDEN COUNTY (P. O. Springfield), Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Fred A. Bearse, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) July 31 for the purchase at a discount of a temporary loan of \$60,000. Denom. \$10,000. Due Nov. 8 1923. These notes will be engraved under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, which will guarantee the signatures and will certify that the notes are issued by virtue and in pursuance of an order of the County Commissioner, the validity of which order has been approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston. . . . These notes are said to be exempt from taxation in Massachusetts. . . . The legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with the above trust company, where they may be inspected.

HENDERSON, Chester County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$10,000 school bonds recently voted has been purchased by a local bank, B. S. Smith, Mayor.

HENDRICKS COUNTY (P. O. Danville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William H. Wall, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Aug. 4 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$27,000 4 1/2% John N. Russell et al County Line road bonds. . . . Denom. \$1,350. Date June 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$1,350 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive. . . . If the issue is not sold at time offered, the sale will be continued from day to day thereafter until sold.

HIDALGO COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4, Tex.—BOND SALE.—According to the Houston "Post" of July 21, the directors of the Hidalgo County Water Improvement District No. 4 have just sold \$1,250,000 in bonds of their recent bond issue to M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock, Ark., at a purchase price reported to be 92 1/4 cents. . . . The "Post" goes on to say: "This irrigation district was organized last fall by vote of the people and included approximately 35,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Edinburg. . . . After its organization the district voted to issue \$1,500,000 in bonds, which bond issue has already been validated by the court, and after this sale will leave \$250,000 in bonds undisposed of. . . . The irrigation district recently purchased the canal system of the Edinburg Irrigation Co., which was ordered by the Federal court in the Stewart receivership at a price of \$650,000 and the proceeds of the sale of the above bonds will be used in part to pay the purchase price of the present irrigation system, and the balance of the proceeds of this bond sale will be used in rehabilitating the entire irrigation system by the installation of new pumping machinery and reconstruction of the entire canal system wherever necessary. . . . It is calculated that when this work is finally completed, this canal system for the irrigation of the Edinburg tract will be one of the best irrigation systems in the Rio Grande Valley."

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Sebring), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Marshall, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Aug. 6 for \$75,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.), payable at the American Exchange National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on July 1 as follows: \$10,000 1928 and 1933, \$15,000 1938 and \$20,000 1943 and 1948. A certified check for 2% of bid required.

HOBOKEN, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 10 a. m. (daylight savings time) Aug. 7 by the Board of City Commissioners for the purchase of an issue of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) school bonds not to exceed \$721,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$721,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.), payable in gold coin of the United States of America or of equal to the present standard weight and fineness at the City Treasurer's office. . . . Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$18,000, 1925 to 1944, incl., and \$19,000, 1945 to 1963, incl. . . . Cert. check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the city, required. . . . The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Long-fellow of New York City, that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the city of Hoboken. . . . The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. . . . These bonds were offered on July 24 (V. 117, p. 238) as 4 3/8s, but were not sold as no bids were received.

HONEA PATH, Anderson County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On June 20 the Bank of Honea Path purchased \$65,000 5% school-repair and school-building bonds at a premium of \$755, equal to 101.16—a basis of about 4.89%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928; \$15,000, 1933; \$20,000, 1938; and \$25,000, 1943.

HUNTINGTON, Huntington County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Guilford Marrow, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 15 for \$300,000 4 3/4% sewer system bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Int. J. & D. Due \$15,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1924 to 1943, incl. Said bonds will be delivered in 6 monthly installments of \$50,000 each, the first of which will be made on or before Sept. 15 1923, and one installment each month thereafter. Said bonds are exempt from taxation. . . . The transcript of the proceedings by which said bonds are issued and sold, together with the approving opinion of Messrs. Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord, Attorneys of Indianapolis, Indiana, will be delivered to the purchasers of these bonds without cost to the purchaser. . . . Bidders may submit bids on the following propositions: 1. For all of bonds. 2. For \$15,000. 3. For any multiple of \$15,000.

HUNTSVILLE, Walker County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on July 14 a bond issue of \$50,000 for paving purposes carried by a vote of 174 to 43.

HURON COUNTY (P. O. Bad Axe), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Clarke Munford, Clerk Board of County Road Commissioners, until 1 p. m. Aug. 1 for the purchase of \$28,000 Assessment District Road No. 5 bonds.

HUTCHINSON, McLeod County, Minn.—BONDS OFFERED.—J. F. Mikulecky, City Clerk, received sealed bids until 8 p. m. yesterday (July 27) for the purchase of \$25,000 negotiable coupon armory building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Interest semi-annual. Due July 1 1933. Interest rate not to exceed 5%.

INDIANAPOLIS PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph L. Hogue, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 3 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$253,000 4 1/2% coupon "Park District Bonds of 1923.

Issue No. 3." Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 3 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Due \$11,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1947, inclusive. A certified check for 2 1/2% of the amount bid for, upon some responsible bank in Indianapolis, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany each bid. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within 30 days from time of award.

INGLESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ingleside), DeKalb County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—BOND OFFERING.—At an election held on July 10 an issue of \$95,000 6% school bonds was voted by a count of 159 "for" to 20 "against." Bids will be received until Aug. 5 for the purchase of these bonds.

IREDELL COUNTY (P. O. Statesville), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 coupon registerable as to prin. road and bridge bonds, offered on July 23—V. 117, p. 238—were awarded to the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Cincinnati. Date July 1 1923. Due \$10,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1947 inclusive, and \$60,000, July 1 1948.

IRONWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ironwood), Gogebic County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—The citizens will decide on Aug. 6 whether they are in favor of issuing \$825,000 new high-school building bonds.

ITHACA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ithaca), Tompkins County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Clarence A. Snyder, City Chamberlain, will offer for sale \$40,000 4 1/2% school bonds at 3 p. m. July 30. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Tompkins County National Bank of Ithaca. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1925 to 1929; \$10,000, 1930, and \$5,000, 1931. Certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds, required.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—V. J. Buckeye, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 10 for \$150,000 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Interest rate not to exceed 5%. Due \$15,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1933 to 1942, inclusive. A certified check for 5% of issue, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Findlay R. No. 5), Hancock County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,170 6% road-improvement bonds offered on July 17 (V. 117, p. 238) have been awarded to the Citizens Bank of Mt. Blanchard at par and accrued interest. Date Sept. 15 1923. Due \$417 yearly on Sept. 15 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

JASPER COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Jasper), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 28 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$125,000 5 1/2% road bonds. A. L. Hancock, County Judge

JAY COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. Leroy Morrow, County Treasurer, until July 30 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$11,000 4 1/2% John G. Arbaugh et al road in Wayne Township bonds. Denom. \$550. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$550 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 20 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$29,000 5 1/2% serial bonds.

JENNINGS COUNTY (P. O. Vernon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry Y. Whitcomb, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 31 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following issues of 5% coupon Pike Road bonds: \$15,000 Simeon Tobias et al road in Marion Twp. bonds. Denom. \$750. 6,200 Howard Couchman et al road in Center Twp. bonds. Denom. \$310. 15,000 Walter Richard et al road in Center Twp. bonds. Denom. \$750. Date July 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

KALAMAZOO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Kalamazoo), Kalamazoo County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—On July 11 a \$13,000 bonding proposition to construct a school-building was carried by a vote of 51 to 26, it is stated.

KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kansas City), Wyandotte County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—The Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita have purchased \$300,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the State Treasurer's office. Due \$10,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1953, inclusive.

KAY COUNTY (P. O. Newkirk), Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 10 to vote on the question of issuing \$500,000 bridge-repair bonds.

KENT COUNTY (P. O. Grand Rapids), Mich.—BOND SALE.—We are advised by Deputy Clerk of the County Road Commissioners that on July 19 \$44,550 5% road-construction bonds were sold direct to public at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Int. M. & N. Due in from 2 to 10 years.

KIRKWOOD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hendrysburg), Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—D. W. Moore, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 8 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$25,000 5 1/2% school house construction and improvement bonds, issued under Sec. 7630-1 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$2,000, except Bond No. 1. Date July 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S. 15), payable at the office of the Clerk Board of Education. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$3,000 1924 and \$2,000 1925 to 1935, inclusive. The denominations may be changed, but the amount payable each year cannot be changed. Bids must be unconditional and must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$1,000 made payable to the Board of Education.

KOSSUTH COUNTY (P. O. Algona), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—In regard to the \$80,000 5% primary road bonds offered on July 12 (V. 117, p. 238), Blanch C. Crose, County Treasurer, says: "Empire Construction Co. bid them in at par and resold them to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport." Date July 1 1923. Due May 1 1928.

LAFAYETTE, Boulder County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Boettcher, Porter & Co., of Denver, have purchased \$20,000 5% water-extension bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Town Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros., New York City. Due \$4,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1934 to 1938, inclusive.

LA FOLLETTE, Campbell County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—Caldwell & Co., of Nashville, have purchased \$30,000 6% street-improvement bonds. Date May 1 1923. Due serially on May 1 from 1924 to 1933, incl.

LA PORTE, Hubbard County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on July 16 (V. 117, p. 239) the proposition to issue \$2,000 4 1/2% bonds carried by a vote of 45 to 14.

LARAMIE, Albany County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 sewer bonds offered on July 17 (V. 116, p. 2909) were awarded to Geo. W. Valery & Co., of Denver, at a premium of \$800, equal to 100.80.

LAUREL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gibinsonville), Hocking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Velva Brashares, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. to-day (July 28) for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$15,000 6% school bonds, issued under Sec. 7630-1 of General Code. Denom. \$1,500. Date July 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due \$1,500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check on some solvent bank for 6% of the amount bid for, payable to the District Treasurer.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marietta), Washington County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. H. Oliver, Clerk, Board of Education, at the Central National Bank, Marietta, until 12 m. Aug. 18 for the purchase at not less than par bonds issued under Sec. 7625 et. seq. of Gen. Code. Denom. \$500, or any ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the Central National Bank of Marietta. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1924 to 1935, incl., and \$1,000, 1936 and 1937. Bids must be unconditional and must be accompanied by a cert. check in the amount of \$500, made payable to the Board of Education.

LENOIR, Caldwell County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by J. Pritchett, Town Clerk, until 3 p. m. July 31

for \$125,000 5 1/2% coupon or registered water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.), payable in gold coin at the Seaboard National Bank, N. Y. City, and interest on registered bonds will, at option of holder, be paid in New York exchange. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000 1924 to 1940, incl.; \$3,000 1941 to 1950, incl.; \$5,000 1951 to 1963, incl. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the Town of Lenoir, required. Successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Head, Dougherty & Hoyt, N. Y. City, that the bonds are binding and valid obligations of the Town of Lenoir. The bonds will be prepared under 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 and the seal impressed thereon.

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% bonds, offered on July 24 (V. 117, p. 351) have been awarded to the National City Co. of Boston at 100.281—a basis of about 4.42%:

\$14,000 Macadam Loan bonds, payable \$3,000 July 1 1924 to July 1 1927, inclusive, and \$2,000 July 1 1928.

17,000 Permanent Pavement and Sewer Loan bonds, payable \$2,000 July 1 1924 to 1930, inclusive, and \$1,000 July 1 1931 to 1933, inclusive.

5,000 Sewer bonds, payable \$1,000 July 1 1924 to 1928, inclusive.

LEWIS SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Clay County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Otto B. Shaley, School Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 1 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$3,500 5% coupon school-building purchase bonds. Denom. \$700. Date Aug. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J & J 10) payable at the Citizens National Bank of Brazil. Due \$700 each six months from July 10 1924 to July 10 1926, inclusive.

LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13, Divide County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—V. E. Sparks, Clerk of the School Board (P. O. R. F. D. No. 1, Ambrose), will receive bids until 2 p. m. July 30 for \$5,400 10-year funding bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 7%. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

LINCOLN PARK (P. O. Wyandotte, R. F. D. No. 1), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Aug. 27, at which time the voters will pass upon the question of issuing \$175,000 water main and sewer extensions bonds.

LINDEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Linden), Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) Aug. 8 by Hugo O. Wendel, District Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par and int. of an issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds, not to exceed \$35,000. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Sept. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Linden National Bank of Linden. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1943 incl., and \$1,500, 1944 to 1953 incl. Certified check for 2% of amount bid for, payable to Board of Education, required. Legality approved, it is stated, by Whittemore & McLean, Elizabeth.

LINGLEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Erath County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$14,000 5% serial school bonds on July 16.

LOIZA (Municipality of), Porto Rico.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 10 by Javier Zequeira, Commissioner of Public Service, Police & Prisons, for \$72,000 coupon public impt. bonds. Denom. \$600. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in Washington, D. C., New York or Porto Rico. Due \$3,600 on July 1 from 1928 to 1947, incl. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. A cert. check or bank draft for 2% of bonds upon some national bank in United States or a bank doing business in Porto Rico, payable to the Commissioner of Finance, required.

LOWELLVILLE, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. W. Baker, Village Clerk, will receive bids (for each issue separately) until 12 m. Aug. 11 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following 6% special assessment street-paving bonds:

\$5,111 10 bonds. Denoms. \$500, except 1 bond for \$111 10. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$611 10, 1924; \$500, 1925 to 1931, inclusive, and \$1,000, 1932.

24,976 43 bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 bond for \$976 43. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$976 43, 1924, and \$3,000, 1925 to 1932, incl.

2,462 90 bonds. Denom. \$500, except 1 bond for \$462 90. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$462 90, 1924; \$500, 1925 to 1928, inclusive, and \$1,000, 1929 to 1932, inclusive.

16,136 88 bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except 1 bond for \$136 88. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$136 88, 1924, and \$2,000, 1925 to 1932, incl. Date July 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the Lowellville Savings Bank & Trust Co., Lowellville. Certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid on, upon some solvent bank located and doing business in Mahoning County, payable to the Village Treasurer, required with each bid. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 15 days from time of award. All bids must be unconditional except, however, as to the legality of the proceedings of the issue.

McMINNVILLE, Warren County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—O. C. Jennings, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 15 for \$75,000 5% coupon street impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (P. & A.) payable at the Town Treasurer's office. Due on Aug. 15 as follows: \$10,000, 1928, 1933 and 1938, and \$15,000, 1943, 1948 and 1953. A cert. check for 2% of bid required.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl C. Morris, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 1 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following 5% highway improvement bonds:

\$52,500 Charles F. Cather et al, in Anderson Township bonds. Denom. \$875. Due \$2,625 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

15,000 Omer Van Winkle et al in Union Township bonds. Denom. \$750. Due \$750 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl.

20,000 Harry Hough et al in Anderson Township bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

68,000 William A. Faust et al in Pipecreek Township bonds. Denom. \$850. Due \$3,400 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

8,500 Joseph L. Hughes et al in Lafayette Township bonds. Denom. \$425. Due \$425 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

10,000 Johnnie Cox et al in Fall Creek Township bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl.

Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Principal and interest payable at County Treasurer's office. Legal opinion of Smith, Remster, Hornbrook & Smith to be furnished, the cost to be borne by purchaser.

MALCOM SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Malcom), Poweshiek County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—C. O. Bowers, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 4 for \$40,000 school bonds. Date Aug. 15 1923. Due Aug. 15 1943. Legality approved by Chapman, Cutter & Parker, Chicago.

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Manchester Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Manchester, has purchased a temporary loan of \$300,000 dated July 27 1923, and maturing Dec. 3 1923, on a 4.33% discount basis, plus a \$6 50 premium.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$76,000 4 1/2% S. A. Furnas et al, Center and Warren Townships highway improvement bonds, offered on April 10 (V. 116, p. 1572) have been awarded to J. F. Wild & Co., of Indianapolis, at par and accrued interest. Date March 15 1923. Due \$7,600 yearly on May 15 from 1924 to 1933, incl.

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marion), Crittenden County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—Lorenzo E. Anderson & Co. of St. Louis has purchased \$120,000 6% school bonds at par.

MARION TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Logan), Hocking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Levi Derr, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. to-day (July 28) for \$12,000 6% school bonds, issued under Sec. 7630-1 of General Code. Denom. \$1,200. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the District Treasurer. Due \$1,200 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1933 incl. Certified check for 6% of amount of bid, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

MAYFIELD (P. O. South Euclid), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 13 by Maynard Covert, Village Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par

and accrued interest of \$12,000 5½% coupon bonds for the purpose of erecting or purchasing works for the generation and transmission of electricity and for supplying electricity to the corporation and the inhabitants thereof, and issued under Secs. 3618 and 3990 of General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1936 incl. Accompany each bid with a certified check on a solvent bank located in Cuyahoga County for 10% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award. All bids must be made upon blank form to be furnished by the above clerk, and must be unconditional. Bonds to be delivered at the office of the above bank.

MAYWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—R. H. Moulton & Co. of Los Angeles have purchased the \$63,000 5% school bonds offered on July 23 (V. 117, p. 116) at a premium of \$352 80, equal to 100.56, a basis of about 4.95%. Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000 1924 to 1926, \$2,000 1927 to 1953 incl.

MERCEDES, Hidalgo County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 4 to vote on the question of issuing \$150,000 light and water bonds.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Stanton), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Paul Leupp, County Auditor, will receive bids until 1 p. m. Aug. 7 for \$15,000 certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$100 and \$500. Interest rate not to exceed 7%. Due \$10,000 Jan. 1 1924 and \$5,000 April 1 1924. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

Financial Statement.	
Total bonded debt, this issue included	\$115,000
Total warrants and certificates of indebtedness outstanding	35,000
Sinking funds on hand	28,476
Assessed valuation, 1922	11,553,418
Population (1920), 8,204.	

MIAMI, Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—According to the "Manufacturers Record" of July 24 a syndicate composed of Seasongood & Mayer, Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, Prudden & Co. of Toledo, the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville and Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo has purchased \$890,000 impt. bonds at \$865,240, equal to 97.21 (Interest rate and other details not stated.)

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Peru), Ind.—BONDS SOLD.—The \$48,000 4½% Timothy Ginney et al road in Penn Twp. bonds offered on April 10 (V. 116, p. 1454) have been sold. Denom. \$1,210. Date Feb. 15 1923. Due \$1,210 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive. The \$10,300 bonds, offered at the same time, have not been disposed of as yet.

MICHIGAN (State of).—BOND SALE.—On July 23 the \$29,500 Road Assessment District No. 1031 bonds offered on that date (V. 117, p. 342) were awarded as 5½% to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, at 100.05.

MILFORD, Clermont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 6% bonds offered on May 15 have been awarded to the Milford National Bank, Milford, at par and accrued interest: \$570 50 High St. impt. bonds. Denom. \$285 25. Due \$285 25 on Oct. 1 in 1923 and 1924.

1,183 60 High St. sidewalk construction bonds. Denom. \$295 90. Due \$295 90 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1927 inclusive.

Int. annually. Prin. and int. payable at the Milford National Bank of Milford.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry N. Knott, City Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 10 for \$250,000 bonds for acquiring and improving sites and equipping library buildings.

MITCHELL, Lawrence County, Ind.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—Stella Edwards, City Clerk, informs us that the \$14,000 5% coupon funding bonds, offered on April 20 (V. 116, p. 1687) have not yet been sold. He adds that "there will be a re-issue in the near future."

MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 28 to vote on the question of issuing \$300,000 bonds.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Monroe), Mich.—BOND SALE.—Ryan, Bowman & Co., of Toledo, purchased \$157,500 5½% road bonds on July 5 on their bid of \$158,775 75, equal to 101.13.—Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date May 1 1923. Int. M. & N. Due 1925 to 1933, inclusive. A list of the bids received for this issue was given in the "Chronicle" of July 14, page 240.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Monroe), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of County Road Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) Aug. 2 for \$61,000 South Otter Creek Road District No. 33 construction bonds.

MONTPELIER, Williams County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$15,275 5½% Viaduct repair bonds was awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati on June 14. Date June 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000, except Bond No. 1 for \$275. Int. A. & O. Due \$275 Oct. 1 1923 and \$1,000 yearly from Oct. 1 1924 to 1938, inclusive.

MOORESVILLE, Iredell County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 6 by C. F. Clark, Town Clerk, for \$150,000 coupon, registerable as to principal only, street-improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable in gold in New York. Bidder to name rate of interest not to exceed 6%. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1925 to 1934, inclusive; \$5,000, 1935 to 1944, inclusive. A certified check for 2% required. Legality approved by Chester B. Masslich, New York City. Preparation and certification of bonds by the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York City. Delivery on or about Aug. 24.

MT. AIRY, Surry County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 31 by F. M. Moore, Town Secretary-Treasurer, for the following 5½% bonds: \$35,000 street-improvement bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1942, inclusive, and \$1,000, 1943.

30,000 funding bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926 to 1951, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1952 and 1953.

Date May 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Town Treasurer, required.

BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.—The above bonds were awarded to Stacy & Braun of Toledo, (see V. 116, p. 2677) but the sale was not completed as the attorneys (Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston,) employed by the town found a legal defect which is now being remedied by the readvertisement of the bonds as stated above. We are advised by Stacy & Braun in a communication dated July 26 that they expect to be the purchasers of the bonds on July 31 as the town is under moral obligation to award the bonds to them.

MOUNTAIN IRON, St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Elmer C. Saari, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 6 for \$400,000 funding bonds. Date July 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to the village, required.

MURPHY IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Murphy), Owyhee County, Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.—James Spofford, District Secretary, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 6 for \$90,000 6½% irrigation bonds.

MURRAY CITY, Hocking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Oscar Albaugh, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 18 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$2,077 57 6% refunding bonds, issued under Sec. 3917 of the Gen. Code. Denom. \$200, except Bond No. 1 for \$277 57. Date April 1 1923. Interest payable annually. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$277 57 1924, and \$200, 1925 to 1933, inclusive. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award.

MUSKINGUM COUNTY (P. O. Zanesville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Harry W. Heskett, County Auditor, until 11 a. m. July 30 for the purchase at not less than par of \$69,000 5% road impt. bonds, issued under Sec. 6929 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1924 to 1931, incl., and \$5,000, 1932. Cert. check for \$200, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

MUSKEGO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Mohall), Renville County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 4 for \$2,600 7% school bonds by John Hoerter, District Clerk. Due Sept. 1 1933. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Samuel Dearborn, City Treasurer, until 10 a. m. (standard time) Aug. 1 for the purchase of the following issues of 4½% bonds: \$65,000 highway construction bonds. Payable Aug. 1 1924 to 1928, incl., and \$4,000 Aug. 1 1929 to 1938 incl.

60,000 sewer bonds. Payable \$4,000 Aug. 1 1924 to 1938 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in gold coin at the office of the City Treasurer, or at the First National Bank of Boston, in Boston. These 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 these issues will be filed at the above bank, where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about Aug. 7 1923 at the First National Bank of Boston.

NEW CASTLE, Lawrence County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. E. Brown, City Clerk, until 10 a. m. Aug. 17 for \$125,000 4½% coupon impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due in 20 years; optional after 15 years. Certified check for \$2,000 required.

NEW CASTLE SCHOOL CITY (P. O. New Castle), Henry County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 4¼% school building bonds of 1923 offered on July 23—V. 117, p. 116—were awarded to the Citizens State Bank of New Castle for \$50,656, equal to 101.31, and to pay cost of printing bonds. Date July 1 1923. Due July 1 1943.

NEW RICHMOND, Logan County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until July 30 by C. T. Barnum, Village Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of \$4,000 5% refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 6 1923. Interest annually. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 6 from 1924 to 1927, inclusive. Certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award.

NEWTON FALLS, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. R. Finnick, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (central standard time) Aug. 10 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$14,600 5½% (property portion) South Canal Street paving bonds, issued under Sec. 3914 of Gen. Code. Denoms. 9 for \$1,000, 9 for \$500, 8 for \$125 and 1 for \$100. Date July 2 1923 Interest semi-annual. Due yearly on July 2 as follows: \$1,600, 1925, and \$1,625 1926 to 1933, inclusive. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$500, payable to the Village Treasurer. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award.

NORFOLK, Madison County, Nebr.—BOND ELECTION.—On Sept. 1 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 city-hall bonds.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY (P. O. Easton), Pa.—INTEREST RATE.—The \$1,000,000 gold road and bridge bonds, awarded on July 13 to W. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia at par—V. 117, p. 353—were sold as 4¼s.

Financial Statement.	
Real values, estimated	\$150,000,000
Assessed values	105,339,226
Total indebtedness, including this issue	\$3,060,000
Less cash in sinking funds and treasury	239,000

Net debt-----2,821,000
Ratio of debt to assessed valuation, 2.6%. Population, 1920 census, 153,506.

NORTH BEND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Monterey), Stark County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John Exavir, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 4 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$8,000 6% school-improvement bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$1,000. Date Aug. 4 1923. Int. J. & J. Bonds are payable at the Farmers State Bank of Knox. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1937, inclusive, and \$1,000, 1938. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$500, payable to the above official.

NORTH DAKOTA (State of).—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the following bonds, aggregating \$3,500,000, offered on July 18 (V. 117, p. 204) were rejected: \$2,500,000 5% real estate series bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$500,000, 1934 to 1939; \$750,000, 1944; \$500,000, 1949, and \$250,000, 1952. These bonds were offered unsuccessfully on June 28—see V. 117, p. 117.

700,000 5½% milling series. Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$250,000, 1928, and \$150,000, 1931 to 1933, incl.

300,000 5½% mill and elevator series bonds. Due Jan. 1 1937.

The Minneapolis "Journal" of July 19 says: "The State Industrial Commission of North Dakota has rejected a bid submitted by C. W. Whittie & Co., A. M. Lambert & Co. and Love, McCumber & Co., all of New York, for purchase of \$500,000 real estate bonds and \$300,000 mill and elevator bonds, conditional upon 60 day option on \$2,000,000 additional real estate and \$700,000 mill and elevator operating bonds. The syndicate offered to pay 101¼ for the bonds. The Board held the premium was not large enough and the option on further purchase asked too liberal."

NORTH HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Mineola), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$130,000 5% school bonds offered on July 25 (V. 117, p. 353) were awarded to Lehman Bros. of New York, at 105.38, a basis of about 4.49%. Date June 1 1923. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1928 to 1937, incl., and \$7,000, 1938 to 1947, inclusive.

OAKWOOD PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. R. F. D. Kalamazoo), Kalamazoo County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On July 1 Bumpus-Hull & Co. of Detroit, purchased \$27,000 5% school bldg. bonds for \$27,100, equal to 100.36. Date July 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Int. F. & A. Due in 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943 and 1948.

ODESSA, Lafayette County, Mo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on July 17—V. 117, p. 240—the proposition to issue \$15,000 water works system extension and impt. bonds failed to carry.

OHIO CITY, Van Wert County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5½% coupon special assessment bonds offered on April 21 (V. 116, p. 1688) have been awarded to Milliken & York of Cleveland: \$7,664 61 Main Street improvement bonds. Denoms. \$1,000, except one for \$664 61. Due on Mar. 1 as follows: \$664 61 1925 and \$1,000 1926 to 1932, inclusive.

14,384 15 Carman Street improvement bonds. Denoms. \$1,000, except one for \$384 15. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,384 15 1924; \$2,000 1925 to 1927, incl.; \$1,000 1928; \$2,000 1929 to 1931, incl.

Bonds to be dated not later than Sept. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the Farmers Bank of Ohio City.

OLNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Olney), Young County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$40,000 5% serial bonds on July 16.

OTERO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Tempa), Colo.—BOND SALE.—Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver, have purchased \$6,000 6% 15-30-year (opt.) school building bonds. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due Aug. 1 1933; optional, Aug. 1 1938.

PAINESVILLE, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Albion H. Lord, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Central standard time) Aug. 6 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$30,000 5% grade crossing elimination bonds, issued under Sec. 3939 and 3942 of General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1938 incl. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$500 on some solvent bank (member of the Federal Reserve System). Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award. Bonds to be delivered at Painesville.

PALMER, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 4¼% bonds offered on July 24 (V. 117, p. 353), were awarded to Parkinson & Burr, of Boston, at 100.33—a basis of about 4.21%.

\$30,000 "Palmer School Loan Act of 1920, Series B," bonds, payable \$1,500 July 1 1924 to July 1 1943, inclusive.
 10,000 "New High School Loan" bonds, payable \$500 July 1 1924 to 1943, inclusive.
 Date July 1 1923.

PANTEGO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61 (P. O. Washington), Beaufort County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 coupon (registerable as to prin. and int.) school bonds offered on July 20—V. 116, p. 3030—were awarded to Stacy & Braun of Toledo as 5½% at a premium of \$321, equal to 101.28, a basis of about 5.37%. Date July 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1950 inclusive.

PAPILLION, Sargy County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 31 to vote on a proposition to issue \$11,000 water-main bonds. Geo. F. Oliver, Village Clerk.

PARKE COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Ind.—BON OFFERING.—J. W. Chapman, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 30 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$26,000 4½% B. A. Wimmer et al. road impt. in Adams Township bonds. Denom. \$1,300. Date July 14 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$1,300 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

PASCO, Franklin County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 public utility bonds offered on July 17—V. 117, p. 241—were awarded to the Yakima Trust Co. of Yakima as 6s at a premium of \$150, equal to 100.10.

PEEKSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Peekskill), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 new elementary school site bonds, offered on July 24—V. 117, p. 241—were awarded as 4½% to the Peekskill Savings Bank of Peekskill at par. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$2,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1924 to 1938 incl. Other bidders were:

	Rate Bid.	Int. Rate Bid.
Union National Co.	100.19	4.75%
Farson, Son & Co.	100.81	4.75%
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co.	100.31	4.75%
Clinton H. Brown & Co.	100.13	4.75%
Rutter & Co.	100.19	4.50%
Sherwood & Merrifield.	100.175	4.75%
Peekskill Savings Bank	100.00	4.50%
Barr Brothers & Co., Inc.	100.037	4.50%

PEND OREILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Newport), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—S. M. McGee, District Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until Aug. 3 for \$4,000 school bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%.

PERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. Bottineau), Bottineau County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Geo. A. Buer, District Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 6 for \$3,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. Due as follows: \$1,000, Feb. 6 1924; \$1,000, Aug. 6 1924, and \$1,000, Feb. 6 1925. A certified check for not less than 5% of bid required.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation 1921	\$380,231 00
Bonds outstanding June 30 1922	6,750 00
Sinking fund June 30 1922	447 91
Warrants outstanding June 30 1922	10,412 04

PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pemberton), Shelby County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Aug. 2 by N. C. Enders, Clerk, for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$15,000 5½% bonds, issued under authority of Secs. 5649-4 and 7630-1 of the General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 2 1923. Int. M. & S. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1938 incl. Certified check for \$750, payable to N. C. Enders, Treasurer, Board of Education, required.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Government of)—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 1 by Frank McIntyre, Major-General U. S. Army, and Chief Bureau of Insular Affairs, Major-Munitions Bldg., Washington, D. C., for the purchase of \$2,000,000 4½% coupon irrigation and permanent public works bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the Treasury of the United States. Due July 1 1952. A bank draft or certified check for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the above official, required. Copy of an opinion by the Attorney-General of the United States as to the legality of this issue will be furnished successful bidder. The official circular offering these bonds states: "Under the terms of the Act of Congress, approved Feb. 6 1905, all bonds issued by the Government of the Philippine Islands, or by its authority, shall be exempt from taxation by the Government of the United States, or by the Government of the Philippine Islands or of any political or municipal subdivision thereof, or by any State, or by any county, municipality, or other municipal subdivision of any State or Territory of the United States, or by the District of Columbia."

"The United States Treasury Department authorizes the statement that bonds of the Government of the Philippine Islands are acceptable at par, under the regulations of the Treasury Department, as security for deposits of public money.

"Accepted subscriptions will be payable on Aug. 7 1923 at a bank in N. Y. City to be designated by the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, and the bank so designated will make delivery of the bonds."

PIERCE COUNTY (P. O. Rugby), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by O. A. Spillum, County Auditor, until 2 p. m. Aug. 8 for \$20,000 certificates of indebtedness. Due in 18 months. Int. semi-ann. Bidder to name rate of interest. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to Florence Harker, County Treasurer, required.

PINELLAS COUNTY (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—J. N. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will receive sealed bids until Aug. 23 for the following bonds:
 \$2,597,000 road bonds.
 266,000 bridge bonds.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4½% bonds offered on July 25 (V. 117, p. 353) were awarded to Estabrook & Co. of Boston at 100.92, a basis of about 4.28%:
 \$35,000 "water bonds of 1923," payable \$7,000 July 15 1924 to July 15 1928, incl.
 26,000 "sewer loan bonds of 1923," payable \$2,000 July 15 1924 to July 15 1936, incl.

Date July 15 1923.

PORT EMMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. Ludden), Dickey County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 11 a. m. Aug. 4 by J. H. Montgomery, District Clerk, for \$3,000 10-year building bonds maturing July 1 1933 and bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. A cert. check for 5% of bid required. Total bonded debt (this issue included), \$3,430.

POWDER RIVER COUNTY (P. O. Broadus), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Aug. 21 by C. M. Smith, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, for \$10,000 20-year 5% bonds. Denom. \$500. Interest semi-annual.

PRINCETON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Princeton), Mercer County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—On June 26 an issue of \$55,000 5% registered high-school building bonds was disposed of. Date July 1 1923. Due in 20 years. Bonds are optional.

POTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Greencastle), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Otto G. Webb, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Aug. 6 for the purchase of \$26,800 4½% coupon John N. Russell et al road in Jackson Township bonds. Denom. \$1,340. Date June 15 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N. 15) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,340 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

POTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Unionville), Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—BIDS REJECTED.—Sealed bids will be received until Aug. 6 by J. Houston, County Treasurer, for \$150,000 5% coupon court-house building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. F. & A. These bonds were offered on July 20 (V. 116, p. 3030), but were not sold, as all bids received, being unsatisfactory, were rejected.

QUEEN CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Chandler), Maricopa County, Ariz.—BONDS VOTED—OFFERING.—At the election held on July 3 (V. 116, p. 3030), the proposition to issue \$300,000 wells, canal and power bonds carried.

Bids will be received until Aug. 13 by the Board of Directors (301 Ellis Building, Phoenix) for the above bonds. Denom. \$1,000 or multiples. Interest rate 6½%. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

RACINE, Racine County, Wis.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$36,000 4½% school house bonds offered on July 23 (V. 117, p. 355) were not sold, as no bids were received.

RAVALLI COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Hamilton), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 4 p. m. Aug. 13, H. C. Packer, District Clerk, will receive bids for the purchase of \$6,203 6% 10-year funding bonds.

RED WING, Goodhue County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Aug. 3 by S. T. Irvine, City Clerk, for an issue of 5% street-paving bonds. Bids will be received as follows:

1. For the first \$100,000.
 2. For the whole \$150,000.
 3. On any multiples of \$500.
- Denom. \$500. Int. F. & A.

RICHARDTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Richardton), Stark County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 3 p. m. Aug. 6 by John Mughl, Clerk Board of Education, at the County Auditor's office in Dickinson for \$15,000 6% funding bonds. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at a place to be agreed upon. Due July 1 1943. A cert. check for \$1,000 required.

Financial Statement.

Population of Richardton village	626
Bonds outstanding July 1 1922	\$7,000 00
Sinking fund July 1 1922	7,000 00
Warrants outstanding July 1 1922	7,585 82

RIPLEY COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry Bultman Jr., County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Aug. 6 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of \$6,200 4½% Robert Lawless et al. road in Otter Creek Township bonds. Denom. \$310. Date Aug. 6 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$310 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

ROCKY HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Visalia), Tulare County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 6 by Gladys Stewart, County Clerk, for \$5,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 16 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$500 on July 16 from 1931 to 1940 incl. A certified check for 5% payable to the Board of Supervisors, required.

ROCKWELL CITY, Calhoun County, Iowa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on July 18 (V. 117, p. 241) the proposition to issue \$47,000 memorial building and \$28,000 city-hall bonds was voted down.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55 (P. O. Brockton), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,000 coupon school bonds offered on July 16 (V. 117, p. 118) were awarded to the State of Montana as 6s at par. Due in 20 years, optional after 10 years. In giving the notice of offering the number of the district was inadvertently given as 25.

RUSSELLVILLE, Franklin County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 6% coupon sewerage bonds offered on July 25 (V. 117, p. 241) were awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Birmingham at par. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due in 10 years.

RYE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Clement D. Camp, Clerk, Board of Education (P. O. Port Chester), until 7:30 p. m. Aug. 14 for the following registered bonds:
 \$100,000 Abraham Lincoln School bldg. bonds. Due \$10,000 on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.
 35,000 Thomas A. Edison School bldg. bonds. Due \$5,000 on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1930, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Bidder to name rate of int. not exceeding 5%. A cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the Board of Education, for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

SAINT CLAIR COUNTY (P. O. Port Huron), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. E. Beard, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, until 1:30 p. m. July 31 for the purchase of \$185,000 5¼% year road bonds. Int. semi-annually.

SALISBURY, Rowan County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Aug. 7 by C. G. Wells, City Clerk, for \$100,000 coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City, in gold coin. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000 1926 to 1936 incl. \$4,000 1937 to 1943 incl. and \$5,000 1944 to 1953 incl. Bidder to name rate of interest. A cert. check for 2% required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt. Bonds prepared and certified by U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City.

SALISBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salisbury), Chariton County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—A proposition to issue \$80,000 bonds for school repairing will be submitted to a vote of the people at an election to be held on July 31.

SALUDA COUNTY (P. O. Saluda), So. Caro.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by M. T. Pitts, Chairman of the Highway Commission, until 12 m. Aug. 15 for \$125,000 5% highway construction notes. Date July 1 1932. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on July 1 as follows: \$8,000 1924; \$9,000 1925; \$10,000 1926; \$11,000 1927; \$12,000 1928; \$13,000 1929; \$14,000 1930; \$15,000 1931; \$16,000 1932, and \$17,000 1933. A cert. check for \$2,500, payable to the above official, required.

SARATOGA, Carbon County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The United States National Co. of Denver has purchased \$20,000 6% 15-30 year (optional) water extension bonds.

SCARSDALE (TOWN) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Aug. 1 at the office of Philly Russell, President Board of Education, 14 Wall St., New York City, for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following two issues of 4½% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds:
 \$30,000 "Series D" bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1925 to 1939, inclusive.
 28,000 "Series E" bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1925 to 1938, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York City, that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the Board. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Bonded debt (excluding above bonds), \$785,500; floating and unfunded debt, none. Assessed valuation, \$19,863,804; school tax rate per \$1,000, 1923, \$10.45.

SCHODACK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Castleton), Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$78,000 5% school bonds offered on July 20—V. 117, p. 241—have been awarded to the Union National Corporation of New York at 103.80—a basis of about 4.68%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1925 to 1932, incl., and \$3,000, 1933 to 1954, incl.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Carnegie), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—D. L. Davis, Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 14 for the purchase of \$60,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. A. & F. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1928, 1932, 1936 and 1939; and \$10,000, 1941, 1944, 1946 and 1948. These bonds are said to be free of all State tax. Purchaser is to pay for printing of the bonds. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the District Treasurer, must accompany each bid.

SENECA, Newton County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—During June the Bank of Seneca purchased \$25,000 5½% bonds at par plus a premium of \$325, equal to 101.30. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Int. J. & D. Due serially.

SHARPSBURG, Nash County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. Aug. 25 by E. H. Jones, Town Clerk, for \$10,000 coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only

or both prin. and int.) electric light system bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in gold at the Hanover Nat. Bank, N. Y. City, and interest on fully registered bonds will, at option of holder, be paid in N. Y. exchange. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. Due \$1,000 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1933 incl. A cert. check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bids, furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of N. Y. City that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the Town of Sharpburg. The bonds will be printed under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. of N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the town officials and the seal impressed on the bonds. The bonds will be delivered to the purchaser at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City.

SKANEATELES, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Skaneateles Savings Bank of Skaneateles was awarded \$150,000 4 1/2% street paving bonds on July 9 at par. Date Aug. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Interest J. & J. Due serially.

SOUTH PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—BOND SALE.—Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York have been awarded an issue of \$75,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds at 102.90. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due 1944 to 1948, incl.

SOUTH RIVER, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On July 23 the \$65,000 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) electric-light bonds, offered on that date (V. 117, p. 118) were awarded to the First National Bank of South River at 100.94—a basis of about 4.86%. Date July 1 1923. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1925 to 1934, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1935 to 1939, inclusive.

STAMFORD, Delaware County, N. Y.—BIDS REJECTED.—The two issues of 6% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$28,000, offered on July 24 (V. 116, p. 355), were not sold, as all the bids submitted were rejected.

STARKWEATHER SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ramsey County, N. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—O. M. Lofgren, District Clerk (P. O. Starkweather), will receive bids until 2 p. m. to-day (July 28) for \$7,500 certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$500. Interest rate not to exceed 7%. Of the total amount (\$7,500), \$2,500 are dated Aug. 1, \$2,000 Sept. 1, \$2,000 Oct. 1 and \$1,000 Nov. 1 1923. All certificates mature on or before April 15 1924. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

STEELETON, Dauphin County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 4 p. m. (eastern standard time) Aug. 6 by H. R. Rupp, Secretary of the Town Council, for \$45,000 4 1/2% coupon water-system replacement and improvement bonds, 1923 issue. Denom. \$1,500. Date Sept. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the Steelton National Bank, Steelton. Due \$1,500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive. A certified check (or cash) for 2% of amount bid for, payable at the office of the Town Council on or about Sept. 1. The official circular offering these bonds states: "There is no controversy or litigation pending or threatening concerning the validity of this issue of bonds, the corporate existence or boundaries of the municipality, or the title of the present officers to their respective offices. There has been no default in payment of principal or interest on any of the Borough of Steelton's obligations."

Last assessed valuation of taxable property, 1923.....	\$7,903,950 00
Total funded indebtedness of Borough of Steelton, including the issue above.....	323,000 00
Amount in sinking fund.....	65,374 00

STOCKTON, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—N. Freel, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. July 30 for \$82,835 29 7/8% imp. bonds. Date July 9 1923. Due 1 to 10 years. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the city, required.

SUSANVILLE, Lassen County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The Anglo London Paris Co. of San Francisco, it is reported, has purchased \$15,000 5% town-hall bonds at a premium of \$211, equal to 101.40. Date July 1 1923. Due 1924 to 1938.

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP (P. O. Spangler), Cambria County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—The \$60,000 4 1/2% improvement bonds offered on July 24 (V. 116, p. 3031) have been awarded to Lewis & Snyder, of Phila., at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$123—equal to 100.205—a basis of about 4.97%. Due \$15,000 on Sept. 1 in 1928, 1933, 1938 and 1943.

SWAMPSCOTT, Essex County, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—The Town Treasurer will receive bids until 8 p. m. July 31 for the purchase of \$28,000 serial coupon notes, dated Aug. 1 1923, of the following description: \$4,000 water loan, payable \$1,000, 1924 to 1927, inclusive. \$15,000 water loan, payable \$1,000, 1924 to 1938, inclusive. \$9,000 sewerage loan, payable \$1,000, 1924 to 1932, inclusive.

SWEETWATER, Monroe County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The Central-State National Bank of Memphis has purchased \$30,000 5 1/2% school, sewer and refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Due June 1 1953.

SYCAMORE, Wyandot County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by O. J. Niebel, Village Clerk, until 7 p. m. Aug. 20 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following issues of 5 1/2% bonds: \$5,500 village's portion Sycamore St. improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Due yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1934, inclusive. 14,000 special assessment Sycamore St. improvement bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1932, incl. Date July 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treas.

TAYLOR, Williamson County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election has been called for Aug. 7 to vote on the proposition to issue \$50,000 bonds for parks.

TEHUANCA, Limestone County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election an issue of \$30,000 bonds for a public school-building carried by a majority of 51 votes.

TONON CITY, Fremont County, Idaho.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 7 to vote on the question of issuing \$10,000 water extension bonds. John Donaldson, City Clerk.

TETON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Fairfield), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph Thorud, District Clerk Board of Trustees, will offer for sale at 2 p. m. Aug. 15 an issue of funding 6% 10-year bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,865 20. A certified check for \$50, payable to the above official, required.

TEXARKANA, Bowie County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 14 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$200,000 city hall bonds.

TEXAS (State of), BONDS PURCHASED BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.—On July 13 the State Board of Education purchased the following bonds:

Bexar County C. S. D. No. 40.....	\$ 9,000	Madison County C. S. D. No. 5.....	1,600
Dainersfield Indep. S. D.....	15,000	Mitchell County C. S. D. No. 6.....	2,000
Denton County C. S. D. No. 10.....	2,000	Mitchell County C. S. D. No. 28.....	2,000
Gaines County C. S. D. No. 7.....	3,600	Martin & Dawson C. C. Line S. D. No. 9.....	1,500
Baines County C. S. D. No. 12.....	3,600	Milam County C. S. D. No. 5.....	3,600
Haskell County C. S. D. No. 23.....	3,500	Palo Pinto Co. C. S. D. No. 22.....	1,500
Henderson & Van Zandt C. C.....	1,000	Pilot Point Indep. S. D.....	50,000
Line S. D. Co. 35 1/2.....	2,600	San Saba County C. S. D. No. 35.....	3,500
Henderson Co. C. S. D. No. 28 1/2.....	1,200	Upshur County C. S. D. No. 25.....	2,500
Henderson Co. C. S. D. No. 21.....	1,200	Upshur County C. S. D. No. 41.....	2,000
Johnson County C. S. D. No. 34.....	8,000	Van Zandt Co. C. S. D. No. 30.....	3,200
Leon County C. S. D. No. 30.....	7,500	Van Zandt Co. C. S. D. No. 102.....	600
Limestone Co. C. S. D. No. 58.....	3,000	Williamson Co. C. S. D. No. 28.....	2,000
Limestone Co. C. S. D. No. 42.....	25,000	Archer County C. S. D. No. 6.....	15,000
Limestone Co. C. S. D. No. 67.....	3,000	Wellman Indep. S. D.....	6,000
Lubbock Indep. S. D.....	80,000		
McCulloch Co. C. S. D. No. 14.....	4,000		

THOMAS COUNTY (P. O. Thedford), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Peters Trust Co. of Omaha has purchased \$22,000 6% 10-20 year (opt.) court house bonds.

TEXAS (State of)—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following bonds have been registered by the State Comptroller of Texas:

Amount.	Place.	Due.	Int. Rate.	Date Reg.
\$2,600	Henderson Co. C. S. D. No. 28 1/2	20 yrs.	5%	July 16
2,900	Bee Co. C. S. D. No. 30	Serial	5%	July 18
4,000	Lynn Co. C. S. D. No. 13	Serial	6%	July 19
600	Cass Co. C. S. D. No. 20	10-20 yrs.	5%	July 19

TONAWANDA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Edward F. Fries, City Treasurer, until 8 p. m. Aug. 1 for the purchase of \$70,000 4 1/2% coupon street imp. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Int. payable semi-ann. (J. & J.) at the Chase Nat. Bank of New York. Certified check for \$1,000 required. The opinion of John C. Thomson of New York as to the legality of the bonds will be furnished the successful bidder. Official announcement states that there is no pending litigation against this issue or any other issue of the municipality or the title of any official to office and that the city has never defaulted in the prompt payment of principal and interest on its indebtedness. Bonded debt (excluding this issue or old School District bonds), \$1,316,876 52; floating debt, \$60,000; sinking funds, \$129,337 60; assessed valuation of real and personal property for the last preceding assessment for State and County taxes, 1923, \$14,324,031; city tax rate (per \$1,000), \$12.157. Population, 1920 (Census), 10,068.

TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$44,000 4 1/2% registered or coupon water works extension bonds offered on July 24—V. 117, p. 355—were awarded to the Manufacturers National Bank of Troy for \$44,176—equal to 100.40, a basis of about 4.20%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$2,200 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1924 to 1943, incl.

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY (P. O. New Philadelphia), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 7 by A. D. Schlegel, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$79,500 5 1/2% I. C. H. No. 408, Sec. "L" imp. bonds, issued under Sec. 1223 of General Code. Denom. \$1,000 except bond No. 8 for \$500. Date July 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1924 to 1927 incl., and \$15,500, 1928. Certified check for 5% of amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award.

VALLEY COUNTY (P. O. Glasgow), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Carl J. Anderson, Chairman Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 8 for \$57,000 county bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. A certified check for \$2,500 required.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,900 4 1/2% road imp. bonds offered on April 12 (not \$16,400, as reported in V. 116, p. 1333) were awarded to Oliver Edmunds, a local contractor, at par and accrued interest. Due each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1943 inclusive.

VILLISCA, Montgomery County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$75,000 electric light plant bonds submitted to a vote of the people at the election held on July 17—V. 116, p. 3032—carried by a vote of 440 to 62.

VINLAND RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Vinland), Douglas County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 6 to vote on the question of issuing \$10,000 school-building bonds. According to the Topeka "Capital" of July 21, these bonds were voted during the spring but the election was declared illegal because it was stated that the notice of election was not advertised for a sufficient length of times.

WABASHA COUNTY (P. O. Wabasha), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. July 31 by the County Board for \$100,000 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$10,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

WAPATO, Yakima County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—BOND SALE.—An election will be held on Aug. 1 to vote on issuing \$35,000 water revenue bonds. These bonds, if voted, will be bought in by the Yakima Trust Co. of Yakima, as the city has a contract of sale with it.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$165,000 4 1/2% road imp. bonds offered on July 23 (V. 117, p. 355) were awarded to the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, at a premium of \$7,342 50, equal to 194.45.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Washington), Daviess County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% school bonds offered on April 14—V. 116, p. 1575—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis at par and accrued interest, plus a premium of \$975, equal to 101.62. Date April 14 1923. Due serially from July 1 1924 to July 1 1934 inclusive.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. New Rockford), Eddy County, N. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by I. W. Lovell, District Clerk, until 2 p. m. Aug. 10 for \$2,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. Due in 18 months.

Assessed valuation 1921.....	\$588,636
Bonded indebtedness June 30 1922.....	None
Warrants outstanding June 30 1922.....	130

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT, Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. Aug. 6 by T. Howard Duckett, Chairman Suburban Sanitary Commission, at his office, 1420 New York Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C., for the purchase of \$500,000 4 1/2% bonds. Date July 1 1923. Due in 50 years, optional in 30 years. Certified check for \$5,000 required. These bonds, it is stated, are exempt from taxation in Maryland and are certified by the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore. Legality approved by Chester B. Masslich of New York City.

WATERBURY, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$1,562,000, offered on July 23—V. 117, p. 242—have been awarded to the National City Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York and Hincks Bros. & Co. of Waterbury as follows: \$1,490,000 4 3/4% funding bonds at 100.63—a basis of about 4.62%. Denom. of \$1,000 each, dated July 15 1923 and payable \$40,000 on July 15 1924, \$75,000 Jan. 15 1925 and \$75,000 each succeeding July 15 and Jan. 15 thereafter until the final amount of \$25,000 becomes payable on July 15 1934. Int. payable semi-ann. Jan. 15 and July 15 except the bonds maturing in 1924, the interest of which shall be payable Jan. 15 and June 15 1924. 72,000 4 1/2% sewerage bonds at 103.10—a basis of about 4.30%. Denom. of \$1,000 each, dated July 15 1923 and payable \$10,000 July 15 of each of the years 1946 to 1952, incl., and \$2,000 July 15 1953. Int. payable semi-ann. Jan. 15 and July 15. Principal and interest payable in lawful money of the United States at the First National Bank of Boston. Other bidders were:

	For Funding	For Sewage Bonds.
Hamilton, Gill & Co.....	100.02	102.65
R. L. Day & Co., Estabrook & Co., R. F. Griggs & Co.....	100.05	102.68
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Eldredge & Co.....	100.49	102.07

WATERLOO, De Kalb County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Nina Duncan, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 15 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$20,000 6% coupon Wayne, Maple, Lincoln and Van Vleet Sts. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 each six months from Jan. 1 1924 to July 1 1933 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Town Treasurer's office.

WEBER COUNTY (P. O. Ogden), Utah.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on July 12 a proposition to issue \$300,000 school bonds failed to carry.

WEHAWKEN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Weehawken), Hudson County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—TO BE RE-OFFERED.—The \$30,000 5% (with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) park and playground bonds offered on July 23 (V. 117, p. 242) were not sold. The bonds are to be re-offered.

WEINERT, Haskell County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$20,000 5 1/2% serial city hall bonds on July 18.

WHITNEY, Hill County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 16 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$15,000 6% 5-30-year street improvement bonds.

WILSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Floresville), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 4 a proposition to issue \$100,000 5½% road bonds will be submitted to a vote of the people at an election to be held on that day.

WINCHESTER, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following issue of 4¼% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bond offered on July 23 (V. 117, p. 356) have been awarded to Merrill, Oldham & Co., of Boston, at 100.68—a basis of about 4.165%. \$150,000 "Winchester School Loan, Act of 1922," bonds. Date Sept. 15 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$8,000, 1923 to 1932, inclusive, and \$7,000, 1933 to 1942, inclusive. These bonds are outside of debt limit. 390,000 "School Building Loan" bonds. Date May 1 1923. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1924 to 1941, inclusive, and \$15,000, 1942 and 1943.

WOOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wooster), Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On May 23 the \$26,000 5% coupon bldg. bonds offered on that date (V. 116, p. 2047) were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit, at 100.42, a basis of about 4.95%. Date May 15 1923. Due on Nov. 15 as follows: \$1,000 in each of the years 1924 to 1926, incl.; 1928 to 1930, incl.; \$932 to 1934, incl.; 1936 to 1938, incl., and 1940 and 1941, and \$2,000 in each of the years 1927, 1931, 1935, 1939, 1942 and 1943.

WYANDOTTE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Wyandotte Savings Bank of Wyandotte has purchased an issue of \$8,741 38 improvement bonds.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BRANDON, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co., of Toronto, have purchased \$20,764 6% and 6½% bonds at 103.27—a basis of about 6.04%. The bonds were issued for local improvement purposes.

MAGOG, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Alf. Tourigny, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive tenders, it is stated, until 4 p. m. Aug. 2 for the purchase of \$40,500 5½% coupon bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$100. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the offices of the Canadian Bank of Commerce of Magog, Montreal and Quebec, at the option of the bearer.

OTTAWA, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The City Council passed a by-law authorizing the issuing of \$1,000,000 debentures for a civic hospital.

SASKATCHEWAN (Province of)—BOND AUTHORIZATIONS.—The "Monetary Times" of Toronto published in its issue of July 20 the following as a list of the authorizations granted by the local Government Board from June 23 to July 7 1923:

Waverley, \$4,200, 20 years, annually, not exceeding 8%; Tresa., W. E. Cook, Yellow Grass, Neufeld, \$900, 10 years, int not exceeding 8%;

Sec.-Treas., B. H. Neufeld, Lost River, Coma Park, \$3,618, 15 years, annually not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., W. H. Leizert, Zeneta, Cata-raqui, \$2,000, 5 years, annually not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., H. Johnson, Balldon, Fairmede, \$6,000, 20 years, annually not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., R. L. Kidd, Fairmede, Runnydale, \$3,000, 15 years, annually, not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., W. R. Mulroy, Runnymede, Lacadena, \$5,000, 15 years, annually not exceeding 8%; Sec., Mrs. Russell Watson, Saltburn, Netherby, \$2,000, 10 years, annually not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Mary Pearson, Candiac, Suprb, 15 years, annually not exceeding 7%; Sec.-Treas., Chas. Mawhinney, Superb, Seifert, \$4,000, 10 years, annually not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., Louis Klotz, Macklin, Edinburgh, \$3,000, 15 years, not exceeding 8% annually; Sec.-Treas., H. W. Michell, Hodgeville, Wood Valley, 15 years, not exceeding 8% annually; Sec.-Treas., W. W. Garbutt, Coderre, Bechtel, \$4,500, 15 years, annually not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., T. H. Rosser, Shellbrook, Midale Village, \$3,500, 10 years, annually not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., H. L. England, Midale, St. Alexis, \$2,000, 10 years, inst. not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., J. Robillard, Willow Bunch, Cedric, \$1,200, 10 years, annually not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., H. C. Waterbury, Rhein, Helmont, \$1,500, 10 years, annually not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., Z. Bessette, Bonne Madune, Midhurst, \$2,500, 10 years, annually not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., S. Markham, Pelly, Dixon, \$700, 7 years, inst. not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., Aug. Moeller, Humboldt, Unity Union Hospital, \$11,000, 20 years, annually not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., W. E. Atkinson, Unity, Wynyard S. D., \$20,000, 20 years, annually not exceeding 7%; Sec.-Treas., T. B. Baker, Wynyard, Town of Estevan, \$22,000, electric light plant, 15 years, 7%; Sec.-Treas., A. B. Stewart, Estevan.

Town of Wapella, \$7,000, electric light plant, 10 years, 7%; Sec.-Treas., Gerald Chapman, Wapella. Villages.—Kelvington, \$1,800, fire apparatus, 10 years, inst. not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., H. M. Lovell, Kelvington, Montmartre, \$1,500, plank sidewalks, 15 years, inst. not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., C. Dozois, Montmartre, Marcellin, \$2,500, electric light plant, 10 years, inst. not exceeding 8%; Sec.-Treas., E. A. Labrosse, Marcellin.

SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—J. T. Stewart, Township Treasurer, will receive tenders until 11 a. m. July 30 for the purchase of \$65,000 5½% 30 annual installment bonds and \$23,318 50 6½% hydro bonds.

THREE RIVERS, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that tenders will be received by the School Commissioners until Aug. 6 for the purchase of \$35,000 5% and 5½% "A" and "B" bonds. Date May 1 1923. Redeemable in 30 years.

WENTWORTH, Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$85,000 5½% 10-year annual installment bonds, has been awarded to R. A. Daly & Co. at 100.66. According to the Toronto "Globe" of July 25, bids were as follows: R. A. Daly & Co., 100.66; Matthews & Co., 100.60; Gairdner, Clarke & Co., 100.53; Wood, Gundy & Co., 100.34; A. E. Ames & Co., 100.29; Dymont, Anderson & Co., 100.26; Dominion Securities Corp., 100.18; Aemilius Jarvis & Co., 100.18; Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., 100.11, and Bell, Gouinlock & Co., 99.40.

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Said Bonds will be paid, on and after September 1, 1923, at the office of the Treasurer of McCracken County, Kentucky, in the City National Bank of Paducah, Kentucky, upon presentation to said Treasurer; and the Treasurer is directed to advertise in some financial journal of general circulation the fact that said bonds had been called and will be paid as herein directed, and that interest thereon will stop on September 1, 1923.

JAS. M. LANG, Judge.

REDEMPTION NOTICE

REDEMPTION NOTICE.

Escambia County, Florida,

6% ROAD PAVING BONDS.

NOTICE is hereby given that Bonds Nos. 66 to 130, both inclusive, for \$1,000 each, of Escambia County Road Paving Bond Issue, have been called in for retirement on August 15th, 1923, in accordance with our option.

OWNERS will present same to Guaranty Trust Company of New York City and receive payment therefor on above date as interest will cease thereafter on said bonds.

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\$50,000—4½% School Bonds dated August 1, 1923, and maturing as follows: \$10,000 in 1925; \$10,000 in 1927; \$10,000 in 1929; \$10,000 in 1931; \$10,000 in 1933.

\$44,000—4½% Improvement Bonds dated August 1, 1923, and maturing as follows: \$15,000 in 1927; \$15,000 in 1931; \$14,000 in 1935.

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