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The Financial Situation.

The body of our late President reached its resting place, at home yesterday and the term of outward mourning ends to-day. If any criticism and rancor followed him as he began his last journey in life, all is silenced as he has been returning in a sort of proud though melancholy triumph. No man in our long line of Chief Magistrates has been more universally respected and more universally loved, and none has shown personal traits more commanding affection. Whatever the final verdict of history as to his rank in comparative "greatness," Mr. Harding will stand high on the roll of illustrious Americans for integrity, soundness of character, thorough manliness, and for the good he sought and the good he was able to begin. A bunch of trials and perplexities came to him as a legacy of trouble; at no time had he Congress heartily with him, and he had to contend with a mixture of dissatisfaction and of complaints, arising out of extravagant expectations, because he did not quickly work the miracle of complete restoration. Yet he did make a beginning, and it may be that his death will providentially supplement his efforts, in life, towards bringing mankind together and giving the world peace through unity of spirit, since peace lies wholly within and neither statute nor treaty can secure it while envy and quarrelsomeness remain.

The King is dead, long live the King! The rising sun has always had many more worshippers than the

setting. Mr. Coolidge and his family have had a large part of newspaper space in the past week, and all eyes and thoughts are turned upon the successor who takes up the crushing burden. Such the Presidency has become, and it is not inaptly called a "man-killing job." Beyond doubt, Mr. Harding's strong constitution had been undermined and he died of overwork; and anything that can be done to relieve the strains of the office should be encouraged. Senator Edge proposes that more concern and control over financial and other details be given to the Vice-President, especially in the matter of the Budget, a new function of the Presidential office. But this is a responsibility that cannot be devolved upon any one but the President himself. Nor is there any great prospect of relief from that other suggestion, the appointment of a corps of assistants to the President, for the responsibility would still rest with the President. It is the people themselves who must be more considerate of their Chief Magistrate. The time when Senators were office brokers and counted their strength at home as largely coming from their influence upon appointments, should pass, so far as it still persists; equally, the time and strength of the President should not be claimed and spent upon trivial matters. When all this has been said, however, it still remains true that lightening the Presidential burden rests largely with the public. It is impossible that more than a fraction of the people can ever see the President. It is absurd that he should be held, by courtesy and custom, to be at the service of everybody who wants to be able to say he has "shaken hands with the President," or who may seek a personal reply to some letter.

All eyes are now upon Mr. Coolidge, who is called "a man of mystery," for no apparent reason except that he has a habit—worthy of copying by everybody—of not speaking until he has some well-considered thing to say. In his "Why?" there is an encouragement, for it implies conservatism and the habit of challenging proposers of changes to accept the burden of proof. He will have serious problems; among them not the least, he may have Congress "on his hands." But behind him should stand a more thinking and more chastened and more serious American people.

The Government cotton report, issued last week, checked the decline in cotton, and this week's report on grain is considered bullish as to wheat, two primary products in which heavy declines in prices, covering a period of several weeks, have caused unsettled conditions in a number of dependent industries,

and in some degree this unsettlement now promises early readjustment. The August crop report issued by the Department of Agriculture after the close of business on Tuesday indicates a decrease of 28,000,000 bushels in this year's estimate of the wheat crop as compared with that of a month ago. The previous estimate of winter wheat, made in the July report, was 586,000,000 bushels and spring wheat 235,000,000 bushels, a total of 821,000,000 bushels. The August condition just announced, places the total yield at 793,000,000 bushels, a decline of 18,000,000 bushels as to winter wheat and 10,000,000 bushels for spring. Last year the total wheat harvested was 856,211,000 bushels and not since 1917 has the yield been as low as is now indicated for the current year. The spring wheat condition on August 1 was reduced 12.8 points from a month previous, the latest condition figures being 69.6%, as contrasted with 82.4% on July 1 and 80.4% for the 1922 spring wheat crop on August 1 of that year. A year ago the yield of spring wheat was placed at 263,000,000 bushels, but the actual harvest of spring wheat for 1922 was 270,000,000 bushels. The condition on August 1 of this year in each of the spring wheat States in the Northwest is very low—for Minnesota 66%, as contrasted with 80% a year ago; North Dakota, 56%, a year ago 87%; South Dakota 60%, and on August 1 1922 87%. For Washington the spring wheat condition on August 1 was 79%; a year ago it was only 50%. A separate tabulation sets forth that the wheat growing States east of the Rocky mountains, which produce a surplus, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana will have a combined crop this year, according to the August 1 condition report, of only 301,000,000 bushels; for 1922 it was 436,000,000 bushels.

As to corn, the condition as set forth in the August report is only slightly lower than it was a month ago, 84.0% on August 1 this year contrasting with 84.9% a month earlier and 85.6% on August 1 1922. The yield for the current season is now estimated at 2,982,000,000 bushels, which is 105,000,000 bushels better than was indicated in the July report. The actual yield of corn in 1922 was 2,899,000,000 bushels. Oats now promise a larger yield than a month ago, although the condition on August 1 is somewhat lower, 81.9%, contrasting with 83.5% for July 1 this year. The crop is now estimated at 1,316,000,000 bushels, the yield last year having been 1,201,000,000 bushels. Barley, likewise, is lower as to condition on August 1 than it was on July 1, but the indicated yield is increased and is larger than last year, 202,000,000 bushels for 1923, contrasting with 186,118,000 bushels, the final estimate of yield for the crop of 1922. For rye this year, the crop is now estimated at 64,800,000 bushels; in 1922 the crop was 95,467,000 bushels. The estimate of yield for flaxseed for this year is now placed at 19,100,000 bushels; in 1922 the crop amounted to 12,238,000 bushels. White potatoes do not promise so well, although past experience has shown that the August estimate is not infrequently somewhat out of line. It is now indicated that the crop this year will be 380,000,000 bushels, the condition on August 1 being 80.5%, as contrasted with 86.4% a month earlier. The crop last year was 451,185,000 bushels, although the earlier estimates were considerably below that figure. Hay promises a crop this year of 97,300,000 tons; the final yield in 1922 was 112,791,000 tons. For tobacco, the crop

this year, it is now indicated, will amount to 1,474,000,000 pounds.

The trend of political events in Europe, at least with respect to the Ruhr situation, has been affected temporarily, according to cable advices from London and Paris, as it has been in the United States, by the sudden and unexpected death of President Harding. Announcement was made in dispatches from the British capital last week that Premier Baldwin, in his decision to place the French and Belgian replies to the British note on the Ruhr before Parliament, would make an appeal to the world for support of the British position. Of course, this meant that he had the United States especially in mind. With this country thrown into deep sorrow and mourning such a step could not be considered this week, nor until a reasonable time after the last sad rites in memory of Mr. Harding had been observed. On August 3, the day following his death, the Associated Press correspondent at London cabled that "to British officialdom one of the disappointing effects of President Harding's death on international politics is the probable delay in mobilizing world opinion with regard to the Ruhr and the final reparations settlement with Germany."

It was possible to read between the lines, even a week ago, that the French expected to continue negotiations with the British over the Ruhr situation if the latter would give their consent. On August 4 the Paris representative of the New York "Times" cabled that "Premier Poincare to-day sent word to London that he was waiting to continue friendly negotiations with England on the reparations problem." He added that "what the British intend to do remains a mystery in Paris. The French hope they will do nothing except continue their policy of watchful waiting, which M. Poincare believes is all that is needed to insure his ultimate success in the Ruhr." From London came a dispatch, under the same date, to the "Times," saying that "London's usual weekend lethargy, emphasized by the Parliamentary recess and the August bank holiday on Monday, was partially responsible for the success of the French Government in stealing a march on the British by the publication of the Ruhr and reparations notes."

Berlin sent word that on August 4 also "the Social Democratic Party in the Reichstag, after discussion of the party's program to-day, passed resolutions ascribing the threatened collapse in the internal and external policy of Germany as primarily due to the passivity of the nation." The dispatch stated further that "it [the program] calls for the greatest activity in the realm of foreign policy, with a view to arriving at a definite understanding regarding reparations, while at the same time maintaining the unity of the republic, the preservation of the Rhineland for the nation and the liberation of the Ruhr."

That the resumption of negotiations between the French and British on the Ruhr situation were close at hand was indicated in a cable dispatch from the Paris correspondent of the New York "Herald" dated August 5. He asserted that "Premier Poincare and Lord Curzon, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, will confer in Paris next week, when an effort will be made to find a formula under which the reparations total demanded from Germany can be cut down in proportion to certain concessions to be made by Great Britain to France in the matter of

inter-Allied war debts." He further stated that "this is the outstanding result of the three weeks of negative negotiations through secret diplomatic channels, which the French Premier at first insisted was the only possible method of bringing Germany to a point where she would accept her responsibilities under the Treaty of Versailles." Continuing, the "Herald" representative said: "Lord Curzon and Premier Baldwin, however, having forced Poincare's hand by compelling the publication of the French attitude in a form which the world must take henceforth as the very limit of French concessions, now have a definite basis whereon to build a program of rapprochement with Germany and, according to well-informed authorities here, Lord Curzon will seek before the end of this month to draw up a final plan which will give satisfaction on both sides of the Channel."

In attempting to outline the British position the London Correspondent of the New York "Tribune" said that "to exert pressure on France, aimed at modifying its policy, or alternatively to convince the world that the Ruhr occupation is intended not to collect reparations, but to break up Germany, is the keynote of the new British policy which will be carried a stage further when the Cabinet reassembles on Wednesday. The interval is being used to study the reaction to Premier Baldwin's recent statement in which no passage was more important than his warning to France that there would be an uprising of British feeling if it was found that the Ruhr occupation had ulterior motives.

Reports of fresh acts of violence in the Ruhr district were received from Duesseldorf on Tuesday. It was stated in an Associated Press dispatch from that centre that "since the explosion of a hand grenade here Saturday, which wounded two members of a French detachment of troops on the march, similar incidents have occurred in various parts of the Ruhr, giving rise to the fear that a recrudescence of violence against the authorities of occupation had been begun."

The substance of the Italian reply to the British note on the Ruhr and reparations was given in a "semi-official" note issued in Rome on August 6, according to a wireless dispatch to the New York "Times" from its correspondent at that centre. It was stated that "the Italian Government adheres in general terms to the proposals of the British Government directed to put an end to the European deadlock through the agency of continued unity of the Allies, so as to arrive at a prompt solution of reparations and kindred questions, chief among which, in its opinion, is the question of inter-Allied debts. It calls attention to the value of its memorandum presented to the London conference on this point." Continuing the outline, the "Times" representative said: "The Italian Government reiterates its desire to contribute toward making the action of the British Government a real step in the direction of the creation of an effective general entente, and adds that in case of difficulty it holds it to be useful that the different points of view, together with the British proposal, should previously be discussed. Passing to its own attitude, the Italian Government lays particular emphasis on the following questions: The interdependence of German reparations with the question of inter-Allied debts; the question of joint responsibility of Germany for reparations due from lesser

States, and the question of expenses of reconstruction of the devastated areas. The Italian Government holds that in the general systematization of the question of reparations, that of the inter-Allied debts must be included, as it has repeatedly and clearly declared. It points out that the minor questions above referred to are all particularly interesting to Italy. It retains, moreover, its own proposal on the question of guarantees, which it says it has been able to reconcile with the proposals of the Belgian Government in recent examination. Concerning the British proposal to have recourse to a body of experts in order to fix the capacity of Germany to pay and the manner of payment, the Italian Government, while fully aware of the difficulty of such an examination, does not reject the proposal. A prior British proposal seeks to place the work of the experts within the limits of the Treaty of Versailles and to make the new commission subservient to the Reparations Commission, so that it will act as an advisory committee to the Allied Governments and to the Reparations Commission itself."

Commenting upon the decision several days before of the French authorities to take over mines and coke ovens in the Ruhr area the Paris correspondent of the New York "Herald" said in a dispatch under date of August 6 that "it is confidently expected here that the decision to occupy the mines and cokeries in the Ruhr will result in an increased output in a very short time. It is pointed out here that the industrial activity in the Ruhr is at present only 16% below normal, but it is felt that even this will be improved upon by the latest Franco-Belgian move."

In an apparent effort to give a favorable aspect to the relations between the French and British as to the Ruhr situation the Associated Press correspondent in London said in a cablegram Tuesday afternoon that, "while little tangible evidence is at hand to indicate the probability of British and French statesmen arriving at any sort of agreement at present on a method of solving the Ruhr and reparations problems, British Government spokesmen declared to-day the situation was not so serious as the week-end press reports and comment had seemed to indicate." He added that "it is true, commentators are remarking that the British have been outmaneuvered in stating their case to the world. The French publication of documents relating to the diplomatic negotiations of recent months, following the British summary of their note given to Parliament, is cited as an example of this, but it is said the British have a number of possible solutions for the present impasse, any one of which may be adopted."

It became known in London on Tuesday that the British Cabinet would meet on Thursday, and it was said also that it would "discuss the situation and try to decide upon its next step." Announcement was made in London cable advices yesterday that "the British Cabinet to-day [Thursday] approved the replies to the French and Belgian notes respecting the British proposals of July 20, in response to the German memorandum of June 7, on the question of reparations. The new British notes will be dispatched to Paris and Brussels almost immediately, certainly within the next two days." It was admitted that Lord Robert Cecil had gone to Paris "to try to bring about a more favorable Anglo-French atmosphere for settlement." It was stated also that "Lord Robert

Cecil had traveled through the night from Paris, and at nine o'clock in the morning he called on the Prime Minister, with whom he had a long conversation, which doubtless turned chiefly on the latest impressions derived by Lord Robert from his interview with Premier Poincare yesterday."

The possibilities of the Ruhr situation became still more complicated, according to a dispatch from the Paris correspondent of the New York "Tribune" Tuesday evening. He asserted that "news from Brussels discloses that relations between France and Belgium over the Franco-British reparations deadlock have reached a state of high tension to-night, with Belgium threatening to withdraw support from a great part of the Poincare program for dealing with Germany." He further claimed that "during the last 48 hours, the 'Tribune' learns, the telegraph wires between Premier Poincare's Champigny estate and Brussels have been kept humming. The result is that M. Poincare, who returns here to-morrow night, is scheduled to continue on to Brussels Friday in an effort to placate his Ruhr ally."

In a cablegram made public here on Thursday morning the London correspondent of the New York "Tribune" asserted that "Britain will submit its case on the reparations situation to the bar of world public opinion next week. He added that "this fact emerges from the discussions by Ministers to-day [August 8] prior to the full Cabinet meeting to-morrow, which will deal with the manner in which the British attitude will be set forth." The "Sun and The Globe" representative at the British capital sent word the same afternoon that "for two and a quarter hours to-day the Cabinet discussed the question of when the reparations correspondence of the British should be published and was asked to approve the drafted British reply to the questions raised by France. The Cabinet had the advantage of Lord Robert Cecil's conversations with Premier Poincare to help them gauge the present situation, and it is affirmed here that the negotiations with the French are going to continue." As to the impression made by Chancellor Cuno's speech, he said: "In the meanwhile, Cuno's speech is regarded with mixed feeling. While it affords the British a welcome opportunity for demonstrating to the French that the British are not trying to help Germany avoid paying the reparations, yet at the same time it promises no progress towards a settlement and shows that Germany has rejected, temporarily at least, the opportunity the British have given it for making a move toward modifying the French occupation of the Ruhr. Nevertheless, officials told 'The Sun and The Globe' correspondent to-day that it must be remembered that the speech was made under the most difficult circumstances and was addressed mainly to the Germans."

The food situation in Germany does not seem to have improved greatly. Cable advices from Berlin received here on Monday stated that "bread riots occurred in Dresden all through Sunday. In the morning large mobs carrying clubs marched through the streets and seized all strategical points, where they accumulated stones and missiles of all kinds. Several times the police succeeded in driving them off. Finally it came to a battle in front of the Maximilian monument, where a mob had recognized a plain clothes policeman among the onlookers and they nearly beat him to death. The police then made use

of their side arms and wounded many of the rioters."

As to the causes of the food shortage, many suggestions were offered, according to the New York "Times" correspondent at the German capital. He also said that one of the rumors was that "Junkerdom, which owns most of the large agricultural estates, had decided to systematically starve out the German people and drive them to a revolution in which the famished masses would have no chance against the well provided and well organized monarchists." Dr. Luther, Minister of Agriculture, was quoted by the "Times" correspondent as saying that "the scarcity of foods is due to much less sensational causes." He explained that "there has always been in Germany a certain period just between the exhaustion of the previous year's crop and the coming harvest when our people have had to live more or less on imported foodstuffs. In normal times this was hardly noticeable, because imports from all other countries contributed to our supplies. Now, however, we have the greatest difficulty in getting badly needed foodstuffs for lack of foreign bills of exchange caused by depreciation of the German mark."

The decline in the market value of the German mark became more acute each day. Even as early as Tuesday, after starting in Berlin at 2,250,000 to the dollar, the quotation was said to have passed the 4,000,000 figure in the afternoon. A false report was in circulation that the Cuno Ministry had fallen. It was said to have been started by Soviet sympathizers. The Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "while these agitators were trying to aggravate the popular panic by proclaiming the Soviet Republic, Herr Cuno was in private conference at the Chancellor's Palace outlining the new policy the Government will announce to the Reichstag when it reconvenes for the emergency session at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Immediately after the session is opened Herr Cuno is expected to take the floor and deliver a declaration concerning the political and financial situation. He will be followed by Finance Minister Hermes, who will go into details of the new measures which will be presented to the Reichstag for the speediest possible passage. Friday and Saturday will be taken up with the general debate over these measures, and they are expected to be passed by the middle of next week."

Chancellor Cuno made a speech in the Reichstag on Wednesday setting forth the position of his Ministry and in which he was reported to have asserted that "Germany must and will continue passive resistance. Germany can hope for no outside help, but must help herself." With respect to England, the German Chancellor was quoted as saying that "it is not our business to expatiate on what England considers her interests, and we are not so foolish as to imagine sympathies for Germany where there are none." As to France, he declared that "the world knows we are ready to take into account French prestige if France ceases to impose humiliation merely for the sake of humiliation, but what we cannot and will not do is to abandon our German land and betray our fellow-countrymen." Speaking specifically of the attitude of Germany, Herr Cuno said: "Germany must be prepared for a long period of suffering, and to accommodate herself to such circumstances and not expect to work wonders. We must

believe in ourselves, and manifest that belief, not by fatalistic resignation but by determined action. What we cannot do and will not do is to abandon a German land and betray fellow-countrymen. We refuse to work under the bayonets of our oppressors." In conclusion he said that "therefore, it is necessary to continue with all our strength passive resistance free from mad acts of violence and terror against the people in the occupied region, and to support actively from the unoccupied territory the population which is persevering in a passive resistance of its own will." According to the Berlin cable dispatches received here yesterday, the Communists caused considerable disturbance at both Wednesday's and Thursday's session of the Reichstag. They also were said to have attempted to cause trouble in the large industrial plants at several important centres. The New York "Times" correspondent outlined the currency situation Thursday evening in part as follows: "The financial and business world waited in intense suspense all day as the printers took their strike vote. Their leaders turned down the arbitration award of 3,200,000 marks for the current week and demanded 20 gold marks per week, equivalent to \$5. The employers refused the gold mark wage down hard, hence the strike vote. Many private printing establishments will be brought to a stop by the strike. This may help to solve the problem of bringing an end to the output of paper money, which is worrying the Cuno Government, but there is general agreement that a general cessation at present will be very serious. The paper money shortage is getting more acute daily, despite the fact that new 10,000,000-mark notes have made a sparing appearance in circulation. Beginning to-morrow the Reichsbank will reduce the money ration to banks 50%. Paper money was virtually unobtainable in the city to-day except from premium bootleggers."

Naturally there have been rumors for several weeks that the Cuno Ministry would not be able to stand. This week these were more persistent. In an Associated Press dispatch from Paris Thursday evening it was stated that "information received in official quarters here from Berlin indicates that the Cuno Government is likely to continue in power. The retail storekeepers, dismayed by the fall of the mark, are said to be preparing to close their shops to-morrow, but the Government is regarded as strong enough to meet any eventuality." The Berlin representative of the same news agency cabled that "Chancellor Cuno's address to the Reichstag, in which he declared that passive resistance, as the sole weapon of the Ruhr and Rhineland, would continue to be supported by the nation, has been received as the most depressing statement yet made to the national Legislature by the present Government. The Coalition parties view it as superfluous in view of the present situation, and also regard it as a disappointing utterance."

The Turkish delegates to the Near East Conference at Lausanne and the American representatives signed two treaties between the two countries on August 6. The Associated Press correspondent at the Conference cabled that "the two treaties, one general and the other relating to extradition, printed in French, were signed by Joseph C. Grew, Ismet Pasha, Riza Nur Bey and Hassan Bey. The two delegations sat around a table in the drawing room of the

Ouchy Hotel and solemnly affixed their signatures in the presence of a small group of Americans and others." He observed also that "Ismet Pasha, ever gentle and smiling, said, when all was over: 'To-morrow I start for Angora. I have tried to be just and reasonable. Europe and the United States will find that Turkey will live up to her engagements and will seek to be a worthy member of the concert of nations.'" According to a subsequent cablegram from Lausanne, the signing took place at 4 p. m., August 6. At midnight, August 6, Secretary of State Hughes in Washington "announced the negotiation at Lausanne of a new Turco-American treaty of amity and commerce. He at the same time issued a summary of the new convention, which assures the United States and its nationals in Turkey treatment as favorable as that accorded to any other nation." The New York "Times" correspondent at Washington added that "the newly negotiated treaty, which was signed at Lausanne this afternoon, paves the way for the resumption of diplomatic relations between Turkey and the United States, and replaces the old treaty, nearly a century old, which was negotiated in 1830." In giving out the summary of the agreement, Mr. Hughes authorized the following statement: "As agreement was not reached with regard to the manner of settlement of claims against the respective Governments, Mr. Grew exchanged communications with Ismet Pasha which provided for further consideration of this question at an early date and reserved the right of the two Governments to withhold ratification of the treaties until an accord on the point has been reached."

Comparatively little has appeared in the European cable advices recently relative to any branch of the League of Nations. In a Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" dated August 7, the correspondent said that "the League of Nations Disarmament Commission announced to-day the conclusion of a plan of protective treaties, the benefit of which would be extended to nations which reduce their armaments. The plan will be submitted to the League Assembly in September, and if it is approved will be the basis of the League disarmament efforts." He explained that "the idea back of the project is that nations will be more ready to cut their military forces if they feel secure. The general protective treaty arrangement would derive practical force from specific and particular treaties among nations grouped by peculiar interests and geographical situation. It is a combination of Lord Robert Cecil's idea and that of the French League leaders." Continuing his outline, the "Times" representative said that "the plan provides pledges by each member of the League of Nations to aid a nation which having accepted the system is a victim of aggression. The powers of the Council of the League in case of a crisis are laid down, the most important of which is its power in the event of a conflict to decide which is the aggressor nation. The Council would exercise the powers laid down in Article VIII of the Covenant of the League."

No change has been made in official discount rates at leading European centres from 30% 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 the open market discount rate was somewhat firmer, having advanced to 3¼%@3¼% on short bills, from

3 1-16%, and three months to 3¼@3 5-16%, from 3⅛@3 3-16% a week ago. Money on call at the British centre, however, was lowered to 2⅛%, in comparison with 2⅜% a week ago. Open market discounts in Paris and Switzerland remain at 4½% and 1¼%, respectively, the same as heretofore.

Continued expansion in gold holdings was shown by the Bank of England in its statement for the week ending August 9, the gain being £4,983. Moreover, reserve, owing to curtailment of £531,000 in note circulation, showed an increase of £536,000, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities advanced to 17.94%, from 17.52% the preceding week. At the same time last year the ratio stood at 16⅞% and in 1921 at 14.54%. Changes in the deposit items indicated the return of funds into normal channels. Public deposits declined £2,357,000, and "other" deposits increased £2,559,000. Loans on Government securities were again expanded—£885,000, but loans on other securities registered a falling off of £1,197,000. The bank's stock of gold aggregates £127,645,821, as compared with £127,399,880 a year ago and £128,380,654 in 1921. Reserve amounts to £21,305,000, against £20,307,670 last year and £19,266,384 a year earlier. Loans stand at £68,724,000. A year ago they were £75,450,390 and in 1921 £81,107,097. Note circulation is now £126,090,000, in comparison with £125,542,210 and £127,564,270 one and two years ago, respectively. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £559,735,000. This compares with £688,272,000 a week ago and £601,022,000 last year. No change has been made in the bank's minimum discount rate of 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. Aug. 8.	1922. Aug. 9.	1921. Aug. 10.	1920. Aug. 11.	1919. Aug. 13.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	126,090,000	125,542,210	127,564,270	125,527,795	79,723,435
Public deposits.....	10,427,000	16,238,919	18,258,625	15,999,059	22,454,852
Other deposits.....	108,317,000	104,500,212	114,196,547	124,018,988	89,157,643
Government securities.....	46,783,000	43,032,505	50,115,365	68,250,449	21,390,356
Other securities.....	68,724,000	75,450,390	81,107,097	73,805,565	81,222,618
Reserve notes & coin.....	21,305,000	20,307,670	19,266,384	15,989,757	27,014,310
Coin and bullion.....	127,645,821	127,399,880	128,380,654	123,067,552	88,287,745
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	17.94%	16⅞%	14.54%	11.41%	24.20%
Bank rate.....	4%	3%	5½%	7%	5%

The Bank of France continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 11,075 francs. The Bank's gold holdings therefore, now aggregate 5,537,892,675 francs, comparing with 5,530,590,065 francs at this time last year and with 5,521,596,772 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,864,344,927 francs were held abroad in 1923 and 1,948,367,056 francs in both 1922 and 1921. Silver during the week gained 155,000 francs, advances increased 63,326,000 and Treasury deposits rose 415,000 francs. On the other hand, bills discounted fell off 565,301,000 francs, while general deposits were reduced 251,382,000 francs. Note circulation registered the further expansion of 86,881,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding up to 37,239,284,000 francs. This contrasts with 36,449,878,260 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 37,225,799,880 francs in 1921. Just prior to the outbreak of war, in 1914, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1922 and 1921 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week.	Status as of			
		Aug. 9 1923.	Aug. 10 1922.	Aug. 11 1921.	
In France.....	Inc.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	
Abroad.....	No change	1,864,344,927	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056	
Total.....	Inc.	11,075	5,537,892,675	5,530,590,065	
Silver.....	Inc.	155,000	294,071,000	285,409,128	
Bills discounted.....	Dec.	565,301,000	2,470,253,000	1,994,057,305	
Advances.....	Inc.	63,326,000	2,164,038,000	2,187,456,752	
Note circulation.....	Inc.	86,881,000	37,239,284,000	36,449,878,260	
Treasury deposits.....	Inc.	415,000	443,558,000	73,665,324	
General deposits.....	Dec.	251,382,000	1,772,325,000	2,210,843,444	

The Imperial Bank of Germany has issued, under date of July 31, another spectacular statement, showing expansion even more fantastic than any as yet recorded. Note circulation increased over eleven trillion marks, to be exact, 11,769,916,991,000 marks. Discount and Treasury bills registered an addition of 14,655,266,962,000 marks. In deposits there was a gain of 7,454,915,410,000 marks, while bills of exchange and checks increased 4,383,879,594,000 marks and other liabilities 4,053,003,126,000 marks. Other increases include 542,670,468,000 marks in Treasury and loan association notes, 2,287,680,154,000 marks in advances and 151,656,000 marks in investments. Notes of other banks declined 874,232,000 marks. A falling off in total coin and bullion (which now includes aluminum, nickel and iron coin) of 118,234,000 marks is recorded. The bank's diminishing gold holdings sustained a further loss of 20,000,000 marks. The total (the bulk of which is held abroad) has been reduced to 596,351,000 marks, as against 1,004,860,000 marks last year and 1,091,557,000 marks in 1921. Outstanding note circulation has now reached the stupendous sum of 43,594,704,387,000 marks, in comparison with 189,209,000,000 marks in the corresponding week of 1922 and 77,390,000,000 marks a year earlier.

An analysis of the Federal Reserve Bank statement, issued at the close of business on Thursday, revealed continued expansion in bill holdings, both local and national. For the banks as a group rediscounting of Government secured paper increased \$16,000,000. In "all other" the increase was small—\$1,000,000, while bill buying in the open market fell \$5,000,000. The net result, therefore, was an addition to bill holdings of \$11,000,000, bringing the grand total to \$1,000,511,000, as against only \$528,964,000 a year ago. Earning assets showed a comparatively small increase, namely \$8,000,000, while deposits were reduced \$40,000,000. Gold holdings were expanded \$3,000,000. The New York bank lost gold to the extent of \$24,000,000, but rediscounting operations followed almost parallel lines with those of the combined System. In Government secured paper there was an increase of \$24,000,000. "All other" fell \$11,000,000 and bill purchases in the open market \$3,000,000; hence, total bill holdings were increased \$10,000,000, to \$259,874,000, in comparison with \$60,119,000 in 1922. Earning assets recorded a gain of \$5,000,000, but deposits were reduced \$31,000,000. In both statements, the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation was shown to have expanded—for the System \$36,629,000, and at New York \$6,300,000. Member bank reserve accounts were reduced approximately \$19,000,000 for the System and \$25,000,000 at New York. As the above changes largely offset each other, reserve ratios remained practically stationary. The System as a whole reported a ratio of 77.3%, the same as last week, while at New York there was a decline of 0.6%, to 81.7%.

Last Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House banks and trust companies was somewhat disappointing, showing among other features a decline in surplus at a time when the return of funds to the banks usually brings about expansion. Loans were reduced \$6,394,000. Net demand deposits expanded \$5,791,000, to \$3,672,152,000, which is exclusive of Government deposits to the amount of \$32,870,000. In time deposits also there was an increase, \$2,675,000, to \$465,773,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank fell \$870,000, to \$46,497,000 (not counted as reserve). Reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults expanded \$120,000, while the reserves of these same institutions kept in other depositories showed a gain of \$329,000. Member banks, however, drew down their reserve credits at the Reserve bank \$12,123,000, and this, together with the addition to deposits, was responsible for a curtailment of \$12,460,940 in surplus reserves, bringing the total of excess reserves down to \$16,224,370, as against \$28,685,310 a week ago. The figures here given for surplus reserves are on the basis of legal reserves of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including cash in own vaults to the amount of \$46,497,000 held by these member banks at the close of business on Saturday last.

Time money at this centre continued quiet and firm this week, but unchanged as to quotations at 5 @ 5 1/4%. Some borrowers, who often prefer to obtain loans for the fixed periods, have wondered why the banks have held funds so firmly at 5 1/4%. So far no satisfactory reason has been given. Call money ruled at about 4 3/4% and dropped to 4 1/2% Thursday afternoon. As loans made that day carry over until next Monday, obviously there must have been an abundance of money to be put out on call. The demand for Wall Street purposes continues relatively small. Speculation in stocks has been on a limited scale, while offerings of new issues have been greatly restricted because of the suspension of business out of respect to the memory of President Harding. Government withdrawals from local depositories have been limited to \$4,400,000, so far as announced. It is expected that President Coolidge may make one or more announcements next week that may have a direct bearing on the market for securities and general business, as well as upon the political situation. Conditions are such in Europe as the week closes that no one can predict what will happen next.

Referring to money rates in detail, loans on call this week have ranged between 4 1/2 @ 5%, as against 4 @ 6% a week ago. As a matter of fact the call market was almost stationary, with trading in all branches reduced to a minimum owing to President Harding's funeral obsequies. On Monday the high on call funds was 5% and the low 4 1/2%, with renewals at the latter figure. Tuesday and Wednesday a flat rate of 4 3/4% was quoted, this being the high, the low and the ruling level on both days. Thursday renewals continued to be negotiated at 4 3/4%, which was the maximum, but the minimum was 4 1/2%. Friday was observed as a day of mourning and no business was transacted. The above figures apply to loans on mixed collateral and all-industrials without differentiation. In time money also trading was almost at a standstill, with no large loans made in any maturity. As a result quotations continued to range

at 5 @ 5 1/4% for all periods from 60 days to six months, the same as last week.

Commercial paper has not been changed from 5% for 60 and 90 days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with names not so well known at 5 1/4%. The inquiry was light and transactions in the aggregate limited.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were steady but comparatively inactive. Local and out-of-town banks were in the market as buyers from time to time, but were apparently disposed to restrict dealings the same as elsewhere; hence only a moderate turnover was reported and business was colorless. For call loans against bankers' acceptances, the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now 4 1/4%, against 4 1/2% last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks 4 1/8% bid and 4% asked for bills running for 30 days, 4 1/4% bid and 4 1/8% asked for bills running 60 to 120 days and 4 3/4% bid and 4 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 1/4 @ 4 1/2	4 1/4 @ 4 1/2	4 1/4 @ 4 1/2
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	4 1/2 bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	4 1/2 bid		

A rate of 4 1/2% has been established by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on agricultural and live stock paper having a maturity of 6 to 9 months. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks:

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT
AUG. 9 1923.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturing—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 Months.
	Com'rcial & Live'st'k Paper. n. e. s.	Secur. by U. S. Govt. Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricul. and Live'stock Paper.	Agricul. and Live'stock Paper.
Boston.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	---	4 1/2	4 1/2	5
New York.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Philadelphia.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	5
Cleveland.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Richmond.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Atlanta.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Chicago.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
St. Louis.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Minneapolis.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Kansas City.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Dallas.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
San Francisco.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2

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

The sterling exchange market experienced what was regarded as the dulllest week in many months. As a result, trading was reduced to minimum proportions and changes in rates were narrow, without definite trend. Reasons for this pronounced inactivity were not hard to find. Added to the still unbroken deadlock in the Ruhr, together with increasing menace of a break in the friendly relations between France and England over the reparations question, was nationwide absorption in the funeral obsequies of the late President Harding, culminating in the setting aside of yesterday (Friday) as a day of mourning. Local dealers restricted their operations, even in the early part of the week, to the most necessitous routine transactions. On Thursday reluctance to undertake commitments over the combined holiday and week-end brought about pre-holiday dullness and there were times when the market was at a virtual standstill. In London interruption

of a Bank Holiday (on Monday) also served to limit operations to some extent. A moderate inquiry, however, was noted on the part of British interests who are establishing dollar credits in anticipation of fall requirements of grain and other commodities; while buying of Liberty bonds, apparently incidental to interest payments on the United States debt, all tended to depress prices of sterling, and there was a decline to 4 56, or a trifle under last week's low point. At the close on Thursday quotations rallied about $\frac{7}{8}$ of a cent, finishing at 4 56 $\frac{5}{8}$.

Among the factors likely to affect sterling values unfavorably with the resumption of normal trading conditions in this market on Monday are the Cuno announcement of a continuation of "passive resistance" in the Ruhr; the decision of France and Belgium to resume blockade conditions temporarily as a punitive measure, and the complete collapse in German exchange values. On the other hand, reports from London to the effect that a conference between French and British leaders was scheduled to take place in Paris next week led to the belief that negotiations on the reparations issue had not yet been completely abandoned, and exercised a more hopeful feeling. Little or no apprehension is expressed regarding the change of Administration at Washington. President Coolidge has apparently won the confidence of the entire banking fraternity and the foreign exchange market may be said to be waiting solely on developments abroad. While sterling is, of course, much less susceptible to the influence of European politics than Continental exchange, matters have reached a stage, it is considered, which renders improvement in either international trade conditions or in exchange values well-nigh impossible.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady, with quotations practically unchanged; the range was 4 56 3-16@4 57 for demand, 4 57 1-16@4 57 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers and 4 54 3-16@4 55 $\frac{3}{8}$ for 60 days; the market was dull and nominal. On Monday irregularity attended dealings and the undertone was easier; demand bills were quoted at 4 56 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 56 15-16, cable transfers at 4 56 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4 57 3-16 and 60 days at 4 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 54 3-16. A further decline was reported on Tuesday, to 4 56@4 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ for demand, 4 56 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4 56 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers and 4 53 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 53 $\frac{7}{8}$ for 60 days; selling by London was mainly responsible for the weakness. Wednesday's market was inactive, but prices displayed a rather better tone and demand was marked up to 4 56 1-16@4 56 7-16, cable transfers to 4 56 5-16@4 56 11-16 and 60 days to 4 53 7-16@4 53 13-16. What amounted to practical pre-holiday dullness prevailed on Thursday, although values were well maintained and the range was 4 56 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 56 $\frac{7}{8}$ for demand, 4 56 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4 57 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers and 4 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 54 $\frac{1}{4}$ for 60 days. Friday was observed as a day of mourning and all business was suspended as a mark of respect to the memory of the late President Harding. Closing quotations on Thursday were 4 54 for 60 days, 4 56 $\frac{5}{8}$ for demand and 4 56 $\frac{7}{8}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 56 $\frac{3}{8}$, six days at 4 54 3-16, 90 days at 4 52 $\frac{5}{8}$, documents for payment (60 days) at 4 55 3-16 and seven-day grain bills at 4 55 $\frac{5}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 56 $\frac{3}{8}$. So far as could be learned, no gold engagements were made, either for export or import.

In the Continental exchanges feverish, irregular activity prevailed at intervals and transactions were attended by spectacular weakness. New low records were established in all of the more important currencies. In the final dealings (on Thursday) Continental exchange, in line with sterling, relapsed into dullness and trading was almost completely suspended, locally at least. Developments abroad were not favorably regarded and the somewhat belligerent utterances of the German Chancellor, coupled with France's unyielding attitude on the Ruhr occupation, seemed to render prospects of a settlement quite remote. This, however, was not the sole influence governing Berlin exchange. Absolute withdrawal of the Reichsbank's regulations in the matter of dealings in mark exchange and rumors that Germany was planning to repudiate the mark and restore gold currency added to the general confusion and served to still further complicate matters, the result being a series of amazing declines in the value of the reichsmark, already close to nil, bringing quotations down to almost infinitesimally low figures. Under pressure of a flood of offerings thrown upon a wholly unresponsive market by foreign holders, marks were forced down to 0.000017, a drop of 0.000073 points from last week's close and equivalent to more than 5,000,000 marks to the dollar. Later on there was a recovery to 0.000072, the closing level. French francs were also depressed by the critical state of affairs on the Rhine and less encouraging internal financial conditions, and the quotation broke 20 points, to 5.65, a new low. Antwerp currency suffered even more severely, because of lack of official support, as well as Belgium's unfavorable balance of payments with France and an increasingly adverse trade position, and dropped to 4.23—41 points off. Lire were relatively steady, hovering around 4.32 until Thursday, when there was a decline of 4 25 $\frac{1}{4}$, on light trading. Greek exchange was quiet, but steadier, while the other minor currencies, with the exception of Polish marks, which sank to new low levels in sympathy with the German mark, remained about the same as last week. As explained, however, trading in this market out of respect to our late President, was at a practical stand and the wild fluctuations above recorded reflected almost wholly what was going on abroad.

The London check rate on Paris finished at 80.00, which compares with 79.30 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 5.67, against 5.77 $\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers at 5.68, against 5.78 $\frac{1}{2}$; commercial sight at 5.65, against 5.75 $\frac{1}{2}$, and commercial 60 days at 5.62, against 5.72 $\frac{1}{2}$ a week ago. Antwerp francs closed at 4.28 for checks and 4.29 for cable transfers. A week ago the close was 4.62 and 4.63. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 0.000075 for both checks and cable remittances, in comparison with 0.000090 a week earlier. Austrian kronen are still unaffected by the crash in neighboring currency values, and continue to rule at 0.0014 $\frac{1}{4}$, unchanged. Lire closed at 4.25 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and 4.26 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 4.33 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 4.34 $\frac{1}{4}$ the previous week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.94, against 2.93 $\frac{3}{4}$; on Bucharest at 0.50 $\frac{1}{4}$ (unchanged); on Poland at 0.0004 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 0.0004 $\frac{1}{2}$, and on Finland at 2.78 (unchanged). Greek exchange closed at 1.84 for checks and 1.85 for cable transfers, which compares with 1.54 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1.55 last week.

As to the former neutral exchanges, while trading was in neglect, the same as in the major Continentals and sterling, a better undertone was noted, particularly in the latter part of the week, when guilders advanced some 15 to 16 points, while Swiss francs showed gains approximating 39 points.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 39.33 1/2, against 39.23; cable transfers at 39.44 1/2, against 39.32; commercial sight at 39.39 1/2, against 39.18, and commercial 60 days 39.01 1/2, against 38.93 last week.

South American quotations continue to tend toward lower levels, and the check rate on Argentina has been reduced to 33.05 and cable transfers to 33.10, against 34.00 and 34.10 last week.

Far Eastern exchange was as follows: Hong Kong, 52@52 1/4 (unchanged); Shanghai, 70@70 1/8, against 70 1/4@70 1/2; Yokohama, 49@49 3/8 (unchanged); Manila, 49 1/4@49 1/2, against 49 1/2@49 3/4; Singapore, 53 1/2@53 5/8, against 53 1/2@53 3/4; Bombay, 31@31 1/8, against 30 7/8@31, and Calcutta, 31@31 1/4 (unchanged).

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,281,369 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Aug. 8.

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Table with 4 columns: Into Banks, Out of Banks, Gain or Loss to Banks. Shows a net gain of \$3,281,369.

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.

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

Table showing daily credit balances from Saturday, Aug. 4, to Friday, Aug. 10, with aggregate for the week.

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.

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.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACTS OF 1922, AUGUST 4 1923 TO AUGUST 10 1923, INCLUSIVE.

Table of foreign exchange rates for various countries including Europe, Asia, India, and South America, listing rates for different dates from Aug 4 to Aug 10.

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

Table comparing gold and silver holdings in European banks for Aug. 9 and Aug. 10, 1922, across various countries like England, France, Germany, etc.

Total week 571,939,881 54,969,400 626,909,281 585,266,731 51,094,650 636,361,381

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.

People and President—Let Us Take Heed From Mr. Harding's Death.

After all, we are human. It may be that "man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." It may be we are bent on curing all our economic ills by political panaceas.

And so when the President of the Republic lies sick our sympathies go out to him to the last man. Politically, we may lambast him for what he does or what he does not do; but personally, we hold him in reverent affection, made more pronounced, of course, by his own lovable qualities.

Harding possessed in marked degree the modesty, kindness, candor and open-heartedness that endear a man to men, everywhere. Sometimes, as a people, we are adamant; more often we are volatile; but always we are human.

The illness of President Harding on his now famous Alaskan tour gave rise to many editorial considerations on the proper relations of people and President. There was general unanimity of opinion that we are too exacting in our demands upon the man who temporarily occupies this high office. In the universal effort to do him honor when he leaves the White House we shower upon him, as communities, attentions that are wearisome and a little fulsome. We expect, on the other hand, that he shall yield himself wholly to the "arrangements" made for his entertainment, little thinking, perhaps, that it is partly our own pleasure that is involved. The result is, to speak plainly, danger to the health of our Chief Executive, who by virtue of his office is the most important man in the land. Demanding that the President shall personally appear and address us upon public questions, long travel tours are undertaken, which, by the very shortness of time available, are beyond the endurance of men already overworked by the duties of office, and the consequence is a break-down, serious to the country and enervating to the incumbent. The two recent examples now in the mind of everyone should give to our citizenry pause.

In times past, the King, disguising himself, would go among his subjects incognito, and seek to learn from them at first hand their wants and needs. If he was a humane man and a good King he improved his reign; if the reverse, he still learned, perhaps, how far it was safe to go in his systematic oppression. But no such device is or ought to be necessary in the rule of a free people. We should all desire that our President "mingle with the people," in the proper way, but tours, be they for campaigning purposes or for mere "understanding," should be undertaken sparingly, and due regard should be had for this great "servant of the people" by the people themselves in their own interest. Having selected a man for this high office a due respect for the stability of government should guard his health with assiduous care. Flattering "entertainment," however pleasurable to ourselves as communities, should not blind us to the wisdom of aiding in the orderly administration of affairs and in preserving to their legitimate fruition policies inaugurated in accordance with the electoral command of the voters. We like to think that no one man is necessary to our representative republican government, but too frequent succession is not in accordance with pursuit or accomplishment. For, however independent and separate our divisions of government, certain continuity of improvement in service requires time and thought.

There is one relation in which the people are at fault. If master and servant obtain it is imperative that the servant should have consideration. No man is insensitive to public criticism. But true criticism is constructive as well as destructive. We rely for our perpetuity on public opinion. This is made up of a thousand thousand personal opinions. We should no more carry our politics over into consideration of the acts of an incumbent after election than we should hold a President personally responsible for the state of the nation. He may have policies which we are in duty bound to oppose. If he be worthy, he is nerved, not unnerved, by outspoken

opinion free from rancor, prejudice and personalities. But the mental strain of finding honest purposes misinterpreted and of fair motives condemned is a strain upon health we seldom think of. It is said republics are ungrateful. It is certain we are led astray in our estimates by continually hammering away on so-called faults in our Presidents as personal traits. Fortunately we are spared downright incompetents. We should, therefore, give to each the praise of good intents. Partisanship is not a fair judge. Personal opinions should, often, be confided to friends, not the public. A "decent respect for the opinions of mankind" should teach us modesty and moderation in expressions upon Presidential policies, for as we see ourselves, others will see us. It ought not to be necessary for a President to become ill to awaken our respect, sympathy and kindly regard.

In the present instance, the teaching conveyed is impressive, for the President's illness has eventuated in death, turning the sympathy of the American people to sincere and profound grief. No estimate of the man can exaggerate his high qualities. If wisdom embraces tolerance; if courage embodies caution; if service requires submission of self to the demands of duty; Warren G. Harding was a great President. He sought, first of all, to bring the people back to quietude, industry and freedom to initiate and endeavor, under the broad aegis of our Constitution, according to its original intent. He held to the belief that the Executive division of the Government should be independent of and separate from the Legislative, seeking not to impose power or policy unduly upon the co-ordinate branch. He inaugurated and accomplished the budget system; he caused the first sure step to be taken in world-disarmament, giving to others chief place in the Conference; he put his veto upon a Bonus Bill that would have drained the Treasury and, as so many believe, placed dishonor on the soldier; he acquiesced in efforts to aid the farmers, the first to feel the effects of war; he cut expenses and would have reduced taxes had this been in his power.

Not more for the things he did than for those he refrained from doing, in a critical time in the nation's history, will he be remembered. For he remained calm, resolute, thoughtful and poised, in the midst of clamor for radical changes in the Government he revered and protected—a Government that for nearly a century and a half has been sufficient for all our popular needs and under which we have progressed to high estate. Unostentatious though persistent, kindly though firm, safe though not spectacular, he filled his office with honesty and purpose. He has passed, just as he was rendering to the citizens an account of his stewardship, and the strong impulse of his incumbency will live after him, a lesson to the nation, an example to his successors. But what a sacrifice the country has compelled! May the lesson sink deep in our hearts.

The Rise and the "Substance" in Wages.

According to a recent statement by the National Conference Board, our most constant grumbler, labor, is in a better position now than during the so-called "peak period" of the year 1920. It is generally believed, says the Board, that in 1920 the wage-earner was better off than he had been for a long time previous and also better off than he has been since that year. Taking the basis in July of 1914 as

100, the index number for the cost of living in June of 1920 was 203, living costs having a little more than doubled; but the index number of hourly earnings was 248 and the index number of weekly earnings was 240, so that wages had risen farther than had living costs. From that year forward living costs moved downward more than wages did, so that real earnings (that is, earnings measured by purchasing power, which is always the real test) advanced, until, in March of 1921, they stood at 133 for hourly and 120 for weekly. Beginning with the middle of 1922, earnings began another rise, partly by an advanced wage rate and partly by longer hours of work, so that in May of this year the index numbers of hourly and weekly earnings were respectively 223 and 218, while the index number for living costs was 160.3; in other words, wages were fast approaching the old "peak" levels while the cost of living was considerably below that of the peak; thus the "real" hourly and weekly earnings in last May were 139 and 136 respectively, against 122 and 118 in 1920. Stated a little differently, while in 1920 the cost of living was 103% above the pre-war year 1914 the weekly wage was 140% higher; in last May living costs were only about 60% higher than in 1914, but the weekly wage was 118% higher. It is thus the old fact presented to us again: labor has not been deflated in as large a proportion as other purchasable things have been, and it is in this fact that the farmer encounters a trouble which to him seems worse than the troubles of other people and is also rather dimly understood by him.

These figures may be disputed, of course, and Mr. Gompers will hardly fail to denounce them as soon as he catches their meaning. One official estimate is that the cost of living is 70% instead of 60% now above the pre-war level, and admittedly the phrase itself is somewhat uncertain, for there are differences about the size of "families," and there are differences according to sections of country in such important matters as rents and clothing; yet there can be no dispute that prices have somewhat fallen, while the pressure for wage advances is universal and unceasing, and if wages have declined anywhere during the present year at least the pleasing fact has escaped publication.

Even the least intelligent worker has intelligence enough to comprehend instantly that if the dollar prices of all necessaries should double the wage in his pay envelope would be cut in half, or, that, similarly, if all prices should be permanently cut in half his pay envelope would double in its quantity, although in either case the number of dollars it contained remained unchanged. In the former situation, his screams for more dollars would make the welkin ring, but in the latter situation would he be satisfied to have his number of dollars reduced, in an exact or even a somewhat less proportion to their increase in size? Not a bit of it: he would keep up his periodical call for more wages reckoned by count, because he has acquired the habit of doing it. He wants to profit in both ways at once: he wants his dollars to grow in size and in number, too. A desire according to human nature, admittedly; but what he does not see is that to raise wages is to lower them, and to lower them is to raise them. This sounds like a paradox and even like a contradiction, yet it is a positive economic truth, when taken upon a large scale. As the "Chronicle" has more than once pointed out, if a few industrial workers in some one

town, or even all workers in some single industry, could have a monopoly of wage-boosting they might gain something, because then their dollar would increase in number faster than it shrank in size, but all can play and do play the same game, with the inexorable result that what one gains is taken from him by some other's gain, with the incidental and unhappy result also that the depreciation of the dollar falls heavily upon all other persons, especially upon those who must somehow rub along with the same number of dollars they had before the shrinkage began.

Is this fanciful, or even theoretical? Not in the least. In our country we are in the same process of degrading our currency as are the people of Germany: they are at the bottom of the dreadful pit, while we are merely at its edge; the difference, vast though it is, is one of degree, not of kind. It is not likely we shall be pushed over the edge, but there are forces and classes ignorantly trying to push us over, for to boost prices is to drain the dollar of the purchasing power which alone constitutes its substance and its service.

What makes it worse—and makes it worst, too—is that organized labor strives not only to cut down its hours of work, but to cut down the output. The former is desirable, and by using the powers of Nature and the aid of machinery more fully we shall gradually attain it; in a sense, we shall get release from work by working. But one fact ought to be pounded into the head of every worker: abundance, and not scarcity, is the needed boon for everybody and should be everybody's aim. More and more product per each man's work and each hour of work means abundance; only thus can the cost of living come permanently down and the standard of living rise to that "American" idea so much talked of.

Four years ago, Chief Stone of the Engineers' Brotherhood, the most important of the Big Four, called upon Mr. Wilson to report the growing uneasiness, "especially among wage-earners," caused by rising prices. He felt compelled to ask a wage increase, "to meet the mounting cost of living;" yet he felt that such a meeting would be of no avail. He had already discovered that wage increases were soon neutralized by the climb of prices, and that what gain accrued to the railway men by a wage advance was soon lost to them as consumers. He did not believe that wage-raising, "accompanied by a greater increase in the cost of commodities," could be of lasting help "to our craft or to the American citizen in general"; if his plea for another raise were granted, he felt that "the relief would be but temporary should prices continue to soar." He threw in a fling against "the profiteers," not being quite ready to confess (what he may have begun to suspect) that the labor unions are far the worst of the brood.

To lower the cost of living—in other and equivalent terms, to raise the size of the dollar—by forcing increases in the number of dollars paid out for labor, is like trying to extinguish a fire by throwing oil on it; the fire feeds on the oil, and commodity prices feed on wage increases. It is possible that union leaders, from Mr. Gompers all through the line, more or less clearly perceive this, but they dare not utter it or give countenance to it by silence. They are committed by their own misteachings, and to recant would be a confession of error which would undermine their power as rapidly as the extra radicalism that threatens them could do it.

So the only thing they can do, for their own sakes, is to keep on misleading and periodically renew the "more wage" cry. The enlightenment must be within the ranks, and must come without the leaders. Thus it becomes both altruistic duty and protective self-interest for employers to do their utmost to counteract the mischievous teaching.

Another Coal Report.

The Coal Commission has made another report, which occupies about a page of ordinary news type. Specific recommendations are: that the next agreement shall be for such a term as may be chosen and at the end of the term shall be deemed automatically renewed except as to such provisions as either party may have served upon the other a 90 days' notice prior to the expiration date; upon these points the parties shall immediately confer, and if they fail to agree within 60 days they shall report to the President, who shall appoint one or more persons to inquire into the matter and report thereon to the public before the renewal date is reached; further, that the "dates" of agreement in the hard and the soft coal fields be set so far apart "that suspension in both industries at once shall not be invited." It is recommended that the next agreement shall plan for a continuing umpire to sit with the Conciliation Board, and that the parties to the agreement shall provide for a committee to work out a restatement of the whole agreement in such terms as the two parties would abide by to-day, and "such a statement would be in the nature of a code for the anthracite industry." It is also suggested that the operators organize on lines similar to those of the United Mine Workers, so that they may function all the year round instead of springing into existence only when trouble arises.

In line with the duty imposed of finding and reporting the facts, the document takes up the causes of quarrel, the length of the work day, the difficulty of getting a uniform wage basis, the limiting of output. So continuous are the complaints of long hours that the investigators deem it certain that while the longer day exists at all "it will continue to be a source of irritation when the basic day for the industry is eight hours." Individual bargaining, mentioned as one of the causes of friction, is said to work badly, enabling the company "to nibble off the scale when it has the upper hand and equally possible for the workers to run it up when they are in a position of power." There is no distinct mention of the check-off, but there is a condemnation of "button" strikes, which originate because some man is seen working without his button and the button-wearers revolt if he is allowed to continue without a satisfactory explanation: so far as the check-off may prevent such strike (as the unions claim it does) the report might be deemed to tacitly condone that bad practice.

In signing the anthracite agreement, says the report, the operators impliedly bound themselves not to discriminate against the union, or to discourage joining it or staying in it, or to adopt policies likely to work against it; but the agreement contains nothing which can be read to justify the union in forcing the closed shop upon the operators. Before 1913 the operators had the greater bargaining strength, strikes prior to that year having been the union struggle to establish itself; since then the conditions have so far been reversed that the union has the stronger bargaining power. Upon this the report says:

"Such a collective bargaining agreement as exists in the anthracite industry cannot be maintained by police or statutory power, but only by the sense of responsibility in each party to the agreement, backed on either side by an organization powerful enough and effective enough to command the respect of the other and of its own members."

A disproportion in relative bargaining effectiveness thus exists, and therefore "attrition of the agreement" is thought likely to continue. It is suggested that the operators establish for each mine or company "a major executive official whose exclusive or chief duty will be the development of labor relations."

When a union has once signed an agreement with employers, says the report, "it has ceased to be a fighting organization exclusively, but agrees to take over definite responsibility for maintaining relations; in signing an agreement in the anthracite industry the union covenants to maintain discipline among its locals, and also assumes the responsibility of educating the leaders and the membership of the locals." The union's effectiveness in protecting its interests is unquestioned, "but responsibility under the agreement is very inadequately performed," as is shown by the numerous petty strikes called by local unions, often with the knowledge and tacit approval of the district officials.

"The public is unwilling," says the report, "to tolerate having a product upon which its very life depends made a plaything of militant group action . . . the elimination of irresponsible propaganda and the substitution of authoritative statements of facts and issues, rid of offensive charges, would go a long way towards a sane approach to the problem." The previous recommendation that the President be empowered to discover and proclaim an emergency and to take over operation of the mines seems only impliedly suggested now rather than renewed distinctly, but the report says that the agreement in effect since 1903 "is very widely accepted in principle by both sides, but carried out very inadequately; we find strikes in violation of it, we find delays in the consideration of disputes a serious handicap to satisfactory working; we find not enough specialized provision for considering specific disputes right on the ground and at the time they arise, and we find in the handling by employers of the early stages of disputes too great a disparity of practice and viewpoint."

The report seems to urge by implication that the operators should be better organized and act more together. It criticises the unions also, and is notable in being a clear challenge to them to defend and justify themselves before public opinion by better conduct; yet as to the demand for "nationalization" of the mines or of compulsory arbitration it remarks that "from the fact that the public has become rightfully exasperated it does not follow that the most drastic action will be the most effective."

The Shipping Board and Merchant Marine.

The traveler on the Hudson River admiring the beautiful scenery comes suddenly upon a mass of innumerable iron steamships of all sizes huddled together in various degrees of rust and apparent delapitude in a shallow cove on the western shore. According to the way one looks at it, it is a witness to the phenomenal achievement of the American Shipping Board during the war, or striking evidence

of an innocuous desuetude into which it seems to-day to have fallen.

Rear Admiral Benson, who was director of our naval operations during the war, for a time Chairman of the Shipping Board, and still a member, has written a brief history of our Merchant Marine,* that its condition to-day may be understood. The effect of the war and the work of the Shipping Board are necessarily included.

Many who associate the work of the Shipping Board with the conduct of the war will be surprised to learn the variety and permanent importance of its functions to-day. These may be catalogued as follows, as summarized by the Admiral: investigating relative cost and methods of constructing vessels abroad and at home; aiding in the development of the best type of vessels, and maintaining yards for their construction; securing an American standard of classification, adequate American marine insurance, and a sufficient supply of American financial loans; guarding against undue foreign discrimination; distributing information as to foreign legislation; supervising rates; protecting all in mutual competitive relations and unfair practices; discovering and opening new routes; and creating and developing home ports.

This ought to be sufficient to secure interest on the part of the country in the work of the Board. It is of interest to know that from the inception of the Government up to to-day, with but few and brief interruptions, we have had a national policy of caring for our merchant marine. Adverse discrimination was an inherited policy everywhere in practice. As dependent colonies the country had suffered much from it. Its aid was now indispensable. In its first session (1789) Congress passed important Acts adopting a definite policy in favor of American shipping. In his annual message, Washington recommended "such encouragements to our own navigation as will render our commerce and agriculture less dependent on foreign bottoms which may fail us in the very moments most interesting to both of these great objects." Jefferson as Secretary of State (1793) said "if our marine resources are not protected our productions will be at the mercy of the nation which has possessed itself exclusively of the means of carrying them, and this power may not be easily regained." In the ensuing three years our registered shipping tonnage rose from 123,893 in 1789 to 411,438 tons in 1792, becoming, in spite of foreign enemies, 667,107 in 1800. In 1789, at the time of the enactment of helpful legislation, only 17% of our imports and 30% of our exports were carried in vessels of the United States. Twenty-two years later (1811) 90% of our imports and 80% of our exports were carried in such ships.

The history of subsequent years is the story of meeting adverse discrimination in other countries which in some form continues to this day by favorable discrimination for our own, with frequent treaty agreements and occasional lapses of support on the part of Congress. Following foreign habit, direct payments in the form of postal subvention were introduced in 1845. Their purpose was to obtain larger, swifter and more numerous ships to compete with foreign vessels in carrying the mail. The reason, as well as the necessity, for this better service is obvious. Such ships also attract both passengers

and freight. The service was quickly secured with payments based upon distance run, and so far continues to-day.

The Act of 1891, still in force, requires American-built steamships of the latest and most approved type, owned and officered by American citizens, with crews at least 25% citizens at first, and 50% after five years. The vessels are of four classes, of which the larger three must be approved as available for naval service in time of need. The total of payments by the Government under all contracts to 1922 is \$29,000,000, or about \$970,000 per year, but unhappily this has not been sufficient to obtain adequate service, and important contracts have had to be annulled. The Merchant Marine Act of 1920 was passed to enable the Postmaster-General with the aid of the Shipping Board to secure the carrying of the mails on special routes, but, though some fourteen routes were proposed, no contracts have been obtained.

The payment of mail subventions under the Act can be considered as Government aid only to the extent that it exceeds reasonable compensation for the services rendered. When the owner is required to favor certain employees where others can be had at lower rates, or so to construct or equip the vessel as to adapt her for special use by the Government subventions may mean nothing more than compensation in return for adequate benefits received by the Government. Where indirect aid is given, as in coastwise lines, by exclusive trade privileges, no suggestion has come from any source seeking additional assistance. This now applies even to trade with Porto Rico and Hawaii, and may in the judgment of the President be extended to the Philippines. A bill, known as the Merchant Marine Act, 1922, introduced at the instance of the Shipping Board, is pending in Congress with two proposals for indirect aid; a reduction from income tax equal to 5% of freights from foreign business and the requiring of one-half of all foreign immigrants to be transported in American ships, where these are to be had.

The difficulties in the way of American shipping are serious. The three items of interest, depreciation and insurance can be estimated at 15% on the cost of the vessel. If this cost is, for example, \$100,000 in excess of a foreign ship of like type and size, it burdens the American owner with an annual charge of \$15,000 in excess of the annual charges to be met by a foreign competitor with a similar ship. There are other more or less well known disadvantages.

We entered the war having only 42 shipyards with 154 ways for building steel ships; and 75% of these were constructing vessels for the Navy. Nov. 1 1918 there were 198 yards with 1,083 ways, having contracts for the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the Navy. Up to September 1918 the Fleet Corporation had contracted for an investment of \$150,000,000 in shipyards executing its orders. Construction was curtailed after the armistice as promptly as possible, and was finished in May 1922. A total of 2,311 vessels, aggregating 13,627,311 dead-weight tons, were delivered from the beginning.

The failure of the Shipping Board in disposing of the great collection of vessels was due to conditions attending the close of the war. Thought had been given chiefly to the prompt construction of vessels of reasonable safety and speed. With the close of the war it was possible to pay special attention to the

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best forms of machinery and equipment. When the ships were first offered for sale at attractive prices a number were purchased, only for the buyers to learn in many cases that in the disturbed conditions of the world the ships could not be profitably employed. This occasioned such hardship that the Board has not since felt justified in any attempt to saddle more of this possible loss upon the individual public.

Inevitably there is much discussion over the situation, with the proffer of many different plans. The resignation of Mr. Lasker and the partial reconstruction of the Board may probably be charged to the prolonged difficulty of the situation.

Admiral Benson feels it his duty simply to review the history of the Merchant Marine and to offer no advice. The difficulties of the situation are obvious, and in this day of incessant demands upon the national Treasury, which already have taken on new courage with the prospects of a surplus in the budget, we deem it wise not to go beyond the Admiral or to hold the situation closed.

When Congress re-assembles the whole situation will doubtless be taken up, and Admiral Benson's little book with the information it makes accessible should help to facilitate discussion and contribute to the public opinion upon which Congress must depend. The re-opening of foreign markets now approaching certainly calls for appropriate action.

Railroad Gross and Net Earnings for June.

For June the railroads of the United States do not make the same gratifying exhibits of earnings, in comparison with the previous year, as they did in the months immediately preceding, and it almost seems as if the roads were never again to have an unalloyed and prolonged period of prosperity. When after the bad returns early in the year, due to the severe winter weather experienced, the carriers were able in their statements for April and May to show very satisfactory gains in gross earnings and net earnings alike, everyone supposed that at last the railroads of the United States had entered on a new and much brighter era which it was reasonable to think could be counted on to continue for many months to come. High hopes were consequently entertained of the good results that would follow in June and subsequent months. The results for June are now at hand, in the tabulations which we give later on in this article, and they are a distinct disappointment in that they bring complete disillusionment in the particular referred to. There is again, as in the months preceding, improvement in both in gross and net earnings, but this improvement is on a greatly reduced scale and, what is still more important, not all parts of the country share in it.

As a matter of fact, many systems, or groups of roads, actually are obliged to report diminished net earnings, when everyone had confidently been looking forward to augmented totals, and a few large systems even fall behind in their gross earnings. The character of the June showing is perhaps best described by saying that in Eastern trunk line territory, embracing the manufacturing districts of New England and the Middle and the Middle Western States, the rail carriers are doing surprisingly well, not a few of them recording the best revenues in their history, but in the great stretch of country west of the Mississippi, particularly in the grain growing

regions, the roads make either only indifferent returns or positively bad ones. Dealing first with the general totals, we find that there has been an addition to the gross earnings as compared with last year of \$66,903,501 and an addition to the net earnings of \$14,427,896, the ratio of gain being 14.14 in the former and 13.16 in the latter. In May the gain in gross was no less than \$97,510,054, or 21.77%, and in the net \$32,573,715, or 34.79%, while for April the increase was \$105,578,442, or 25.39%, in gross, and \$38,240,343, or 47.56%, in the net. Altogether, we have here evidence of very decided contraction in the ratio of improvement in gross earnings and net earnings alike. The following is the June comparison:

Month of June (193 roads)—	1923.	1922.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	
Miles of road.....	236,739	236,683	+56	0.02
Gross earnings.....	\$540,054,165	\$473,150,664	+\$66,903,501	14.14
Operating expenses.....	416,007,587	363,531,982	+52,475,605	14.43
Net earnings.....	\$124,046,578	\$109,618,682	+\$14,427,896	13.16

Proceeding now to carry the analysis a step further, the reason for the smaller percentages of improvement is revealed at a glance. It is found in the circumstance, already mentioned, namely that Eastern roads generally have large and satisfactory gains, but that Western roads quite as generally report losses, particularly in the net. And these losses have served to diminish the gains in the grand aggregates. It is easy enough to understand why Eastern roads should show very decided and very general gains. These roads are getting the benefit of the marvelous trade activity which the country has been enjoying the present year. Industrial revival was already well under way in June of last year, but the present year it made still further and much more pronounced headway. In addition, these roads last year had their coal tonnage heavily reduced by the coal strike, which then involved all the mines of the country except those operated with non-union labor, while the present year the coal tonnage was not only of full volume but heavily augmented by reason of the extra fuel requirements arising out of unparalleled trade activity. It is no less easy to account for the relatively poor showing, by way of contrast, made by Western roads. There are no extensive manufacturing industries in that part of the country, and hence trade revival brings only relatively slight accessions to the traffic of the roads serving those parts, while on the other hand the consuming power of the population, which is mainly agricultural, has suffered impairment because of the drop in the price of wheat. It should be added that the grain traffic itself has been of decidedly smaller volume—in the case of wheat because farmers have been reluctant to sell at the low level of values prevailing, and in the case of corn because corn stocks are close to the vanishing point, the corn having been fed to hogs. As was shown by President Ralph Budd of the Great Northern Railway, rate reductions have been exceptionally heavy in the West.

Illustrations going to show the great difference in the character of the earnings exhibits in the respective sections of the country, will emphasize the point here made. Note, for instance, that the Burlington & Quincy reports \$1,221,982 loss in net; the Rock Island \$1,031,312 loss (with a loss also of \$561,651 in gross); the Chicago & North West \$967,722 loss; the Atchison \$793,337; the Illinois Central \$738,603; the Missouri Pacific \$604,797; the Northern Pacific \$597,458; the St. Louis & San Francisco \$464,773 (with a decrease likewise in the gross of \$778,886), etc., etc. To this might be added the \$2-

004,158 decrease in net reported by the Norfolk & Western and the \$1,275,964 reported by the Louisville & Nashville, both roads having likewise suffered heavy reductions in their gross, besides which the Chesapeake & Ohio might be mentioned with a decrease of \$220,089 in the gross and a decrease of \$525,899 in the net and the Virginian Railway, with \$277,802 decrease in gross and \$303,196 decrease in net—the falling off in these four instances following from the fact that the roads serve certain non-union coal mines whose coal production was enormously increased last year by the strike at the union mines, but whose output the present year presumably fell back to the normal.

Contrariwise, we find gains of large dimensions, often of prodigious size, reported by the Eastern trunk lines, the New England roads and the anthracite carriers, the anthracite coal mined last year in the month under review having been virtually nil. Thus the Pennsylvania, on the lines directly operated east and west of Pittsburgh, has a gain of \$13,508,043 in gross and of \$4,495,798 in net. The New York Central shows \$8,224,137 increase in gross and \$4,495,798 increase in net. But this relates only to the Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the Big Four, etc., the increase runs up to \$12,030,732 in the gross and \$6,015,270 in net. The Baltimore & Ohio has enlarged its gross by \$4,935,030 and its net by \$1,433,926, while the Erie has added \$3,229,775 to gross and \$1,987,452 to net. All the distinctively anthracite carriers, following their heavy losses last year, now show very striking increases—the Reading \$3,285,712 in gross and \$2,344,026 in net; the Lackawanna \$2,504,674 in gross and \$1,675,974 in net; the Delaware & Hudson \$2,157,067 in gross and \$1,457,149 in net; the Lehigh Valley \$2,358,224 in gross and \$1,053,765 in net, and the Central of New Jersey \$1,657,487 in gross and \$727,355 in net. So likewise the New England roads are distinguished for the extent of their improvement, the New Haven having added \$1,699,733 to gross and \$1,036,042 to net and the Boston & Maine \$1,172,223 to gross and \$295,441 to net.

Southern roads, like Western roads, had far less encouraging exhibits in June than in the months immediately preceding and in several cases (apart from the unfavorable returns already referred to by the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Norfolk & Western, the Virginian Railway and the Louisville & Nashville) suffered reductions of the net even where the gross ran well ahead of last year. Instances of the kind are the Southern Railway, which with \$1,200,183 increase in gross has \$106,065 decrease in net, and the Atlantic Coast Line, which though having added \$798,534 to gross, falls \$30,472 behind in net. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR JUNE.

	Increase.		Increase.
Pennsylvania	\$13,508,043	Western Maryland	\$812,546
New York Central	8,224,137	Atlantic Coast Line	798,534
Baltimore & Ohio	4,935,030	Elgin, Joliet & Eastern	751,390
Philadelphia & Reading	3,285,712	Hocking Valley	610,771
Erie (3)	3,229,775	Union Pacific (4)	609,877
Delaware Lack & West	2,504,674	Ach Top & Santa Fe (3)	600,253
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	2,358,224	Pere Marquette	590,216
Lehigh Valley	2,358,224	Chic Milw & St Paul	575,530
Delaware & Hudson	2,157,067	Wheeling & Lake Erie	563,527
Southern Pacific (8)	1,474,936	Missouri Pacific	532,558
Southern Railway	1,200,183	Duluth Missabe & Nor.	509,189
N Y N H & Hartford	1,699,733	Seaboard Air Line	475,971
Central RR of N J	1,657,487	Chic Burl & Quincy	469,621
Boston & Maine	1,172,223	Chicago & North Western	433,739
Illinois Central	1,084,819	Monongahela	419,584
Great Northern	950,765	Chicago & Alton	419,140
Michigan Central	942,554	Los Angeles & Salt Lake	386,778
Buffalo Roch & Pittsb	942,142	N Y Ontario & Western	360,302
Bessemer & Lake Erie RR	941,587	C O St & Louis	352,801

	Increase.		Increase.
N Y Chicago & St Louis	\$349,957	Minn St Paul & S S M.	\$110,796
Lehigh & New England	347,806	Port Reading	110,671
Florida East Coast	341,385	El Paso & South West	108,113
Long Island	312,003	Rutland	106,730
Central New England	289,877	N Y Connecting	100,460
Denver & Salt Lake	269,434		
Nash Chatt & St L	257,435		
Montour	247,902		
Chicago & Eastern Ill	215,682		
Yazoo & Mississippi Val	206,820		
Western Pacific	196,399		
Wabash	196,399		
Chicago Great Western	195,492		
Maine Central	180,359		
Buffalo & Susquehanna	159,489		
C D & Canada G T Junc	157,165		
Cinc New Orl & Tex Pac	150,219		
Central Vermont	144,623		
New Orl Tex & Mex (3)	142,948		
West Jersey & Sea Shore	140,558		
Indiana Harbor Belt	138,108		
Richmond Fred & Pot	132,136		
Chicago St Louis & West	130,376		
Carolina Clinch & Ohio	113,936		
Lehigh & Hudson River	112,970		

Note.—All the figures in the above are on the basis of the returns filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Where, however, these returns do not show the total for any system, we have combined the separate returns so as to make the results conform as nearly as possible to those given in the statements furnished by the companies themselves.

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR. (including the former Pennsylvania Company, Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis and Grand Rapids & Indiana), the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$13,508,043 increase. For the entire Pennsylvania System, including all roads owned and controlled, the result is an increase in gross of \$13,972,138.

b These figures cover merely the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a gain of \$12,030,732.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR JUNE.

	Increase.		Increase.
New York Central	\$4,495,798	Wheeling & Lake Erie	\$109,185
Pennsylvania	4,495,798	Richmond Fred & Potom	108,344
Philadelphia & Reading	2,344,026	Pere Marquette	102,683
Erie (3)	1,987,452		
Delaware Lack & West	1,675,974		
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	1,617,706		
Delaware & Hudson	1,457,149		
Baltimore & Ohio	1,433,926		
Lehigh Valley	1,053,765		
N Y N H & Hartford	1,036,042		
Bessemer & Lake Erie	746,020		
Central RR of New Jersey	727,355		
Chicago & Alton	440,784		
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern	423,397		
Duluth Missabe & North	391,316		
Buffalo Rochester & Pitts	349,039		
Boston & Maine	295,491		
Lehigh & New England	264,641		
Southern Pacific (8)	263,032		
Florida East Coast	234,100		
Chicago Milw & St Paul	226,490		
Central New England	211,150		
Monongahela	202,791		
Los Angeles & Salt Lake	187,534		
Hocking Valley	185,376		
Western Maryland	165,925		
N Y Chicago & Western	162,534		
N Y Chicago & St Louis	159,009		
Montour	145,005		
Lehigh & Hudson River	130,527		
Denver & Salt Lake	128,705		
C D & Canada G T Junc	125,404		
Detroit Toledo & Ironton	120,955		

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR. (including the former Pennsylvania Company, Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis and Grand Rapids & Indiana), the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$2,801,749 increase. For the entire Pennsylvania System, including all roads owned and controlled, the result is an increase in net of \$2,767,920.

b These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is an increase of \$6,015,270.

When the roads are arranged in groups or geographical divisions, according to their location, the distinction between the character of the results in the eastern part of the country and that in the remainder of the country is very distinctly marked. Thus in the case of Group I, comprising the New England States, Group II, embracing the Middle States, and Group III, made up of the Middle Western States, we have very noteworthy improvement in gross and net, both in absolute amount and in ratio, while for all the remaining groups there is either only relatively small increase or an absolute falling off. In the gross there is only one geographical section, namely the Southwestern, where there is an actual decrease, but in the net all the different groups (outside the Eastern groups already referred to) save only the Pacific Group, have suffered heavy reductions of their net. Our summary by groups is as follows:

SUMMARY BY GROUPS.

Section or Group.	Gross Earnings			
	1923.	1922.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%
June—	\$	\$	\$	%
Group 1 (9 roads), New England	24,006,555	20,685,483	+3,321,072	16.06
Group 2 (34 roads), East and Middle	184,587,072	138,441,734	+46,145,338	33.33
Group 3 (27 roads), Middle West	49,937,355	41,965,072	+7,972,283	18.99
Groups 4 & 5 (34 roads), Southern	71,537,773	70,021,718	+1,516,055	2.17
Groups 6 & 7 (29 roads), Northwest	108,598,284	102,472,776	+6,125,508	5.97
Groups 8 & 9 (48 roads), Southwest	71,356,103	71,886,668	-550,565	0.74
Group 10 (12 roads), Pacific Coast	30,031,023	27,677,213	+2,353,810	8.51
Total (193 roads)	540,054,165	473,150,664	+66,903,501	14.14

Section or Group.	-Mileage-		-Net Earnings-			
	1923.	1922.	1923.	1922.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%
June—						
Group 1.....	7,472	7,480	4,993,789	3,591,445	+1,402,344	39.05
Group 2.....	34,531	34,635	43,718,580	24,021,981	+19,696,599	81.99
Group 3.....	15,740	15,736	15,881,531	12,554,191	+3,327,340	26.50
Groups 4 & 5.....	39,059	39,014	16,139,492	20,003,373	-3,863,881	19.32
Groups 6 & 7.....	66,974	66,400	21,812,913	24,610,788	-2,797,875	11.37
Groups 8 & 9.....	56,067	56,582	12,238,469	16,606,940	-4,368,471	26.30
Group 10.....	16,896	16,836	9,261,804	8,229,964	+1,031,840	12.54
Total.....	236,739	236,683	124,046,578	109,618,682	+14,427,896	13.16

NOTE.—Group I includes all of the New England States.

Group II. Includes all of New York and Pennsylvania except that portion west of Pittsburgh and Buffalo, also all of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, and the extreme northern portion of West Virginia.

Group III. Includes all of Ohio and Indiana, all of Michigan except the northern peninsula, and that portion of New York and Pennsylvania west of Buffalo and Pittsburgh.

Groups IV. and V. combined include the Southern States south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi River.

Groups VI. and VII. combined include the northern peninsula of Michigan, all of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, all of South Dakota and North Dakota and Missouri north of St. Louis and Kansas City, also all of Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska, together with Colorado north of a line parallel to the State line passing through Denver.

Groups VIII. and IX. combined include all of Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Indian Territory, Missouri south of St. Louis and Kansas City, Colorado south of Denver, the whole of Texas and the bulk of Louisiana, and that portion of New Mexico north of a line running from the northwest corner of the State through Santa Fe and east of a line running from Santa Fe to El Paso.

Group X. Includes all of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona, and the western part of New Mexico.

The conclusion as to unfavorable results the present year must in some instances be modified for the better, where the comparison is carried further back—that is beyond last year. For the fact should not be overlooked that the present year's improvement (speaking of the roads collectively and dealing with the general totals) comes on top of improvement in gross and net alike in 1922 and very striking improvement in 1921 in the case of the net, though not in the gross. Our statement for June 1922, though recording only \$12,376,822 increase in gross, or 2.69%, showed \$28,989,678 increase in net, or 36.03%, because of a concurrent reduction of \$16,612,856 in expenses. That reduction in expenses in turn followed an even greater reduction in 1921, when our tables recorded \$65,390,662 gain in net in face of a loss of \$33,582,095 in the gross earnings, indicating that operating expenses for the month in that year were reduced no less than \$98,972,757, or over 20%; the loss in the gross then would have been much larger than that shown except for the fact that the Commerce Commission the previous July had authorized advances in freight and passenger rates which it was computed at the time would add \$125,000,000 a month to the gross earnings of the carriers—supposing the volume of traffic had remained unchanged instead of undergoing an enormous shrinkage. In like manner the \$98,972,757 saving in expenses would have mounted still higher except that wage schedules the previous July had been raised 20%—which advance would have added \$50,000,000 a month to the annual payrolls of the carriers if the volume of traffic and the force of employees had been maintained at the high levels existing when the wage award was made.

Previous to 1921, however expenses had been mounting up in a perfectly frightful way until in 1920 a point was reached where even the strongest and best managed properties were barely able to meet ordinary running expenses, not to mention taxes and fixed charges. And it is these prodigiously inflated expense accounts that furnished the basis for the savings and economies that were effected in 1921 and 1922. In June 1920, particularly, expenses were exceptionally heavy and the net correspondingly low. At that time in 1920 railroad managers had very distressing conditions of operations to contend with, the troubles experienced in that respect in April and May having extended into June. What with car shortages, freight congestion, outlaw strikes on the railroads themselves and additional labor troubles at terminal points by reason of strikes of teamsters

and draymen and the like, which interfered with unloading and removal of freight—intensifying the congestion existing—and with wages high, it was impossible to avoid heavy increases in expenses, even though comparison was with totals of expenses in themselves large the year before. In speaking of expenses in the year before (1919) having been large, a word of explanation is necessary. Actually, our tables recorded \$78,763,342 reduction in expenses coincident with a gain of \$30,769,974 in gross revenues, yielding, therefore, an addition to net in the huge sum of \$109,533,316. But this followed entirely from the exceptional nature of the result in June of the year preceding. In this preceding year (1918) there was included in the expenses one item of huge magnitude and wholly abnormal in character. William G. McAduo was then Director-General of Railroads, and after granting a big increase in wages to railroad employees, retroactive back to January 1, he directed that the whole of the extra compensation for the six months should be included in the returns for the month of June. The increases in wages at that stage (subsequently there were numerous other increases) added, it was estimated, somewhere between \$300,000,000 and \$350,000,000 to the annual payrolls of the roads. Accordingly, the June expenses in that year included \$150,000,000 to \$175,000,000, representing the wage increases for the six months to June 30. The result was that with a gain in gross earnings for the month of \$40,002,412, there was an augmentation in expenses of no less than \$182,340,983, or over 84%, leaving, therefore, a diminution in the net of \$142,338,571. With that large item included, the railroads actually fell \$40,136,575 short of meeting their bare running expenses—from which an idea may be gained of the abnormal character of the exhibit at that time. The reduction in expenses in 1919, with the elimination of the special item referred to, followed, therefore, as a matter of course. In the subjoined we furnish the June comparisons back to 1906. For 1909, 1910 and 1911 we use the Inter-State Commerce totals (which then were more comprehensive than they are now), but for preceding years we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being always unrepresented in the totals, owing to the refusal of some of the roads in those days to furnish monthly figures for publication.

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)
June.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1906 ..	100,364,722	90,242,513	+10,122,209	31,090,697	27,463,367	+3,627,330
1907 ..	132,060,814	114,835,774	+17,225,040	41,021,559	36,317,207	+4,704,352
1908 ..	126,818,844	153,806,702	-26,987,858	41,818,184	46,375,275	-4,557,091
1909 ..	210,356,964	184,047,216	+26,309,748	74,196,190	59,838,655	+14,357,535
1910 ..	237,988,124	210,182,484	+27,805,640	77,173,345	74,043,999	+3,129,346
1911 ..	231,980,259	238,499,885	-6,519,626	72,794,069	77,237,252	-4,443,183
1912 ..	243,226,498	228,647,383	+14,579,115	76,223,732	71,689,581	+4,534,151
1913 ..	259,703,994	242,830,546	+16,873,448	76,093,045	76,232,017	-138,972
1914 ..	230,751,850	241,107,727	-10,355,877	66,202,410	70,880,934	-4,678,524
1915 ..	248,849,716	247,535,879	+1,313,837	81,649,636	69,481,653	+12,167,983
1916 ..	285,149,746	237,612,967	+47,536,779	97,636,815	76,693,703	+20,943,112
1917 ..	351,001,045	301,304,803	+49,696,242	113,816,026	103,341,815	+10,474,211
1918 ..	363,565,523	323,165,116	+40,002,412	-36,156,952	106,181,619	-142,338,571
1919 ..	424,035,872	333,265,898	+90,769,974	69,396,741	41,013,657	+28,383,084
1920 * ..	486,209,842	420,586,968	+65,622,874	21,410,927	68,876,652	-47,465,725
1921 ..	460,582,512	494,164,607	-33,582,095	80,521,999	15,331,337	+65,390,662
1922 ..	472,383,903	460,007,881	+12,376,822	109,445,113	80,455,435	+28,989,678
1923 ..	540,054,165	473,150,664	+66,903,501	124,046,578	109,618,682	+14,427,896

Note.—In 1906 the number of roads included for the month of June was 80; in 1907, 84; in 1908 the returns were based on 147,436 miles of road; in 1909, 234,183; in 1910, 204,596; in 1911, 244,685; in 1912, 235,585; in 1913, 230,074; in 1914, 222,001; in 1915, 240,219; in 1916, 226,752; in 1917, 242,111; in 1919, 220,303; in 1919, 232,169; in 1920, 225,236; in 1921, 235,208; in 1922, 235,310; in 1923, 236,739.

For 1909, 1910 and 1911 the figures used are those furnished by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

We have remarked above that the grain movement over Western roads in June 1923 had been much smaller than in June of last year. For the five weeks ended June 30 it appears that the receipts of wheat

at the Western primary markets were 21,416,000 bushels, as against 23,418,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of 1922; the receipts of corn no more than 14,908,000 bushels, against 36,477,000 bushels, and the receipts of oats 15,277,000 bushels, against 19,824,000. Adding barley and rye, the receipts for the five cereals combined for the five weeks of 1923 were only 56,646,000 bushels, as against 85,148,000 bushels in the corresponding five weeks of last year. In the following we give the details of the Western grain movement in our usual form:

Five weeks ending June 30.	Flour. (bbls.)	Wheat. (bush.)	Corn. (bush.)	Oats. (bush.)	Barley. (bush.)	Rye. (bush.)
Chicago—						
1923 ---	835,000	1,161,000	3,884,000	5,113,000	435,000	207,000
1922 ---	815,000	3,301,000	15,876,000	7,279,000	673,000	188,000
Milwaukee—						
1923 ---	112,000	125,000	833,000	1,657,000	600,000	90,000
1922 ---	269,000	145,000	2,835,000	1,891,000	954,000	114,000
St. Louis—						
1923 ---	447,000	2,036,000	2,353,000	2,954,000	28,000	141,000
1922 ---	372,000	1,893,000	3,193,000	2,557,000	71,000	79,000
Toledo—						
1923 ---	---	534,000	156,000	374,000	3,000	254,000
1922 ---	---	225,000	274,000	192,000	1,000	12,000
Detroit—						
1923 ---	---	111,000	85,000	224,000	---	---
1922 ---	---	106,000	165,000	172,000	---	---
Peoria—						
1923 ---	146,000	64,000	1,418,000	1,150,000	34,000	6,000
1922 ---	219,000	44,000	1,881,000	1,638,000	27,000	1,000
Duluth—						
1923 ---	---	4,795,000	3,000	40,000	332,000	1,258,000
1922 ---	---	3,386,000	2,248,000	1,104,000	428,000	1,376,000
Minneapolis—						
1923 ---	---	7,183,000	758,000	972,000	986,000	671,000
1922 ---	---	6,667,000	2,034,000	1,937,000	1,252,000	253,000
Kansas City—						
1923 ---	---	3,651,000	1,406,000	649,000	---	---
1922 ---	5,000	6,313,000	2,239,000	633,000	---	---
Omaha & Indianapolis—						
1923 ---	---	1,318,000	3,308,000	1,994,000	---	---
1922 ---	---	843,000	4,578,000	2,233,000	---	---
St. Joseph—						
1923 ---	---	438,000	704,000	150,000	---	---
1922 ---	---	495,000	1,154,000	182,000	---	---
Total—						
1923 ---	1,540,000	21,416,000	14,908,000	15,277,000	2,418,000	2,627,000
1922 ---	1,680,000	23,418,000	36,477,000	19,824,000	3,406,000	2,023,000

The Western live stock movement also appears to have been somewhat smaller than a year ago. At Chicago the receipts for the month the present year comprised 22,692 carloads, as against 23,959 in June 1922. At Omaha they were 9,740 cars, as against 10,392, but at Kansas City they were 9,241 cars, against 9,217.

The cotton movement over Southern roads was, of course, of small dimensions because of the almost complete exhaustion of supplies. The gross shipments overland were only 43,846 bales in June 1923, against 105,391 bales in June 1922; 201,948 in 1921; 131,830 bales in 1920; 161,800 bales in 1919 and 187,986 bales in 1918. At the Southern outports the receipts were only 119,067 bales for the month this year against 344,822 bales in June 1922 and 437,324 bales in June 1921, but comparing with 132,107 bales in June 1920. The following is our usual table, showing the receipts at the different Southern ports:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN JUNE AND FROM JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30 1923, 1922 AND 1921.

Ports.	June.			Since Jan. 1.		
	1923.	1922.	1921.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Galveston.....	37,115	110,779	187,307	487,598	876,815	1,291,142
Texas City, &c.....	5,607	34,873	33,899	196,421	243,966	234,725
New Orleans.....	29,632	89,180	103,849	485,482	538,726	676,483
Mobile.....	2,515	14,954	10,351	19,783	79,692	49,036
Pensacola, &c.....	407	588	135	3,683	8,663	14,397
Savannah.....	16,943	50,505	65,135	168,534	344,906	310,549
Brunswick.....	500	3,199	1,095	3,447	14,096	4,316
Charleston.....	9,818	17,811	5,307	72,050	106,633	45,863
Wilmington.....	6,766	8,919	9,090	26,062	40,833	41,239
Norfolk.....	9,764	14,014	21,008	81,484	127,531	147,269
Newport News, &c.....	---	---	98	---	---	1,023
Total.....	119,067	344,822	437,324	1,544,874	2,381,861	2,816,042

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME. *Friday Night, Aug. 10 1923.*

There is no doubt that the death of President Harding has had a profound effect upon the people of the United States in various ways. The universal mourning and the progress of the funeral train 3,000 miles across the continent from the Pacific Coast to Washington has engrossed the attention of millions of people and has been one of the most remarkable outpourings of popular grief since the death of Lincoln on April 15 1865. The people had become in some measure prepared for the death of President Garfield and President McKinley. But the taking off of President Harding came as suddenly and unexpectedly, in its way, as the death of Abraham Lincoln. The big business exchanges have as a result been closed entirely for two days—on Friday of last week and on Friday of this week—and stood, as it were, at attention for a part of the busy hours of Wednesday while the funeral ceremonies were in progress at Washington. Even the passing of so important a figure as Mr. Harding could not affect business fundamentally, but it has undoubtedly interrupted it because of the universal grief which it has aroused. The exchanges are all closed throughout the country to-day, the occasion of the final funeral ceremonies at Marion, O., and in accordance with the proclamation issued by President Coolidge.

In addition to this event there has been the usual period of quiet in the business of the United States customary at the present season of the year. It is also true on the other hand, however, that trade as a whole is larger than it was at the same time last year. Industry is proceeding on a more active scale than it was then, though it is very noticeable that there is still the marked hesitancy toward buying merchandise for distant delivery. The trade of the country is in truth feeling its way. Also, the wheat crop is not turning out quite so large as was expected, although the yield of wheat will not be materially less than last year as regards the aggregate of spring and winter wheat. There will be good crops of corn and oats. There have been apprehensions

in regard to the cotton crop, which was recently estimated by the Bureau of Agriculture at 11,516,000 bales. A prolonged drouth has prevailed in Texas and Oklahoma and it is feared that the yield may possibly fall below 11,000,000 bales, although there can be no certainty on that point as yet. For beneficial rains have latterly fallen in at least some parts of Texas. Much depends upon the weather in the next two weeks. But in the meantime the condition of the crop in the eastern cotton belt has declined to a certain extent. And cotton prices have recently advanced very sharply. In fact in a week there was a rise of 3c. a pound, although latterly considerable of this advance has been lost owing to rains in the Southwest. The grain markets have advanced somewhat. Wheat, indeed, has risen 2 to 2½c. per bushel, for, after all, the spring wheat yield is not up to expectations owing to damage by black rust, so that the yield of spring wheat is estimated at 225,000,000 bushels, or some 45,000,000 bushels less than last year, though it is about 11,000,000 bushels more than two years ago. At the same time it is 130,000,000 bushels under the high record crop of 1918 and this fact was not without its influence on the market, although the lack of export trade is a sore point. Cotton textiles have met with a rather better demand, but curtailment is still on a large scale, amounting to something like 75% by mills in New England. It is noticed that at one Connecticut cotton mill there has been a reduction in wages of 12½%. This is only a straw and it is said at Lawrence, Mass., at least, there is no thought of reducing wages in the cotton mills there. Still, there can be no disguising the fact that labor is one of the things which in the ordinary phrase must be liquidated; that is, its price must be reduced, for the cost of production must be cut down or trade will suffer. It was the high cost of output even before the midsummer quiet set in that accounted very largely for the slowing up of business in this country. High cost of living, high tariff, high taxes, all militate against genuine prosperity in business, and sooner or later the fact will have to be recognized. Economic law is as inexorable as any other law.

Meanwhile the steel industry is in fair shape, with a somewhat better business reported in parts of the West. Pig iron has also met with a readier sale, though at lower prices. In neither steel nor pig iron are there any cancellations of importance or calls for a delay in delivery. August business in steel is said to be better than that in July in at least some directions. It is also contended that the prospects for railroad and automobile business are not unfavorable. It is a fact, however, that the change in the steel trade from the 12-hour to the 8-hour day necessarily involves the employing of more men to keep up production and also adds inevitably to the cost of production. In the West a better business in coal is reported. Building materials are in larger demand there also. What will be done about the anthracite coal situation remains to be seen. It is considered one of the knotty questions which will perhaps soon demand the attention of President Coolidge. Or the matter may be settled between the operators and the miners. The check-off question may perhaps prevent a speedy settlement of the matter. The operators refuse to grant the check-off and there can be no question whatever that they are right in the stand they have taken. Handing over part of a man's pay to a union under any pretext whatever is a violation of natural right. It is an invasion of the rights of the individual and should never be tolerated anywhere by any corporation in any line of business. It is unjust and turns a corporation into a clerk to do the work of the union.

There seems to be some tendency also to resort to the old "snowballing" of wages. The plasterers are now taking a leaf out of the book of extortion of the bricklayers. Sooner or later this kind of thing will work out its own cure; only the process seems a bit slow. Eventually it must mean an increase in the supply of labor. The restriction in the number of apprentices permitted by labor unions should be condemned. It is certainly contrary to public policy and to the best interests of society which wants one of the cardinal necessities of human kind, shelter, provided at a reasonable cost. The supply of shelter in this country is still lamentably deficient. It is kept down and to all intents and purposes deliberately kept down by the exactions of labor. Also, the immigration restriction Act should be modified if not repealed. The stock market has at times been depressed and this has had more or less effect on trade in commodities. The political news from Europe has been anything but encouraging. England and France are still at loggerheads over the question of German reparations and Germany is defiant. Berlin advices, at any rate, seem to make it reasonably plain that the Government is strongly inclined to continue the policy of passive resistance in the Ruhr. German marks have gone to an even more deplorable discount. Moreover, French francs have fallen to the lowest point known in French history. Belgian francs also are down to a new low. All this is much to be regretted. And now the people of the United States await with interest bordering on anxiety for an early disclosure of the policy of the new Administration. That it will pursue conservative lines the well-known bent towards conservatism of President Coolidge makes reasonably certain. At the same time it would not be at all surprising if his position on great world questions and also on questions of domestic policy should be declared with a clean-cut emphasis which will make it perfectly plain where he stands. And that is desirable above all things. As regards the condition of business in the United States, it cannot be too often said that it is essentially sound. And if the condition of the farmer can be ameliorated by the use of the new farm loan banks or by a lessening of output where production has been overdone, and finally if labor costs can be toned down to meet the imperative demands of the times partly through a modification of the immigration law the outlook for the country's business will be improved. Even as it is, the car loadings in the latest week recorded, that ending July 28, reached the remarkable aggregate of 1,041,044, the largest in the history of American railroads. They are approximately 200,000 above the total for the same week last year. The big increase in merchandise and miscellaneous freight reflects the activity in manufactures, despite all drawbacks.

The snowballing of wages in the building trade has been resumed. Plasterers have in some cases been making as much as \$119 a week, with Saturday afternoon and Sunday work at double wages. They agreed to a wage of \$12 a day, but are already receiving \$14 and are demanding that work be provided for Saturday afternoon and Sunday at double

pay. They are taking to the tactics of the bricklayers, some 60 days ago, when there was a demand for 10,000 bricklayers here and only 6,000 were to be had. It was then predicted that after buildings in course of construction had been "topped out" or finished the other workers in the building industry would follow the example of the bricklayers and that such wages would be demanded as \$14, \$16 and \$18 per day for plasterers, plumbers, tile layers, marble workers and painters. Plasterers in some cases stop work if employers refuse to give them overtime work for Saturday and Sunday at double pay, making \$42 for the extra day and a half, a striking instance of human cupidity. What will happen when journeymen plumbers are in keen demand, as they will be before long, is an interesting question. Plumbers six weeks ago received \$10 a day. The union then agreed to discipline any member who demanded more than this and employers agreed to fine anyone who paid more. That was expected to stop "snowballing." Will it? Among marble workers and tile layers snowballing is believed to be impending. And now derrick men are on strike. Derrick men and riggers and other helpers of stone setters in the building industry were on strike for \$10 a day and the employers are determined not to yield. About 400 men quit on an unauthorized strike. This halted work on a number of new buildings, like the new court house, the Standard Oil building, the new Saks building on Fifth Avenue. The helpers get \$9 a day and struck for a dollar more.

Samuel Gompers in conferences at Washington this week is supposed to have insisted on the retention of the 3% restriction on immigration. It is pointed out that labor is in better position relative to wages and the cost of living than at the peak of 1920. It should ask no favors of the American people. The establishment of the eight-hour day in certain units of the steel mills in the Chicago district is expected to start next Monday, although no official announcement has been made. The three shifts of eight hours each, it is understood, will start in the blast furnaces and merchant mills of the United States Steel Corporation at Gary, Ind., and the Illinois Steel Co. branch at Chicago. The change will be gradual.

In the textile trades the Nashua Company will close its Jackson Mill at Nashua, N. H., on August 11 and the Nashua Mill on August 18 until Labor Day. This will affect 3,300 employees. Usually the mills close the week before Labor Day for a vacation and for overhauling of the plant, but this year slowness of trade will cause a longer period of idleness. At West Warren, Mass., all departments of the Warren Cotton Mills will shut down from August 25 to September 4. At Pawtucket, R. I., the thread mills of the J. & P. Coats, Inc., reopened last Tuesday after a shut-down of ten days. At Willimantic, Conn., the American Thread Co. will operate until further notice only three days a week. The Treasurer of the Pacific Mills at Lawrence, Mass., says there is no intention of reducing wages of their hands; that the outlook is favorable. At Passaic, N. J., all textile plants, including the large woolen mills, cotton and rubber mills will close down to-day not to reopen until next Monday. The Uncasville mills of Uncasville, Conn., reopened their plant on Monday last following a week's shutdown with wages reduced in the meantime 12½%.

A stoppage of work was to have been declared here on Thursday in the garment industry, threatening to throw 50,000 workers out of employment, but it was averted. All work in future is to be done in union shops. The cause of the dispute was the situation involving 250 non-union shops employing only 1,000 of the 50,000 workers in the industry. It was claimed that the jobbers, despite their agreement to patronize union made goods and conform to union standards, had had sample garments made by non-union shops and used them to beat down union prices, thereby bringing about general disorganization in the trade. Union manufacturers were forced by union wages to charge certain prices and under the non-union competition were no longer able to go on making suits and cloaks. Therefore, they proposed to stop work unless the price demoralization could be brought to an end. A formal statement after the settlement of the trouble said that immediate steps would be taken to eliminate the non-union shops.

The temperature was 81 to 89 during the week, but it was cooler on Thursday and also to-day. It was 95 and higher in Washington and 190 people were said to have been overcome by the heat at the obsequies of President Harding on the 8th inst.

S. W. Straus & Co. Think Building Activities Will Be Kept Up.

Indications that extensive building activities will be kept up throughout the country are shown in the reports of building permits issued in July in 239 leading cities and towns of the country. These official reports made to S. W. Straus & Co. reveal a gain in the reporting cities of 14.4% over the corresponding month last year and a loss of 4.4% from June this year. The loss from June, however, it is stated, is in keeping with the usual trend of building permits between these two months. Total permits issued in the 239 cities in July were \$233,816,602, which compares with \$204,291,504 in July last year, and with \$244,687,907 in June this year. The statement then goes on to say:

The Eastern States reported gains of 23.4% over July last year and a loss of 3.4% since June. In the Central States the gain was 1.15% as compared with last July, while the change as between June and July was negligible, the Central group reporting slightly in excess of \$76,000,000 worth of permits in each month. Permits issued in the Pacific Coast States were 40.6% ahead of July a year ago and 13.3% less than in June. In the Southern States there was a loss of 7% from July last year and a loss of 1% from June.

Among the important cities of the country reported in the survey of S. W. Straus & Co., New York led with \$51,623,832, a gain over July a year ago of \$17,601,501 and a loss from June of \$5,759,171.

Chicago permits in July were \$16,495,150, which represented a negligible gain over July last year and an equally moderate loss from June a year ago.

Los Angeles again ranked third, permits issued in that city in July being \$15,083,273, a gain over July last year of more than \$7,000,000 and a negligible gain over June.

Philadelphia issued \$11,346,155 permits in July, a gain of a little less than \$1,000,000 over July last year and a gain of nearly \$3,000,000 over June.

Cleveland, with permits of \$8,457,000 in July, showed a loss of nearly \$3,000,000 as compared with July last year, but a gain of \$4,400,000 over June.

Detroit's permits in July were \$8,103,809, a gain of \$700,000 over July last year and a loss of \$1,600,000 since June.

Baltimore reported permits in July of \$4,796,609 a gain of \$570,000 over July a year ago and a gain of a little more than \$2,000,000 over June.

Permits issued in Milwaukee in July were \$3,481,580, a gain of \$827,000 over July 1922 and a gain of \$1,031,000 over June.

Permits issued in other leading cities of the country in July which compared favorably with the figures of July 1922 and with June are as follows: Atlanta, \$1,913,080; Boston, \$3,472,273; Buffalo, \$3,549,000; Dallas, \$1,761,603; Kansas City, \$1,807,850; Minneapolis, \$3,873,850; New Orleans, \$1,425,200; Pittsburgh, \$2,864,340; San Francisco, \$3,237,115, and St. Louis, \$2,906,463.

Plasterers Get \$119 a Week.

As predicted in building trade circles two months ago, "snowballing" has begun in the plastering trade, according to the New York "Times" of Aug. 5, which goes on to say:

The demand for plasterers is now reaching its peak, and the mechanics, whose agreed wage is \$12 a day, are already receiving \$14, while demands have in some instances been made on employers to grant work Saturday afternoon and Sunday at double rate, bringing the pay of plasterers up to \$119 for a seven day week.

The plasterers are now in the position in which the bricklayers found themselves two months ago, when there was a demand for at least 10,000 bricklayers and a supply of hardly more than 6,000 available. It was then said that after the buildings in the course of construction were topped out the other trades would follow the example of the bricklayers and wages of \$14, \$16 and \$18 for plasterers, plumbers, tile layers, marble workers and painters would be the rule.

Instead of following exactly the example of bricklayers and demanding higher bonuses for day's work and refusing to work overtime, the plasterers' demands have taken the line of insistence on overtime work. According to Christian G. Norman, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Building Trades Employers' Association, plasterers on some jobs quit when the employers refused to grant overtime Saturday and Sunday at double pay, making \$42 for the extra day and a half.

Two weeks ago most of the plasterers were receiving \$12 a day, but since they great demand for their services, their wages have gone up to \$14. As was the case in the bricklayers' dispute, employers and employees are blaming each other for the unsettled situation, the former declaring that the mechanics are threatening to quit unless they get overtime work, while the men allege that employers began the "snowballing" by offering double pay for overtime.

Employers are awaiting with interest the attitude of the journeymen plumbers, whose services will be in great demand when the plasterers have finished their work. Several months ago the journeymen plumbers and the master plumbers agreed on a wage of \$10 a day, and in an attempt to eliminate "snowballing" the union promised to discipline any of its men who demanded higher wages, and the employers on their side said they would fine any members offering higher wages than the agreed scale. The agreement was then hailed as one that would stop "snowballing."

The trades whose services will be greatly in demand after the plasterers and the plumbers are through with their work are the tile layers, marble, workers and painters. There is a scarcity of tile layers and marble workers and there are already rumors of impending "snowballing" in these crafts.

Despite the settlement of the bricklayers' strike a month ago, the building trades have not yet reached a point of stability. Yesterday 250 derrickmen and riggers were ordered on strike by the Derrick and Riggers' Union following the unsatisfactory conclusion of three months of negotiation with the employers for an increase of wages from \$9 to \$10 a day.

Most of the men are employed by the Employing Stone Setters' Association. Their work is to turn the winches on the derricks that hoist the stone on buildings and to help unload the heavy blocks. The derrickmen work with the marble and stone cutters, skilled mechanics whose daily wage is \$10. The employers contend that to grant the derrickmen the same wage would unsettle the situation with respect to the marble and stone cutters as well as the skilled men in other crafts.

The derrickmen assert that in 1919 the employers promised there would be a differential of \$2 between their wage and that of the stone setters, who now receive \$12. The employers say that if the additional dollar is granted the derrickmen, the stone setters will insist on an additional dollar, on the ground that there has always been a differential of \$3 between their craft

and the derrickmen, who are considered experienced laborers and not skilled workmen.

If the strike should continue it will tie up all the front, stonework now going on in New York, but will not affect interior work.

Manufacturers of American Building Material Supplies Threatened by Foreign Competition Are Hoping That Inventive Ingenuity Will Come to Their Rescue.

Yankee inventive genius is being used to foil European manufacturers in their apparent attempt to gain a permanent market in this country for foreign building materials, says the Dow Service, published by the Allen E. Beals Corporation, and then proceeds as follows:

Glass is a commodity that cannot, under present and pending conditions, meet foreign competition. Manufacturing costs in Europe are hopelessly below production costs for this basic building material here and in Canada. They probably will remain so, as it also is in brick, cement, steel, interior stone and ceramic ware.

The excessive demands made upon American building material supplies and upon manufacturing capacities since 1920 have turned the building material overseas trade tide from east to west. At first no one took the movement seriously. Of late it has reached such proportions as to lead some Atlantic seaboard building material manufacturers and distributors to anticipate its development to tidal-wave proportions. In the glass manufacturing industry this belief has reached an actively defensive stage. In other words, in this industry is found the greatest concentrated effort to meet this sort of competition.

Window glass heretofore has been made in huge cylinders which, while still hot, are rolled out flat and cut to commercial size. Limitations heretofore existing have been corrected lately enabling drawing of cylinders up to 518 inches in length—in the clear, after removal of neck and lower end, and of diameters up to 33 inches and of varying thicknesses. Cylinder machines have been perfected capable of drawing double strength glass at the rate of more than 90 50-foot boxes of glass every eight-hour turn. Single strength glass machines are turning out 100 50-foot boxes per turn.

New machines have demonstrated that it is possible to draw window glass vertically from a molten tank in a huge sheet and turning it while being raised flat onto the cutting table in any desired commercial thickness up to one-half inch. Some inventive effort is being applied to take plate glass melted in large pots, cast and roll it into sheets and polish them by machine rollers at a lower production cost than the glass can be melted in a tank, blown or drawn therefrom and then ground and polished.

Vast changes and improvements are taking place and are being developed to practical operation in the New York brick manufacturing district. Distributors have even acquired some brick manufacturing plants with the idea of modernizing the ancient art of brick production. Here in New York greatly improved facilities have been installed for the quick and much cheaper handling of brick in bulk. Oil burning equipment is giving way to coal and wood burning processes.

Negotiations are under way here to acquire options upon the output of cinder ashes from great power plants for the purpose of combining this waste material with cement and a reinforcement material of secret composition for the purpose of producing a fireproof facing material even cheaper than foreign face brick can be produced here. The plan is to produce these brick in various shades and surface textures.

The outstanding idea of the building material production industry to-day is to get the cost of manufacture down as far as possible and to make handling and distribution as small an item as possible in the hope of keeping prices steady, if not, indeed, to check the flow of European basic building materials into this country.

The Slump in the Brick Market—Monthly Report Shows a Downward Trend in Prices.

The slump in building is apparent in the report of the common brick manufacturers in the country this month, but has not reached serious proportions, says the New York "Times" in its issue of August 5, and then adds:

The gross orders on the books 30 days ago, according to the report, "amounted to 403,691,000, while the orders reported in the current issue are 395,447,000. The production of new brick for the month totaled 128,942,000, and there was moved from the plants 116,761,000. This leaves the quantity of burned and unburned brick in the plants approximately the same as a month ago.

"The falling off in new business is most apparent in some of the centres that have been the busiest during preceding months.

"In New York, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, and even in Southern California districts, manufacturers, while well stocked with old orders and running at full capacity, have reported that the volume of new business coming into the office has been considerably reduced the preceding month. On the other hand, some important plants say that, while they were pessimistic 30 days ago, they are again optimistic.

"The condition is generally viewed as seasonal, and, while all admit that it is possible that the last six months of 1923 will not pile up a volume in new construction equal to the first six months, this still will be the banner year.

"There certainly is still much building to be done. In the larger cities there is no surplus of housing.

"There is an extreme shortage of schools and hospitals and other public buildings." In conclusion the report says:

"The brick manufacturer is just learning that in the field of housing he has a vast market. The balance is rapidly changing from the ratio of about 89 to 11, as it stood for many years in favor of frame houses as against permanent types. The promotion of the use of brick through publicity and advertising is attracting the attention of home builders. The increased use of brick in home building is perceptible in every section of the country.

"The advent of the Ideal wall, which makes it possible to build a substantial, good-looking and comfortable brick house at approximately the cost of frame, has given a tremendous stimulus to the use of brick in many sections. If each State in the Union should make a gain of 1,000 brick houses this year, that business alone would consume a billion and a half of brick. This would represent an increase of 25% over the 1922 consumption of common brick.

"Present indications are that the gain in brick home building this year will be much greater than that. House building is a market that the brick manufacturer in the past has given little consideration to, looking forward

always for the bigger jobs, and his business has fluctuated just as the construction in those types of buildings has gone up and down.

"Home building offers a most dependable outlet, because there always are homes being built, even though other types of construction may be at a standstill.

"The brick industry is making inroads in the home building field by rendering a service to the home builder in the form of plans and specifications for architecturally good small houses supplied by the national association of the industry.

"The only price change during the last month was a downward trend in some of the highest markets. In New England the highest price reported in current reports was \$21, which is \$2 below the high-water mark of the month previous. The composite price of brick, taking all reports into consideration, is \$14.65 per thousand."

Seek to Stabilize Building Trade—Public Group Says the Industry Must Take Action.

A summary of its investigation of the building industry, accompanied by suggestions for constructive effort during the ensuing year, was made public on Aug. 4 by the Public Group of the Building Industry, of which R. H. Shreve, of Carrere & Hastings is Chairman. The committee believes stability has not yet been reached and calls on all concerned in the building industry to study the situation in the public interest. Otherwise, it is stated, "it may become necessary to adopt measures which may now be thought drastic, but which, under the continued pressure of failure to secure relief, would be found essential. The following is the report:

No industry so important as the building industry at this time can be considered apart from the interests of the community, and therefore any attempt to deal with the problems arising must give heed not alone to labor and the employer, but to the public as well.

Action taken without regard to the rights or views of all three groups tends to lessen participation in the industry by that element whose interest is unfavorably affected and so leads to the natural development of corrective conditions more favorable to renewed participation by the disturbed group and so to the continued co-operation of all the essential factors.

But while the three groups are interdependent, for many reasons the interest of the public must be recognized as paramount. The builder and labor recognize that the industry thrives or languishes as the buyer, that is, the public, enters or neglects the building field.

Public's Interest Uppermost.

Living costs for the people as a whole are largely affected by the cost of building, not alone through rents which reflect the cost of homes, or through the cost of manufactured articles which must bear the cost of the factories, the shops, and the means of storage and transportation, but also through the immense demand for construction materials which is the chief support of to-day's business activity, and the increase of income to the Government and the individual through the improvements which an active industry produces.

Success, that is, prosperity, in the industry requires control and co-operation instead of the assertion of the claims of one group against the others, and better conditions for all cannot be secured merely through arrangements between labor and employer, which are much discussed, but require as well an understanding on the part of the public whose interest is most important, though often disregarded.

Because of recognition of these principles, a group of New York builders on April 30 called a meeting of a large number of architects, owners, builders and representatives of loaning institutions, in order that there might be presented information regarding the serious situation then existing or developing in the building industry. The consultation and advice of those present was desired by the builders, and at the close of the meeting the committee of the Public Group of the Building Industry was appointed for the purpose of suggesting further action.

Composition of the Committee.

The committee, which included architects, builders, representatives of the loaning institutions, and other business men, was later strengthened by the addition of economists and social welfare workers, and was placed in what was thought to be a less partisan position by the voluntary resignation of the builders. Since that time, meetings of the committee have been held for the purpose of consulting with the Building Trades Council of New York City, Long Island and vicinity, the New York Building Trades Council, the New York Executive Committee of the Bricklayers, and also with a committee from the Mason Builders' Association.

The committee has also been cognizant of the work of the New York Section of the National Congress of the Building and Construction Industry, an organization which is working for the betterment of conditions in the building industry. Its membership includes representatives of labor, capital, management, the professions and the public. In addition to its work in developing an apprenticeship plan, its study of the problem of seasonal employment, the congress has established a code of fair practices in the building industry and is supporting this through a committee on codes.

It has now in course of organization a branch of the Arbitration Society of America, which will be established as a court for the arbitration of questions in construction work which would be otherwise judicable. As a permanent means of improving conditions in the industry, the congress seems to present for the time the most comprehensive plan, and the whole industry and the public ought to support its work.

Wage Question Adjusted.

The problem immediately presented for the attention of the committee was that of labor wage demands, and more especially the action of the bricklayers in withdrawing from certain building operations of this city. During the period of the committee's work these immediate labor difficulties have been temporarily adjusted and a settlement of the bricklayers' demands has been reported. The emergency pressure so far as related to terms of employment has been lessened, and in this respect the situation which led to the assembling of the committee has been changed.

But the fundamental conditions, from the standpoint of the public group, have not been improved. The number of workmen has not been increased sufficiently to make possible the prompt execution of work urgently needed, such as the school buildings of the city. The daily output by the individual workman has not been increased and is reported to be much below that of some years ago. Prices of materials have changed, some are higher and some lower; but generally the cost of building has increased and the situation gives no promise of stability for the future except through a lessening of the demand for buildings, a movement which already appears to be under way.

Fluctuations in the building industry result in hardship and loss for all of the groups interested, and a condition of stability would be of greater benefit to all than are the temporary advantages accruing to special interests under extreme conditions. Within the range of the active and inactive periods of the industry may be found extremely high wages offset at another time by a more extensive unemployment than in any other industry in New York.

A higher unit cost of building here than anywhere else in the United States and low returns on investment bring New York to a situation such as that through which we have been passing, in which rent laws, tax exemption and other consequent economic disturbances upset the established standards of investment values and force a speculative condition on the owner and investor, the real estate man and the building operator, all of whose interests are best served by stable conditions.

It is of alone labor's income which is uncertain. The professional men engaged in the industry, the general builders, the special trades and the material men suffer extreme fluctuations in income through wide variations in the industry's activity. In order to do the work which New York has attempted to do this year and last year, these men must maintain organizations, plants or stocks of material double those needed in the inactive periods.

These conditions are hurtful to the interests of the public as well as of those directly engaged in the industry, and it is with the purpose of aiding in the correction of these conditions by stabilization of the industry that the committee of the Public Group directs attention to matters which have seemed to the committee of sufficient importance to warrant special mention in the hope that these suggestions might be further developed by those interested in the building industry.

Shortage of Skilled Labor.

The outstanding problem of the industry this year has been the supply of labor. The committee wishes to emphasize the fact that while it has been forced to deal chiefly with this factor of the situation, it has not been able to investigate the equally important items of production cost effected by the supply and prices of materials, of transportation and of profits. It is clear that stabilization involves a balance among all the factors entering into production, and that there would be little advantage in enlarging the supply of workmen beyond the capacity of the trade, or of stabilizing wages while other costs remain unstable.

To find enough labor to supply an abnormal peak demand would be merely to intensify future unemployment and to emphasize every undesirable feature of the business cycle. It is as important to avoid a labor surplus as to remedy a true labor shortage. For this reason a more thorough investigation than the committee has been able to make is essential, and the following suggestions must be interpreted with this reservation in mind. The acute labor shortage is not confined to the bricklayers, whose scarcity has been made so well known through New York's efforts to build schools.

A similar condition exists in the number of plasterers and will shortly be more acutely felt and better understood as this trade is required for the completion of buildings now under way. Other trades also are more or less undermanned in spite of the fact that New York has drawn largely on the surrounding districts for workmen. This condition is now generally understood, and it is not necessary in discussing this subject to go into details regarding the existence and proportions of the shortage in the number of skilled men required to carry on building operations in New York City.

Need to Remedy Shortage.

The special point to which attention may well be given is the necessity of remedying this shortage and the means which may be employed to this end. The most important, and, it is believed, the most effective plan is that for the development of an adequate number of craftsmen through the apprenticeship system now being developed by the Apprenticeship Commission of the New York Building Congress.

This commission is composed of architects, employers and labor members, who are trying to solve this problem by:

1. Inducing a sufficient number of capable young men to enter the building trades.
2. Encouraging employers to employ their quota of apprentices.
3. Through co-operative effort providing each of these apprentices with steady employment through their apprenticeship period.
4. Through the collective efforts of educational authorities, employers and employees' associations providing a thorough training that will assure for the future craftsmen worthy of the name.

The Board of Education is assisting the Apprenticeship Commission by furnishing instruction in classes in the evening vocational schools.

The Apprenticeship Commission, acting as a central employment office, has been successful in keeping all apprentices at work by having employers send to this office when in need of an apprentice. All apprentices apply at this office when out of work. Boys seeking to enter the various trades also apply at this office and are placed as apprentices.

Want Full Number of Apprentices.

The employers and labor are now giving attention and some measure of support to this work, which has not heretofore had their complete co-operation. In most trades the quota of apprentices allowed by the unions is much greater than the number in the service of the employers. On the other hand, in some cases employers have requested more apprentices than the unions permit. But if the employers in the building industry will take on the full number of apprentices to which they are entitled under their trade agreement, keep them steadily employed and insist on the apprentices attending classes in the evening vocational schools arranged through the co-operation of the Board of Education for their technical training for the various trades of the building industry, the first important step will have been taken to provide mechanics for the future.

A further step of great importance would be to make possible the employment of all available mechanics for the work for which they are fitted, no matter where they are trained. It is not possible under existing restrictions in New York for certain men who may be properly trained by the New York Trade School, the Y. M. C. A., and other schools to enter the trade which they wish to take up and in which at present they are so urgently needed. Their admission would give them an opportunity to better themselves and to benefit the public by their employment in trades where additional mechanics are badly needed but are not available.

Restricted Production.

Increase in the number of men is not more important than increase in the efficiency of the men now available for work. Relief through this channel can be secured in a number of ways. At present jurisdictional trade regulations define and restrict the kind of work a man may do and consequently largely increase the number of trades and therefore the number of men required for a given operation. There is necessarily an increase in the cost of the work and in the time required for its execution.

Out of these restrictive regulations grow jurisdictional strikes which delay work and cause widespread unemployment of labor. A reasonable loosening or modification of these restrictions can be made an important source of relief not alone to the public, but to the workers as well, because their em-

played time could be largely increased and periods of unemployment minimized by permitting the mechanic to do whatever work he could do properly.

Consideration should be given, too, to the repeated statements to the committee by builders that the individual output on the part of the workmen has been greatly reduced, not only below the normal work standard of the men now employed, but far below the production of men similarly engaged in previous years. It is desirable that, in so far as possible, the facts in this phase of the difficulty be ascertained and that working conditions fair to all concerned be established.

In many of the detail operations of building construction it is possible through the introduction of machinery put or by shortening the time required to reduce the cost by increasing the output by the process or by reducing the number of men necessary to secure a given result. The failure to improve methods in use is due in some cases to lack of enterprise, in others to the restrictive regulations of labor unions. The critical shortage in the manpower element will be measurably relieved by the use of machine power, cost will be reduced and time will be saved. These possible economies should have the study and support of all concerned.

Seasonal Unemployment.

Composite New York employs only 50% of its available workmen during several months of the year. In March and April the New York that wants to build gets busy, and then for six months, as now, has more work than men, and carries on in a frenzy of delays, high expenditure and makeshifts. Last year the Committee on Seasonal Employment of the New York Building Congress recommended that in so far as possible building work be carried on during the dull periods of employment.

This procedure would reduce non-productive expense and waste and increase production, as a result of having skilled help available instead of relying on incompetent workmen. It will eliminate excessive labor expense, lower the cost of materials and decrease the contractor's margin of profits as he prefers to keep his organization in employment as steadily as possible. The advantages are many and the benefits go to the community generally, being incidental in their value to labor, employer and owners.

A further study of the records showed building permits are issued in New York in the largest numbers during the spring and summer, that contracts throughout the country are usually let at that time, and that repairs are made by landlords and owners during this time when the demand on the industry is at its peak.

The situation can be largely bettered by changing these conditions and further by completion of buildings in advance of rental dates, rearrangement of present rental dates, regulation of the time of carrying on Government, State, city, religious and educational building construction. In general, work which can be removed from the period of peak load should be done during the months which have heretofore been periods of comparative unemployment.

Economic Survey.

There are not now available sufficient records or facts to make possible accurate conclusions as to the reasons or remedies for the difficulties arising in the industry in New York. Careful investigation is required to measure the range of the active and inactive periods, to determine the sources and measure the supply of men, money and materials, to ascertain the factors affecting the demand for different types of buildings and to analyze the fluctuations in cost.

This survey can be made by competent investigators working under the direction of the New York Building Congress, which, with some additional financial support, is prepared to go on with this work in the belief this study will help determine causes of the extreme irregularity of building activity and indicate the possibility of anticipating and controlling its fluctuations.

Unless some degree of balance between supply and demand is reached and maintained in the building industry existing difficulties related to the industry will not be removed. The architect of the School Board has brought to the attention of the committee of the Public Group, and is actively endeavoring to arouse public interest in, the great program of school building of New York City. It is proposed to complete within the next two or three years more than 100 schools, which will probably cost not less than \$100,000,000.

Construction Program Lags.

In spite of the efforts of city officials responsible for this work, after frequent conferences of labor and employer and after agreements as to wage rates and conditions of employment, little progress has been made on the buildings. Construction is far behind the program for completion. There has been no improvement in the rate of progress during the year, nor is there reasonable ground for future improvement, except through falling off of the demand for other building work and a consequent release of men to the schools.

There has been brought to the attention of the committee also the deplorable state of housing of those least able to meet the high cost of construction and the high rents, resulting in unhealthy conditions of life among the poor and an alarming increase in social evils.

It has been urged that a proper public understanding of this situation would lead to prompt public demand for betterment. That there is public interest is evidenced by the recent authorization of a State commission to study housing conditions and means of improvement, and by the public discussion of the rent laws, of the policy of tax exemption of certain types of residential buildings, and of the revelations of the Lockwood committee.

Failure to secure schools and homes touches conditions of social welfare so vitally that it is proper to consider the need of some measure of regulation. This has been spoken of by some who are closely familiar with building conditions and the cost of building as likely to require the declaration of the prior right of certain types of buildings in each community in accordance with its needs, and it has been suggested that this control can be secured by the concerted action of the loaning institutions in agreement as to the type of construction which would be most helpful.

"Violent" Rise in Costs Feared.

In contrast with this plan, which assumes the existence of some element of self-control in the industry, one of the labor delegates which met the committee of the Public Group urged immediate Government intervention in the building crisis to secure the continuance of only the most necessary work. It was the opinion of labor in this instance that only public authority could prevent a continued housing shortage, high rents, low wages or unemployment, and a business depression, followed by a violent rise in costs.

All who are concerned with the building industry should recognize that conditions this year have not been such as will promote its prosperity. These conditions must be improved by those directly connected with the work, or by a public whose interest is at stake. In the protection of that interest it may become necessary to adopt measures which may now be thought drastic, but which, under the continued pressure of failure to secure relief otherwise, would be found essential.

From the circumstances attending the organization and the work of this committee, those directly engaged in building work may observe the neces-

sity of bringing about such a measure of stability as will avoid the introduction of what one builder of many years' experience described as "some body strong enough to tell us what we have to do."

The committee of the Public Group is of the opinion that such stability has not yet been arrived at, and that without constructive action New York will still have to deal with the difficulties which the building industry has encountered this year. The large potential building program for 1924 should not find New York hobbled by a continuance of these conditions.

R. H. SHREVE, *Chairman.*

Canadian Newsprint Output in Half-Year.

The production of newsprint in Canada during the first six months of 1923, according to the Canadian Pulp & Paper Association, has reached a total hitherto unapproached for any similar period. Up to the end of June, Canadian mills manufactured 619,802 tons of newsprint paper, which represents a daily average production of 3,973 tons, or about 470 tons more than the daily average throughout 1922. This large increase is due largely to the addition of new machines to the productive capacity of the mills, but also reflects an increased efficiency of operation and the speeding up of existing machines. The production figures for the year 1920 are as follows:

	<i>Tons.</i>		<i>Tons.</i>
First 6 months 1923-----	619,802	First 6 months 1921-----	373,988
First 6 months 1922-----	516,506	First 6 months 1920-----	443,512

Production of the second half of 1923 is expected to surpass the first half. On this basis, it is probable that the Canadian mills in 1923 will produce well over \$1,250,000 tons of newsprint. Production in 1913 was only 350,000 tons. The statement adds:

The consumption of newsprint in Canada is from 120,000 to 130,000 tons annually and approximately 90% of our production is expected. Of the 619,802 tons produced in the first half of the year, 550,765 tons were exported, 536,187 tons going to the United States and the remainder chiefly to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Exports in the corresponding six months of 1922 and 1921 were 457,340 tons and 319,925 tons, respectively, so that this year's exports show a gain of 20% over those for 1922 and of 72% over those for 1921.

The distribution of these exports is shown in the following table:

	<i>Six Months—</i>	1923.	1922.	1921.
United States of America-----		536,187	421,365	292,615
Australia-----		5,163	17,942	10,315
New Zealand-----		6,095	5,615	5,276
South America-----		323	2,365	7,291
South Africa-----		2,427	4,123	3,241
All other-----		570	5,930	1,187
Total-----		550,765	457,340	319,925

While our exports to overseas countries have been considerably below the level of the past few years, there is a big increase in the shipments to the United States. Consumption in that country during the last twelve months has broken all records, amounting in 1922 to nearly 2,500,000 tons, of which 1,029,000 tons were imported, 87% of the imports coming from Canada and the remainder from European countries. This big demand from the United States market is reflected in our exports to that country, which this year have shown an increase of 27% over those for last year and of 83% over 1921.

Petroleum Refinery Statistics for June 1923—Decrease in Stocks.

A continued slight decrease in the number of operating refineries is noted in June, the number reporting to the Bureau of Mines for that month being 286. However, their aggregate daily indicated crude oil capacity increased to 2,045,547 barrels. This increase is due mostly to the installation of additional stills which have just been reported to the Bureau. These plants were operating during June at 77.9% of their capacity, running to stills a daily average of 1,593,446 barrels of crude oil. Both the export and domestic demand for gasoline during June showed a substantial increase, the total being at the daily rate of 23,627,319 gallons. The total demand exceeded the new supply by 64,950,119 gallons, this amount being withdrawn from stocks. The new supply produced and imported in June of this year was 22% greater than for June last year, while the demand was 26% greater. Gasoline production in June 1923 was 636,734,217 gallons and was almost equaled by the domestic demand, which amounted to 633,504,590 gallons. Exports increased to 75,314,994 gallons. Stocks on hand at refineries June 30 were 1,263,583,128 gallons, constituting 60 days' supply at the June rate of consumption. This compares with 65 days' supply June 1 and 49 days' supply June 30 a year ago, showing a substantial decrease during the current month. The present supply of gasoline on a relative basis for accurate comparison is only 22% greater than last year at this time. This should be compared with the 22% increase in the new supply and 26% increase in the total demand in June this year over the same period last year. The Bureau also says:

Kerosene production in June was 179,073,758 gallons, a slight decrease from the May output. The domestic demand amounted to 122,708,653 gallons, a decrease from May figures of 12,000,000 gallons, and exports were 64,753,813 gallons, an increase of 10,000,000 gallons over May exports, making the total demand about 8,000,000 gallons in excess of the new supply with stocks decreased by this amount to 264,301,002 gallons.

June output of gas and fuel oils increased nearly 5,000,000 gallons over May production, amounting to 970,869,873 gallons, and imports were 51,245,318 gallons, an increase of about 6,000,000 gallons as compared with May imports. The total demand was exceeded by the new supply by about 77,000,000 gallons, increasing stocks by this amount during the month, the quantity in storage June 30 being 1,324,025,107 gallons. Domestic demand was 822,402,120 gallons, a decrease of almost 100,000,000 gallons from the May figure, and exports were increased about 7,000,000 gallons over May shipments, amounting to 122,350,144 gallons in June.

The production of lubricants in June was 95,726,103 gallons, which is about 10,000,000 gallons below the May output. Domestic requirements were 57,764,943 gallons as compared with 71,000,000 gallons in May, and exports were 39,363,408 gallons, showing also a slight decrease from the preceding month. Stocks decreased about 1,000,000 gallons during the month, amounting on June 30 to 225,137,230 gallons.

	June 1923.	May 1923.	June 1922.
Gasoline—			
Stocks first of month	1,328,533,247	1,336,417,871	856,607,102
Production	636,734,217	631,704,693	525,940,600
Imports a	7,135,248	14,642,980	3,986,655
Exports a	75,314,994	71,678,116	54,603,665
Indicated consumption	633,504,590	582,554,181	506,964,236
Stocks end of month	1,263,583,128	1,328,533,247	824,966,456

	June 1923.	May 1923.	June 1922.
Kerosene—			
Stocks first of month	272,672,284	273,005,180	318,890,131
Production	179,073,758	189,176,846	173,649,592
Imports a	17,426	11,000	b
Exports a	64,753,813	54,957,333	71,525,734
Indicated consumption	122,708,653	134,563,409	103,439,525
Stocks end of month	264,301,002	272,672,284	317,574,464

	June 1923.	May 1923.	June 1922.
Gas & Fuel Oil—			
Stocks first of month	1,246,662,180	1,272,978,330	1,321,437,972
Production	970,869,873	966,165,819	903,056,578
Imports a	51,245,318	45,355,041	b
Exports a	122,350,144	115,837,414	56,996,811
Indicated consumption	822,402,120	921,999,596	840,558,077
Stocks end of month	1,324,025,107	1,246,662,180	1,326,939,662

	June 1923.	May 1923.	June 1922.
Lubricants—			
Stocks first of month	226,288,516	234,700,221	226,293,334
Production	95,726,103	105,362,853	80,138,257
Imports a	250,962	132,653	b
Exports a	38,363,408	42,592,389	26,104,090
Indicated consumption	57,764,943	71,314,722	53,423,689
Stocks end of month	225,137,230	226,288,516	226,903,812

a From Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Exports include shipments to non-contiguous territories. b Figures not compiled prior to October 1923. c Does not include fuel or bunker oil laden on vessels engaged in foreign trade.

Number of Men's and Boy's Garments Cut During June 1923.

The Department of Commerce announces the following information with regard to garments cut for men's and boys' clothing during June by 458 establishments, according to reports received by the Bureau of the Census, with comparative summary for 335 identical establishments reporting for February to June, inclusive.

GARMENTS CUT DURING JUNE (458 ESTABLISHMENTS).

Kind—	Number.
Men's suits, wholly or partly of wool	1,049,738
Men's suits, wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, &c.	128,069
Men's separate trousers, wholly or partly of wool	963,818
Men's separate trousers, wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, &c.	533,437
Men's overcoats	462,763
Boys' suits (all grades)	250,551
Boys' separate pants (all grades)	690,962
Boys' overcoats and reefers (all grades)	98,898

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY FOR 335 IDENTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Kind—	Number of Garments Cut				
	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.
Men's suits, wholly or partly of wool	876,508	967,516	710,495	707,335	721,219
Men's suits, wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, &c.	149,752	158,526	133,757	132,531	89,809
Men's separate trousers, wholly or partly of wool	804,558	876,872	731,865	710,469	683,449
Men's separate trousers, wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, &c.	461,238	498,520	460,880	475,632	343,772
Men's overcoats	119,416	155,471	195,425	292,973	352,006
Boys' suits and separate pants (all grades)	623,587	731,200	644,808	701,614	782,253
Boys' overcoats and reefers (all grades)	15,615	21,294	33,527	56,897	89,788

Clothing cut during June, by classes of establishments for 84 wholesale tailors, 00 tailors to the trade, and 353 ready-to-wear and 21 cut, trim and make:

Kind Cut—	Number of Garments		
	Tailors to the Trade.	Ready-to-Wear.	Cut, Trim and Make.
Men's suits, wholly or partly of wool	229,239	791,513	28,986
Men's suits, wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, &c.	22,772	96,624	8,673
Men's separate trousers, wholly or partly of wool	112,254	790,052	61,512
Men's separate trousers, wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, &c.	21,124	470,225	42,088
Men's overcoats	68,343	380,108	14,312
Boys' suits (all grades)	23,645	215,578	11,328
Boys' separate pants (all grades)	3,765	658,920	28,277
Boys' overcoats and reefers (all grades)	13,249	81,119	4,530

Shoe Workers Lose Strike in Brockton.

The strike of workers in the shoe factories of the Brockton district, in progress for eleven weeks, was terminated on July 31, the strikers accepting the advice of their leader to give up their fight. The workers who went out had formed a new union and this they voted to retain. With respect to the origin and outcome of the strike, the Boston "Herald" had the following to say:

The strike started on May 15, 900 dressers and packers walked out. The trouble originated when the decision handed down by the State Board

of Conciliation and Arbitration granted the men no increase. The workers had asked for a total raise of 20%.

The union revoked the charters of the 14 locals which participated in the strike and the strikers formed an organization of their own. During the early days of the walkout, several of the factories were forced to close and production was greatly curtailed, but recently all the plants have been operating.

The strike developed into a battle against the Boot & Shoe Workers' Union, the strikers admitting that the only grievance they held toward the manufacturers was that they insisted on their workers belonging to that union.

There were numerous disturbances during the strike. Four suicides and two violent deaths are directly traceable to it. Pickets clashed often with the police after the City Marshal put into effect an opinion of the City Solicitor that the picketing was illegal because the strikers had violated a contract.

Pressed and Blown Glass Manufacturers Restore Post-War Peak Wages.

At a recent conference at Atlantic City between representatives of American Flint Glass Workers' Union and National Pressed & Blown Glass Manufacturers' Association, the 1920-21 wage scale, the highest on record in paste and iron mold departments, was restored. A reduction of 11% had been made two years ago.

"Everybody on the Job, but Everybody Loaf," I. W. W. Order to Workers in Lumber Industry.

"Passive sabotage" has been adopted by the Industrial Workers of the World to make lumber production unprofitable, the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association asserted on July 27, quoting an order to the lumber workers in a Chicago I. W. W. publication. "Everybody on the job, but everybody loaf," was an admonition in the order. "The employing class lives on our labor," it continued. "It has to pay us wages, which are a part of what we produce, and everything else we make for it is its profit, on which it exists. When we cut down the profits—we starve capitalism. That is the only way it can be hurt. When we strike off the job we stop profits, but we stop expenses too. Now we must all be on the job, drawing wages but making no profit for the boss. It is not necessary to break any laws to do this. Figure out just how little work you can do and get by. Do that and no more."

Increase in Retail Food Prices From June 15 to July 15.

The U. S. Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in announcing on Aug. 7 the completion of the compilations showing changes in the retail cost of food in 22 of the 51 cities included in the Bureau's report, said:

During the month from June 15 1923 to July 15 1923, 20 of the 22 cities showed increases as follows: Fall River, Milwaukee and Peoria, 5%; Detroit and Portland, Me., 4%; Denver and New Haven, 3%; Cincinnati, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Savannah and Scranton, 2%; Atlanta, Dallas, Omaha, Portland, Ore., and St. Paul, 1%; and Little Rock, Pittsburgh and Richmond, less than five-tenths of 1%. There was a decrease in the following two cities: Louisville, 1%, and Charleston, S. C., less than five-tenths of 1%.

For the year period, July 15 1922 to July 15 1923, 19 of the 22 cities showed increases as follows: Cleveland, Detroit and Pittsburgh, 8%; Philadelphia, 7%; New Haven, 6%; Fall River, 5%; Denver, Milwaukee and Scranton, 4%; Little Rock, Louisville, Portland, Me., 3%; Cincinnati, Peoria, Richmond and St. Paul, 2%; and Atlanta and Omaha, 1%. There was a decrease in the following 3 cities: Portland, Ore., 2%; Dallas, 1%, and Charleston, S. C., less than five-tenths of 1%.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, the retail cost of food on June 15 1923 was 57% higher in Detroit; 56% in Richmond; 53% in Milwaukee; 52% in Philadelphia, and Scranton; 50% in Fall River and Pittsburgh; 49% in New Haven; 48% in Cleveland; 47% in Charleston; 45% in Cincinnati; 43% in Atlanta; 42% in Omaha; 41% in Dallas; 40% in Little Rock; 39% in Denver; 34% in Louisville, and 32% in Portland, Ore. Prices were not obtained from Peoria, Portland, Me., St. Paul and Savannah in 1913, hence no comparison for the 10-year period can be given for these cities.

Federal Reserve Board's Report on Wholesale Trade for First Six Months of 1923.

Wholesale trade during the first half-year ending June 30 1923 was in substantially greater volume than in the same period in 1922, according to a review made public by the Reserve Board on July 30, which also had the following to say:

Total sales by wholesale firms in all sections of the United States surpassed each month the levels reached in corresponding months in 1922. Sales in June, according to the Federal Reserve Board's index, were 4% greater than in May and 9% greater than in June 1922. Sales of groceries, meat, dry goods, jewelry, machine tools, and auto supplies increased over May. Distribution in other lines was in slightly smaller volume than in May and sales of shoes, hardware, and drugs decreased in nearly all Federal Reserve Districts from which reports were received. The greatest decreases were shown in the sales of clothing.

As compared with the same month one year ago, sales were greater in all lines except diamonds, which decreased 46%, and in almost all Federal Reserve Districts. The largest increases over last June were in the sales of machine tools, jewelry, hardware, and women's clothing. Great increases were also noted in the sales of furniture, agricultural implements, and stationery. Wholesale prices have been higher during the past six months than in the same period in 1922, and have been partly responsible for larger dollar sales, but the actual volume of trade has been greater, as a

result of general improvement in economic conditions in all sections of the country.

The following tables show the trend of important wholesale lines in the United States by months since May 1922, together with detailed information concerning percentage changes in June as compared with May 1923 and June 1922, for the various reporting lines in each Federal Reserve District.

WHOLESALE TRADE IN THE UNITED STATES, BY LINES. (Average monthly sales 1919-100.)

Table showing Wholesale Trade in the United States by Lines (Average monthly sales 1919-100) from May 1922 to June 1923. Columns include Groceries, Meat, Dry Goods, Shoes, Hard-ware, Drugs, and Total.

CHANGE IN CONDITIONS OF WHOLESALE TRADE, BY LINES AND DISTRICTS.

Table showing Change in Conditions of Wholesale Trade by Lines and Districts. Columns include Percentage Change in June 1923 Sales as Compared with May 1923 and June 1922.

comparative value of the different grades of crude currently being purchased from the various fields in Louisiana and Arkansas, and the company therefore decided to discontinue this gravity scale, and, effective Aug. 4, is returning to its former practice.

Prices in the new scale are from 10 to 30 cents more than were posted a year ago. Smackover grades and prices are unchanged at 85 cents for 26 gravity and above to 40 cents for 24 and below.

The company has posted the following prices:

Caddo crude, 38 degrees and above, \$1 45; 35 to 37.9 degrees, \$1 35; 32 to 34.9 degrees, \$1 30, below 32 degrees, 95c.; Nome crude, 35 degrees and above, \$1 45; 33 to 34.9 degrees, \$1 35; 31 to 32.9 degrees, \$1 30; below 31 degrees, 95c.; Haynesville crude, 33 degrees and above, \$1 30; below 33 degrees, \$1 20; Eldorado crude, 33 degrees and above, \$1 45; below 33 degrees, \$1 30; Bull Bayou, 38 degrees and above, \$1 35; 35 to 37.9 degrees, \$1 25; 32 to 34.9 degrees, \$1 20; De Soto, \$1 45; Crichton, \$1 10.

The Champlin Refining Co. of Enid, Okla., one of the largest independent refiners in Oklahoma, running on Tonkawa crude, has cut prices 25 cents a barrel. The top grade crude is thus reduced from \$2 20 to \$1 95.

The price of kerosene was reduced 1/4 cent by the North-western Pennsylvania refiners on Aug. 8.

In Georgia the price of gasoline will be advanced 3 cents per gallon if a bill which passed the House by a vote of 120 to 62 is passed by the Senate. The tax is to go into a pension fund. A State tax of 1 cent per gallon is at present added to the retail price of gasoline.

On Aug. 4 and again on Aug. 6 the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana reduced the tank wagon prices of gasoline 1 cent, which cuts have been followed by the other refiners and distributors in the same territory. The tank wagon price now stands at 15 1/2 cents and retail price at 18 1/2 cents per gallon, a reduction of 2 cents and 1 cent, respectively.

At Fort Worth, Tex., the filling station price for gasoline was 13 cents. Some of the independent companies were selling at 11 cents per gallon. Two weeks ago the price stood at 19 cents per gallon.

On Aug. 7 Governor McMaster of South Dakota ordered the managers of the State warehouse at Mitchell to sell gasoline to the public at 16 cents a gallon. He also called on the people of the State to form associations to buy the product in carload lots until such time as dealers "cease their policy of greed and avarice." The Governor declared that gasoline costs 14 cents a gallon in carload lots in South Dakota and that oil companies are selling it at 28.

Unfilled Orders of Steel Corporation.

The United States Steel Corp. on Thursday, Aug. 9 1923 issued its regular monthly statement, showing unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations as of July 31 1923 to the amount of 5,910,763 tons. This is a decrease of 475,498 tons from the unfilled tonnage June 30, a decrease of 1,070,588 tons from May 31, and of 1,377,746 tons from April 30. The total, however, even after the reduction, is 134,602 tons above that for the corresponding date last year, the unfilled orders at the close of July 1922 having been only 5,776,161 tons. In the following we give comparisons with previous months back to the beginning of 1917. Figures for earlier dates may be found in the issue of the "Chronicle" for April 14 1923, p. 1617.

Table showing Unfilled Orders of Steel Corporation in Tons from Jan. 1917 to Feb. 1923. Columns include Month and Year.

Gross Crude Oil Production.

The estimated daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Aug. 4 was 2,240,900 barrels, as compared with 2,274,400 barrels for the preceding week, but as against only 1,499,100 barrels in the corresponding week last year. The daily average production east of the Rocky Mountains was 1,389,900 barrels, as compared with 1,424,400 barrels, a decrease of 34,500 barrels, according to statistics compiled by the American Petroleum Institute.

The following are estimates of daily average gross production for the weeks indicated:

Table showing Daily Average Production of Crude Oil in (In Barrels) for Aug. 4 '23, July 28 '23, July 21 '23, and Aug. 5 '22. Includes regions like Oklahoma, Kansas, North Texas, etc.

Changes in Petroleum Prices Continue.

There have been some changes in the grading of crude oil during the week just past with a consequent modification of prices. The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana on Aug. 4 made the following announcement:

On Dec. 5 1922 the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, following the plan adopted in the mid-continent fields, posted a gravity scale for the purchase of Louisiana and Arkansas crude oil. The experience of the last few months has shown that this gravity scale does not correctly represent the

Steel Production in July—Revised Report on New Basis for 1923.

According to a statement issued by the American Iron & Steel Institute the production of steel in July 1923 by companies, which in 1922 made 95.35% of the steel ingot production in that year, amounted to 3,352,474 tons, consisting of 2,660,094 tons open-hearth, 680,884 tons Bessemer and 11,496 tons all other grades. This indicates a total production for the month of 3,515,966 tons, on which basis comparison is with an indicated production of 2,952,806

Thus it is seen that from the viewpoint of soft coal production, 1923 stands 1% behind the average for the three years of industrial activity and 37% ahead of that for the three years' depression.

Stocks and Consumption on July 1.

Returns received recently from a selected list of about 5,000 consumers of soft coal indicate that the total quantity held in storage piles on July 1 1923 was approximately 45,000,000 net tons. This was an increase over the revised figure of stocks on June 1, of 3,000,000 tons. A factor responsible for part of the increase was an appreciable decrease in the rate of consumption. The reports from consumers, supplemented by other available information, indicate that the total rate of consumption, including exports, in June, was about 9,500,000 tons per seven-day week.

ANTHRACITE.

The estimated total output during the week ended July 28 was 2,080,000 net tons. This figure is based on the number of cars loaded by the 9 principal carriers, and includes besides freshly mined coal, the output from dredges and washeries. As a matter of fact only three times during the 17 weeks that have passed since the beginning of the present coal year on April 1, has weekly production fallen much below 2,000,000 tons, and on those occasions the failure to reach that mark was due to the observance of holidays.

Cumulative production during the calendar year to date stands at 58,885,000 net tons, an increase over the corresponding period in 1922 of 35,450,000 tons. The total output during 1923 exceeds that in recent preceding years and compared favorably with the output during the war years when there was a specially large production from washeries.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (in Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1923		1922	
	Week.	Cal.Yr.toDate	Week.	Cal.Yr.toDate
July 14-----	2,051,000	54,800,000	32,000	23,380,000
July 21-----	2,005,000	56,805,000	28,000	23,408,000
July 28-----	2,080,000	58,885,000	27,000	23,435,000

BEEHIVE COKE.

The rate of production of beehive coke showed virtually no change in the week ended July 28 and remains about 10% below the June level. Preliminary estimates based on the number of cars loaded on the principal coke-carrying railroads place the total for the week at 361,000 net tons against 360,000 in the week preceding.

According to figures published by the Connellsville "Courier" coke production in the Connellsville region has been falling off gradually during July. The "Courier" reports 272,910 net tons produced in the week ended July 28 as compared with 276,540 tons in the week before.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke in Net Tons.

	Week ended			1922.	1922.
	July 28	July 21	July 29		
Pennsylvania and Ohio.....	291,000	292,000	82,000	9,268,000	2,784,000
West Virginia.....	23,000	21,000	6,000	680,000	223,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. and Ga.....	20,000	19,000	8,000	706,000	236,000
Virginia.....	14,000	15,000	5,000	479,000	172,000
Colorado and New Mexico.....	6,000	6,000	6,000	240,000	104,000
Washington and Utah.....	7,000	7,000	4,000	170,000	108,000
United States Total.....	361,000	360,000	111,000	11,543,000	3,627,000
Daily average.....	60,000	60,000	19,000	64,000	20,000

a Subject to revision.

The cumulative output of beehive coke during the present year to date stands at 11,543,000 net tons. Production during the corresponding periods for the four years preceding was as follows (in net tons):

1922 --- 3,627,000 | 1921 --- 3,563,000 | 1920 --- 12,411,000 | 1919 --- 11,190,000

The records show that the coke production during 1923 to date is 218% ahead of 1922, 224% ahead of 1921, 3% ahead of 1919, and 7% behind 1920, the year of maximum output.

Whether the anthracite miners will strike at the end of the month is still the dominating topic of discussion in the bituminous coal trade of the country. The effect of this possibility has already been felt in a quickening of domestic demand for soft coal in the Middle West and in greater interest among industrial consumers in New England. Although there has been no rush to cover by retailers or by steam plants that would have to bid against the householder for supplies in the event of a strike, bituminous producers are more optimistic and less inclined to look with favor upon contracts based upon current spot quotations, reports the "Coal Trade Journal" of Aug. 8. The "Journal's" regular weekly review of conditions in the market is as follows:

During the past week there was a general, but slight, tightening up in mine quotations on pool coals, but pier offers showed recessions on the low volatiles at Hampton Roads. Although advances were outnumbered by reductions, the majority of the latter were upon Western and Southeastern coals. Comparing spot quotations last week with those in effect during the week ended July 28, changes were shown in 45.5% of the prices. Of these changes 55.9% represented reductions, ranging from 5 to 65 cents and averaging 21 cents per ton. The advances ranged from 5 to 50 cents and averaged 15.8 cents. The straight average minimum on the bituminous coals listed below was \$1 89 per ton, a decline of 5 cents. The straight average maximum increased 3 cents to \$2 40 per ton. A year ago the averages were \$4 71 and \$8 86, respectively.

New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore showed the least reaction from the strike threat. Dumpings increased at Hampton Roads, but so did stocks. Buffalo took a more hopeful view of the slack situation, while Pittsburgh producers refused to be stampeded by distress tonnage figures. Cleveland held its gains of a fortnight and a revival of domestic demand in urban centres featured central Ohio trade. Southeastern markets were in a more cheerful frame of mind. Chicago found more evidence of interest in both steam and domestic trade. Detroit and the Head of the Lakes were the low spots in bituminous activity.

The Lake trade, however, continues to move at a heavy rate. Cargo dumpings during the week ended at 7 a. m. July 30 totaled 1,071,044 tons, the largest weekly figure this season. During the week ended last Saturday 37 vessels discharged approximately 340,000 tons at the Superior-Duluth docks. Bituminous stocks there as of Aug. 1 were estimated at 3,750,000 tons.

Anthracite trade during the week was featured by further advances in independent quotations. Some of the larger individual producers who

have been furnishing coal to regular customers at a \$9 base increased quotations 50 cents, while some of the smaller shippers were asking as high as \$14 for spot domestic coals. During the week the Head of the Lakes received eight cargoes containing approximately 65,000 tons. Loadings at Buffalo during the same period were 122,800 tons.

The additional demand for coke because of the anthracite strike threat is, for the time being, offset by the losses in consumptive capacity in the iron industry.

According to the "Coal Age," there is no evidence so far of excitement in the trade over the prospect of a suspension of anthracite mining on Sept. 1. Consumers are no more insistent now than in June that their winter supply be delivered. Receipts of domestic sizes of anthracite by retail dealers have overtaken their deliveries and dealers' stocks are increasing. The demand for substitutes is picking up and coke producers report the receipt of many inquiries and some orders. Byproduct coke plants are reported to be accumulating stocks of coke. Bituminous coal is finding some market as a substitute for anthracite, according to the "Coal Age" in its Aug. 9 summary of conditions in the market. The "Age" goes on to say:

The outlook for steam coal demand is improving as the textile industries in New England show signs of revival and the steel industry begins to talk about going back on heavy schedule as soon as the hot weather is over. Buying of steam coal picked up last week in Ohio and Pittsburgh, but demand is so quiet and so carefully limited to low-priced, high-grade coals that mines are being closed for lack of profitable outlets for their product. In the Middle West the number of inquiries is increasing. Dealers have begun to take on small lots of domestic coal.

The exceptional rate of production of anthracite of 2,000,000 net tons per week is being maintained without a break. Independent prices are holding up to the high level of July, and there is every indication that by the end of August a new high record for production will be established for five consecutive summer months.

The Lake demand is unabated and dumpings continue at the rate of 1,000,000 tons a week or better. Dumpings at Hampton Roads for all accounts during the week of Aug. 2 were 438,733 net tons compared with 392,249 tons the previous week. Having been for the past four months below the rate for the previous two years, tidewater movement through this port is now expected to exceed the records of either 1921 or 1922 for August and September.

"Coal Age" index of spot prices dropped one point last week to 195 on Aug. 6, which corresponds to an average price of \$2 36 at the mines. The heaviest decline was in Pocahontas coal, which recorded an average drop of 30c., the result mainly of material declines in both mine-run and prepared coals on the Chicago market. In the West, Mt. Olive and Standard quotations declined and Hocking dropped in the East. Pittsburgh, Cambria, Somerset, Kanawha, eastern Ohio and eastern Kentucky prices gained slightly.

Elimination of Twelve-Hour Day in Steel Industry Starts Next Week.

In accordance with the recent announcement of Judge Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, and spokesman for the iron and steel industry, steps already have been taken to begin elimination of the twelve-hour day in the industry. Judge Gary made known on Aug. 7 that elimination of the twelve-hour day will be effected on Aug. 16 in the plants of the Carnegie Steel Co., the largest subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation. Judge Gary's statement, made in confirmation of dispatches from Sharon, Pa., gave the first intelligence of a definite date for abolition of the two-shift system in those plants of the steel industry where continuous operation is required. It is expected that the other subsidiaries of the Steel Corporation and the independent steel companies will effect the change soon. All those workers shifted from a twelve-hour to an eight-hour day will receive a flat increase of 25% in their hourly wage. This means that their hourly pay will be changed from 40 cents to 50 cents and their daily pay from \$4 80 to \$4. Laboring men in the rolling departments will work on ten-hour shifts instead of the present twelve-hour basis and will receive no change in their present 40 cents an hour pay rate.

It was subsequently announced on Aug. 8 in dispatches from Chicago that a start in the establishment of an eight-hour day in the steel industry will be realized Monday when a unit of blast furnace workers at the United States Steel Corporation's plant at Gray will be put on a three-shift program. More than 500 new blast furnace workers will be taken on to make the change from the twelve-hour day possible. It was predicted that on Aug. 16 the open hearth workers would go on an eight-hour basis and within a year every steel worker in Gary would go home to his family after the same normal day's labor that prevails in other branches of industry. Advices from Youngstown state that the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., one of the largest independent steel concerns, plans the elimination of the twelve-hour day next week. Twelve-hour men will be put on eight-hour shifts. Those working eleven hours will have the period of employment cut to ten hours without an increase in hourly rate of pay. The twelve-hour men will get ten-hour pay when changed to a three-shift day.

Unions Begin Efforts to Organize Steel Industry.

While Judge Gary and other prominent figures in the iron and steel industry are engaged in substituting the eight-hour day for the longer work day, the American Federation of Labor is losing no time in endeavoring to carry out its recently announced intention of unionizing the industry. Offices have been established in Chicago as headquarters of the committee appointed by the Federation of Labor to carry through its program of organization, and meetings were held on July 27 in Bethlehem, Pa., Cleveland, Ohio, and in various parts of the Chicago district to foster the activities of the organizers. With regard to these meetings the Associated Press said:

William Hannon, member of the General Executive Committee of the International Association of Machinists, in charge of the organization campaign, who has established offices here, declared to-day that, unlike the attempt to unionize the steel mills which resulted in the 1919 strike, the present campaign would be carried "to a finish," but not with any

strike in view. Plenty of money would be provided by the unions involved to carry on the work, Hannon said.

He said that the I. W. W. campaign reported to be under way in the same districts was causing him no concern.

The campaign for organization in the steel industry is being waged by fourteen international unions, and is in charge of a committee of which Mr. Hannon is Secretary in charge and Michael F. Tighe, President of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, is Chairman. It is stated as the policy of this committee that there shall be no strike nor talk of a strike. "Organization and education" is the slogan, according to Mr. Hannon.

No effort is being made at present to organize in the Pittsburgh district, Mr. Hannon said.

"We will not invade Pittsburgh until the rest of the steel industry is well organized and the courts have passed on the rights of the committee to hold meetings in the steel towns," said Mr. Hannon. "Then we will use Foch tactics on Pittsburgh. With everything about it organized, it will be in the jaws of a pincers."

Regarding Judge Elbert H. Gary's effort to eliminate the twelve-hour day in the steel industry, Mr. Hannon said:

"We do not believe that the steel worker will get the eight-hour day or be able to hold it unless he and his fellows are organized. Therefore we will organize, come what may."

Current Events and Discussions

The Week With the Federal Reserve Banks.

A further increase of \$16,700,000 in holdings of discounted bills, accompanied with reductions of \$5,200,000 in acceptances and of \$3,600,000 in Government securities, is shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated bank statement issued as at close of business on Aug. 8 1923, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined. Cash reserves declined by \$3,600,000 and deposit liabilities by \$39,800,000, while Federal Reserve note circulation increased by \$36,600,000. The reserve ratio remained unchanged at 77.3%. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Larger holdings of discounted bills are shown by the Federal Reserve banks of Boston, New York, Cleveland, Richmond, Minneapolis and Dallas, the increases in the case of the three banks first named being \$7,500,000, \$13,500,000 and \$7,300,000, respectively. The other six banks report decreases totaling \$14,500,000, the largest decrease—by \$6,600,000—being shown for San Francisco.

Gold reserves increased by approximately \$3,000,000. Substantial gains, amounting to \$15,900,000 and \$9,700,000, are shown for the Federal Reserve banks of Chicago and San Francisco. The banks at New York and Cleveland report decreases in gold reserves of \$24,600,000 and \$6,500,000. Reserves other than gold declined by \$6,600,000, more than offsetting the increase in gold holdings, and non-reserve cash declined by \$2,400,000. All Federal Reserve banks except those at Atlanta, St. Louis and Minneapolis, report increased Federal Reserve note circulation, the decline in the case of these three banks amounting to only \$600,000. The banks at New York, Philadelphia and Cleveland report increases in note circulation of \$6,300,000, \$9,500,000 and \$8,600,000, respectively.

Holdings of paper secured by Government obligations increased during the week by \$15,400,000. Of the total of \$397,200,000 held on Aug. 8, \$238,100,000, or 59.9%, was secured by U. S. bonds; \$144,800,000, or 36.5%, by Treasury notes, and \$14,300,000, or 3.6%, by certificates of indebtedness, as compared with \$237,800,000, \$126,500,000 and \$17,500,000 reported the week before.

The statement in full in comparison with preceding weeks and with the corresponding date last year will be found on subsequent pages, namely pages 649 and 650. 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	
	Aug. 1 1923.	Aug. 9 1922.
Total reserves.....	—3,600,000	—12,100,000
Gold reserves.....	+3,000,000	+41,000,000
Total earning assets.....	+7,900,000	+70,000,000
Discounted bills, total.....	+16,700,000	+440,900,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+15,400,000	+279,400,000
Other bills discounted.....	+1,300,000	+161,500,000
Purchased bills.....	—5,200,000	+30,600,000
United States securities, total.....	—3,600,000	—401,500,000
Bonds and notes.....	—900,000	—116,800,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	—2,700,000	—284,700,000
Total deposits.....	—39,800,000	+69,000,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	—19,500,000	+76,500,000
Government deposits.....	—19,700,000	—5,900,000
Other deposits.....	—600,000	—1,600,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	+36,600,000	+77,100,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liability.....	—59,000,000

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

An increase of \$24,000,000 in loans and discounts, offset in part by a decrease of \$18,000,000 in investments, together with increases of \$2,000,000 in net demand deposits, of \$8,000,000 in time deposits, and of \$44,000,000 in accommodation at the Federal Reserve banks is shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of condition on Aug. 1 of 771 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.

Loans and discounts secured by U. S. Government obligations show only a nominal change, while loans secured by corporate obligations show a decrease of \$30,000,000, and other, largely commercial, loans and discounts an increase of \$54,000,000. Holdings of Government securities declined by \$6,000,000, an increase of \$8,000,000 in U. S. bonds held being more than offset by reductions of \$11,000,000 and \$3,000,000 in Treasury notes and Treasury certificates, respectively. Other stocks and bonds declined by \$12,000,000. Total loans and investments of the New York City banks show a reduction of \$5,000,000, loans on Government obligations show only a nominal change, loans on corporate securities declined \$15,000,000, while all their other loans and discounts increased by \$29,000,000. Investments of these banks decreased by \$19,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 is represented by U. S. Treasury notes and \$8,000,000 by corporate securities. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these Member Banks is as follows:

Net demand and Government deposits show practically no change since the previous week, while time deposits increased by \$8,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 is reported by banks in New York City.

Reserve balances of all reporting institutions increased \$40,000,000, a larger increase of \$59,000,000 for banks in New York City being partly offset by a net reduction for banks outside of New York City. Cash in vault declined by \$11,000,000 for all reporting banks, of which \$3,000,000 is shown for the New York City members.

Borrowings of all reporting banks from the Federal Reserve banks increased from \$472,000,000 to \$516,000,000, or from 2.9 to 3.2% of their total loans and investments. For member banks in New York City an increase from \$102,000,000 to \$144,000,000 in borrowings from the local Reserve bank or from 2 to 2.8% in the ratio of these borrowings to their combined loans and investments is noted.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 650—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 25 1923.	Aug. 2 1922.
Loans and discounts—total.....	+24,000,000	+8935,000,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations.....	—26,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	—30,000,000	+206,000,000
All other.....	+54,000,000	+755,000,000
Investments, total.....	—18,000,000	+58,000,000
United States bonds.....	+8,000,000	+111,000,000
Treasury notes.....	—11,000,000	+210,000,000
Treasury certificates.....	—3,000,000	—141,000,000
Other stocks and bonds.....	—12,000,000	—122,000,000
Reserve balances with Federal Reserve banks.....	+40,000,000	—8,000,000
Cash in vault.....	—11,000,000	+1,000,000
Government deposits.....	+1,000,000	—50,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+2,000,000	—54,000,000
Time deposits.....	+8,000,000	+466,000,000
Total accommodation at Fed'l Res'v'e banks.....	+44,000,000	+399,000,000

Stock of Money in the Country.

The Treasury Department at Washington has issued its customary monthly statement showing the stock of money in the country and the amount in circulation after deducting the moneys held in the United States Treasury and by Federal Reserve banks and Agents. The figures this time are for the 1st of July. They show that the money in circulation at that date (including of course what is held in bank vaults) was \$4,729,789,527, as against \$4,374,015,037 at the corresponding date of the previous year, but comparing with \$5,628,427,732 on Nov. 1 1920. Just before the outbreak of the European War, that is, on July 1 1914, the total was only \$3,402,015,427. The following is the statement:

KIND OF MONEY.	Stock of Money in the United States.	Total.	MONEY HELD IN THE TREASURY.				MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE TREASURY.				Population of United States (Estimated.)
			Amt. Held in Trust Against Gold and Silver Certificates (& Treasury Notes of 1890).	United States Notes (and Treasury Notes of 1890).	Held for Federal Reserve Banks and Agents.	All Other Money	Held by Federal Reserve Banks and Agents.	In Circulation.	Per Capita		
Gold coin and bullion.....	\$ 44,040,150,897	\$ 3,363,588,562	\$ 737,014,159	\$ 152,979,026	\$ 2,285,109,646	\$ 188,425,731	\$ 685,562,335	\$ 281,632,800	\$ 403,929,535	3.63	111,268,000
Gold certificates.....	6 (737,014,159)	435,550,042	413,830,806	---	---	12,396,236	737,014,159	350,558,070	386,456,089	3.47	111,268,000
Spain silver coin.....	491,889,404	---	---	---	---	---	66,339,362	9,075,986	57,263,376	.52	111,268,000
Silver certifi- cates.....	6 (411,692,423)	---	---	---	---	---	411,692,423	47,434,442	364,257,981	3.28	111,268,000
Treasury notes of 1890.....	6 (1,461,383)	---	---	---	---	---	1,461,383	1,000	1,460,383	.01	111,268,000
Subsidy silver. U. S. notes.....	269,159,681	11,587,200	---	---	---	11,587,200	257,572,481	10,291,442	247,281,039	2.22	111,268,000
F. R. notes.....	346,681,016	992,174	---	---	---	992,174	346,688,842	42,939,391	302,749,451	2.72	111,268,000
F. R. bank notes Nat. bank notes	2,676,902,380	1,415,889	---	---	---	1,415,889	2,675,486,491	440,140,001	2,235,346,490	20.09	111,268,000
	22,083,000	459,434	---	---	---	459,434	21,623,566	1,654,363	19,969,203	1.18	111,268,000
	747,439,719	14,451,963	---	---	---	14,451,963	732,987,756	21,911,866	711,075,890	6.39	111,268,000
Total July 1 '23	\$ 6,603,306,097	\$ 23,818,045,264	\$ 1,150,167,965	\$ 152,979,026	\$ 2,285,109,646	\$ 229,728,627	\$ 6,935,428,798	\$ 1,205,639,271	\$ 4,729,789,527	42.51	111,268,000
Comparative											
June 1 1922.....	8,536,623,659	23,799,546,257	1,132,733,214	152,979,026	2,284,664,946	229,169,071	6,869,810,618	1,163,887,217	4,705,923,399	42.34	111,150,000
July 1 1922*.....	8,177,477,105	23,511,962,691	1,000,577,605	152,979,026	2,108,886,911	249,619,449	6,666,092,019	1,292,676,982	4,374,015,637	39.86	109,743,000
Nov. 1 1920.....	8,326,338,267	22,406,801,772	696,854,226	152,979,026	1,206,341,990	350,626,530	6,516,390,721	987,962,989	5,528,427,732	32.36	107,491,000
April 1 1917.....	6,312,109,272	22,942,998,527	2,684,800,085	152,979,026	---	105,219,416	6,053,910,830	953,320,129	4,100,590,704	39.54	103,716,000
July 1 1914.....	3,738,388,871	21,843,452,323	1,597,178,879	150,000,000	---	186,273,444	5,402,015,427	3,402,015,427	3,402,015,427	34.35	99,027,000
Jan. 1 1879.....	1,007,084,483	21,420,402	21,602,640	100,000,000	---	90,817,762	816,266,721	816,266,721	816,266,721	16.92	48,231,000

* Revised figures.
 a Does not include gold bullion or foreign coin outside of vaults of the Treasury, Federal Reserve banks and Federal Reserve agents.
 b These amounts are not included in the total since the money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 is included under gold coin and bullion and standard silver dollars, respectively.
 c The amount of money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 should be deducted from this total before combining it with total money outside of the Treasury to arrive at the stock of money in the United States.
 d This total includes \$15,994,407 of notes in process of redemption, \$176,434,729 of gold deposited for redemption of Federal Reserve notes, \$14,439,965 deposited for redemption of national bank notes, \$18,480 deposited for retirement of additional circulation (Act of May 30 1908), and \$6,590,408 deposited as a reserve against postal savings deposits.

Banque Balkanique S. A. Not Connected with Balkanska Banka Agram and Belgrade.

It was announced on Aug. 4 that the National City Bank had received cable advice from a correspondent in Vienna, the Wiener Bank Verein, to the effect that Banque Balkanique S. A. Sofia has declared it is not in any way connected with the Balkanska Banka Agram and Belgrade. The cable further stated that this information was forwarded in order to avoid any possible confusion in banking circles of this city as the Balkanska Banka Agram and Belgrade has been reported in payment difficulties.

Existence of Austro-Hungarian Bank Terminated—Value of Stock Declined from \$1,200 per Share to \$525.

The Associated Press in a cablegram from Vienna, July 29, said:

The Austro-Hungarian Bank, which had been the foremost Central European financial institution for 107 years, ceased its existence Friday July 27, when a final general meeting of the stockholders was held to wind up its affairs under the peace treaty decision. The stockholders will get \$5 25 for shares which were valued in pre-war times at about \$1,200. All trace has been lost of 30,000 shares, and that proportion of the redemption fund will be taken by the Government, but stockholders hope that it will be divided among them.

Belgium Prohibits Exports of Coal.

Under date of Aug. 3, the New York "Evening Post" reported the following from Brussels:

The Belgian Government has prohibited the exportation of coal because of the increasing shortage which is making itself seriously felt in industry and in the homes of the country.

Westminster Bank Withdraws from Spain.

It is announced that in consequence of the strike of Spanish bank clerks which has rendered business impossible, the directors of the Westminster Foreign Bank, Ltd., have decided to close their establishment in Madrid at an early date. Arrangements had already been made at the foreign branch of the Westminster Bank, Ltd., 82 Cornhill, London, for the full maintenance of Spanish banking facilities, and this service will continue to be at the disposal of the bank's customers and correspondents.

Soviet State Bank Money Maintains Value.

While the Soviet ruble still is depreciating, the bank notes secured by the Soviet State Bank, known as chernovetz, maintain their stabilized value, according to Moscow advices Aug. 6 appearing in the New York "Evening Post," which further state that during the last month the chernovetz doubled the nominal value of the ruble and outraced the pound sterling.

Authority of Federal Farm Loan Board to Deny Joint Stock Land Bank Charters Held to Be Limited by Acting Attorney-General.

Authority in the Federal Farm Loan Board to refuse to charter joint stock land banks has been denied by Acting Attorney-General Seymour, according to advices from Washington to the New York "Journal of Commerce," Aug. 5, which also gave the following further information in the matter:

In an opinion to Secretary Mellon, Mr. Seymour held that the Farm Loan Board was without discretionary power in the issuance of charters to joint stock institutions.

Mr. Seymour's opinion blocks a program which was, in its inception at the Farm Loan Board, to limit the number of joint stock land banks and prevent undue competition with commercial institutions. The Board felt that in some sections of the country ample credit facilities were supplied through ordinary commercial channels and the establishment of joint stock land banks in those localities was unnecessary.

Asked for Ruling.

Before a policy in this regard could be formulated, the Attorney-General was asked for a ruling upon the question of whether the Federal Farm Loan Board had discretionary power under the Federal Farm Loan Act to refuse to charter a joint stock land bank when, in the judgment of the Board, the territory in which the bank was located was already adequately served.

"It is my view," Mr. Seymour held, "that the Federal Farm Loan Act does not permit the Federal Farm Loan Board to refuse to charter a joint stock land bank on the ground that the Board believes that the territory in which the bank will operate is adequately served by existing banks."

In his opinion, Mr. Seymour drew a sharp distinction between the authority of the Farm Loan Board over the organization of the Federal Land banks and Joint Stock Land banks. The Farm Loan Act, he pointed out, does not permit the United States to subscribe to stock of the Joint Stock Land banks not otherwise taken.

The Act, he continued, gives Joint Stock Land banks greater freedom than Federal Land banks with respect to the interest to be charged on loans and to the nature of the security to be exacted, and under the Act a borrower from a Joint Stock Land bank need not be a member of the National Farm Loan Association, as borrowers must be in order to obtain accommodations from a Federal Land Bank.

Provision of Act.

The Act, he explained, does provide that there shall be one Federal Land Bank in each Federal Land district. But this provision, he contended, is not applicable to Joint Stock Land banks which are authorized to lend only on the security of the land situated in the State in which the bank has its principal office or situated in some contiguous State.

"The Federal Farm Loan Act," Mr. Seymour ruled, "provides that the Federal Farm Loan Board, in passing upon an application for a charter to a national Farm Loan Association, may, for good cause shown in any case, refuse to grant a charter. The fact that the Farm Loan Board was expressly given discretionary power to withhold a charter sought for a national Farm Loan Association, while no such power was expressly given in the case of charters sought for Joint Stock Land banks, strengthens the view that Congress did not intend to vest such authority in the Federal Farm Loan Board."

Repayments Received by War Finance Corporation.

The War Finance Corporation announced on Aug. 4 that repayments to it for the period from July 1 to July 31 1923 on account of advances for agricultural and live stock purposes totaled \$4,886,633, as follows:

From banking institutions.....	\$2,277,625
From live stock loan companies.....	1,200,193
From co-operative marketing associations.....	1,408,815

Total.....\$4,886,633

The repayments received by the Corporation from Jan. 1 192 to July 31 1923, inclusive, on account of all loans, totaled \$247,327,399.

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

From July 1 to July 31, inclusive, the War Finance Corporation approved 36 advances, aggregating \$364,076 24, to financial institutions for agricultural and live stock purposes.

"Buy a Bushel of Wheat" Movement in Omaha—Reduced Rail Rate on Wheat Exports Refused.

A public wheat-buying movement, similar to the "buy-a-bale-of-cotton" campaign, was brought under way in Omaha on July 18. At a meeting that day in the Chamber of Commerce, W. M. Burgess offered a motion to request the Executive Committee of the Chamber to consider the matter and take action toward the adoption of a definite plan for the suggested campaign. Mr. Burgess was quoted in the Omaha "Bee" of July 19 as saying:

This movement must be nation-wide if it is to benefit the farmer. The idea first arose here, but it has already caught hold in Chicago, and it should be taken up in Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Louis and every other market centre.

If city men who are financially able will buy some of this wheat and remove it from the market, the price ought to go up. I am interested the same as all merchants and manufacturers in seeing the farmer succeed. It means everything to the prosperity of this country to have stronger buying power on the farm.

One proposal brought forward was for business men to join in groups of ten and purchase 1,000 bushels of wheat, the smallest practicable amount that can be handled on the exchanges said the "Bee," which continued in part:

Each one of these men thereupon would write to ten other business men urging them to do the same, and the chain letter would be continued. It was considered that the best way would be to buy the cash grain and store the wheat in an elevator, taking a warehouse receipt. Money could then be borrowed on this receipt, if desired, but the grain would be kept off the market.

If the purchase was of futures, calling for May or December delivery, the option would cost only 10 cents a bushel. W. J. Hines, a grain dealer and elevator man, declared that though he believed it would be best to buy cash wheat, any buying movement would do good, and no one would lose any money.

Farmers Face Bankruptcy.

"If wheat can be put back around \$1 a bushel on the farm, it will prevent the bankruptcy of agriculture," said Mr. Hines. "The next 90 days are what is known as the stress movement for wheat. If the market can be held up through this period, after that time it will be clear sailing. There are always some farmers who have to ship their wheat as soon as it is threshed, and unless the demand is stimulated these are going to suffer heavy losses. Tenants and others needing ready money to meet bills can't hold their crop back. If through a patriotic investment of this kind the city business men can improve the farmers' market, it will help immensely."

One of those attending Omaha's wheat conference was Alex Legge of Chicago, President of the International Harvester Co.

"America has shipped as much wheat as ever abroad in the last four years," said Mr. Legge. "But the European purchases have been draggy and scattered over the whole year. There is no longer the intense period of marketing that used to last from harvest until December. Some of this wheat must be held back, for there is no demand for it."

Favors Cash Buying.

I believe the plan for cash purchases for business men is all right, and futures probably will help some. I have in mind the purchases of marks which was designed by German-Americans to help stabilize exchange with the old country. It is hard to figure what good it did, for the money was never delivered, but stopped in New York.

"The vote in Minnesota told the story of the farmer. When the crash came in 1920 it was the cotton farmer that was hardest hit, but to-day it is the wheat grower. Any section depending on wheat for its main crop is in distress. In the northwestern wheat country the farmers have seen not only their own labor and their savings wiped out, but the savings of their fathers also. Put any people in that position and they will act the same, no matter whether it is in Russia or America. Human nature is alike all over the world. Wheat farmers are in desperate condition and it is up to the business men to help them unless they are to go over to the radicals for comfort."

"I have the belief that if the American farmer will feed 25% of his wheat to chickens, cattle and hogs, he will get a great deal more for his output. This same opinion was recently expressed by a farm expert at the Kansas agricultural college. He stated that 100 pounds of pork can be produced for \$2 26 less on wheat than on corn."

No Surplus of Corn.

"There appears to be no surplus of corn. Notice how we swing from one extreme to another. Two years ago, when I was an adviser of the War Finance Corporation, President Griffin of the Chicago Board of Trade appeared before us and said he could see no hope of better corn prices on account of the great production. It was then selling at 12 cents a bushel in South Dakota and at about 20 cents elsewhere. Yet in spite of all the gloom, within 30 days corn prices had shot up, and they have never been down since. It was as blue a story as I ever listened to, and yet it ended well."

On July 20, when the matter was further considered, 75 Omaha men, including officials of the Chamber of Commerce, authorized John L. Kennedy, President of the United States National Bank of Omaha, to get in touch with chambers of commerce in other grain centres, with the idea of inducing them to help a buying campaign. Former Governor McKelvie, who attended the meeting held on July 21, endorsed the movement, according to the "Bee," but expressed the belief that it was only an emergency measure of relief; he was quoted as saying:

We should not give the impression that the farmer is insolvent. The purchase of wheat should be on the basis of a business proposition; that it is a safe investment and will be worth more later. It is not quoted now at its real value. The farmer who holds his wheat will be handsomely paid. Get across the idea that the person who buys wheat is not engaging in a dangerous venture.

As to the slogan adopted by the Chamber to assist wheat growers, the "Bee" of July 26 said:

"Buy a thousand or more bushels of wheat or a bag or barrel of flour."

The slogan was included in the following statement which was offered the Chamber of Commerce by the joint committee of the Chamber and of the Omaha Grain Exchange, organized under the leadership of John L. Kennedy to stimulate the buying of wheat and flour.

Millions of bushels of wheat are now being harvested on the farms of Nebraska and other States. Present prices are abnormally low. What shall we do with the crop?

The raising of food is a fundamental function. It is more important to raise food than to raise armies. During the war, with patriotic pride, we sacrificed freely to place and maintain our armies in the field. There was a glamor about that. There is now no glamor about the farm. In the last analysis, the farmer is the foundation of our prosperity. His welfare should be our chief concern.

Confronted by a Condition.

We are confronted by a condition and not a theory. For present purposes, we may lay all theories aside.

Legislation cannot possibly be had immediately. That, too, is for future consideration.

Manifestly, the present wheat crop cannot be diminished in quantity. The supply is a fixed fact. Our only substantial relief, therefore, must come from an increased demand, or some plan of supporting the market.

Because of financial conditions, many farmers in the Central West must immediately sell their wheat. This would glut the market and lower the price. There are two legitimate methods by which this situation may be relieved. One is to hold wheat out of the market; the other is to increase the demand for actual consumption.

The withholding or withdrawing of wheat from the market might not permanently affect the price, but it would afford temporary relief by stabilizing present prices, and so make possible an orderly marketing of the crop. For the time being, it would limit the supply. In this connection, the slogan, "Buy a thousand bushels of wheat" should be very effective.

Buying Plan Preferred.

The purchase of wheat and flour for present or future consumption is the preferred solution of the problem. By that method, the demand is increased.

We have no moral right to expect other countries to buy our surplus crops. We have disclaimed all responsibility for their affairs, and our present attitude tends to discourage foreign trade relations. Existing rates of exchange, too, go far to make such trading unprofitable and unsatisfactory.

In the present emergency we must rely chiefly on our home market. In thirty days our own people could work out a peaceful revolution in the price of any commodity. All that is necessary is an aroused public sentiment and intelligent co-operation.

Stating that the directors of the Chamber had approved on Aug. 2 the campaign of the Chamber's executive committee to promote the buying of wheat and flour and to stabilize the wheat market, the "Bee" further said:

The special committee, of which John L. Kennedy is Chairman, was directed to use its best judgment in calling a conference in Omaha to further consider the plan of advancing the price of wheat and of obtaining reduced all-rail export wheat and flour rates. A resolution on this phase of the situation, offered by Randall K. Brown, was adopted.

Reply to Railroads.

Chairman Kennedy read to the board of directors a reply he prepared for J. E. Gorman, acting Chairman of the Western Presidents' Conference Committee, representing 17 grain-carrying railroads, which met in Chicago last Monday and decided to deny the Omaha request for an export wheat and flour rate reduction.

Will Continue Fight.

Railroad Executives for a 25% reduction in freight rates on wheat and flour for export; and

"Whereas, representatives of the Western railroads addressed, after joint consideration, declined to grant such rate reduction, said refusal being set forth in a letter dated July 31 1923 and signed by J. E. Gorman as acting Chairman of the Western Presidents' Conference Committee,

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the board of directors of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, believing that the emergency calls for a reduction in these commodity rates, unanimously approves the statements expressed in the letter submitted by the committee specially authorized, and be it further

"Resolved, That the board of directors of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce approves of the actions of the committee specially authorized and requests it to continue its efforts to obtain the necessary rate reductions."

A request that the railroads establish emergency rail rates effecting a 25% reduction from existing rates on wheat exports was contained in the following resolution adopted on July 25 by a joint committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and the Omaha Grain Exchange:

Resolved, That the railroads be requested, through the Association of Railway Executives, and the presidents of individual Western lines, to publish immediately upon short notice, with the consent of the Interstate Commerce Commission, emergency all-rail rates on wheat and flour shipped from all points in the United States, including all grain on hand in elevators or at storage points, to Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific ports for export, on the basis of 75% of the rates now in effect; these emergency rates to expire Jan. 30 1924; that grain shipped on these emergency rates be allowed only one intermediate stop at transit or proportional rate-breaking points, except that one additional stop may be made for milling purposes and that storage at transit, milling, or rate breaking point and also at elevator at seaport be limited to 30 days.

Regarding the refusal of the Western railroad executives to grant the 25% reduction sought, we quote the following from the Chicago "Evening Post" of July 31:

Western railroads have refused to approve an emergency 25% slash in all-rail rates on wheat and flour—including grain on hand, in elevators or

at storage points—shipped from all over the United States for export through Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific ports. The rates were to expire Jan. 30 1924.

Request for this reduction had been made by a special committee representing the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, in co-operation with the Omaha Grain Exchange, both of which bodies are conducting a drive to stimulate wheat and flour buying as an aid to the growers.

The decision of the heads of the carriers involved, including the Chicago Burlington & Quincy, the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, the Illinois Central, the Chicago & Northwestern, the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, the St. Louis & San Francisco, the Missouri Kansas & Texas, the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, was transmitted to Omaha last night.

Farmers' Conference in Wheaton (Minn.) Wants Special Legislation to Stabilize Prices of Farm Products.

The calling by President Harding of a national conference to formulate plans for legislation to stabilize prices of farm products was asked in a resolution adopted on July 24 at a mass meeting in Wheaton, Minn., of 600 farmers from five counties in western Minnesota, the resolution further petitioning the calling of a special session of Congress for the adoption of legislation thus proposed. The Minneapolis "Tribune" of July 25 also stated that other resolutions urged the American Farm Bureau Federation to aid and to have the State Farm Bureau and every county in Minnesota and other States co-operate in putting through the plan. We also take the following from the Minneapolis "Tribune":

The meeting was called by the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce and the Traverse County Farm Bureau as a protest against the low prices of products, especially grain. The gathering was held in the Wheaton high school and was addressed by several prominent speakers.

Five Counties Represented.

Fred Seidensticker, County Farm Bureau President, presided at the meeting. Delegations were present from Traverse, Wilkins, Grant, Stevens and Big Stone counties.

Price stabilization must be demanded, declared F. W. Murphy, former President of the State Fair Board, and prominent in agricultural affairs in the State.

"At the risk of being called demagogues, we must demand price stabilization," he said. "I don't believe in Government ownership of public utilities. I am not a radical and you are not radicals. We only want a square deal."

"We are a nation of farmers. The farmers fired the first shot in the American Revolution. Farmer boys have been at the front in all our wars. Our farmers fed the world during the World War."

East Dominates America.

"The East dominates America. It will continue to do so until the farmer of the West takes his rightful place in public life. We are not subservient to a price-fixing tyranny."

"We are victims of injustice. No injustice ever goes on forever unrighted. We are supplicants at the door of the great Eastern financiers. We buy at a price stabilized, price protected market, and sell in a rough-and-tumble world market in competition with peons and peasants."

"We are on the way to peonage. I don't believe in price-fixing, but I protest against fixing prices for every other industry and letting agriculture take care of itself. We are playing a game with a crowd using stacked cards and loaded dice. We've got to have a different deal."

Mr. Murphy said he believed in the rehabilitation of Europe but added that "I believe more in the rehabilitation of the American farmers first."

Will Be Bankrupt in Year.

According to F. J. Steidl, another speaker, the farmers must have relief "or in another year one-half of them will be bankrupt." All farm organizations, he said, must forget their differences and work together toward one goal, the salvation of the tiller of the soil.

The election of Magnus Johnson as United States Senator from Minnesota is a notice that the farmers are aroused and a notice that something is going to happen, said W. E. Purcell of Wahpeton, N. D., a farmer and lawyer.

"Minnesota has sown the seeds and the results will spread," he added. He predicted that the Government will have to take over this year's grain crop, advancing the farmers their money, then selling to foreign Governments.

Members of the committee who drafted the resolutions presented to the meeting were E. E. Howard, Louis Dender, George Nace, G. A. Oscarson, O. J. Loftus, George Putnam, J. L. Paul, E. G. Gross and V. E. Anderson.

Wheat Rate Reduction Gives New Impetus to Milling at Minneapolis.

A reduction of 5 cents a hundredweight in the rate on wheat moving from Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo., to Duluth and milled in transit in Minneapolis, effective Sept. 20, was ordered by the Inter-State Commerce Commission on June 27. The Minneapolis "Journal" of June 27, in reporting the action of the Commission said:

The action is the result of a plea by Kansas City grain merchants, begun two years ago, asking the Inter-State Commerce Commission that their field of sale be widened and not restricted to Chicago and a few other milling centres by the comparatively high rate to Duluth. The Minneapolis millers, through the Minneapolis Traffic Association, joined in the petition.

The victory to-day means new impetus to the Minneapolis flour milling industry. The ruling will open the vast southwest territory to Minneapolis. Under the existing rate, the southwest territory virtually was cut off from Minneapolis, according to the testimony presented to the Commission. The wheat grown in that territory either was sent to Chicago or other points or milled in the Southwest before being shipped to the East.

The new rate becomes effective Sept. 20. The existing rate from Kansas City on wheat milled in transit to Duluth at Minneapolis is 24 cents. The new rate will be 19 cents a hundredweight. The present rate of wheat from Omaha to Duluth and milled in transit in Minneapolis is 17½ cents.

Drive of American Wheat Growers, Associated, To Control Wheat Market in Minnesota and Other States.

Control by contract of the marketing of two-thirds of the wheat produced in eleven States, including Minnesota, by July 1924, and fixing of the price at which wheat would move to market by a board of farmers, was the program announced by the American Wheat Growers, Associated, from its headquarters in Minneapolis July 24, according to the Minneapolis "Journal." Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Washington and Oregon are the States included in the organization's program, says the "Journal," which also says, "each State will be represented on the price fixing board, which is designed to determine the price at which wheat would move for domestic consumption."

The "Journal" further said:

Already an intensified membership campaign has been conducted in one district in Washington State with the form of contract to be used in the rest of the State, and 90% of the wheat production has been signed up, George C. Jewett, General Manager, said here to-day. A similar campaign is to be launched in Minnesota within a few days. Within a year 65% of the wheat will be signed up and the plan will be put in operation prior to another harvest, he predicted.

400,000,000 Bushels Involved.

A contract provision is that it shall not become effective until 65% of the wheat production in the territory involved is brought under control. This would involve 400,000,000 bushels of wheat in the eleven States.

"We are now signing from 3,000 to 4,000 farmers a month," Mr. Jewett said, discussing results in the eleven States. "Our intensive campaign will be launched in Minnesota at once."

Bank Loans to Tide Over Farmers.

"Our whole program is to promote orderly marketing. This year we will have 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 bushels of wheat under contract, of which 2,000,000 bushels will be in Minnesota. With this we will approach the market slowly, using the Federal Intermediate Bank loans to tide over the farmers until the price is right. But we do not hope to reach the point of carrying out our program efficiently for a year. We plan to enlist business men as well as farmers to help us. We do not say that we can control the price absolutely when we get two-thirds of the wheat signed up in the eleven States, but we can do so to a very high degree, we believe."

In a previous reference, July 22, to the announced policy of the American Wheat Growers' Association, as made known by Mr. Jewett, the Minneapolis "Journal" stated:

Bolstered by Government agricultural loans upon which no limit has been set and which may run up to \$50,000,000, the American Wheat Growers' Association will decline to sell a bushel of wheat at present prices, and will hold its supplies in storage for an advance for a year if necessary, George C. Jewett, General Manager, said here last night.

The policy of the wheat growers' organization, which reports prospective receipts of from 50,000,000 to 75,000,000 bushels, is one manifestation of a so-called "selling strike" approved by the American Farm Bureau Federation, according to dispatches from Chicago last night. Thomas Hagen, Manager of the United States Grain Growers Sales Co., said last night that his company would follow the policy approved by the American Farm Bureau Federation and would urge farmers to hold their wheat for the present and to use the resources of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank through qualified agencies to enable them to do it.

"Not a Bushel" to Sell.

Mr. Jewett said the first wheat to be handled by the American Wheat Growers associated would come in from the southwest in a few days and that not a bushel will be sold until the price goes up. He said the Oklahoma Wheat Growers Associated, a State body organized on a similar basis, but not affiliated with the national organization, is already borrowing about \$100,000 daily from the Intermediate Credit Bank in Kansas for the purpose of holding the wheat.

At a conference of Federal Land Bank and Intermediate Credit Bank officials in St. Paul, Mr. Jewett said, his organization was assured the Intermediate Credit Bank would take care of any excess needs and that no limit was placed on the amount of money that might be borrowed. By "excess needs" was meant any money needed beyond what non-governmental banks would lend.

"The money is obtainable at 5½% and will be loaned to the farmer at that rate," Mr. Jewett said. "The farmer faces the problem of handling this crop with better financial equipment than he ever has had before, and we believe, through our own organization, more concrete means of attaining orderly marketing than ever was at his disposal before."

Calls Low Price Unjustified.

"I do not believe there is any justification for the present price of wheat, not only because it is less than the cost of production, but also because of the factors of supply and demand. I believe the present price is not the result of governmental interference and the Capper-Tincher law, but a speculative result, a culmination of a bear movement that is quite likely to come about at this time of the year. There is talk of a wheat surplus in this country of 180,000,000 bushels—loose talk, for this is the world surplus, a not unusual surplus. Our own surplus is 80,000,000 bushels, a smaller one than we often have had. I think production this year is hardly up to average."

"Certainly we will not sell at present prices. We will hold out all year if necessary. The farmers will be advanced 75% of the market price when they deliver their wheat to us, through rediscount facilities, and with that advance we will be able to hold out."

Suggests \$1 50 to Show Profit.

"What we would like to have and what we will get in the way of a price are often two different things. But \$1 50 would be a price at which our farmers could show some profit."

Members of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce said last night that they understood the Government was fully prepared to aid in the marketing of the farmers' wheat in an orderly manner. Any plan of holding for long periods on strength of Government money, however, has in it the possibility of putting the Government in the wheat business, they said.

The same paper quoted Fred B. Wells, Vice-President of the F. H. Peavey & Co., as saying that nothing can help

the American wheat farmer but consumption of more wheat by America and the planting of less wheat by the farmer. Mr. Wells is reported as stating:

The trouble with any movement or agency, governmental or otherwise, which is able to take off a large amount of wheat from the market, say 200,000,000 bushels, is that if the price is advanced, say 50 cents a bushel, wheat becomes profitable and the acreage over the country the following year is increased. There is only one thing that will help the farmer and that is to eat more wheat and grow less of it.

Acreage Increases Cited.

The present price of wheat is the effect of world forces finding a level. The prospects in Canada are for the largest crop in that country's history. Europe is producing a much larger crop than last year. Overproduction of cattle in Argentina has resulted in losses in that industry and the reports are that acreage is to be taken from cattle and put to wheat. There has been a material deterioration in prospects of our own northwest crop this year.

If the estimated Government yield of the spring wheat were cut in half, we would still have 700,000,000 bushels, or 150,000,000 in excess of our domestic requirements.

Nothing can be accomplished by carrying over wheat unless a decreased acreage can be guaranteed for the following year. If that could be done, something might be gained by holding wheat off. But to organize that decrease in production seems well nigh impossible.

Kansas Farmers Urged to Feed Wheat to Hogs.

Following a recommendation that Kansas farmers feed their wheat to hogs made by the Kansas State Agricultural College, B. F. Howard, it is said, was the first Chase County (Kan.) farmer to accept the proposal. Special advices to the Topeka "Capital" from Cottonwood Falls, Kan., July 16, stating that he had begun to feed his 1923 wheat crop to his hogs, added:

Howard raised over 100 acres of wheat this season, which he now is threshing. Under present market conditions it is worth about 80 cents per bushel. To ship in corn to feed his hogs would cost him about 94 cents per bushel.

The wheat is being ground by a local mill before being fed out. One of the first fields of wheat threshed on the Howard farm this week made a yield of over 30 bushels to the acre and weighed 55 pounds, while the average for the whole farm, it is said, will be between 25 and 30 bushels.

Threshing operations are getting under way all over the country now, although yields are disappointing in most sections. On many Cottonwood Valley farms the yield is running as low as five or six bushels per acre.

Regarding the recommendation of the State Agricultural body, we quote the following Manhattan (Kan.) dispatch to the Topeka "Capital" July 10:

H. Umberger, head of extension service in Kansas, to-day advised the sixty agricultural agents under his direction to encourage farmers to feed their wheat to hogs. The present market situation, which has never been paralleled in the history of the State, makes it possible for the wheat grower to market his product through hogs for \$1 a bushel compared with the average price of about 75 cents paid at elevators.

"Kansas swine producers are at a loss to know how to meet the unusual condition which confronts them," said C. G. Elling, swine specialist at the Kansas State Agricultural College, who just returned from a thirty days' tour through the wheat belt. In Comanche County and elsewhere Elling found men hauling wheat to market, receiving 70 cents for it, while their underweight spring pig litters were being fed a scant corn ration of 90-cent corn until the new crop matured.

Elling pointed out to these men the comparative feeding value of wheat and corn. He proved that by feeding wheat instead of corn, at the present prices, the farmer would save \$2 26 on each 100 pounds of pork produced. He also showed them that the value of such procedure would be augmented by the fact that it would permit the feeder to finish his hogs in September and October before the customary slump in market price following the new corn crop and the dumping of hogs on the market by corn belt feeders. Also by reducing the surplus of wheat there would be a tendency to enhance the market value of wheat.

Kansas farmers now are receiving on the average less than 75 cents for the common run of wheat. However, due to late frosts and excessive rain during the ripening period, a relatively large per cent of the crop is low grade and practically unsalable. Corn, on the other hand, is high priced with little chance of becoming cheaper before fall. With prices of the two staple crops of Kansas reversed the hog-raising business has arrived at an unprecedented climax.

At present prices wheat could be advantageously fed to hogs instead of corn, according to reports from the State schools of agriculture of Missouri and Kansas, made public on July 24 in press advices from Kansas City, which further said:

With corn worth 85 cents a bushel, wheat is worth \$1 11, when fed to hogs L. A. Weaver, head of the Missouri Experiment Station, said. The feeding of wheat to hogs would enable the farmer to get his hogs to market early, said H. Umberger, head of the extension service of the Kansas State Agricultural College.

"The Missouri Experiment Station has conducted two trials where ground wheat was compared with ground corn," Mr. Weaver reported. "A summary of the two years' results shows that the hogs fed on wheat made more rapid gains than did the hogs fed on corn. It also required less grain to make them gain."

Kansas would use more wheat than her population could consume in a year, Mr. Umberger said, by finishing out in the next ninety days one-half of her spring pig crop on wheat.

Animal Husbandry Department of Kansas Agricultural College Disapproves Feeding of Wheat to Hogs.

The view that any appreciable part of the Kansas wheat crop can be marketed advantageously by feeding it to hogs is not entertained by members of the Animal Husbandry Department of the Kansas State Agricultural College, nor do they advise rushing the spring pig crop for an early

market, according to advices from Manhattan, Kan., July 23, appearing in the Kansas City "Times," which also stated:

The reasons for this advice are outlined by Dr. C. W. McCampbell, head of the Animal Husbandry Department of the college, as follows:

"Every practical indication justifies the belief the man who feeds wheat to hogs will receive less for it than he will by selling at prices prevailing for wheat. Hog prices must rise at least \$1 a hundred to meet the present price for wheat, and hog prices nearly always have declined gradually from July until December.

Wheat, But No Hogs.

"The farmers who have the most and cheapest wheat have very few or no hogs, and plenty of cheap barley. The farmers who produce the vast majority of Kansas hogs have comparatively little wheat, while corn in their localities is worth less than wheat.

"The average Kansas spring pig cannot be made to reach a desirable market finish by feeding wheat ninety days. Even a ninety-day feeding period would necessitate feeding wheat in competition with new cheap corn.

Seldom More Profitable.

"The early fall hog market usually is higher than the winter market, but it seldom is the more profitable, for the Kansas hog feeder, as men of wide experience have learned. To fatten hogs for the early fall market necessitates feeding larger quantities of feed at a time of the year when it is abnormally high in price.

"The experiments of the Animal Husbandry Department and the experiences of successful hog raisers indicate the safest way to handle this year's spring pig crop is to have it make most of its growth on pasture, feeding only a very small amount of grain until the new crop of corn is ready, then crowd forward as much as possible. These methods will require considerably less grain to make a 200-pound fat hog ready for market, and the most of the grain fed will be cheap corn."

J. C. Mohler of Kansas Agricultural Board on Losses to Farmers Incident to Price Slump.

According to the Topeka "Capital" of July 20, it is estimated by J. C. Mohler, Secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, that the farmers of the United States will suffer a loss of \$472,000,000 as a result of the recent slump in wheat prices. The following summary of the estimate of Mr. Mohler is taken from the "Capital":

Lose 59 Cents a Bushel.

Farmers are getting 13 cents a bushel less for wheat this year than last. Production costs this year are higher than last.

Kansas agricultural experts estimate it costs a farmer \$1 36 to produce a bushel of wheat. They are getting an average of 77 cents a bushel for this year's crop.

The resulting loss to Kansas farmers is estimated at \$55,000,000 and to those of the United States \$472,000,000.

That means reduced or wiped out incomes of 40,000,000 residents of the United States this year.

In 1919 farmers of Kansas got \$289,886,000 for their wheat crop. This year they will get approximately \$72,400,000.

Mr. Mohler is quoted in the same paper as saying:

"I am not a calamity howler and want to make the reservation that Kansas farmers have seen hard times before, and will pull through some way. They still will ride in motor cars, but many of them will be old ones, I fear."

Last year the average price received by Kansas farmers for wheat was 90 cents.

"The situation is such that farmers simply will have to give up raising wheat in such large quantities," Mohler says. "It is idle to expect legislation or any other factor to increase wheat prices while the world markets are being flooded.

"The farmers of this Continent obeyed the economic law and produced more wheat when more wheat was needed. They are just as certain to obey the economic law and produce less wheat when less wheat is needed.

Two Solutions Are Offered.

"It is comparatively easy to extend a business on a rising market. It is difficult to readjust a business on a profitable basis with a falling market, but that appears to be the big job confronting the wheat farmers of the United States.

"A reduction of wheat acreage and more diversified farming in the wheat producing States constitutes the only certain remedy.

"I believe it has been clearly shown that legislation cannot be depended upon to make wheat a profitable crop when there is an overproduction.

"Our own agricultural college has recommended that farmers feed wheat to hogs, saying they can get as much as a dollar a bushel in that way for their wheat if present prices of hogs continue. The experts have made a close study of how much wheat it takes to put a pound of weight on a hog, and I am willing to take their figures.

World Market Narrows Down.

"Much depends upon the grade of wheat and how it is mixed with other feeds. It might be very profitable to feed a low grade wheat to hogs."

Asked regarding the suggestion of Governor Jonathan M. Davis, "dirt farmer" executive of Kansas, that wheat sellers go on a strike, Mohler says:

"I believe such a movement would have to take in virtually all of the wheat-producing States to be successful. It would be hard to arrange with banks to liquidate loans."

Mohler's belief is that the big world market which the United States has had the last few years is being narrowed down rapidly by European countries returning to production of wheat—something they dropped during and immediately after the war.

Must Get Back to Old Ratio.

"Russia and the Balkan States once more are in the field," he said. "India already has harvested a record crop, with an exportable surplus of at least 60,000,000 bushels this year, and the exports of that country may go as high as 100,000,000 bushels. It must be remembered that India exported only 9,000,000 bushels last year, and year before last imported wheat.

"As to the increase in production in our own country: During the war period and since then the wheat acreage has increased about one-third, and during the same period the wheat acreage of Canada has almost doubled.

"In Kansas we used to plant twice as much corn as wheat. Now we plant twice as much wheat as corn.

"We simply must get back to the old ratio. In the meantime, we have to learn our lesson and stay in debt another year or two."

Southwest Wheat Producers' Conference in Wichita— Wheat Producers Urged to Work Out Own Salvation.

According to the Topeka "Capital" of July 17, wheat producers of the Southwest realize that they must work out their own salvation in the matter of low prices and surplus production, it was indicated at the conference at Wichita on July 16 called by J. A. Whitehurst, President of the Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture. It was not even suggested, says the advices from Wichita to the "Capital," that the Federal Government interfere in the matter of fixing the price of wheat. The same paper gave the following further information relative to the meeting:

Reduction of acreage, summer fallowing and orderly marketing are regarded by the producers as the only means by which conditions may be improved in the wheat belt, it was indicated by various resolutions indorsed at the assembly.

Men from Five States Attend.

Men prominent in the production of wheat, marketing experts and agricultural economists from five States were in attendance. Probably 200 producers of wheat were here for the meeting, which is regarded as the first real step in years toward a solution of the problems which confront the wheat farmer.

"Summer fallowing is the safe and sane method of wheat insurance," Whitehurst declared, "and this, coupled with orderly marketing and grading up the quality of wheat is the only solution of the present problem."

Wheat Profits Are Low.

That his wheat profits this year will be only \$1 85 an acre without taking into consideration the use of his machinery, was the statement of Clayton Hyde, Alva, Okla. It was agreed that the general average for Kansas and Oklahoma would leave the grower less than \$1 85 an acre.

John O'Loughlin of Ellis, Hays County, a member of the Kansas House, told the wheat men that as hog feed wheat is worth easily \$1 a bushel based on actual tests of its attending properties.

J. C. Mohler, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, urged the diversification of crops and reduction of wheat acreage.

Better Seed Wheat Urged.

John Fields, Editor of the "Oklahoma Farmer" and Republican candidate for Governor of Oklahoma at the last election, discussed methods for the farmer to help solve his own problems, urging summer fallowing and diversification.

Better seed wheat was urged by H. M. Bainer, Secretary of the Southwest Wheat Improvement Association, Kansas City, Mo.

W. H. McGroevy, Secretary of the American Wheat Growers, Inc., discussed the relationship of the Wheat Growers' Associations to the farmer and urged not so much a reduction of acreage, as intelligent marketing, with the marketing organization in full control of releasing the wheat as needed. He urged that wheat be sold to satisfy the needs of America first at prices in keeping with American standards, and if there is any surplus, sell it to Europe.

Quality of Grain Discussed.

H. S. Thompson, of Sylvia, discussed improvement of the quality of wheat. John Manley, President of the Oklahoma Wheat Growers' Association, talked about orderly marketing. Clayton Hyde's subject was "Cost of Wheat Production." L. H. Powell, Wichita, discussed the manner in which terminal elevators can help the wheat growers.

H. J. Waters, editor of the "Weekly Kansas City Star," also addressed the meeting, as did Grosvenor Dawe, Secretary of the National Wheat Council, Chicago.

The following remarks by Mr. Mohler, Secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, are taken from the Kansas City "Star":

The very marked tendency toward diversified production in Kansas is revealed in information from bankers who report that many more of the blue and yellow checks from the produce firms are showing up in the daily business for poultry and eggs and milk and cream and other livestock products. Bankers also report that those receiving regular incomes through the adoption of such methods are paying their way and have quit borrowing.

In the solution of our agricultural problems lawmakers have done what they could, but the remedy is not to be found in legislative enactments alone. National and State policies of administration may mitigate, but they cannot cure. Co-operation with its wonderful possibilities realized is a corrective and cannot alone reach the seat of the trouble. Special campaigns to induce larger home consumption will have little visible effect, and all these agencies working together can only modify the symptom.

The most effective and direct remedy lies in the management of the farm itself. It seems reasonably clear that the farmers' greatest problem is to help himself. And this can best be done through diversification. It is the farmer's independent method. By it he can improve his situation, as the many can testify who have done and are doing it.

Senator E. E. Frizell, of Larned, was elected President, and Judge W. L. Gough, of Amarillo, Tex., Secretary of the newly organized Southwest Wheat Producers Conference, as provided for in resolutions adopted at the conference. Mr. Whitehurst, President of the Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture, was nominated for President, but declined to serve.

Reference to the proposed conference appeared in our issue of July 14, page 151.

National Grain Commission Company Admitted to Membership in Omaha Grain Exchange.

The National Grain Commission Co., a subsidiary corporation of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative State Union of Nebraska, was admitted to membership in the Omaha Grain Exchange on July 24, it is learned from the Omaha "Bee" of July 25, which also stated:

This action followed a meeting of the stockholders of the grain exchange and then a meeting of the board of directors.

The Farmer's Union already operates at three livestock centres, but this will be the first operation at a terminal grain market. George Johnson, an experienced grain man of this city, will be the manager of the National Grain Commission Co. at the grain exchange.

Admission of the Farmers' Union by the Omaha Grain Exchange followed a rejection of two applications and a reconsideration of the second. S. S. Carlisle, Chairman of the board of directors of the Grain Exchange, stated that he believed the Farmers' Union Grain company will adjust its affairs to meet the Grain Exchange's rules and regulations.

The National Grain Commission Co. has an authorized capital of \$2,000,000 and a paid-up capital of \$30,000. C. J. Osborn, President of the Farmers' Union and of the National Grain Commission Co., stated the capital stock will be increased as business warrants. He explained that a consignment business will be done here.

The stock of the National company is held through the officers of the Farmers' Union. When this grain company was on a co-operative basis it met with opposition from the Grain Exchange because the earnings of the company would be prorated back to the stockholders. Under the amended articles of incorporation the profits will be used to retire the stock.

Denver Clearing House Banks to Finance Colorado Wheat Growers Association in Handling of Grain.

An agreement whereby the Denver Clearing House banks are to finance the Colorado Wheat Growers' Association in handling grain through thirty Eastern Colorado elevators was reached in Denver on Aug. 3 at a conference between representatives of the grain growers and the officers of the Clearing House Association. In reporting this in its issue of Aug. 4 the "Rocky Mountain News" of Denver said:

The first sum asked for is \$75,000, which is to be advanced for the payment to farmers who bring in their wheat.

It is estimated that this sum, with what the wheat growers have, will enable them to keep a stream of wheat moving through the small elevators as fast as the National Association of Wheat Growers can market it to flour mills or for export.

As the farmers weigh in their wheat to their elevators, the Association insures it, and pays the farmer approximately 75% of its market value at the time, the remainder to be remitted when final sale is made.

It is reported that this movement is not for the purpose of storing wheat indefinitely for a prospective rise in the market, but to assist in prompt movement to market with minimum costs and an assured payment of a substantial amount to the farmers.

Denver bankers consented to finance the wheat movement on the assurance that in no case their loans will interfere with country banks able to take care of their local conditions. But money being relatively more plentiful in Denver than in many of the rural communities, loans were sought and the response was made through the clearing house association.

The transactions will be carried on through Charles A. Burkhardt, newly appointed Manager of the Denver Clearing House Association. Mr. Burkhardt will supervise the remittances and see that details as to insurance and elevator receipts are complied with.

It is understood that the loans being made in behalf of the farmers are at a very low rate of interest, and that the representatives of the growers were satisfied with the terms and conditions made by the Denver banks.

Conference in Dallas Under Auspices of Federal Reserve Bank to Provide for Orderly Marketing of Cotton.

Proposals looking toward the orderly marketing of the cotton crop were discussed at a conference in Dallas, Tex., on July 24 called by B. A. McKinney, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. According to the Dallas "News," a sane and practical method of marketing was explained in a prepared statement given out after the meeting, which said:

The conference expressed no thought which was in sympathy with the holding of cotton for speculative purposes, as the term is generally understood, but was emphatic in its expression that cotton should be sold as the demand will absorb it, and that the liquidation of the debts might naturally follow as the disposition of the crop is accomplished.

From the same source we learn that as a means of enabling the farmer to market his cotton gradually as needed by spinners, instead of his being compelled to sell it as fast as it is gathered at any price offered, it was suggested that "it should be a simple matter for the country banks in this Federal Reserve District to substitute for what is ordinarily termed a crop mortgage note, at its maturity, a renewal note of reasonable maturity, secured by a chattel mortgage on the actually produced commodity, properly insured, whether in a warehouse or not. The "News" continued:

The prepared statement goes on to say that: "It was distinctly the sense of the conference that it believes the country banker should give as close supervision to the marketing of the crop as he did to its production," which, stated in another way during the conference, means that after the banker has financed the farmer in planting, cultivating and harvesting the crop he should not confine his other activities in the matter to collecting what the farmer owes, but lend a helping hand to the farmer in getting the best possible price for the crop. This can be accomplished, it was pointed out, where necessary, by permitting the farmer to mortgage his cotton to pay off the mortgage on horses, mules and the growing crop given in the earlier part of the year and usually maturing about the time the cotton is gathered.

No formal resolutions were adopted. The means of aiding the farmer as outlined were presented in a formal statement of the proceedings of the conference, as being those methods on which there was unanimity of favorable opinion. Many suggestions were made on which there were differences of opinion, but there was unanimous agreement that everything possible should be done to enable the farmer to get the full value of his products, not only in the interest of the farmer but in the interest of the communities where farmers live and in the interest of the State as a whole. Cotton is now a good price and the object of the meeting was to find a means of keeping it that way.

The meeting, Governor McKinney announced, was called in response to a resolution of the directors of the Reserve bank. We quote further as follows from the Dallas "News" regarding his remarks:

He explained that not only had the Reserve Board suggested to all Reserve banks the desirability of holding meetings of the kind, but that even prior to the action of the Board and of the directors of the local bank, the matter had been suggested at an informal conference participated in by Louis Lipsitz, Nathan Adams, John T. Orr and himself. In explaining the purpose of the meeting he said:

Co-operation Needed.

"Money is not so easy at the present time as it was last year, and it is felt that if the necessary financing for the orderly marketing of the crop is to be had, banks in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District must early in the season get a correct understanding of the situation and contribute in every practical way toward supplying the necessary funds and preventing the market from getting beyond control, with resulting disaster to the producer. We should let the world know that while we do not expect to exact from the manufacturer and ultimate consumer—the public—an unjust and uneconomic price for our great commodity, we do expect that our cotton shall be paid for at its fair and intrinsic value and that the producer himself shall get the benefit of that price.

"There seems to be no doubt as to the present position of cotton. The burdensome surplus of two years ago has disappeared and the production of this year, added to the world carry-over by the end of the season, will not exceed the world's need for the staple. The Government estimate of 11,400,000 bales as of July 3, which was only about half a million bales more than the trade expected, does not sustain any who might contend that there will be an overproduction in the year 1923. It seems to us, therefore, that by the exercise of proper judgment and ordinary business prudence the marketing of the crop can be handled as to keep the situation in hand at all times and bring a satisfactory return to those through whose labors it was brought into existence."

Disclaiming any intention of encouraging the holding of cotton for speculation, he said: "We recognize the fact that it is sometimes difficult to draw a line between withholding a commodity from market merely to get a better price for it and the holding of that commodity for the purpose of marketing it in an orderly way. But as long as financial assistance is rendered to the original producer the element of mere speculation is in a large measure removed."

"Under normal conditions," he said, "the rediscounts of the member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas run off very rapidly in the fall and ordinarily the season has not progressed very far before we find ourselves with a surplus of funds. Unless we can employ these funds in the district we are compelled to invest them in bankers' acceptances and other eligible paper arising from transactions in other districts. We are quite anxious to use these surplus funds at home and employ them for the betterment of affairs in this district. We are not so much concerned about a member bank paying off a maturing farmer's note in cash if there is a sensible reason why a new note of the same farmer for a reasonable amount, secured by warehouse receipts or other evidences of title to cotton which he has produced, may be substituted.

"We should help to bring the farmer up to his proper status as a business man," Mr. McKinney said, "and encourage him and assist him to handle his affairs with the same business judgment and business prudence that characterizes other business men in the management of their affairs."

Co-operation of Banks.

Mr. McKinney suggested the advisability of making the Dallas district more self-dependent in financial matters. He said he could see no wisdom in one Texas bank sending its surplus money to New York to be temporarily invested while another Texas bank is sending to New York for a temporary loan. He thought it would be better for the district if its banks accommodated each other directly. In this connection he said: "We have sometimes thought that it might be well for the Reserve city banks of the district to give consideration to some form of co-operation whereby the excess cotton lines of the customers of one bank might be carried by an institution, or institutions in other cities of the district on a reciprocal basis. It is our feeling that no high-grade paper should leave the district and seek an outlet elsewhere so long as the banks of the district are in funds and able to take it on."

At the conclusion of Mr. McKinney's speech the meeting organized by the election of Nathan Adams as Chairman, who appointed M. J. Hendricks Secretary. Mr. Adams called on Louis Lipsitz to give his views on the subject of the meeting.

As to what Mr. Lipsitz and some of the others at the conference had to say, we quote as follows from the same paper:

Mr. Lipsitz said that he had told John T. Orr when discussing the matter of getting farmers to sign contracts for the sale of cotton that he believed it useless to attempt to get farmers to sign without first being assured of the co-operation of country banks and in many instances of country merchants to assist the farmer in getting the best possible price for his products. Mr. Lipsitz pointed out that while it was a nice thing to collect as quickly as possible, it would be better from the viewpoint of the banker, when he could do so with safety, to renew the farmer's note rather than force him to dump his crops on the market at whatever price he could get. The point was made that if the farmer got better prices the farmer's deposits would be larger and there would be more money in the community. He said he was not committed to what he called the "Orr plan" of marketing, although it seemed a wonderful thing, and was unquestionably the best so far offered. He suggested that a committee be appointed to confer with Mr. Orr's organization, the Texas Farm Bureau Federation, with a view to co-operating with it. He said it was unfair for the farmer to do so much work and get so little for it, and it was up to the business interests to see that the farmer got better treatment. He predicted that all would be sorry some day unless the farmer received assistance in his efforts to get a better deal.

Lynn P. Talley, Federal Reserve Agent, said the Federal Reserve System had no facilities for holding past due paper, so that extension of notes wasn't quite possible, but he suggested that some scheme be worked out whereby instead of farmers' notes put up as collateral with the Reserve bank, that banks substitute the note of the same farmer secured by the actual cotton where the former note was given to finance the production of the cotton. Bankers, he said, should not be interested solely in collecting what the farmer owed so they could reduce their rediscounts, but should be willing to take a new note properly secured where necessary to help the farmer get a fair price for his product. He made it quite clear that the Reserve Bank of Dallas is financially able to carry notes secured by cotton to any necessary extent. The bank itself has large resources and if need be can borrow from other Reserve banks. Mr. Talley suggested that it might be better for each community to arrange to finance the marketing of its 5,000 bales or so as it came on gradually from the producer than to attempt to finance it in very large quantities.

Mr. Adams said he was not advocating holding cotton off the market but merely the plan of marketing it gradually so the farmer would not be at the mercy of the buyer. The world needs, he argued, 13,500,000 bales of cotton and will pay a fair price for it, provided it is not thrown on the market all at once. He favored the system of permitting the farmer to change his crop mortgage into a mortgage on cotton when the crop mortgage comes due instead of forcing payment in cash, if the farmer is disposed to do this and the situation warrants.

The Houston "Post" stated that Mr. Lipsitz warned the bankers if something is not done Texas will probably follow in the steps of Minnesota. He declared the farmer is entitled to a fair price and it is up to the bankers to see that he gets it.

Bills in Georgia Providing for Appointment of Commissioners to Co-Operate With Others in Cotton-Growing States.

The following is from the Atlanta "Constitution" of July 26:

Bills have been introduced in the Senate and House of the General Assembly calling for appointment of three commissioners by the Governor to co-operate with commissioners from other cotton growing States in what is to be known as the Cotton States Commission.

The bills, which are identical in wording, are sponsored in the Senate by Senator Pace, of the 13th, and in the House by Representative McMichael, of Marion.

A delegation representing the movement, consisting of U. S. Senator N. B. Dial, of South Carolina; A. W. McLean, of North Carolina, former Assistant United States Treasurer, and R. O. Everett, Chairman of the Cotton States Commission and a member of the North Carolina General Assembly, appeared Wednesday before both Senate and House and spoke briefly in explanation of the movement.

Provisions of Bill.

The bills provide that the Governor shall appoint these three commissioners to co-operate with a similar number from each of the cotton growing States, in co-ordinating the work between these States and the Federal Government in respect to problems relating to the production and marketing of cotton, such as control of insect pests, uniform system of warehousing, financing the farmer during the periods of production, marketing and similar problems.

It provides for an appropriation of \$3,000 in line with the action of other States, to defray the expenses of the Commissioners from Georgia, but provides that they shall receive no recompense for their services. The Act is only to continue in force subject to similar action by other of the affected States. North Carolina and Tennessee have already passed the bill, according to a statement made by Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean also stated that Georgia legislators favor the plan and indicated that it likewise had the approval of Governor Walker.

In his brief explanatory speech before the Senate and House Wednesday he stated that the problems confronting the cotton farmer to-day are more urgent and difficult of solution than have faced any great industry in the history of the world. He laid chief blame for this condition upon insect pests which have largely destroyed the crop in many sections.

Conference is Held.

He said that the idea for this Cotton States Commission first came from North Carolina and that the Assembly of that State authorized the Governor to appoint three commissioners and invite other Governors to do likewise. The first conference of these commissioners was held in New Orleans in February of last year and plans laid for action to remedy the adverse conditions of the cotton farmer by permanent organization.

Another conference was held in Memphis last December and at that time plans were made to push permanent organization of the commission along the lines now being followed.

The purposes of the commission were declared by Mr. McLean to be "that the cotton producing States, acting solely in their governmental capacities may take common counsel and action among themselves and in conjunction with the Federal Government, in respect to matters of interest to all, which neither the Federal Government nor the States, acting alone or singly, could accomplish expeditiously and successfully."

Distribution of \$1,000,000 to Members of Georgia Cotton Growers' Co-Operative Association.

From the Atlanta "Constitution" of July 25 we take the following:

In advance of final settlement, which will probably be made before the month of July expires, the Georgia Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association will distribute approximately \$1,000,000 to its members at once, according to announcement Tuesday.

The distribution is at the rate of 2 cents a pound, basis middling white, 7/8 to 1-inch staple. The present payment, which is to be mailed to the recipients at once, brings the total advance up to 24 cents a pound paid to members of the co-operative body this season.

Even before the final payment has been made, the Georgia farmers participating in the system, after receiving the disbursement now being made, will have received \$10 to \$15 a bale more than the average price during the "dumping" season, or \$25 per bale more than the price which prevailed when the crop began its market movement, according to association officials.

"We are glad to say that we have sold all cotton without having to make any sacrifices in order to close out by a certain time and we have completed our sales almost within the time we expected it to require to close the year's business," President J. E. Conwell said.

"We hoped to make our final settlement in July," he stated in a letter to members, "but in May, when the cotton speculators depressed the price below 25 cents, we stopped selling and held our cotton off the market for about 30 days until it went up again. We sold the cotton in June, and it probably will take the remainder of July to wind up, ship the cotton and collect our money."

According to President Conwell, new members are being signed up at the rate of 300 to 400 daily.

In its issue of July 30 the "Wall Street Journal" stated in advices from Atlanta that the membership of the Georgia Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association organization has trebled in the past year. More than 33,000 members already have been enrolled in Georgia it said, adding:

The national organization has a present membership of more than 300,000 enrolled from 13 States now marketing through the association.

The American Cotton Growers Exchange has launched a new campaign in every cotton-producing militia district in the South. To date approximately 19,000 new members have been added to the membership list in Georgia alone since the campaign began a few months ago. Oklahoma is signing new members at the rate of more than 2,000 a month and Texas at the rate of more than 4,000 a month. Other State associations are conducting successful campaigns as well. Greater activity and renewed effort on the part of all States indicates that the South-wide drive for new members during the next few weeks will add thousands to the membership rolls in all of the State associations.

More than \$100,000,000 worth of business has been done by the cotton co-operatives this year. Co-operative marketing of cotton has met with tremendous success in the South, increasing purchasing power of growers and benefiting other lines of business.

Charles L. Peabody, New York, Fails.

Charles L. Peabody, a broker at 105 West 40th St., this city, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court, according to "Financial America" of this city of Aug. 9. Mr. Peabody gave his liabilities as \$187,268 and his assets as \$23,300.

E. M. Fuller and W. F. McGee Reveal "Bucket" Deals in Confession to United States District Attorney.

Announcement was made on Aug. 6 by United States District Attorney William Hayward that Edward M. Fuller and William F. McGee, the former partners of the failed brokerage firm of E. M. Fuller & Co., now in Federal custody for contempt of court, had "made a complete and truthful statement which will be of great value to the officials interested in the administration of the bankrupt estate of E. M. Fuller & Co." According to the New York "Times" of Aug. 7, shortly before issuing his statement Colonel Hayward was asked by a reporter whether he was endeavoring to indict certain men prominent in Tammany Hall circles in return for the support of William Randolph Hearst in the event that Colonel Hayward sought the nomination for the Governorship. To this question the United States District Attorney made an indignant denial. Colonel Hayward's statement as printed in the "Times" reads as follows:

Several weeks ago Mr. Victor Watson of the New York "American" communicated with my office to the effect that Edward M. Fuller, then in confinement in the Ludlow Street Jail, had stated to him facts which were extremely important in connection with the bankruptcy of Edward M. Fuller & Co. and its previous history, which it was deemed proper to be brought to the attention of my office.

John E. Joyce, of my staff, informed Mr. Watson that we could hold an interview with Fuller only on Fuller's direct request, inasmuch as he had previously been given an opportunity by me to tell his story and had declined to do so, except under the promise of complete immunity which I declined to make. Shortly thereafter, a letter was received by this office, addressed to me or my representative, which was signed by Fuller and McGee, asking for an interview and expressing a desire to talk.

After receipt of this letter, and then only, this office communicated with Fuller that we would be glad to hear what he had to say. Federal Judge Goddard thereupon made an order directing the United States Marshal to produce Fuller and McGee before John E. Joyce and William J. Millard of this office, and they were produced. Fuller and McGee were afterward, by order of the Attorney-General, transferred to Governors Island, remaining still in custody of United States Marshal Hecht.

Several conferences were held at Governors Island between Fuller and McGee on the one hand, and myself and my assistants on the other. The last of such conferences at Governors Island was held Friday evening, Aug. 3. The next morning, Saturday, when we knew that Fuller and McGee desired to make a complete statement, without receiving any promise whatever from us, the United States Marshal, under the order of Judge Goddard, removed the defendants from Governors Island to a point in New York City much more convenient than Governors Island, where they have been since Saturday continuously in the custody of the United States Marshal. On Saturday and Sunday last Mr. Joyce, Mr. Millard and I had numerous interviews with Fuller and McGee, at which their newly selected counsel, Carl E. Whitney, was always present.

I feel that Fuller and McGee have made a complete and truthful statement which will be of the greatest benefit to the Government in matters now pending and, in addition, will be of great value to the officials interested in the administration of the bankruptcy estate of E. M. Fuller & Co. I do not feel that at this time the best interests of the Government and the public would allow me to make any further or more detailed statement.

The new Federal grand jury which was sworn in on Tuesday of this week (Aug. 7) on Thursday (Aug. 9) began the examination of witnesses with a view to further indictments growing out of the confessions of Fuller and McGee. Colonel Hayward, it is said, refused to reveal the identity of the witnesses, the nature of the complaints laid before the jury or the principals involved. He stated that the grand jury had agreed to sidetrack all other matters pending, in order that it might devote itself exclusively for the next several days to the Fuller and McGee case. The Federal prosecutor predicted, it is stated, that the grand jury would perhaps be able to reach a conclusion by the middle of next week. The grand jury adjourned Thursday until Monday next, Aug. 13. On Aug. 2, by order of Judge Goddard, Fuller and McGee, it is said, were suddenly transferred from Ludlow Street Jail, to which they were committed indefinitely by Judge Goddard on May 17 for contempt of Court, and taken to Governor's Island. Subsequently they were removed from the island and the Federal officials have refused to divulge

their whereabouts. We last referred to the affairs of the bankrupts in the "Chronicle" of July 21, pages 274 and 275.

Knauth, Nachod & Kuhne Failure.

According to the New York daily papers of Wednesday, Aug. 8, Adolph Koehn, American representative of the Direction der Disconto Gesellschaft, Berlin, was made a member of the creditors' committee of Knauth, Nachod & Kuhne (Aug. 7). This announcement was made following a meeting of the committee by Rushmore, Bisbee & Stern, who are counsel for the committee. A large number of the creditors of Knauth, Nachod & Kuhne are European banking and commercial houses, mostly German, the announcement says, and it was deemed appropriate that this body of creditors should be directly represented on the committee. The committee also announced that it had been in constant touch with the receiver and the bankrupt firm, and was hopeful of announcing a settlement proposition before long. We reported the failure of the firm in our issue of June 23 last, page 2837.

Harris Hyman & Co. Succeed H. & C. Newman, Inc., New Orleans.

The following press dispatch from New Orleans on Aug. 2 appearing in the New York "Evening Post" of the same date reported the dissolution of the well-known cotton firm of H. C. Newman, Inc., of New Orleans.

The cotton firm of H. & C. Newman, Inc., established in 1873 and one of the largest in New Orleans, was dissolved yesterday, according to an announcement by Harris Hyman, President of the firm. Its assets were acquired by the new firm of Harris Hyman & Co., capitalized at \$1,500,000. Another organization, under the name of Hyman, Finke & Co., was formed to handle the futures business of the dissolved concern.

Doremus, Daniel & Co. of Augusta to Liquidate.

Doremus, Daniel & Co. of Augusta, Ga., stock and cotton brokers, with branches in Atlanta, Savannah, Jacksonville, Birmingham and this city, announced on Aug. 1 that they would discontinue business. Frank Doremus, the senior member of the firm, is reported as saying that the firm's assets are more than ample to pay off all outstanding obligations. "We have decided to close out," Mr. Doremus is quoted as saying, "because of an anticipated depression in general business. Stocks of all descriptions are way off and I can see no prospects of an improvement. As soon as all accounts are liquidated we will close all our offices." The firm is a member of the New York Stock, Cotton and Produce exchanges, the Chicago Board of Trade and the New Orleans Cotton Exchange.

Consolidated Stock Exchange Removes Ticker Service From Ebel & Co.

An investigation into the affairs of the brokerage firm of Ebel & Co. of 20 Broad Street, this city, by the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange, upon the complaint of its "Better Business Bureau," resulted in the removal of the stock ticker service from the firm on July 30. The firm was found guilty of "unethical practices," it is said.

E. D. Robb Becomes Chief National Bank Examiner in Federal Reserve District of Atlanta.

Ellis D. Robb has succeeded J. W. Pole of the Sixth Federal Reserve District as Chief National Bank Examiner, with headquarters at Atlanta. Mr. Robb, who is from New York, was originally from Iowa, from which State he was appointed a national bank examiner in 1911. He has examined banks in the Seventh District, later in the Second, and was for a time identified with the War Finance Corporation in Washington. Since the death of the late T. P. Kane, Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, he has been identified with the office of the Comptroller of the Currency in a responsible capacity. He is already at Atlanta, with headquarters in the U. S. Post Office Building.

New York Stock Exchange Inquiry Regarding Assessment of Members under "Moneyed Capital" Law.

The following notice regarding assessment under the "Moneyed Capital" Law was addressed to members of the New York Stock Exchange on the 8th inst.:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

New York, Aug. 8 1923.

To the Members of the Exchange

Stock Exchange houses are advised to ascertain at once whether their members have been assessed under the Walker-Donohue Bill on "Moneyed Capital," and if aggrieved by the assessment to consult their attorneys immediately in respect to the steps to be taken for the correction thereof.

HARRISON S. MARTIN,
First Assistant Secretary.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York Establishes Rate of 4½% on Six to Nine Months Agricultural Paper.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has established a rate of 4½%, the same as the other Reserve banks, on agricultural and live stock paper maturing after six but within nine months.

Policy of Federal Reserve Bank of New York Respecting Its Monthly Review.

With respect to answers which it has received to a request for suggestions regarding its "Monthly Review," the Federal Reserve Bank of New York prints the following in its August number as to its policy in the preparation of the "Review":

This bank recently sent to all those who receive the "Review" directly and not through member banks, an inquiry as to whether they wished to have the sending of the "Review" continued. Supplementing this inquiry was a request for suggestions from the readers of the "Review." In reply a number of interesting questions was raised concerning the policy of the publication and the methods used in its preparation. It therefore seems appropriate to make some statement of the policy of the "Review" and to deal specifically with some of the questions raised.

Brevity.

It has been the purpose of the "Review" to provide a reliable summary of business and finance in as condensed form as is consistent with a reasonable degree of comprehensiveness. It is believed that most of those who receive the "Review" can give it only a limited amount of attention, and desire a summary of business and financial conditions reduced to the briefest possible form. In pursuance of this policy the "Review" was reduced in size from a 12-page to an 8-page publication in January this year.

This space limitation involves a careful selection of subjects as well as succinct treatment of the matter which is covered. It means that commodity markets cannot be treated in detail, except as they assume unusual importance. It means a type of presentation which perhaps requires closer attention on the part of the reader than a more discursive treatment. It means the exclusion of large tabulations.

National Summary.

To aid the reader in securing a general view of the business situation there was added to the "Review" about six months ago a brief summary of business conditions in the United States. This summary is prepared jointly by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. It aims to bring together in one article the outstanding events during the month in business and finance. The same summary is published in the "Monthly Reviews" of all twelve of the Federal Reserve banks, and is also published by the Federal Reserve Board in the "Federal Reserve Bulletin."

Prophecy.

The requirements of business make it necessary that many business men form in advance some estimate of what future conditions are likely to be, and readers of the "Review" have frequently requested the publication of a forecast of future business conditions. The first difficulty in the way of attempting such a forecast lies in the uncertainty of the future. Knowledge of the causes of economic and social events is as yet so limited, and the determining factors are so numerous and so subject to change, that prophecies of the business future can be no more than estimates. It has been the aim of the "Review" to publish no statement, the truth of which cannot be demonstrated beyond reasonable doubt. Statements regarding the future cannot have any such degree of certainty, and any statement of opinion or even implication as to the future course of business is therefore avoided.

Interpretative Statistics.

While it has not been considered wise to attempt any forecast of business conditions it is the policy of the "Review" to interpret the meaning of current events as fully as can be done with assurance; to reveal causes and tendencies as well as to record facts. To this end statistical methods have been used in an attempt to reduce the mass of figures which are currently available in business and finance to more comprehensible form.

For example, the meaning of data for the production of any commodity becomes clear only when we have considered the production figures for previous years, and at the same time have made allowance for the usual seasonal changes, and for the usual growth that takes place from year to year in keeping with the growth of population. For these reasons the figures which are published currently for the production of pig iron, steel, petroleum, &c., have little meaning for the average man because he has not the detailed knowledge to enable him to judge the current production figures in the light of all the necessary qualifications. It is possible, however, by recognized statistical processes to make the necessary allowances before figures are presented to the reader. The reader is thus given a simple comparison between actual production and the production which might reasonably be expected in view of all the circumstances, or what may be called "estimated normal production."

From time to time there are published in the "Review" the results of long and often complicated statistical studies. Such, for example, are the indexes of production and other aspects of business expressed in terms of normal, which are published currently. Because of the limitations of space it is not possible to give currently in the "Review" a full explanation of the methods by which the results reported are reached. But for any who are interested it is the policy of the "Review" to make available further details concerning any computations which are published. Such detailed studies have been published in several cases in the "Journal of the American Statistical Association." For example, the June issue of that magazine contains a full discussion of a study of the velocity of bank deposits, which has been reported currently in the "Review." Copies of the article are available for distribution in limited quantities.

Special Articles.

A number of readers have urged the continued publication of special articles dealing with various phases of the operations of the Federal Reserve System, and similar economic studies. Several such studies are now in preparation and will be published from time to time.

Time of Publication.

The "Review" goes to the printer to be set up about the 25th of the month. That appears at present to be the earliest date when reasonably complete statistics can be secured covering the preceding calendar month. Data concerning production, transportation, employment, prices, wages, &c., are received from thousands of business houses either directly or in summary from Government bureaus, trade associations, &c. The mass of data can only be assembled as the individual business houses are able to

complete their own statistics for the month. It is impossible to obtain some of these figures until just before the "Review" actually goes to press a few days before the end of the month. A publication appearing earlier would be less complete and less reliable. Speed has always been a major aim in the publication of the "Review," but it is regarded as less important than accuracy.

State Institutions Admitted to Federal Reserve System.

The following institutions were admitted to the Federal Reserve System during the three weeks ending Aug. 3 1923:

District No. 2—	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
Mutual Bank of Roseville, Newark, N. J.	\$200,000	\$160,000	\$2,446,487
The Battery Park Bank, New York, N. Y.	500,000	1,000,000	14,869,178
District No. 8—			
Water Tower Bank, St. Louis, Mo.	200,000	50,000	1,557,460
Lowell Bank, St. Louis, Mo.	200,000	50,000	3,258,841

Withdrawals from the Federal Reserve System.

The following withdrawals from the Federal Reserve System are announced by the Board:

Avoca State Bank, Avoca, Ia.
Brule State Bank, Chamberlain, So. Dak.
Overlea Bank, Overlea, Md.

Institutions Authorized by Federal Reserve Board to Exercise Trust Powers.

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

The First National Bank of Northampton, Mass.
The Peoples National Bank, Claremont, N. H.
The Second National Bank of Phillipsburg, N. J.
The Rye National Bank, Rye, N. Y.
The First National Bank, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.
The National Bank of Fayette County, Uniontown, Pa.
The Valley National Bank, Chambersburg, Pa.
The National Bank of America at Gary, Gary, Ind.
The First National Bank of Vevay, Vevay, Ind.
The First National Bank of Paragould, Paragould, Ark.
The First National Bank of Owensboro, Owensboro, Ky.
The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.

Director of Budget Lord Predicts Net Reduction of \$151,894,397 in Government Receipts During Next Fiscal Year—\$36,000,000 July Deficit.

Greater reductions in Government expenditures are urged by General H. M. Lord, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, who on August 5 indicated that a deficit of \$36,000,000 had been sustained by the Treasury in the financial transactions of the Government during the first month of the new fiscal year. The New York "Journal of Commerce" in advices to this effect from its Washington bureau August 5 said:

The deficit in July, he [General Lord] maintained, was merely a temporary condition, which would be remedied in September when the quarterly income tax receipts were obtained by the Treasury. However, he added, greater reductions in expenditures must be made in the coming months than was accomplished in July if the Government outlay for the fiscal year 1924 is to be kept within the limit of \$3,000,000,000 fixed by the Administration.

Receipts for Month.

"The total receipts for the month," Mr. Lord said, "of more than \$205,000,000 differ but little from the receipts for the corresponding period of last year. Customs receipts of approximately \$43,000,000 are about one-twelfth of the sum estimated for the entire fiscal year, namely, \$500,000,000. Income and profits tax collected, amounting to more than \$36,000,000, is not indicative of the revenue to be expected from that source for the year since this tax is mainly received in quarterly payments and not until the September report will comparison with prior estimates be practicable.

"The total expenditures for July amounted to approximately \$242,000,000, exceeding the expenditures for the same month last year by more than \$16,000,000. However, included in these expenditures is the sum of approximately \$27,000,000 for public debt retirements, as against \$6,800,000 for July 1922. This difference is due to the fact that sinking fund operations have been commenced earlier this year than last. There is also included an amount of approximately \$10,000,000 invested on account of the civil service retirement fund. A similar investment was made last year in August, instead of in July, as this year.

Ordinary Expenses Decline.

"While the total expenditures for the month of July exceeded the total receipts by more than \$36,000,000, this is a temporary condition which will be corrected by the quarterly income tax receipts next September, as noted above. The general expenditures of the Government—that is, the ordinary expenses of the working departments, were \$164,345,708 90, approximately \$6,000,000 less for July this year than for the corresponding period last year.

"Expenditures of this character are usually comparatively large in July, covering as they do the winding up of last year's business. While the indications are that this class of expenditures will be less this year than last, larger reductions than those for July must be made in succeeding months in order to keep the expenditures, exclusive of debt retirements, within three billion dollars, which is \$162,000,000 less than the estimates submitted last June by the various departments and bureaus of the Government."

In his annual report to President Harding (issued July 30), covering the operation of the Federal Budget for its second year, General Lord predicted a net reduction in Government receipts of \$151,894,397 during the next fiscal year. When these figures were made public on July 30 it was announced that estimates of expenditures had not yet been

completed. As to the figures made available on that date the "Journal of Commerce" had the following to say in its Washington advices:

Falling Federal revenue receipts during the next two years were predicted by Director of the Budget Lord in the annual report to the President showing the activities of the Budget Bureau for the fiscal year 1923 issued to-day. As compared with the volume of the Government revenues during the past twelve months General Lord forecasts marked declines in the receipts for the next twenty-four months.

For the fiscal year 1924 the Budget Bureau's estimates placed the total Government revenues at \$3,638,000,000 and for 1925 at \$3,486,000,000, as compared with receipts totaling \$3,841,000,000 in 1923. On the basis of these figures the revenues for 1924 would be \$203,000,000 less than in 1923; receipts for 1925 would be \$152,000,000 less than in 1924, and the revenues for 1925 would be \$355,000,000 below the receipts for 1923.

Decreasing Returns.

Decreasing returns from customs and tax collections are counted upon in the budget report to bring down the levels of incoming funds. For 1924 the customs collections are placed at \$500,000,000, the income tax receipts at \$1,700,000,000, and miscellaneous internal revenue at \$880,000,000; for 1925 customs collections are placed at \$475,000,000, income tax receipts at \$1,650,000,000, and miscellaneous internal revenue at \$880,000,000, as compared with the 1923 receipts of \$562,000,000 from customs, \$1,678,000,000 from income taxes and \$946,000,000 from miscellaneous internal revenue.

Lessened revenues from the receipts of the individual departments were also estimated by the report. No increases in revenues through the liquidation of the foreign war loan obligations held by the Treasury were estimated in the report, which confined its estimates to receipts from that source through 1925 to the payments under the funding agreements already made with Great Britain and Finland.

Although conceding that the figures contained in its estimates are extremely conservative and based entirely on the estimates of the individual agencies of the Government, the Budget Bureau contends that its forecasts for the next two years should come closer to presenting a picture of the Federal financial position than the early estimates computed a year ago for the fiscal year 1923. At this time last year the budget estimates forecast a deficit for the year 1923 of \$822,000,000, while the actual operations for the twelve months showed a surplus of \$309,000,000.

Improvement in Condition.

This improvement in the Government financial condition was accomplished, the Bureau reported, by an increase in receipts of \$768,000,000 over the estimates and a decrease in expenditures of \$363,000,000. While considering the present estimates for 1924 and 1925 tentative, the Budget Bureau nevertheless believes that its figures are more accurate than those of last year. In the first place the new tariff law became effective after the 1923 estimates had been drafted and the increase in imports exceeded all expectations. Estimates for the internal revenue collections had to be made a year ago with a new law operating which reduced the tax schedules to some extent. With these uncertainties out of the way, closer estimates can be made this year than last.

According to the present estimates the financial operations of the Government for the fiscal year 1924 would show a deficit of \$30,000,000, putting the expenditures for that year at \$3,668,000,000, which is \$136,000,000 greater than the Federal outlay for 1923. Estimates from the various departments for their prospective expenditures for 1925 have not yet been received by the Budget Bureau, but it is the intention of the Bureau to hold these figures to as near a parity as possible with the estimated receipts of \$3,486,000,000.

Indicates Hard Sledding.

While these preliminary estimates would appear to indicate hard financial sledding ahead for the Government for the next two years, nevertheless, judged from the experience of the last twelve months, it would seem that any appreciable increase in the revenues over the conservative calculations of the present, coupled with some further reductions in expenditures along the lines of the accomplishments of the past year, should result in at least a balancing of the books if not in continued surpluses.

Recommendations for new legislation as provided in the Budget Act were held in abeyance by General Lord. The President believed, he reported, that it would be better to wait a little longer before attempting the codifying of the laws governing the transmission of estimates to Congress as directed by the Act.

The following was reported by the New York "Journal of Commerce" from its Washington Bureau July 31:

Budget Bureau estimates of Federal revenues for the fiscal year 1925 were regarded to-day by Government experts as extremely conservative. Some experts were of the opinion that the Budget Bureau will be called upon to repeat its performance of the past year and revise its estimates of receipts upwards.

Prosperous conditions in the country at the present, it is held, should be reflected in the tax revenues of a part of the fiscal year 1925 at least, even if there should come a contraction in business activity before that time. Part of the taxes paid in the fiscal year 1925, it is pointed out, are on incomes derived in the calendar year 1923, so that the slump would have to come before January to hurt the revenues.

Moreover, the Budget's estimate of only \$475,000,000 in customs receipts for 1925 as compared with collections of \$562,000,000 during the fiscal year 1923 is questioned. It is pointed out most of the customs revenues have been derived from the increased imports of raw materials which have gone into the expanded productivity of the country, so that unless there is an appreciable slowing up in the manufacturing industries next year, such a sharp drop in tariff duties should not be expected.

Recent comments by President Harding and General Lord on the reductions in Government operations incident to the budget system appeared in our issue of June 23, page 2840, and in the June number of our State and City Section, pages 187-192.

S. P. Gilbert Jr. in Explanation of "Budget Surplus"—Non-Availability for Bonus.

S. P. Gilbert, Jr., Acting Secretary of the U. S. Treasury, has at the instance of the American Legion, furnished an explanation of the term "budget surplus." With regard thereto the New York "Journal of Commerce" of August 3 said:

Inasmuch as the American Legion has renewed its demand for a cash bonus from the United States Government for able-bodied former service men because there will be a "budget surplus" of more than three hundred million at the close of the present fiscal year, the City Club of New York Post of the Legion inquired of the Treasury Department just what is meant by a "budget surplus." The post asked whether this money wouldn't be applied to the Government debt of nearly \$22,000,000,000. To which S. P. Gilbert Jr., Under Secretary, by direction of the Secretary, replied as follows:

"On the basis of the daily Treasury statement for June 30 1923, the excess of ordinary receipts over total expenditures chargeable against them, ordinarily termed budget surplus, for the fiscal year 1923 was \$309,657,460 30. Pursuant to the provision of the Act approved March 3 1881, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to apply the surplus receipts to reduction of the public debt."

According to a statement issued by the Treasury July 2, \$210,823,851 85 of the surplus was applied to reduction in the public debt for the fiscal year 1923 and the remainder is gradually being similarly applied during the current fiscal year.

This the City Club Post interprets to mean that there is no surplus to be used for "adjusted compensation" as the Legion described the cash bonus. Instead, a cash bonus for the 4,000,000 and more service men who would be eligible would simply mean increasing the country's national debt.

The City Club Post recalls that President Harding, in his recent address at the fifth regular meeting of the business organization of the Government, made this statement:

"In a few days we commence another fiscal year, and I feel confident that at its close we will be able to point to even greater achievements in our campaign for retrenchment, economy and efficiency than have been accomplished in the current year."

The City Club Post from the day of its organization has taken the stand that the Legion should devote its entire energies and resources to the care of the sick, disabled and unemployed former service men. The post has opposed the cash bonus for the able-bodied.

The City Club Post believes that the Legion's bonus demand is one of the reasons why out of 425,000 men in New York State who are eligible to the Legion, but 55,000 are members. At present an effort is being made to enroll in the Legion in New York State as many members as there were last year. The Legion has lost members every year in this State since it was organized.

Claims that the enactment of legislation by the next Congress granting a bonus to able bodied veterans of the World War is assured are not warranted, according to Richard S. Buck, national director of the Ex-Service Men's Anti-Bonus League, who returned Tuesday from a two-weeks' trip South in the interests of the League.

"The League has kept close watch on the trend of sentiment both in and out of Congress toward legislation granting a bonus to able-bodied veterans," said Mr. Buck, "and our investigations do not bear out the somewhat complacent assurance of bonus advocates. We find public sentiment still unfavorable to it, and among members of Congress who opposed the last bill and who have been represented as now favoring it, we do not find an instance where the unequivocal statement has been made by one of them that he will vote for an adjusted compensation bill that grants a bonus to able bodied veterans."

Plans in Canada to Bring One Million Youths from British Isles to Assist Farmers.

Because of the reported lack of opportunities for a million boys in the British Isles owing to trade union restrictions, arrangements were discussed at a conference in Montreal July 27 for the passage of these youths to Canada with a view to their employment in agricultural sections. The conference took place between W. G. Black, Deputy Minister of Immigration, and Rev. John Chisholm, organizer in Canada for the British Immigration Aid Association, it is learned from the Montreal "Gazette" of July 28, from which the following is also taken:

As a result of the arrangements completed and pending, the first group of lads will soon be on their way to Canada, bound for Montreal, which is to be the headquarters and distributing centre of the movement.

"The British Immigration Aid Association has been recognized as the chief medium between the supply of 'teen age boys and the demand for the same from the farmers of Canada," said Mr. Chisholm in explaining the plans completed and the program in view for this method of assisting the demand for help and population.

"My recent trip to the British Isles enabled me to observe the appalling conditions for boys reaching a certain age," continued Mr. Chisholm. "That condition is due to a stipulation in the trades unions' agreements to the effect that a boy attaining the age of 18 years must receive the wages of a full grown man. The result of that is that now there are 1,000,000 boys at the ages of 17 and 18 years who have no possible opportunity under the existing conditions of being employed as apprentices.

"These are splendid boys and they are willing to come to Canada to acquire a knowledge of agriculture. Here, then, is a great opportunity to bring parties of these boys to the Dominion, teach them a profitable calling and mould them into real Canadian citizens."

Sounded Out Farmers.

Mr. Chisholm said that an agent of the association had sounded out farmers in eastern Ontario as to their views on the subject, and these inquiries had met with such a ready response that, as a result of the preliminary survey, applications had been received from 400 approved farmers. A survey in the eastern townships and the immediate English-speaking agricultural districts in the neighborhood of Montreal also revealed a willingness to aid in the movement, so that the association will be able to find suitable positions for a considerable number of boys.

Because of the fact that the population of Great Britain is agricultural only to the proportion of 9%, Mr. Chisholm does not believe that any large number of farm settlers can be obtained for Canada from that adult group, and sees in this movement to bring out boys a more reasonable solution of the demand in this country for willing help.

Boys of 17 years and under who come to Canada under this scheme will have their passages furnished by means of the agreement between the British Government, under the Overseas Settlement Act, and the Federal Government, each paying half of the necessary amount. All of the boys will be subject to the approval of Canadian officials in the old country.

Final Rites in Honor of the Late President, Warren G. Harding.

Final tribute to the memory of the late President of the United States, Warren G. Harding, was paid by the nation yesterday (Aug. 10), when his body was placed in a receiving vault in his home town, Marion, Ohio. While the period since his death at San Francisco on Aug. 2 had been one in which uninterrupted homage had been paid to the late Chief Executive of the nation, yesterday was solemnized as a national day of mourning and prayer in his memory, in accordance with the proclamation of President Coolidge dated Aug. 6. The nationwide suspension of business yesterday is referred to by us elsewhere in this issue. Further below we give details of the obsequies in Washington on the 8th inst., when at the White House and Capitol the memory of the late President was impressively honored. Before the departure on the 3d inst. of the funeral train, which bore the late President's body from San Francisco to Washington, brief services were held in the room in the Palace Hotel where the President died; following these services the body, resting in a drab brown casket, was conveyed to the special train on which the President had journeyed to the West, and placed in the rear of the observation car Superb. At that time a statement giving a tentative schedule as to the time when various points would be reached was issued as follows:

It is impossible at this time to issue a complete schedule of the funeral train's trip across the continent, but the people along the route will be able approximately to adjudge from the following statement of the time when the train will pass these very points:

Leaving San Francisco Aug. 3, 7 p. m.

Arriving Ogden, Utah, 9:05 p. m., Aug. 4.

Arriving Omaha, Neb., 2:15 a. m., Aug. 6.

Arriving Chicago 3:30 p. m., Aug. 6.

Arriving Washington via the Baltimore & Ohio, 1:30 p. m., Aug. 7.

It was also then announced that upon its arrival in Washington the body would be immediately taken to the East Room of the White House; then on Wednesday morning to the Capitol to lie in state until the late afternoon, when the funeral services would be held in the Capitol rotunda. Arrangements were further made for the transfer of the body on a special train, which would carry it to Marion, its arrival there being scheduled for Thursday Aug. 9.

From the time the body left San Francisco at about 7 p. m. on the 3d (11 p. m. New York time) until Washington was reached on the 7th, as well as the return trip west of the funeral train to Marion, great throngs were present along the route to pay silent homage to the late President. The course of the funeral train otherwise marked by demonstrations of the affection and esteem in which the President was held; one such instance was witnessed in Chicago, where flowers were strewn along the pathway of the train by airplanes.

San Francisco, so soon changed from a gaily decorated city in honor of the President's arrival, to one of mourning, was the first of the various cities to extend its homage to his memory. The body was escorted from the hotel to the train by cavalry, marines, infantry, &c., the marchers including Captain Andrews and Colonel Bollinger, naval and military aides, respectively, to the dead President. Attorney-General Daugherty, who it is stated was too ill to walk, occupied a limousine, the only motor car in the procession except the hearse. The Mayor of San Francisco, General Pershing accompanied by Major-General Morton, commander of the 9th Corps Area Headquarters, leader in the Great War; Secretaries Hoover, Work and Wallace of the Harding Cabinet were also among those in the cortege.

Before the arrival of the funeral train in Washington on the 7th inst., the following announcement, issued with the approval of President Coolidge, was made on the 6th inst. by Col. Clarence O. Sherrill, regarding the plans incident to reception of the body:

The late President's remains will arrive in Washington at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, on the special train over the Baltimore & Ohio Lines, containing the party with which the President was traveling through the West and to Alaska.

President Coolidge, military aide, members of the Cabinet, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the President pro tempore of the Senate, will meet the train, and with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, will accompany the remains at once to the White House.

The military escort for this occasion will be the following:

The Second Squadron of the Third Cavalry and the battery of the Sixth Field Artillery, with caisson, under command of Major J. M. Wright.

The remains will rest in the East Room of the White House from the time of arrival until 10 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday. While in the White House there will be placed on the bier one wreath from Mrs. Harding, one by President and Mrs. Coolidge, one for the Supreme Court by the Chief Justice, one from Congress by the President pro tempore and the Speaker, and from heads of the foreign and State Governments officially. Flowers sent to Mrs. Harding by her personal and intimate friends will also be received at the White House during that period.

On the special train, besides Mrs. Harding, there will be the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary to the President and Mrs. Christian, General and Mrs. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Jennings, Captain Adolphus Andrews, U. S. Navy; Major O. M. Baldinger, U. S. Army; Lieut.-Commander J. T. Booner, U. S. Navy; J. J. Welliver, Mr. and Mrs. Remsberg and the two Misses Remsberg, Mrs. Briggs, Miss Powderly, nurse; Miss Wynne, maid; three Secret Service men and 14 newspaper men; bodyguard of 18 men, consisting of two officers and 16 enlisted men.

On the arrival of the funeral train Mrs. Harding and such of her party as she may designate will go at once to the White House quietly and separate from the funeral procession.

Mrs. Coolidge and the wives of the members of the Cabinet will be at the White House when Mrs. Harding arrives there.

The funeral train reached Washington at 10:22 p. m. on the 7th inst.; although nine hours late the station was thronged with large delegations silently awaiting the arrival of the President's body. The Associated Press said:

The casket was tenderly lifted down the special door cut in the side of the car and placed on a rolling platform. A single wreath that had been waiting at the station was laid on the great flag spread over the casket.

Mrs. Harding's appearance and the reports of those who had made the trip with her from San Francisco set at rest widespread rumors that she had suffered a physical collapse.

Secretaries Hoover, Wallace and Work, Attorney-General Daugherty and Gen. Pershing walked slowly behind the casket as it was carried down the corridor.

President Coolidge gave his formal greetings to his dead chief as the casket reached the head of the aisle of soldiers before the President's room. He stood, hat in hand, as it passed, then turned to follow slowly, with bent head.

The flag-draped burden was lifted to a black-draped gun caisson and a moment later at a low command the troops of the escort turned slowly away to lead the march to the White House.

President Coolidge and Speaker Gillette were in the first car following the caisson. Behind President Coolidge in the cortege rode Chief Justice Taft and Secretary Hughes in a second car, then Secretaries Weeks and Denby riding together. The newspapermen of President Harding's party walked beside President Coolidge's car and the secret service men flanked it on the other side.

The caisson rolled into the East Gate of the White House at 11:40 p. m. While the funeral train still was many miles away, the great bank of flowers in the East Room of the White House had grown and spread until all four walls were lined. The wreaths and clusters of fresh, fragrant blossoms came in endless stream to the old mansion, waiting with lonely chambers this sad homecoming.

It was announced on the 7th that the order of the funeral cortege of President Harding from the White House to the Capitol would be as follows:

Section One.

The General of the Armies of the United States, commanding the military escort (Gen. John J. Pershing).
The military escort.

Section Two.

The civic procession, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Chief Marshal.
Clergymen: The Rev. A. Freeman Anderson, acting pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Mr. Harding's church, and the Rev. James Shera Montgomery, chaplain, House of Representatives.

Physicians who attended the late President: Brig.-Gen. Charles E. Sawyer and Lieut.-Com. J. T. Boone.

The caisson bearing the casket, flanked on the right by Speaker Gillette, members of the Cabinet and six members of the House, and on the left by Senator Cummins, President pro tempore of the Senate, members of the Cabinet and six Senators, all of whom are the honorary pallbearers.

On each side of the lines of honorary pallbearers, a guard of honor consisting of three general officers of the army and three admirals.

The pallbearers, to be selected by Mrs. Harding.

The family and relatives of the late President.

Section Three.

President Coolidge with his military aid.
Chief Justice Taft and aid.
Former President Wilson and aid.
Foreign Ambassadors.
Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.
Foreign Ministers.
Senators and officers of the Senate.
Members and officers of the House.
Governors of States and Territories and Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Acting Secretaries of the departments.
Circuit Court of Appeals, Court of Claims, Court of Customs Appeals, and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries, the United States Marshal and the United States Attorney.

Chairmen of the Federal Reserve Board, Inter-State Commerce Commission, Civil Service Commission, American-British Claims Arbitration Commission; Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute; Director of the Pan-American Union; Librarian of Congress; Controller-General, Director of the Budget; Chairman of the Railroad Labor Board; Director of the Veterans' Bureau; Chairman of the Red Cross, Federal Trade Commission, Shipping Board, Emergency Fleet Corporation, Railroad Administration and War Finance Corporation; Alien Property Custodian; Chairman of the Tariff Commission; Director of the Bureau of Efficiency; Chairmen of the Employees' Compensation Commission, the Federal Board for Vocational Training, the International Joint Commission and the Inter-American High Commission.

Military Organizations.

Veterans and military organizations marching in this order:
Medal of Honor men, officers of the Army, headed by Assistant Secretary of War; officers of the Navy, headed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy; officers of the Coast Guard and Public Health services, headed by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, headed by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Ten representatives from each of the following organizations:
Grand Army of the Republic, Loyal Legion, United Confederate Veterans, Indian War Veterans, Veterans of the Spanish-American War, Military Order of Foreign Wars, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Old Guard of New York, Military Order of the World War, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, American Legion, World War Veterans, Knights Templar representing all Masonic bodies (in uniform); Knights of Pythias (in uni-

form), American Red Cross, Sons of the Revolution, Daughters of the American Legion, the Colonial Dames.

Order of Cincinnati, Sons of Colonial Wars, Children of the American Revolution, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Union Veterans, Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare Board, American Library Association, Overseas Service League, Red Cross Overseas Service League, National Disabled Soldiers' League, Women's Overseas Service League, American Women's League, American Defense Society, Allied Patriotism Societies, Army and Navy Club of America, Military Training Camp Association, Army and Navy Union, Grand Armies of America, National War Mothers.

The Committee of One Hundred, representing civic, fraternal and other important public organizations in Washington, Georgetown University cadets, Reserve Officers' Training Camp unit, Washington High School cadets, Boy Scouts, Women's School Association, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Department of the Potomac of the Spanish War Veterans, Women's National Republican Club, Women's Department National Civic Federation, delegation from Calvary Baptist Church, National Sojourners' Club, W. C. T. U., United States Chamber of Commerce.

American Merchant Marine Library Association, District of Columbia D. A. R., Kiwanis Club, National Daughters American Revolution, Americanization School, National Federation of Employees, National Republican Club of New York, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Rotary International, Retired Federal Employees, National Alliance, Daughters of Veterans, Order of Red Men, Grand Lodge Elks, Daughters of the American Colonists, and Colored Elks.

It had previously been announced (Aug. 5) in accordance with the wishes of Mrs. Harding, the ceremonies would follow as closely as possible those held for President McKinley. As to the ceremonies in Washington on the 9th inst., we give the following Associated Press account:

President Harding's funeral train, bearing the fallen leader of his people back to Marion for entombment, left Washington at 6:06 o'clock to-night. Until the very end of the dead President's last brief sojourn in the national capital the new Chief Executive, who has taken up his burdens where Warren Harding dropped them, and all the other highest dignitaries of the Government, remained near at hand as an escort of honor. Tomorrow night, headed by President Coolidge, they will leave for Marion to attend the funeral there on Friday.

On the funeral train when it rolled slowly out of Union Station to-night was Mrs. Harding, who had passed courageously through the ordeal of the State funeral ceremonies, and a party of personal friends. She had come direct from the White House, not going to the Capitol to follow the body of her husband on its way to the terminal from the rotunda, where it had lain in state during the afternoon while countless thousands passed it to pay it parting reverence. All members of the Cabinet who are in this country were aboard the train.

The final ceremony here was a solemn procession from the Capitol, where thousands had looked upon the dead after the state funeral in the rotunda, to the Union Station, where the funeral train was waiting to begin the last stretch of its sorrowful journey to Ohio.

As earlier in the day, when the funeral cortege passed along Pennsylvania Avenue, President Coolidge and the other highest officials of the Government had places behind the caisson which has been the funeral car for the flag-draped coffin since it reached Washington from San Francisco late last night.

Again, too, there was the flashing of cavalry sabers and the slow tread of the infantry, of mariens, and bluejackets as the Capitol said its sad good-bye. Besides the short line of march from the Capitol to the station was lined all the way with infantrymen, standing at the present in a final salute to their Commander-in-Chief.

It was 5:10 o'clock when the casket was taken from the rotunda, where it had lain since noon and placed on the black-wheeled caisson. An army band played "Nearer, My God, to Thee," as the burden was borne down the steps of the Capitol.

President Coolidge, with bared head, followed the casket down the steps. The Cabinet followed, and behind them were the Senators and Representatives, Generals and Admirals, who had been selected as honorary pallbearers. At 5:25 the cortege entered the railway station.

Distant guns spoke the nation's farewell as the funeral train drew out. A legion of armed men stood with rifles and sabers at salute. Great folk and small, in their thousands, stood silent and with heads bared in the fading light of evening and the dead President was gone.

Countless thousands viewed the earlier procession from the White House to the Capitol. From the dim East Room and its heavy scented flowers the dead President was borne out into a day vivid with sunshine. The clear pealing of a trumpet sent long lines of steel flashing to salute, a moment later it marshaled the ordered array of soldiers, sailors and marines down the long avenue to the Capitol with General Pershing riding ahead in command, his only actual command since the First Division, home from France, trudged westward over this same route in victory.

Band by band, the old hymns of courage and devotion rose in the still air as they passed. Rank by rank, in khaki, blue or white the sturdy youngsters who serve the flag moved by, their sabers and bayonets glittering in the sun, their dull-hued guns rolling slowly.

Along the way, banked motionless and in silence, were thousands upon thousands who had stood there waiting since daylight to add to the great tribute to the dead.

The religious services were striking in their simplicity against the background of military pomp and grandeur given by the funeral parade. Just the short prayers, the murmuring of low voices joined in the words of the Lord's Prayer, the scriptural readings and the blending voices of a male quartette in the same hymn that marked this funeral everywhere, "Lead, Kindly Light," the hymn best beloved by the dead President, and at the end, "Nearer My God to Thee."

35,000 View Bier.

When Mrs. Harding had gone, the new President and his Cabinet, the diplomats and Generals and Admirals all filed slowly out and the great chamber was cleared except for the armed sentries about the bier and the others who quickly carried away the chairs and set long lines of floral offerings in place to form a broad aisle from east to west across the stone floor. Then the flag was gently drawn back, the heavy steel of the cover was set aside and those who knew him in life saw again the face of Warren Harding.

When the doors closed again more than 35,000 persons had passed through the corridor of flowers, it was estimated, and as many more were turned back disappointed after hours in the slow moving lines. But the departure for Marion could not wait and the great doors were shut.

It was as a private citizen that memorial tributes were paid to the late President in his home town yesterday. With the arrival of his body there on Thursday, it was

taken to the home of his aged father, Dr. G. T. Harding. It had been arranged to have the body lie in state there from 2 p. m. until 10 p. m. that day, and to afford further opportunity yesterday for those who desired to do so to pay their final homage. On Thursday night, however, the house remained open long after the original closing hour. Regarding yesterday's program, a special dispatch from Marion to the New York "Tribune" said:

The following program will be followed to-morrow in the last rites for the late President Warren G. Harding:

9 a. m. to 1 p. m.—Townsmen to pass in front of bier at home of the President's father, Dr. George T. Harding.

2 p. m.—Body will be conveyed to cemetery.

3 p. m. (5 p. m. New York daylight saving time)—Burial in a vault where the body will remain pending the construction of a mausoleum.

President Coolidge, former President Taft, the Governors of several States and other distinguished persons will arrive in Marion at noon on a special train from Washington to attend the ceremonies. These visitors will make their headquarters on the train while in the city, and will begin the return trip to the capital immediately after the funeral ceremonies.

The arrangements as to yesterday's funeral services were indicated as follows in an Associated Press dispatch from Marion on the 9th:

Changes in the announced plans for the funeral services of the late President Harding were made to-day following the arrival of Mrs. Harding and a conference with those in charge of the last rites.

It was announced that the services would be in charge of the Rev. George L. Landis, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, where Mr. Harding worshipped, and the Rev. Dr. Jesse Swank, Pastor of Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. Harding is a member.

Prayer at the home before the funeral cortege starts for the cemetery will be offered by the Rev. Walter A. King of Columbus, a former pastor of Trinity Baptist Church of Marion. Previous plans had not included prayer at the home before the funeral procession left for the cemetery.

Another announced change was that the benediction at the vault would be delivered by the Rt. Rev. Dr. William F. Anderson of Cincinnati, resident Bishop of Ohio of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a close personal friend of the late President. Previous plans had provided that the benediction would be delivered by the Rev. Mr. Landis.

Services at the cemetery will open with the singing of two verses of "Lead, Kindly Light," by Trinity Baptist choir, after which the Rev. Mr. Landis will read the scripture lesson, First Epistle of St. Peter, chapter 1, verses 3 to 5, 10 to 10 and 21 to 25, and Revelations xxii., verses 1 to 5.

The Rev. Dr. Swank will then offer prayer and the choir will sing three verses of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," after which Bishop Anderson will pronounce the benediction.

The following indicative of Mrs. Harding's appreciation of the nation's sympathy was contained in a special telegram to the New York "Times" from Chicago Aug. 7:

The nation's visible grief has assuaged the personal sorrow of Mrs. Harding, she told J. F. Cornelius, a Chicago friend, yesterday, as the funeral train crept into Chicago between miles of silent ranks of bareheaded men and women.

"I can understand what a shock my husband's death has been to the nation," the calm, white-faced woman said, as the train rolled on toward the waiting thousands. "I read genuine sorrow in all those faces. It is comforting."

"It wasn't until our Western trip that I fully appreciated the nation's respect," Mrs. Harding continued. "Really, you know, when we were in Alaska I was electrified time and again by the murmur that so often rose as my husband stepped to the observation platform to face a waiting crowd. 'There he is,' the crowd would say. There he is."

Mrs. Harding paused, her mind seemingly going back over those crowded days. Then she turned toward the chamber where the President's body lay.

"And now," she said, pointing to the flag-covered coffin, "there he is." Wonder at and gratitude for the nation's sympathy has sustained Mrs. Harding in the philosophical attitude she took when the President died, Mr. Cornelius said.

Last Moments of President Harding—Certificate Showing Cause of Death.

What is said to be the accepted version of the last moments of the late President, Warren G. Harding, whose sudden and unlooked for death on August 2 was noted in these columns last week, page 508, appeared in the New York "Times" of the 5th inst. Inasmuch as differing statements relating the circumstances attending the President's death had been given publicly, we are printing herewith what is claimed to be the accepted account, for which the "Times" is authority.

On Board the Harding Funeral Train, Elko, Nev., Aug. 4.—There have been several versions of the incidents surrounding the death of President Harding. The shock and resulting confusion prevented those immediately concerned in the final scene in Mr. Harding's bedroom in the Palace Hotel from taking note of the actual occurrences.

It was told by some of those in the vicinity that Mrs. Harding rushed to the door of the bedroom and called for help from her husband's physicians. It was said that General Sawyer, the late President's chief physician, was not in the room when the President died. People with nerves on edge or stunned by the unexpected tragedy were unable to give any coherent account of what took place.

The New York "Times" correspondent believes that the following is as nearly correct a version as can be obtained. This account was the outcome of efforts of a member of the Presidential party to get all the facts. He talked with those who were in position to know what happened and checked up on discrepancies.

His information appears to show that the official bulletin announcing the President's death was in error in its statement that Mr. Harding died at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The evidence indicates that his passing occurred at least ten minutes earlier.

Herewith is the story of President Harding's death as obtained by this member of the Presidential party:

Mrs. Harding and General Sawyer were alone with the late President at the time. Miss Ruth Powderly, the nurse, had left the sick room. Mrs.

Harding was reading to the President the article by Samuel G. Blythe in last week's Saturday "Evening Post" entitled "A Calm View of a Calm Man." The President liked it for it was evident that the writer was seeking to give a fair appraisal of him as a man and President.

General Sawyer was sitting by the bedside holding the President's hand, not for the purpose of feeling his patient's pulse or for any other professional reason, but purely as an act of affection. It is a way of his with those he likes. The President was propped up in bed and evidently enjoying the reading. "That's good, go on," he said when Mrs. Harding paused.

At that moment his body slumped forward. General Sawyer still held the President's hand. Almost instantly he said in a startled tone, "The President is dead."

Mrs. Harding came quickly to her husband's side. "Do something for him, give him something," she cried. General Sawyer grasped a hypodermic syringe kept near at hand for use in an emergency. It was filled with a stimulating liquid. He gave the President an injection and at the same time called to Miss Powderly, just outside the room, to bring hot water bags. Miss Powderly produced them quickly.

Mrs. Sawyer, the physician's wife, was in the adjoining room. Her husband shouted to her to call the other doctors. It was Mrs. Sawyer and not Mrs. Harding whose voice was heard calling the secret service men on duty in the corridor, "Get Boone and the others, quick."

Secret Service men and attendants went scurrying to the rooms on the same floor occupied by the President's physicians.

Secretary Work, who was formerly President of the American Medical Society, and who had participated in the professional conferences with the other physicians attending President Harding, was the first to reach the sickroom. It was six or seven minutes after the President's collapse that he got there. He or some one noted by a watch that it was about 7:25 when he entered the chamber.

Dr. Wilbur came next, a minute or two behind Dr. Work. Then came Secretary Hoover, immediately after Dr. Wilbur. Dr. Cooper followed shortly.

Dr. Boone could not be found. He had gone but a few minutes before the tragic occurrence, saying he wanted to get a little air by walking around the block occupied by the Palace Hotel. Dr. Boone had been on duty in the sickroom throughout the length of every night since President Harding was brought to San Francisco last Sunday. He became confused, turned into an unfamiliar street and was several minutes in getting his direction again. It was ten minutes or so before he returned to the hotel to learn that President Harding was dead. The story of Dr. Boone's absence told in the Presidential suite Thursday night and yesterday was that he had gone out to dinner with General Pershing and had been summoned to the hotel.

This appears to be the most complete and accurate version of the circumstances attending Mr. Harding's death.

On July 30, when President Harding's condition was reported as grave, the statement was made by General Sawyer that it might be well to make clear that with the toxic condition of President Harding's system there was a liability for complications affecting almost any organ in his body. He went on, according to advices to the "Times" from Washington:

"This afternoon we have found what appears to be an oedematous condition of one of the President's lungs, and a heart that has been working at fifty beats above normal, undergoing a very great strain. We have announced that we regard this condition as serious from all the conditions that exist. The first of these conditions is that we have a poison to fight. Second, organs have been put out of condition to perform their functions. The liabilities are such as would come from an increase in the toxic condition of the President's system, and complications caused by the inability of some of the organs to function."

General Sawyer admitted that there was always a possibility of pneumonia in a man in the President's condition, but added that he would hardly say there was "a liability of pneumonia."

Pneumonia, he explained, came from a specific germ.

"So I hardly think that he has what you would actually call pneumonia," he continued. "But from the oedematous condition of his lung he may have something as serious as pneumonia."

In response to questions, General Sawyer said that he had used the word "serious" in the evening bulletin to describe the President's condition in the sense that it was becoming dangerous, not that it was dangerous.

"If we can bring the President to the point of throwing off these poisons in his system, everything will be all right," he went on. "We are hoping that an X-ray photograph that we took this evening will show that there is no possibility of pneumonia."

"The condition of the President is due to the fact that he had been subject to an extreme strain which made him liable to contracting disease, after he had his attack of ptomaine poisoning. Mr. Christian was affected in the same way as the President, but he had the ability to throw off the poison. The President, however, on account of the strain to which he had been subjected, had what I may call a predisposing condition and the exciting cause to bring about his present state. This puts an extra load on the respiratory organs and produces an oedematous condition of the lungs."

General Sawyer called attention to the fact that the President's lips have been swollen frequently during his tour.

"That showed an oedematous condition," he said. "The X-ray may show whether that is any blocking up of a lung and interference with the heart. Nobody can tell now—not even the best physician—what the outcome will be."

According to General Sawyer, the President was in good spirits.

"This afternoon I went to him," he said, "and told him that there were people outside who wanted to take an X-ray picture of his chest."

"Bring them in," said the President. "I have nothing to conceal."

On the 3d inst. two of the physicians in attendance during the President's last illness, Dr. Wilbur and Dr. Cooper, made the following formal statement:

We have been asked by President Harding's personal physicians before they leave San Francisco to put on record our expression of the President's physical condition as it affected his last illness and his sudden death.

As already indicated in the bulletins, the heart was enlarged and probably the blood vessels which carry to it its nutriment thickened, for his history shows that previously he had had anginal manifestations and that during sleep the respiratory centre was insufficiently fed. Furthermore, he had suffered from nocturnal dyspnea and a Cheyne Stokes type of respiration yet, as often happens in such cases, he had full confidence in his bodily strength; his mind remained most alert, and his judgment unimpaired.

At 4:30 p. m. yesterday, prior to his sudden apoplectic seizure, it seemed to Mrs. Harding and to us that the fight was won and that, with sufficient

rest and the carrying out of a definite medical program, this illustrious man, in fair physical health and in full mental vigor, could be preserved for this our country.

RAY LYMAN WILBUR, M. D.,
President American Medical Association.
CHARLES MINER COOPER, M. D.

The death certificate of President Harding was made public at San Francisco on August 7 by the City Health Board, according to press dispatches from that city, which stated:

It showed that his death was due to cerebral apoplexy as a complication of "an acute gastro-intestinal infection."

The certificate was signed by Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, President of Stanford University, one of the five physicians who were in attendance upon President Harding here. It gave the cause of death as follows:

"Cerebral apoplexy, following an acute gastro-intestinal infection, including cholecystitis [inflammation of the gall bladder] and bronchial pneumonia—instantaneous contributing cause; arterio sclerosis [hardening of the arteries] of several years' duration."

W. F. Brown Says President Harding Was Martyr to Twenty-Four-Hour Day Job.

The following came in Associated Press advices from Toledo, August 3:

After expressing his grief at the death of President Harding, Walter F. Brown of Toledo, his close intimate adviser and his personal representative on the joint Congressional committee assigned to reorganize Governmental departments, declared to-day that "faulty construction of the Government organization is the primary cause of the breakdown of all our Presidents."

Mr. Brown, who has made an intensive study of the duties devolving upon the Chief Executive of the nation, said it is humanly impossible for any person to stand up under the strain. There was no doubt but the exactions of the office hastened the death of President Harding.

"Popular government under the Constitution has lost one of its sturdiest champions at a critical time in the history of our country," said Mr. Brown. "There is no question but President Harding was a martyr to the cruel system which makes the President's office a perpetual twenty-four-hour-a-day job."

He stressed the necessity of the creation of a new post, such as an "assistant to the President," to relieve the nation's Chief Executives of the future of the details incidental to the office, so that they could preserve their health and concentrate their attention and energy on major questions and policies.

Proclamation of President Coolidge Naming Aug. 10 as a Day of Mourning in Honor of the Late President Harding—Proclamations of State Governors, Mayor Hylan, &c.

While two days this week—Wednesday, August 8, and Friday, August 10, were specifically set apart as special days for the paying of tribute by the nation to the memory of the late President of the United States, Warren Gamaliel Harding, practically the entire period since his death on August 2 has witnessed action on the part of Federal and State Governments, civic organizations, etc., as well as the people individually, in honoring the memory of the late Chief Executive of the country. In a proclamation issued on August 4, President Harding's successor in office, President Calvin Coolidge, set apart yesterday, Friday, August 10—the day of the President's burial—"as a day of mourning and prayer throughout the United States." In accordance with an announcement made on August 3, official homage to the late head of the nation was paid in the obsequies held in Washington on Wednesday, August 6. Details regarding this are given elsewhere in this issue. The announcement on the 3rd was made as follows at Washington by Col. Clarence O. Sherrill, Presidential Aide, following a conference between President Coolidge, Colonel Sherrill, Secretary of State Hughes, Postmaster-General New and Senator Curtis:

The body of President Harding will arrive in Washington at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and the train will be met at the station by the President, members of the Supreme Court and of the Cabinet. The body will be escorted to the White House and placed in the East Room, where it will remain until Wednesday morning.

At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning the body will be taken from the White House to the Capitol. The escort will include a squad of cavalry, a brigade of infantry, a battery of field artillery, a battalion of marines and a battalion of bluejackets under the command of General Pershing.

Public Will Be Admitted.

There will also be a civic escort, including representatives of Congress, the diplomatic corps, the Supreme Court, the Cabinet, the Government of the District of Columbia and a few organizations not named.

When the body arrives at the Capitol there will be funeral services directed by the Rev. Dr. A. Freeman Anderson, assistant pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, where the Hardings worshipped, assisted by the Rev. Dr. James Montgomery, chaplain of the House of Representatives.

After the services the public will be admitted to the rotunda of the Capitol until 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, when the body will be taken to the Union Station under the same military escort. The funeral train will leave for Marion, Ohio, at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening.

The proclamation of President Coolidge, setting apart yesterday as a day of national mourning, follows:

A PROCLAMATION

By the President of the United States of America
To the People of the United States.

In the inscrutable wisdom of Divine Providence, Warren Gamaliel Harding, twenty-ninth President of the United States, has been taken from us. The nation has lost a wise and enlightened statesman and the American people a true friend and counsellor, whose whole public life was inspired

with the desire to promote the best interests of the United States and the welfare of all its citizens. His private life was marked by gentleness and brotherly sympathy and by the charm of his personality he made friends of all who came in contact with him.

It is meet that the deep grief which fills the hearts of the American people should find fitting expression.

Now, therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States of America, do appoint Friday next, Aug. 10, the day on which the body of the dead President will be laid in its last earthly resting place, as a day of mourning and prayer throughout the United States. I earnestly recommend the people to assemble on that day in their respective places of Divine worship, there to bow down in submission to the will of Almighty God, and to pay out of full heart the homage and love and reverence to the memory of the great and good President whose death has so sorely smitten the nation.

In witness, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, the fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-eighth.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

By the President.

CHARLES E. HUGHES, Secretary of State.

The White House, Washington, August 4, 1923.

On August 4 an Executive order regarding the funeral following the arrival of President Harding's body in Washington on Tuesday night, was issued by President Coolidge, as follows:

On arrival of the funeral train in Union Station the President, escorted by military aids, with members of the Cabinet, Chief Justice, the acting President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, will accompany the remains to the White House.

On Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m. the remains will be escorted to the Capitol. They will be preceded by a suitable military escort, followed by the civic procession in proper order, details to be arranged.

On arrival at the Capitol the remains will be placed in the center of the rotunda, where the funeral services will be held. The President will then proceed from the Capitol to his apartment in the New Willard Hotel.

The remains of the deceased President will then lie in state in the rotunda of the Capitol until 6 p. m. Wednesday night. The rotunda will be open to the public from 4 to 6 p. m. The placing of wreaths and other tokens of respect by the public will be allowed.

The Presidential proclamation was followed by the issuance of State proclamations by the various Governors calling upon the citizens of their States to observe Friday, the 10th, as a special day of mourning and prayer. In New York State Governor Smith on August 7 issued the following proclamation, declaring August 10 a holiday to insure its observance in accordance with the Presidential proclamation:

A proclamation to the people of the State of New York

Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, has by proclamation set forth Friday, Aug. 10, as a day of mourning and prayer throughout the United States.

In accordance therewith I hereby call upon the people of our State to observe the day in worship and prayer as against all other duties and occupations, and I further hereby call upon the heads of all State departments, bureaus, boards and commissions to declare Friday, Aug. 10, a holiday, to be dedicated to the purposes set forth in the proclamation of the President of the United States.

Given under my hand and the privy seal of the State at the capitol in the city of Albany, this 6th day of August, in the year of our Lord 1923.

GEORGE R. VAN NAMEE,
Secretary to the Governor.

ALFRED E. SMITH,
By the Governor.

In a previous proclamation, issued August 3, calling for the display at half-mast of all flags on public buildings, Governor Smith said:

The Nation with deep feeling of sorrow learns of the loss of its President, Warren Gamaliel Harding.

History records the fact that the best years of his life were devoted to the public service. He assumed his duties as Chief Executive of the Nation at a critical period. He gave to the great office all his strength and energy, and his love of and devotion to his wife, as well as his sense of satisfaction in the just pride of his father in a son's achievement, will always remain a noble lesson and example for the present as well as the generations to come.

Almighty God is all wise and all just. He has showered his blessings upon this country without reserve and the American people, grieved at heart, bow before Him to say: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Let us ask that in His infinite mercy He may continue His watchful care over this great country; that He may bring solace and comfort to the bereaved wife and family, and that He may give wisdom and strength to Calvin Coolidge, so suddenly called upon to assume a great responsibility.

As Chief Executive of the State of New York, I request that flags upon all public buildings, including arsenals and armories, be displayed at half-mast up to and including the day that the mortal remains of the late President are laid at rest.

Given under my hand and privy seal of the State at the Capitol, in the city of Albany, this third day of August, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

(Signed) ALFRED E. SMITH,

By Governor.

George R. Van Namee,
Secretary to the Governor.

Mayor Hylan of New York City on August 6 issued the following proclamation, in which, in addition to the observance of the day set apart in the national proclamation, he designated Wednesday, the 8th, as a day of commemoration, and asked that there be a cessation as far as possible "from any activity or excitement" which would divert "from the solemnity of the occasion and the reverence and devotion due to the memory of the late President." The Mayor's proclamation follows:

New York City, August 6 1923.
Office of the Mayor.

PROCLAMATION.

The City of New York mourns deeply the passing of President Harding and bows in sorrow before the visitation of Almighty God.

The distinguished public services of the late President and the charm of his personality cannot be recalled without a quickening of the pulse of a broader humanity and a more exalted patriotism.

A man of the people and one of us by birth, education and sentiment, he was as accessible in the White House as he had been on his farm or in his printing shop, always remaining an affectionate, endearing and loving Christian gentleman.

His official life was noteworthy for the deep reverence with which he regarded the American institutions that he revered so highly, and for the sincere desire to do his full duty, uninfluenced by ignoble motives, toward the American people who had honored him with the highest trust in the Commonwealth.

In the fullness of life and in the midst of official service, Warren Harding answered the Divine summons. It is fitting that every mark of public respect should be paid to his memory.

By Presidential proclamation, Aug. 10, when the body of the departed President will be laid to rest, has been designated a day of prayer. In addition to this observance, I do hereby designate Wednesday, Aug. 8, when the funeral services will be held in the Capitol, where the body will lie in state, as a day of commemoration on which the people of the City of New York in all walks of life are urged to refrain from any activity or excitement tending to divert their minds from the solemnity of the occasion and the reverence and devotion due to the memory of the late President.

In homes, meeting places and accustomed houses of worship all are asked to acknowledge with pious resignation the will of Divine Providence, to give expression to the love and veneration which we all cherish for the eminent dead who consecrated his life to the service of the people, and to invoke the Divine blessing upon the bereaved family and the peace and perpetuity of the American public.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New York to be affixed this sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

JOHN F. HYLAN,
By the Mayor.

JOHN F. SINNOTT,
Secretary to the Mayor.

In Pennsylvania, Governor Pinchot, besides asking the people of the State to observe the 10th inst. as a day of mourning, also on August 3 appointed Sunday, August 5, as a day of prayer and recommended "that the people assemble in their respective places of worship on that day to unite in prayer to Almighty God for the welfare of the nation and the Commonwealth, for the comforting of those who mourn, and in remembrance of one whose kindness of heart, calmness of mind, and unselfish devotion to the public service give him a peculiar right to the heartfelt tribute of the whole people."

A proclamation was also issued by Mayor Moore of Philadelphia on August 6 urging the observance of Friday as a day of mourning. Governor Silzer of New Jersey also proclaimed yesterday as a day of mourning; in Massachusetts Governor Cox in similarly proclaiming the day directed a suspension of business on the 10th, as did Governor Donahey of Ohio; Governor Flynn of Rhode Island; Governor Ritchie of Maryland; Governor Baxter of Maine, etc. In another item we refer to this week's action of the New York Stock and other exchanges.

Closing of Exchanges, Business Houses, &c., on Day of President Harding's Funeral.

Business throughout the nation was at a standstill yesterday, Aug. 10, when final homage was paid to the late President of the United States, Warren G. Harding. Following the pause in business witnessed on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when the impressive ceremonies in honor of the late President were held in Washington, there was a complete cessation of activities yesterday, when the President's body was laid in its resting place in his home town—Marion, Ohio. The day had been fixed as one of national mourning in the proclamation issued on Aug. 4 by President Coolidge, which we give elsewhere in this issue. On the New York Stock and other exchanges of this city and throughout the country, which were closed on Friday of last week (Aug. 3) following the death of President Harding the night before, there was an entire suspension of business yesterday (Friday). On Wednesday trading was suspended on the exchanges during the period from 11 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. in observance of the services in Washington. Besides paying tribute to the memory of the late President through the suspension of trading on the several occasions during the week, some of the exchanges also adopted resolutions in President Harding's honor. On the 8th inst. the New York Stock Exchange recorded its sense of the personal loss which, through the death of the late President, has fallen upon the citizens of the nation. Announcement of the adoption of the resolution was made as follows:

A special committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Noble, Pomroy, Carter, Turnbull and Nash, was appointed by the President of the Exchange to draft and present resolutions on the sad event of the death of President Harding, and at a special meeting of the Governing Committee held th

day (Aug. 8 1923) said resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted by the Governing Committee as follows:

Whereas, The people of the United States have been shocked and deeply grieved by the sudden and unexpected death of their honored President, and

Whereas, a sense of personal loss has fallen upon every citizen throughout the nation,

Be it resolved, That the members of the New York Stock Exchange hereby express their earnest belief that Warren Gamaliel Harding was a splendid example of that highest type of American who, rising from a modest station among the people, by dint of native ability and above all by sterling and unblemished character and wide scope of human sympathy, reached the exalted office which to-day has no equal in the world;

Be it further resolved, That, together with the entire people of our great nation, the members of the Stock Exchange profoundly share the sorrow of the relatives and friends of our departed President, and direct that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Harding as one of the innumerable tributes of a grateful and sorrowing country.

President Cromwell and the members of the special committee went in a body to the rostrum where the resolutions were formally presented to the members of the Exchange. On Monday, the 6th inst., the following announcement was issued by the New York Stock Exchange:

The Exchange will open for business as usual at 10 a. m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8, but the President has been authorized to suspend business upon the floor of the Exchange during the funeral services at the Capitol in Washington. The hour of such suspension will be announced later.

The Exchange will be closed on Friday, Aug. 10, 1923, being the day of the funeral of President Warren Gamaliel Harding. All deliveries of securities on Friday, Aug. 10, will be suspended. Contracts made Thursday, Aug. 9 1923, are due on Monday, Aug. 13 1923.

In accordance with the resolution of the Governing Committee, the President of the Stock Exchange directed that business on the floor of the Exchange be suspended from 11 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. on Wednesday the 8th.

The Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange voted to close the Exchange on Wednesday morning between 11 and 12 o'clock; in its announcement the Exchange said:

Following a meeting of the Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange yesterday (Monday) afternoon, President Edward E. Bartlett Jr. announced that the Exchange would suspend all business for one hour on Wednesday, during the time of the State services for the late President Harding at Washington.

The Exchange will be closed the entire day on Friday, when the burial takes place at Marion, but will be open on Saturday.

On Thursday resolutions on the death of the late President were adopted.

The Consolidated Stock Exchange paused during the funeral services in Washington in accordance with the following resolution:

As a mark of respect and sorrow for our late President, Warren Gamaliel Harding, for whom services are being held at the nation's Capitol, trading is hereby suspended on the Exchange from 11 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. to-day.

On the 9th inst. the Governors of the Consolidated Exchange adopted the following resolutions in connection with closing the Exchange yesterday (Friday):

Whereas, Almighty God, in his inscrutable wisdom, has taken from us Warren Gamaliel Harding, twenty-ninth President of the United States; and

Whereas, The whole nation has thereby lost a wise statesman and counselor and a loyal friend, as well as a leader whose public life commanded respect and whose private life inspired affection. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Governors of the Consolidated Stock Exchange of New York, voicing the sentiment of the entire membership of the Exchange, do express their intense grief at the country's loss and extend their respectful and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Harding, and be it further

Resolved, That, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased President, the Exchange be closed on Friday, Aug. 10 1923; and lastly, be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be suitably engrossed and forwarded to Mrs. Harding.

All the Exchanges will be open as usual to-day.

The suspension of business on the New York Curb Market was announced as follows on the 8th inst. by President John W. Curtis:

The Board of Governors at a special meeting held in this Exchange on Tuesday, Aug. 7 1923, authorized me to suspend business on the floor of this Exchange during the funeral services at Washington, in memory of our late President, Warren G. Harding, therefore, with this power vested in me, I close this Exchange from 11:00 o'clock a. m. to 12:30 o'clock p. m., and trust that during this suspension of business, each member will pay due and proper homage to a man worthy of our love, respect and esteem.

Services were held on the floor of the New York Produce Exchange, the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, the Metal Exchange, &c., on Wednesday, all of which were closed all day yesterday. Wednesday was the day proclaimed for special observance by Mayor Hylan of New York; Governor Smith of New York on Aug. 7 issued a proclamation in which he asked all heads of State departments, &c., to declare Friday a holiday. State Attorney-General Sherman is said to have ruled that the proclamations of President Coolidge and Governor Smith had the effect of establishing a legal holiday, thus permitting the banks to close. According to the Albany "Knickerbocker Press" of the 8th inst., Claude T. Dawes, Third Assistant Deputy Attorney-General, declared the proclamation established Friday as a legal holiday. Mr. Dawes was quoted as saying:

Upon that day all State departments are to be closed and banks are to cease to do business. Legal paper will be honored on the following day. There is nothing in this proclamation to compel a man to close his business if he desires to keep open, on this or any other holiday except Sunday. This proclamation definitely established Friday as a legal holiday.

All of the banks, State and national, were closed yesterday, as were the Federal Reserve Bank, the New York Clearing

House Association, the Chamber of Commerce, &c. Special reference to the action of the Clearing House, &c., is made under a separate head. The Post Office closed for the day at 10 a. m. All business houses and department stores were closed, as well as the various courts. All vaudeville and motion picture houses closed yesterday afternoon, vaudeville and the legitimate theatres closing at night. Outside New York there was a similar brief cessation of business on Wednesday on the various exchanges of other cities, with yesterday observed as a full holiday. Memorial services in places of worship of all denomination, Christian and Jewish, were held throughout the country yesterday. In New York City yesterday, as a final tribute to the memory of the late President, all traffic was halted for two minutes at noon, the subway, elevated and other lines joining in the tribute. The New York Telephone Co. also observed the day by a five-minute cessation of operations from 5 to 5:05 p. m., daylight saving time. Railroads likewise observed the day of national mourning, the Delaware Lackawanna & Western and the New York Central being among those to take action. The former closed all its shops, offices and freight stations, including the New York pier freight station, on Friday. Announcement of the action of the New York Central RR. was made as follows on the 8th inst. by President A. H. Smith:

The President of the United States has proclaimed Friday, Aug. 10, a day of national mourning for our late President, Warren G. Harding.

In conformity with this proclamation arrange on that date to discontinue normal activities on the railroad consistent with necessary operating requirements and proper care and protection of the property and business of the company.

General offices, shops of locomotive and car departments and freight houses should be closed. Yard and local freight operations and engine terminal forces should be curtailed as necessities may permit.

Use your discretion as to detail of arrangement conforming to plans that may be universally adopted in different localities.

The New York Central RR. also held services at the Grand Central Terminal at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A notice regarding this said:

Passengers in the terminal at that hour and persons passing through the concourse will be requested and expected to remain silent and motionless during this tribute to the memory of the twenty-ninth President of the United States. During this service all possible business and operations in the terminal will be suspended, as a further mark of respect to the late President.

Further tribute to the memory of the late President has been witnessed, in the draping of the various buildings, public, bank, business, &c., in mourning, and the display in private and public quarters of the flag at half-mast.

Participation by Former Presidents Wilson and Taft in President Harding's Funeral.

One of those conspicuous in the funeral procession in Washington on the 8th inst. in honor of the late President Harding was former President Woodrow Wilson, who with Mrs. Wilson and Dr. Cary T. Grayson took part in the procession from the White House to the Capitol. Former President Wilson's car followed that of Chief Justice Taft (also formerly President), the Chief Justice's car being next in line after that of President Coolidge. Former Presidents Wilson and Taft were among the first to extend their sympathies to Mrs. Harding. Mr. Wilson in his message on the 3d inst. said:

Allow me to express my profound sympathy. I deplore with all my heart the loss which the nation has sustained.

The message of Chief Justice Taft stated:

Mrs. Taft and I send to you our deep personal sympathy in your great sorrow which we share. Our hearts go out to you in this hour of your inestimable loss.

Chief Justice Taft, who has been spending the summer at Murray Bay, Quebec, declared on that day that the loss of President Harding could not be over-estimated. In his statement he said:

I am shocked beyond expression at the news of President Harding's death. The loss is a deep personal sorrow to me. The loss to the people of the United States cannot be over-estimated. He had impressed the whole country with his nobility of character, the sweetness of his nature, his wonderful patience, breadth of vision, high patriotism and his love of human kind. His death at this juncture in the affairs of the country and the world is a great calamity.

On the 5th inst. former President Taft, in the following telegram, accepted the invitation of President Coolidge to participate in the funeral ceremonies:

Thank you for your telegram. Expect to arrive Washington 1.25 Tuesday afternoon. Regret delay due to mistaken information from San Francisco. Gladly accept your invitation to be one of official party throughout the ceremonies, including funeral at Marion. Let me express my high respect, my deep sympathy with your heavy burden and my confidence in the result.

While indicating to President Coolidge his inability to accept the latter's invitation to participate in the funeral services because of his lameness, former President Wilson advised President Coolidge that he would "esteem it an

honor to take part in the funeral procession." The correspondence in the matter was made public as follows on the 6th inst.

August 4 1923.

My Dear Mr. Wilson:—It is with great distress that I have to inform you officially of the death of President Harding. In his death the nation suffers an irreparable loss; to me personally it is the loss of a true friend.

Should you contemplate participating in the funeral services of the late President, which I shall greatly appreciate, upon the receipt of an expression of your wishes you will, of course, be duly apprised of the arrangements.

Yours very sincerely,
CALVIN COOLIDGE.

August 6 1923.

My Dear Mr. President:—Thank you sincerely for the gracious courtesy of your note, just received. I sincerely grieve as you do over the death of President Harding, who had undoubtedly won the esteem of the whole nation by his honorable and conscientious conduct in office.

I shall esteem it an honor to take part in the funeral procession, and shall be obliged if you will assign a position in the procession for my car, which will be occupied by Mrs. Wilson and myself and, I hope, by my friend Admiral Grayson. It will be with feelings of the utmost solemnity and reverence that I will attend. I regret to say my lameness makes it impracticable for me to attend the exercises in the Capitol.

Allow me to express the hope that your administration of the great office to which you have been so unexpectedly called will abound in satisfaction of many kinds.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,
WOODROW WILSON.

A statement by Col. Sherrill, aide to the President, indicating Mr. Wilson's inability to participate in the exercises on account of the condition of his health, was issued as follows on the 4th inst.:

President Coolidge has conferred with ex-President Wilson in order to ascertain his wishes in reference to attending the funeral exercises over the remains of the late President Harding and offering to make any arrangements agreeable to Mr. Wilson for his participation in the exercises.

Mr. Wilson has indicated his appreciation of the courtesy extended by President Coolidge, but regrets his inability to participate on account of the condition of his health. Admiral Grayson is in communication with Mr. Wilson and indicates that while the ex-President will not be able to participate in the ceremonies, he is in a satisfactory state of health.

Following President Harding's death on the 2d inst. it was made known in the following press dispatch from Washington (appearing in the New York "Times") that the late President shortly after taking office had issued orders for the retention of Dr. Grayson in Washington in order that he might be within call of Mr. Wilson in the event that his services were needed.

Exactly twenty-nine months ago Warren G. Harding actually helped lift Woodrow Wilson down the steps of the White House portico and into the carriage which took both to the inaugural ceremonies at the Capitol.

No one of the thousands who saw the robust figure in contrast to the waxen, drawn and stooped man beside him ever dreamed that the latter would be living to write a message of condolence on the death of the former. But the fate which moulds men's lives brought a fair measure of returning health to one and exhaustion and death to the other.

Mr. Harding's gentle consideration for his stricken predecessor on that day excited the admiration of the many who saw it and won the warm respect of Mr. Wilson himself. When the crowd along Pennsylvania Avenue cheered and applauded the healthy and robust incoming President, he silenced them with a deprecating gesture, signifying consideration and sympathy for the stricken, almost pathetic figure beside him. At the Capitol during the inaugural ceremonies his considerate attention to the outgoing President was most marked, and it did not stop there. It took practical form. Here follows a bit of hitherto unpublished history:

Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson had been President Wilson's physician for eight years, as he had been physician to Presidents Taft and Roosevelt before him. He knew Mr. Wilson's case as probably no other physician could know it. Mr. Harding brought Dr. Sawyer, his own physician of years' acquaintance. Dr. Sawyer knew equally well the complicated and long-standing illness of Mrs. Harding. Dr. Grayson's White House detail ended and he was subject to assignment elsewhere.

Without a request or suggestion from anybody and without any one knowing of it, President Harding personally gave an order to the Navy Department that Dr. Grayson was to be assigned to duty in Washington, where his services would be available to Mr. Wilson and that in no circumstances was he to be ordered elsewhere without the President's consent.

Woodrow Wilson probably will get his first knowledge of Mr. Harding's action if he reads this dispatch.

Message of Sympathy Addressed to Mrs. Harding by Clearing House—Closing of Clearing House Yesterday.

The New York Clearing House, in addition to remaining closed yesterday (Aug. 10) in tribute to the memory of the late President of the nation, sent a message of sympathy to Mrs. Harding, through its Clearing House Committee.

The message was in the form of the following telegram:

Mrs. W. G. Harding, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.:

The financial institutions of New York City, as represented by the New York Clearing House, wish to express to Mrs. Harding deep and sincere sympathy. The nation mourns the death of its President, who by his character and quality of human sympathy had won for himself an intimate place in the lives of the people. His death, coming as the result of unceasing devotion to the great duty to which with modesty and solemn devotion he had given himself, leaves to the country another heritage which will help it to carry on the fine spirit of American manhood on which the future must rest.

NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION,
WALTER E. FREW, President.

The closing of the Clearing House on the day of President Harding's funeral was announced as follows on the 7th inst.:

NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

New York, August 7 1923.

Dear Sir—We beg to advise you that the Clearing House will be closed on Friday, Aug. 10 1923, the date of the funeral of the late President Harding.

Accordingly, time notes and acceptances maturing Friday, Aug. 10, must not be sent through the exchanges of Saturday, Aug. 11, and such items if included in the exchanges of that day may be returned as mis-sent.

By order,

WILLIAM A. SIMONSON,
Acting Chairman,
Clearing House Committee.

WILLIAM J. GILPIN,
Manager.

Telegram of Sympathy Addressed to Mrs. Harding by New York Chamber of Commerce.

To Mrs. Harding, wife of the late President of the United States, the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York addressed the following telegram of condolence on the 3d inst.:

August 3 1923.

Mrs. Warren G. Harding, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.:

The members of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York are deeply shocked at the sudden and tragic news about the President. Our Executive Committee wishes to tender its heartfelt sympathy to you in your and the country's great loss and expresses the hope that you will be comforted and sustained in your overwhelming bereavement. In the midst of a brilliant career, with mighty responsibilities resting upon him, he fell fighting for what he regarded as his country's greatest good. He was human, genuine and real—a typical American—respected and loved by all who knew him, and Americans the land over share your grief.

FREDERICK H. ECKER,
Chairman Executive Committee, Chamber
of Commerce of the State of New York.

Closing of Federal Reserve Bank of New York in Memory of President Harding—Paper Maturing Aug. 10.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York in announcing on Aug. 8 that it would close yesterday (Aug. 10) in memory of the late President Harding, issued at the same time a statement respecting the maturity and interest on paper falling due on the 10th inst., in which it stated that unless prepayment of such interest were made before Monday, Aug. 13, additional discount for the days after Aug. 10 would be charged. The following is the notice of the bank's closing:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

[Circular No. 564, August 8 1923.]

*In Memory of the Late President Harding
Friday, August 10 1923, Proclaimed a Holiday.*

To all Banks and Trust Companies in the
Second Federal Reserve District

Inasmuch as Friday, August 10 1923, has been proclaimed a legal holiday by the Governor of the State of New York, this bank and its Buffalo Branch will be closed for business on that day.

Very truly yours,
BENJ. STRONG, Governor.

We also give herewith the bank's notice regarding maturity of obligations on the 10th inst.:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

Discount Department.

[Circular No. 565, Aug. 8 1923—Reference to Circular No. 564.]

Maturity and Interest on Paper Falling Due on Friday, Aug. 10 1923.

To all Member Banks in the
Second Federal Reserve District.

As you are aware, Friday, August 10, 1923, has been declared a legal holiday. In this connection your attention is directed to Section 85 of the Uniform Negotiable Instruments Law (substantially adopted by Section 145 of the New York Law), which reads as follows:

"Sec. 85. *Time of Maturity.*—Every negotiable instrument is payable at the time fixed therein without grace. When the day of maturity falls upon Sunday, or a holiday, the instrument is payable on the next succeeding business day. Instruments falling due on Saturday are to be presented for payment on the next succeeding business day, except that instruments payable on demand may, at the option of the holder, be presented for payment before 12 o'clock noon on Saturday when that entire day is not a holiday."

It appears that under the foregoing provision the maturity of obligations falling due on Friday, August 10, a legal holiday, is extended to Monday, Aug. 13, and it follows that interest or discount runs to the latter day. Therefore, on all rediscounts and advances made by this bank which fall due on August 10, unless prepayment is made before August 13, additional discount for the days after August 10 will be charged at our current rate of 4½% per annum.

Very truly yours,
BENJ. STRONG, Governor.

The Federal Reserve banks of Chicago and Cleveland also announced their decision to remain closed yesterday (the 10th), the other Reserve banks apparently pursuing a like course.

Governor Scott C. Bone of Alaska Says President Harding Indicated that He Would Not Be at Next Gridiron Dinner, which He Desired Should Revolve Around Calvin Coolidge.

Scott C. Bone of Alaska has written an interesting account of the late President Harding's visit to Alaska. Gov. Bone, while stating that "there is no basis for the belief that Warren G. Harding foresaw the termination of his wonderful journey," quotes President Harding as having said "I am not going to the next Gridiron dinner. I want Calvin

Coolidge to have that dinner. It should revolve about him, which could not be if I were there." Gov. Bone's statement relative to President Harding's trip to Alaska is contained in advices received from him by the editor of the Boston "Herald," R. L. O'Brien, and was published as follows in that paper of the 9th inst.:

Juneau, Alaska, via Seattle, Aug. 7-8.

To the "Herald," Boston

On his wonderful tour of Alaska the President gave no sign of illness. The waters and mountains enchanted him and the climate invigorated him. But he was weary and somewhat bent under the heavy burdens imposed upon him. He was not the virile Harding who presided over the Republican national convention of 1916 or the commanding personality who became the head of the greatest republic on March 4 1921. He had aged. The change was marked.

His gentleness throughout the panoramic journey was his predominant characteristic. Alaska rested him. The simple greetings extended to him by the small communities touched him deeply. Gratitude and affection were everywhere manifest. Few Alaskans had ever seen a President. A grasp of his friendly hand meant everything to them. He had traveled far to see them and happy faces and warm hearts attested their appreciation. Children sang to him and hovered close. He had a cheery word for one and all. Everything was so different there. He was off he world's beaten track. It charmed his responsive, lovable nature. As the historic jaunt of a fortnight was nearing its end he said repeatedly he was sorry it would so soon be ended. Every hour in the northland gave him infinite tranquil joy.

There was no crowding or jostling at any stopping place such as inevitably is encountered in populous centres. Even along Alaskan shores, where towns have slowly grown on the mountain sides, there is yet ample room to move and breathe. The vast interior space is endless and people are few. He overlooked none. From the rear platform of the train, slowly traversing the Government railroad, he was alert to wave a greeting to men gathered at little stations.

At Fairbanks, near the top of the world, he was captured by the attractive log houses lining the flat, adorned streets. "I would give a year's salary," he exclaimed, "for one of those houses on my farm in Ohio." "Yes," he added, practically, "I would give two years' salary." Manifestly he was longing for the simple life and looking forward eagerly to quiet, peaceful days in his native State.

It was remarked that Mrs. Harding, although just recovered from a serious illness, frequently was more animated than he. He was calm and benign; she full of life until temporarily exhausted, and then recuperating quickly.

Only once did the President mention his weariness. Standing on the deck of the Henderson, on the Gulf of Alaska, he said he was tired, but not made so by this visit. He had come tired. His accustomed buoyancy was lacking, but he was optimistic and revelled in nature's wonders. Returning from the interior, when a superb view of Mt. McKinley was presented, he stood in awe gazing upon its majesty and splendor. The picture overwhelmed him. Child's glacier, with its falling masses of ice and thunderous noises, impressed him similarly. He would start toward the train and pause again and again to watch it anew.

Of all the sights of this wonderland the entrance to Resurrection Bay was to him the most beautiful. He knew of the desire to give his name to something supremely great in Alaska in honor of his visitation. Beholding the marvelous setting he turned to me and said: "I should rather have this gateway bear my name than any other of nature's wonders in Alaska." Thereupon it was formally designated Harding Gateway to Resurrection Bay. It is really the gateway to great interior Alaska.

On his last day in Alaska, that beautiful sunset morning of July 22 at placid, incomparable Sitka, while waiting to go ashore, he spoke warmly of the pleasure given him by the Gridiron Club at its last dinner. He thought it the best function of the kind he had ever attended. "But I am not going to the next Gridiron dinner," he said. "I want Calvin Coolidge to have that dinner. It should revolve about him, which could not be if I were there."

There is no basis for a belief that Warren G. Harding foresaw the termination of his wonderful journey. He loved life. He loved his fellow men. He looked into the future hopefully, bravely, but he was tired—and would have rested longer in Alaska if he could. That the burden he carried were too heavy to bear is readily to be believed. It is only conjecture that ascribes any given contributory cause to his premature demise. It is more logical to believe that the strain of public service reached the breaking point.

Alaska's grief is deep, heartfelt and abiding.

SCOTT C. BONE.

Mrs. Harding Declines to Permit Mask of Husband.

According to a San Francisco dispatch Aug. 3, printed in the New York "Tribune," at a conference on Aug. 2 of Cabinet officers it was decided to request the permission of Mrs. Harding to allow a death mask to be taken of President Harding. J. Earl Cummings, a San Francisco sculptor, was selected to undertake the work. Mrs. Harding, however, it is stated, declined to permit the mask to be taken.

Myron T. Herrick, Ambassador to France, Says President Harding's Death is "Disaster of the First Magnitude."

Myron T. Herrick, the American Ambassador to France, was deeply grieved by the news of President Harding's death said the Associated Press (Paris advices Aug. 3, which quoted the Ambassador as saying:

President Harding's death comes as another shock and a crushing blow to an over-tired and nervous world. It is a disaster of the first magnitude.

I have known Mr. Harding for a long time. He was big hearted, with a good brain, and he grew constantly stronger in office. His death is a loss to the whole world.

Mr. Harding was Lieutenant-Governor with me in Ohio when I was elected Governor in 1903. We, together with Marcus A. Hanna for Senator, made what was called "the campaign of the three H's"—Hanna, Herrick, and Harding." We were elected by the biggest majority Ohio had ever returned up to that time.

Verdun in Message to Ambassador Herrick Mourns President Harding.

A Verdun Associated Press cablegram Aug. 6 said:

"The sorrow that comes to your people is sorrow for Verdun, which is grateful to all those who pity her," the municipality of Verdun to-day telegraphed Ambassador Herrick in expressing its condolences over the death of President Harding.

"The ruined city," the telegram says, "has not forgotten the precious encouragement that came from your country. She is proud of the honor of receiving the gold medal awarded by Congress and the people of the United States which you came here last year to present for President Harding."

The authorities put at half-mast the American flag that flew over the City Hall in 1918.

"Every State an Empire"—How President Harding Turned a Slip of the Tongue to Advantage.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Aug. 6:

On Board the Harding Funeral Train, at Sidney, Neb., Aug. 5 (Associated Press).—While the funeral train of President Harding was passing through Nebraska to-day, members of the party recalled how the late Executive in his last principal address paid tribute to that State.

Speaking in the stadium at Seattle, Mr. Harding, in the opening paragraph of his written address, spoke of having returned "from the great Empire of Alaska." When he came to deliver that portion of his address, suffering an illness then unknown to even the most of his associates, his voice or his mind failed to run true for a moment and he declared that "we have just returned from the great Empire of Nebraska."

A roar of laughter came from the 30,000 people in the stadium. Amused by the mistake in words, and quick as a flash Mr. Harding rejoined, "Well, Nebraska is a great empire." Some evidently natives of Nebraska, applauded, and Mr. Harding, striving always to play no favorites among States, asserted emphatically: "Not only Nebraska, but every State in our great Republic is an empire in itself."

President Coolidge Declared President Harding Had Been Worn Out in Service to Country.

A day or two before the death of the late President Harding, Calvin Coolidge, the then Vice-President, while expressing himself as confident that the President would recover, declared that he had "worn himself down" in the service of the Government. Mr. Coolidge was quoted as follows in a dispatch from Plymouth, Vt., to the New York "Times," July 31:

"In common with all Americans, I am distressed at the illness of the President, and besides that I am grieved at the sufferings of a man with whom I have been so intimately associated on terms of more than ordinary friendship. Recent reports indicate to me that he will recover to resume the important service which he is rendering to his country."

Earlier in the day Mr. Coolidge said:

"It is evident that President Harding has worn himself down, very much as Mrs. Harding did, in the service of the American people. It is my opinion that he is the truest friend that our country has. It is no wonder that every one was distressed to learn of his illness and is rejoicing at the prospect of his recovery.

"He has never spared himself, but has been constant in the most earnest efforts to perform the duties of his office, even to the minutest detail. It is this painstaking effort that is apparently the main cause of his illness."

President Harding Concerned Before Election as to Effect of Tasks on Health.

Chicago Associated Press advices August 3 said:

President Harding had a realization early in 1920, the year he was elected, that the Presidency was an arduous task to which his health might be sacrificed, he indicated in a conversation with J. R. Snyder, newspaper publisher of Gary, Ind., it was disclosed to-day.

"I do not want to run for President; it is a hard, mean job, and a terrible task for any man who takes it," President Harding, then Senator, was quoted as having told Mr. Snyder. "I like my job in the Senate and would rather stay there and live longer, but my friends are booming me for President, and a man can't go back on a friend."

Mr. Snyder said he would be reluctant to attempt to quote exactly the utterance of the President in the conversation with him outside a Washington theatre, but that the above was approximately what Mr. Harding had said. The President had in mind at the time, Mr. Snyder said, the sudden illness with which former President Wilson was stricken on his western tour while in office.

Brigadier-General Sawyer Says President Harding Told Friends of His Belief That He Would Not Return from Trip Alive.

Various incidents have been cited during the week of President Harding's premonition that he would not survive his proposed trip to Alaska, the Panama Canal Zone, etc., undertaken by him beginning June 19. The President's physician, Brigadier-General Sawyer, is said to have disclosed that to personal friends the President intimated his belief that he would not return to Washington alive. The Associated Press, in a Marion (Ohio) dispatch August 8 reported this as follows:

The late President Harding when he left Washington for his Alaskan trip confided to some of his close personal friends that he believed he would not live to return to Washington. Brig.-Gen. Sawyer, his personal physician, told Mr. Harding's Marion friends so when they met the funeral train at Willard yesterday.

According to Dr. Sawyer, the President was feeling "very much worn out" when he reached St. Louis, but believed that he would regain his strength in the rest period between stops. According to Dr. Sawyer, he failed to do so and his condition became more weak as the trip progressed.

When Mr. Harding delivered his last public address in Seattle, members of his party said they thought he would collapse before he finished it. It was during this address that he was attacked with a dilation of the heart, according to Dr. Sawyer. Members of the President's party at that time tried to persuade him to abandon the remainder of his engagements, but Mr. Harding said that he thought he would recover his strength on the trip from Seattle to San Francisco, but his vitality became steadily lower, and when the party reached San Francisco the President was in such a state that it was then decided that all further speaking engagements would be cancelled.

Dr. Sawyer told Marion friends that the President realized the seriousness of his condition before the party left Washington, but did not make this known until he was taken ill in San Francisco. They also were told that Mrs. Harding was aware at all times of the seriousness of his condition and for that reason was constantly at his bedside during his sickness in San Francisco.

Intimate friends of Mr. Harding here say he never fully recovered from his illness last spring, when, they declare, he was in a much worse condition than was officially announced.

Further indication that the late President appeared concerned as to the effect of his trip, were contained in the following in an Associated Press dispatch from Marion, August 3:

Dr. George T. Harding Jr., brother of the late President, said to-day that before starting on his Western trip the President placed his personal affairs in shape, much as though he might have feared he would never return alive. He made a new will, reorganized his financial investments, sold his newspaper, the Marion "Star," and disposed of the farm, recently purchased near Blooming Grove, on which he spent his early boyhood.

The farm was deeded to George T. Harding the third, son of his brother, Dr. George T. Harding Jr. of Columbus and Worthington, Ohio. The 280-acre farm had been in the possession of the family for years, and it was the President's wish that it remain in the family.

It a Pittsburgh dispatch August 4 the New York "Herald" had the following to say:

The late President Harding was a tired man a month before he set out on his journey to Alaska, James Francis Burke, former Representative in Congress and a close personal friend of Mr. Harding, told an unnumbered audience in a radio address from here to-night.

"A month before he began his Western tour," said Mr. Burke, "President Harding discussed with me the great task before him. I asked him to consider making his first stop and delivering his first address in Pittsburgh. He said: 'I shall be glad to go to Pittsburgh this fall under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, in order that there may be no politics in my visit. And then I want to spend a quiet week end at Rolling Rock among the mountains. But I cannot stop on my way West and I cannot yield to one-tenth of the demands that are now being made upon me in connection with this trip. The grade is too steep. I need rest, but at the same time I want to see my country and its people.'"

Rolling Rock is a country home of A. W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, in the most beautiful part of the Allegheny Mountains.

Period of Mourning Until December 1 for United States Officials Declared by President Coolidge—Suspension of Business by Government Bureaus This Week.

Following the issuance of an order by Secretary of State Hughes calling for the shutting down of the Government departments and bureaus for the several days this week, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia issued the following proclamation on the 6th inst:

Whereas, The Secretary of State, by order of the President, has issued an order closing all the executive departments on Tuesday, Aug. 7, after 1 p. m., and on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 8, 9 and 10, and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia have applied said order to the offices of the Government of the District of Columbia; and

Whereas, The President of the United States has issued a proclamation appointing Friday, Aug. 10, the day on which the body of the dead President will be buried, as a day of mourning and prayer throughout the United States;

Therefore, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia call upon the places of business in the District of Columbia to close their establishments on Tuesday, Aug. 7, during the time that the body of the late President is being moved from the Union Station to the White House, namely, 1 p. m. to 3 p. m., and on Wednesday, Aug. 8, during the time that the funeral cortege is moving from the White House to the Capitol, namely, from 10 a. p. to 12 noon, and that the proclamation of the President setting aside Friday, Aug. 10, as a day of mourning and prayer throughout the United States be fittingly observed. They also suggest that places of business and private residences be suitably draped with mourning from Aug. 7 to 10, inclusive.

CUNO H. RUDOLPH,
JAMES F. OYSTER,
J. FRANKLIN BELL,

Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

By direction of President Coolidge, Secretary of State Hughes on Aug. 4 telegraphed the governors of the various States advising them that a period of mourning would be observed by officials of the United States until Dec. 1. Until this date there will be no official entertainments by Government officers. In addition the governors were advised that flags would remain at half mast on Government buildings and that formal calls of organizations or officials in a body upon the President would be deferred until after Sept. 3.

Charles G. Dawes Breaks Down While Eulogizing President Harding in Radio Message.

Of the many tributes paid to the memory of the late President Harding one by Brig.-Gen. Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, who was formerly Director of the Budget, is worth recording. Mr. Dawes declared that the President's

death "will bring acceptance of the ways he has pointed out and the high standards which in the calmness of high patriotism he has upheld." The following is his statement, sent by telegraph to the Editor of the New York "Times" on Aug. 4:

The method of selecting the President of our great Republic inevitably tends toward the elevation to that place of a citizen who in his life, character and purpose best typifies the ruling spirit of his time. Especially is this true in a great emergency when war or disaster impend or when, after they have passed, humanity confronts the grave problems which follow in their wake.

In the midst of that chaos of passion, perplexity and even agony of the public mind which preceded the Civil War there came Abraham Lincoln, who we now know personified his time and people as did not other chosen by the same method.

When the greatest cataclysm of victory had just swept over the world, engulfing the United States with it in problems of unfathomable importance to humanity here and elsewhere, Warren G. Harding, best of all citizens, typified in his high place of power the true and enduring spirit of his time and people.

Among the people of the United States, distracted and perplexed as they have been by those who in conflicts of personal and political ambition befog questions vital to humanity, his death will bring acceptance of the ways he has pointed out and the high standards which in the calmness of high patriotism he has upheld.

But to-night the thought of such things only heightens the grief of our stricken people at the loss of one whom they knew not only as a President but as a kindly, helpful friend. He left Washington already fatigued and worn down by work for the public, and it was his anxiety not to disappoint them which led to his fatal overexertion on this trip.

If he could he would have chosen no other cause for his death than service to his people. President Harding so loved the people that if necessary to serve them best he would willingly bear their criticism. It is always this which marks the statesman and the patriot from the unworthy in public place, who to please us pervert or withhold from us the often disagreeable but eternal truths of life.

He was a strong and determined man, who moved in his own way all the more effectively and surely because he was patient and kindly with those who differed with him, but his kindness was never weakness and his patience never cowardice.

We mourn him, but we cannot but recognize that his life was complete. Others must follow in his path, because he has left no other way. He is dead, but he died knowing that he had brought the nations together in their greatest compact for future peace. He died knowing that his country and the world were better for his life.

He died at the height of his career, at the height of his power, and in the splendor of his achievement. Would he have asked more? I think not, and it even was given him that he should die peacefully with his last thoughts gladdened by the presence alone of his wife, who in her strength, sweetness and gentleness of character is so much like him alone with her as she read to him, weary and worn from great effort, words of appreciation and kindness for what he had accomplished for his people.

CHARLES G. DAWES.

According to a Chicago press dispatch Aug. 4 Mr. Dawes, overcome by the grief he felt at the death of his friend, broke down and sobbed while broadcasting a final tribute to Warren G. Harding from a radio station. The dispatch said:

He was unable to finish his talk and the program was abruptly terminated. Mr. Dawes's eulogy of the President was to feature a radio memorial for the dead President—the first to be sent into the air. He sat in the broadcasting studio and listened to the favorite hymns of the deceased Executive, sung by a male quartet.

"Nearer My God to Thee," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "Abide With Me" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" were broadcast to thousands of listeners throughout the country. Milton J. Foreman, a colleague of Dawes in France, delivered a brief tribute and Irving Herriott, an attorney, read the President's last speech.

"It's your turn now, General," the announcer said, and the former Director of the Budget, whose explosive "Hell Maria" before a Senatorial investigating committee made him unique among Americans, took his place. He spoke quietly and smoothly for a moment of the deceased chief, who had been a very dear friend.

His voice faltered, broke and he bowed his head and wept, his head in his arms on the table before him and his shoulders shaking with sobs.

"This is station WJAZ signing off," said the announcer. "General Dawes is unable to finish his talk."

T. W. Lamont and Other Bankers on President Harding's Death.

Many bankers have taken occasion to give expression to their sense of loss suffered in the death of President Harding. Aside from the brief statement which was attributed to him following the President's death, and which we gave last week (page 509), T. W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., had the following to say on the 3d inst.:

President Harding's sudden and untimely death comes as a personal grief not only to those who knew him, but to his fellow-citizens generally, to whom during his term of office he had become endeared by reason of his kindness, his warm heart, his manifest sincerity, and his complete devotion to the welfare of his fellows.

President Harding came into office at a time when the country was in the throes of severe business depression. What was called for at that time was not heroic or theatrical measures, but a coolness, a steadiness and a serenity on the part of the Chief Magistrate. Those were qualities that he possessed in abundance and for that reason the investment community and business interests generally felt confidence in his Administration. So sound is the country's present financial structure that even the President's death, lamentable and grievous as it is, will not serve to affect the deep sense of personal loss that the city will feel in the death of the President.

Mortimer Schiff, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., said: All must feel a sense of personal bereavement in the death of the President and will mourn his loss. He was a great and good man and by his qualities of mind and heart had won the respect and affection of the entire nation. Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank of New York, made the following comment:

The country is a unit in its mourning for the loss of President Harding, who, in the conduct of his patriotic duty, lavished his strength to the breaking point and died a martyr to service. Conscientious, sincere and ever striving to learn the public thought and will, his acts truly reflected public opinion. His greatness is shown clearly in the character of the men he summoned as his Cabinet advisers—a group that is outstanding in its harmony and strength to carry on without a break the great national policies to which it has devoted itself under the President's leadership.

A great patriot has died in the greatest service to which a country can call a citizen, but he died leaving trained ability to carry on his policies.

Walter E. Frew, President of the Corn Exchange Bank:

President Harding was a great man and a great, loyal citizen. He performed a valuable service for the country. As a harmonizer he has had few equals. Calvin Coolidge is a serious, conservative, thinking man. He has strong convictions and great courage. He will make an able President and a worthy successor to the late President Harding.

William C. Potter, President of the Guaranty Trust Co.:

The period during which President Harding served the nation has been one of grave and difficult problems. Throughout his Administration he brought to his great work a poise, a willingness to listen and to weigh factors, and a sympathetic understanding which made his calm and steadfast leadership of incalculable value to the country. He strove with patience, kindness, consideration and without stint of himself. He died as he would have wished, in the midst of the stress and strain of service to his country.

Memorial Service in London—Tribute by Greece and Other Nations.

Every nation seems to have in one way or another paid tribute this week to the memory of President Harding. It would not be possible for us, with our limited space, to record all the messages of condolence received at Washington (some of which we gave last week, page 509), nor to indicate the various ways in which honor was paid to the late President's memory by other nations. In London yesterday (Aug. 10) a memorial service for President Harding was held in Westminster Abbey. In a cablegram appearing in yesterday's "Tribune" it was stated:

While Americans will make up a large portion of the attendance, Englishmen of all classes will be present and with feeling in their hearts.

The human side of the President's character was communicated to the English people in various of his official acts, and he was held in tender regard, for all that he was comparatively little known to the masses here. It is with a genuine heaviness of heart that London and England will join America in the epochal services in the Abbey.

The Court, in mourning for the late President, will be represented at the services by the Duke of York. Plans for the memorial, completed yesterday, remain unchanged, save that an additional service will be held in St. Margaret's Church, adjoining the Abbey, for the benefit of hundreds of Americans unable to obtain seats for the Westminster program.

The services in each instance will be held at high noon. Canon Carnegie, sub-dean, will officiate at the Abbey. The music program will be made up of hymns known to be favorites of the dead President, including "Abide With Me," and "Lead Kindly Light."

Regarding the tribute paid by Greece, we quote the following Associated Press advices from Athens Aug. 9:

A Government decree was issued to-day calling for all official business of the Greek Government in Athens to cease for four hours to-morrow during the funeral of President Harding.

The Greek press is calling attention to the fact that this is the first time, in modern history at least, that Greece has paid such honor to the chief of a foreign State, and declares that the respect was amply justified by the deep humanitarian interest Mr. Harding took in the Greek refugee problem last year, as was made evident in his November proclamation and other State papers, as well as by his serving as Chairman of the Near East Relief Emergency Committee in America after the Smyrna disaster.

Services will be held to-morrow in the cathedral and in the English church and will be attended by the highest officials of the Church and State. At the request of the Government, Dr. Samuel Cavert, of New York, Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, will make the principal address.

In Hong Kong advices Aug. 9 the Associated Press stated:

All of the American business houses here will close during the funeral hours of the late President Harding.

Advices to the New York "Tribune" from Warsaw had the following to say:

Flags are half-masted throughout Poland in respect for President Harding. The entire diplomatic corps and the chief officials of the Polish Government called at the American Legation yesterday to offer their condolences.

In Stockholm likewise, there was a memorial service, as is indicated in the following from there, Aug. 9, published in the "Tribune."

A memorial service for President Harding will be held in the Cathedral of Stockholm on the national day of mourning to-morrow. His Grace, the Archbishop of Sweden, Nathan Soederblom, will officiate and will be assisted by the chaplain of the American cruiser Pittsburgh, which arrived in Swedish waters yesterday.

All of the South American countries also joined in paying tribute to President Harding's memory.

Mexican Banks Close in Tribute to President Harding.

From Mexico City Aug. 9 the New York "Tribune" reported the following copyright advices:

Nine of the leading banks here—Mexican, American and British—signified through the American Chamber of Commerce to-day their intention of closing their doors to-morrow as a tribute to President Harding. American firms will close and a general tribute from all other nations will be paid.

The Mexican National Chamber of Commerce, acting for all commerce chambers in the republic, to-day addressed an open letter to Mexico's business world requesting all stores, regardless of nationality, to close their doors between 11 o'clock and 1 o'clock as an "indication of respect to President Harding and courtesy toward the American people."

The same chamber also suggests that during these hours a time be selected when five minutes of absolute silence be observed by all inhabitants.

Services will be held here to-morrow in the American Episcopal Cathedral and at the Methodist Church. The personnel of the United States Embassy and Consulate and representatives of leading institutions will attend.

Flags throughout the city have been at half-mast since Mr. Harding's death. The Mexican tri-color over Government buildings will remain at half-staff for three days. Messages of condolence from all American institutions have been sent to Mrs. Harding.

Montreal Stock Exchange Recessed Yesterday Afternoon in Memory of President Harding—Montreal Memorial Services.

Besides the suspension of yesterday afternoon's session (Aug. 10) of the Montreal Stock Exchange "as a mark of respect to the memory of the late President Harding" it was announced that citizens of the United States and Canada would unite in a memorial service at 4 p. m. yesterday in Emmanuel Church, Montreal, in memory of the late President of the United States.

Message of Sympathy to Mrs. Harding from Premier of Canada.

Premier Mackenzie King of Canada sent the following telegraphic message of condolence to Mrs. Harding on Aug. 3.

My colleagues in the Government join with me in expressing deepest sympathy with you in your great bereavement. Your grief is shared not alone by the people of the United States but in very real measure by the people of Canada. We recall with deep feeling the words of good-will spoken but a few days ago by Mr. Harding on the occasion of the visit of the President and yourself to our country. In like spirit and sincerity we express to the people of the United States, in the loss they have sustained, the profound sympathy of the people of Canada.

In the feeling of international friendship between the Republic and ourselves, never stronger than to-day, we trust there may be something of consolation to you and to our neighbors in this hour of sorrow which we all share.

President Harding's Address at Vancouver, Reciting Friendship of United States and Canada.

President Harding, before his sudden death, visited Canada, as is well known, and at Vancouver, B. C., July 26, referred to the friendship existing between that country and the United States. "Our protection," he said upon that occasion, "is in our fraternity; our armor is our faith; the tie that binds more firmly year by year is ever increasing acquaintance and comradeship through interchange of citizens; and the compact is not of perishable parchment, but of fair and honorable dealing which, God grant, shall continue for all time." In a humorous vein, after disclaiming any scheming upon the part of the United States to annex Canada, he said: "Don't encourage any enterprise looking to Canada's annexation of the United States. You are one of the most capable governing peoples in the world, but I entreat you for your own sakes to think twice before undertaking management of the territory which lies between the Great Lakes and the Rio Grande." The following is the Associated Press accounts of his speech at Vancouver:

President Harding in his address here to-day pointed to the century-old friendship between the people of Canada and the people of the United States as proof to the nations of Europe that public will rather than public force is the key to international peace.

Mr. Harding referred at the outset to his visit being the first ever made by a President of the United States to Canada during a term of office and with the exception of the visits of President Wilson to Europe, the first on any politically foreign soil. He then continued:

"But exceptions are required to prove rules. And Canada is an exception, a most notable exception, from every viewpoint of the United States. You are not only our neighbor, but a very good neighbor, and we rejoice in your advancement and admire your independence no less sincerely than we value your friendship. We think the same thoughts, live the same lives and cherish the same aspirations of service to each other in times of need. Thousands of your brave lads perished in gallant and generous action for the preservation of our union. Many of our young men followed Canadian colors to the battlefields of France before we entered the war and left their proportion of killed to share the graves of your intrepid sons.

"What an object-lesson of peace is shown to-day by our frontier. No huge battleships patrol our dividing waters, no stealthy spies lurk in our tranquil border hamlets. Only a scrap of paper, recording hardly more than a simple understanding, safeguards lives and property on the Great Lakes, and only humble mile-posts mark the inviolable boundary line for thousands of miles through farm and forest.

"Our protection is in our fraternity, our armor is our faith; the tie that binds more firmly year by year is ever increasing acquaintance and comradeship through interchange of citizens; and the compact is not of perishable parchment, but of fair and honorable dealing, which, God grant, shall continue for all time.

"An interesting and significant symptom of our growing mutuality appears in the fact that the voluntary interchange of residents to which I have referred is wholly free from restrictions. Our national and industrial exigencies have made it necessary for us, greatly to our regret, to fix limits of immigration from foreign countries. But there is no quota for Canada. We gladly welcome all of your sturdy, steady stock to come as a strengthening ingredient and influence. We none-the-less bid godspeed and happiness to the thousands of our own folk who are swarming constantly over your land and participating in its remarkable development. Wherever in either of our countries any inhabitant of the one or the other can best serve the interests of himself and his family is the place for him to be.

"A further evidence of our increasing interdependence appears in the shifting of capital. Since the armistice, I am informed, approximately

\$2,500,000,000 has found its way from the United States into Canada for investment. Most gratifying to you, moreover, should be the circumstance that one-half of that great sum has gone for purchase of your State and municipal bonds, a tribute, indeed, to the scrupulous maintenance of your credit, to a degree equaled only by your mother country across the sea and your sister country across the hardly visible border.

"A hundred years of tranquil relationships, through vicissitudes which elsewhere would have evoked armed conflict rather than arbitration, affords, truly declared James Bryce, the finest example ever seen in history of an undefended frontier, whose very absence of armaments itself helped to prevent hostile demonstrations; thus proving beyond question that 'peace can always be kept, whatever be the grounds of controversy, between peoples that wish to keep it.'

"There is a great and highly pertinent truth, my friends, in that single assertion. It is public will, not public force, that makes for enduring peace. And is it not a gratifying circumstance that it has fallen to the lot of us North Americans, living amicably for more than a century, under different flags, to present the most striking example yet produced of that basic fact? If only European countries would heed the lesson conveyed by Canada and the United States, they would strike at the root of their own continuing disagreements, and, in their prosperity, forget to inveigh constantly, to ours.

"Not that we would reproach them for resentment or envy, which after all is but a manifestation of human nature, rather should we sympathize with their seeming inability to break the shackles of age-long methods, and rejoice in our own relative freedom from the stultifying effect of old world customs and practices. Our natural advantages are manifold and obvious. We are not palsied by the habits of a thousand years. We live in the power and glory of youth. Others derive justifiable satisfaction from contemplation of their resplendent pasts. We have relatively only our present to regard, and that with eager eyes fixed chiefly upon our future.

"Therein lies our best estate. We profit both mentally and materially from the fact that we have no 'departed greatness' to recover, no lost provinces' to regain, no new territory to covet, no ancient grudges to gnaw eternally at the heart of our national consciousness. Not only are we happily exempt from these handicaps of vengeance and prejudice, but we are animated correspondingly and most helpfully by our better knowledge, derived from long experience of the blessings of liberty. * * *

"I find that, quite unconsciously, I am speaking of our two countries almost in the singular, when perhaps I should be more painstaking to keep them where they belong, in the plural. But I feel no need to apologize. You understand as well as I that I speak in no political sense. The ancient bugaboo of the United States scheming to annex Canada disappeared from all our minds years and years ago. Heaven knows we have all we can manage now and room to spare for another hundred million before approaching the intensive stage of existence of many European States.

"And if I might be so bold as to offer a word of advice to you, it would be this: 'Don't encourage any enterprise looking to Canada's annexation of the United States. You are one of the most capable governing peoples in the world, but I entreat you, for your own sakes, to think twice before undertaking management of the territory which lies between the Great Lakes and the Rio Grande.'

"No, let us go our own gaits along parallel roads, you helping us and we helping you. So long as each country maintains its independence, and both recognize their interdependence, those paths cannot fail to be highways of progress and prosperity."

President Harding Wanted Navy of First Rank Until Nations Abandon Use of Armed Force—Opportunity of Honest and Intelligent Press.

In one of the last of the speeches which he delivered before the illness which resulted in his death, President Harding referred to the naval plans of the United States and declared that until the day comes when nations abandon use of armed forces America shall find her assurance in a navy of the first rank. The President's remarks to this effect were made in addressing the Seattle (Wash.) Press Club on July 27 after his review in the Seattle harbor of virtually the entire United States battle fleet. With reference to the navy he said:

We were building two years ago at a rate that would have placed our armed sea power in excess of any other Power, but in conviction that armament cost and competition were leading to menacing national burdens, we invited an international conference to fix limitations. We asked equality with the first rank for ourselves and were accorded it. Let us hope our Congress, with the cordial sanction of the American people, will continue that first rank.

"I believe our obligation to the world means the most exacting restriction of our maintenance within the maximum limitation fixed by the Conference, and I believe our clear duty to ourselves is to maintain the equality provided in that maximum until a new baptism of international conscience prescribes a joint action towards reduction or complete abolishment.

Upon the same occasion, referring to the opportunities of the press, he said, "an honest and intelligent press which necessitates a highly purposed press, affords a limitless opportunity for community service and the loftiest employment in life." Leading up to this statement the President said that "those of us who think we know a great lot about newspaper making may learn some very simple fundamentals by going to Alaska." The Associated Press gave as follows his further remarks:

I found myself involuntarily doffing my hat to the editor and publisher, who succeeds in maintaining a daily issue in a town or eight to twelve hundred people, where the circulation maximum cannot exceed two to three hundred copies. I refrain from an attempted analysis of the relation of the value of advertising to its cost, but the community value of the publication will remain unchallenged.

There is a limited reflex of the big news of the world, with a larger relative regard for pugilism than world politics; but human interest is fairly satisfied with the tabloid story of world events. Doubtless the Alaskan community is quite as well nourished mentally with its restricted news diet as are some of us who find our nauseated way, if we read our newspapers fully, through elaborated and expatiated stories of crime and scandal, and wander through a haze of speculative politics.

The big asset in the successful Alaskan sheet is the home news and when the final analysis of the making of a newspaper is written, here is the secret of most newspaper successes. Give me a newspaper which is a true reflex

of the community it serves and I know I am reading an index to dependable public opinion as well as a potent agent in molding public opinion.

An impressive feature of the Alaskan press was its manifest honesty, oftentimes revealing an appealing frankness. An honest and an intelligent press, which necessitates a highly purposed press, affords a limitless opportunity for community services and the loftiest employment in life. It may preach to the larger congregation; it has every opportunity to commend and defend the law; it is the effective mouthpiece of our politics. It is the teacher which knows no vacation; it is the recording agent of human accomplishment, whose simple story is the ever continuing inspiration to loftier achievement.

Let those of us who find pride in association with the making of the American press the best press in the world resolve upon a full appraisal of our responsibilities and see that conscience is maintained as editor in chief, and that accomplishment writes the big "beats" which are ever giving the exhilarating thrill to the daily grind.

Supplementary Report of United States Coal Commission in Anthracite Industry.

Legislation vesting authority in the President of the United States to seize and operate the anthracite coal mines in the event of a strike is again recommended in a supplementary report of the United States Coal Commission, made public on Aug. 7. The report of the Commission, which was appointed by the late President Harding, follows publication early in July of a general survey of the industry. The Coal Commission was created by authority of Congress to investigate thoroughly the anthracite industry and make recommendations to Congress designed to prevent another situation like that caused by the strike last summer. "The Commission in its latest report denounces certain groups which are issuing 'loose and often swashbuckling' literature designed to win public sympathy at the cost of inciting trouble. 'The public is unwilling to tolerate having a product which its very life depends upon made the plaything of a militant group action,' declares the report. 'The elimination of irresponsible propaganda and the substitution of authoritative statement of facts and issues, rid of offensive charges would go a long way toward a sane approach of the problems.'" The supplementary report of Aug. 7 contains twelve specific recommendations. Most of them are of highly technical nature, but the spirit of the entire survey is epitomized in this demand of the Commission that the President be empowered promptly to act with full authority in any time of crisis. It is the spirit of the public good, the insistence that the public need must be placed above all other considerations. The day prior to publication of the latest report the Commission issued a statement dealing with retail coal prices. Costs of retailing coal and profits made by retail dealers can best be explored by municipal and State agencies in the interests of the communities concerned, according to conclusions reached by the Commission. In its statement the Commission said it had found coal retailing inextricably associated with trucking and storage, and with the retailing of a variety of other commodities. The expense of a national survey was estimated at \$2,000,000. In its statement on retailing the Commission says:

There seems to be a lack of information as to how far the United States Coal Commission has gone in the anthracite and intends to go in the bituminous industry with reference to the retailing of coal.

To set the matter right, the Commission announces that it soon discovered that with more than 40,000 retail coal dealers in America, many of whom had their coal business complicated with other articles of merchandise, the appropriation would not permit a presentation relative to the investment, cost, margin and profits of each of these dealers. The Commission has done all that it could in the way of sampling in many of the municipalities of the country in the retail coal trade, and will present the result of its investigation to the country, but it has not gone and cannot go into investigation of all the retail coal dealers of America.

An investigation of such a character could not be made short of \$2,000,000 and when made would not be conclusive as to whether the citizens of a municipality were satisfied to pay the prices charged by the retailer for coal. Therefore the Commission has concluded that except as to the general investigation of the subject of the retail trade it will have done all it can when it furnishes the information as to cost at the mine. The railroad rate is easily ascertainable.

Citizens and municipalities must do something for themselves. If they believe that they are paying to the retailer an exorbitant profit they should supplement the work of the Commission by local investigations of the subject.

It heartily approves all investigations that are being made to ascertain the profits of retailers in individual municipalities, the determination of profits and any suggestions that can be made for the bettering, if needful, of conditions disclosed in the investigation of the subject.

Details of the report were contained as follows in a dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times" Aug. 7:

"We find that the agreement between the operators and the union, which has been in effect since 1903," the committee says in its general findings, "is very widely accepted in principle by both sides, but is carried out in performance very inadequately. We find strikes in violation of the agreement. We find delays in the consideration of disputes a serious handicap to satisfactory working; we find that there is not enough specialized provision for the consideration of specific disputes right on the ground and at the mine where such disputes arise, and we find in the handling by employers of the early stages of disputes too great a disparity of practice and viewpoint."

Twelve-Hour Day Condemned.

The Commission does not make a proposal upon the basis of which the existing controversy between the anthracite operators and the mine workers might be ended and a new scale contract speedily negotiated. It condemns the twelve-hour day, saying that "we recommend that provision shall be made in the next agreement for the elimination of the long day," but does not substitute a seven or a six hour day.

Nothing is said in the recommendations concerning the full recognition of the union by the operators, as is being demanded by the United Mine Workers' leaders. The "check off," which is one of the outstanding issues in that connection, is not mentioned. The Commission, however, tells the union that it "has passed its days of struggling for existence and has reached the stage of constructive opportunity in which it must justify itself by a new kind of service."

This was stated in connection with the subject of union responsibility.

"The time for purely restrictive exercise of union power is past," the Commission says. "With that power already achieved, the union now has the opportunity and the obligation to help in working out whatever measures are necessary for effective discipline and management in the industry."

Warned to End Outlaw Strikes.

The union leaders are warned that they should find means of putting an end for all time to outlaw strikes in the coal field.

"Threats of outlaw strikes are wholly to be condemned," the Commission declares, "and the one best organization to put a stop to them is the union, for people do not often work well together after the law has once stepped in between them."

Commenting upon general strikes, the Commission severely scores both operators and miners for propaganda put out by both sides at such a time, propaganda which, it is asserted, misleads and confuses the public when it should have full and accurate information from responsible sources.

"The loose and often swashbuckling literature that emerges on occasion from legal and publicity departments on both sides is a constant incitement to trouble," the Commission says. "We have been repeatedly impressed by the complete detachment of these agents of publicity from the facts that come to light in the field and from the actual opinions of the men daily at work in the industry."

"These official statements of both sides, even when the concrete incidents are in a measure true, do not represent the things that are important. They are rarely constructive and are unfortunate incitements to class bitterness that stand in the way of good relationships in the industry. The elimination of irresponsible propaganda and the substitution thereof of authoritative statements of facts and issues rid of all offensive charges and countercharges will go a long way toward better relations in the industry."

As to the general situation, the Commission says:

"Anthracite coal is the chief domestic necessity for that part of the country that has at the same time a most rigorous climate and the greatest bulk and density of population. Failure of the winter's supply of anthracite is a national disaster; any imminent prospect of such failure arouses fear to the point of panic. The public is unwilling to tolerate having a product upon which its very life depends made the plaything of militant group action."

Among the proposals which the Commission makes are that a continuing umpire or an assistant to him shall sit with the conciliation board at all its meetings; that the operator members of the Board shall have alternates; that operators shall appoint full-time representatives on the conciliation board; that something in the nature of a code for the anthracite industry shall be worked out; that the Board of Conciliation should appoint examiners to act when the facts in a local dispute are not clearly defined; that cases submitted to the Board shall be decided or referred to an umpire within thirty days; that there shall be penalties in case of violation of awards; that the next agreement should provide for a joint commission to deal with inequalities in the matter of wages and that the new agreement should correct the present discrepancy between principle and practice regarding the rights and obligations of both parties.

Renews Intervention Proposal.

The Commission restates its program for Governmental interference in case of a general strike, a program which was first outlined in the original anthracite report made public early in July. The specific recommendation on this point is:

"The next agreement shall run for such period as may be agreed upon and at the end of such period shall be considered to have been renewed except in respect to such provisions as either party may have expressed a purpose to change by serving notice of such purpose on the other party ninety days before the renewal date.

"Upon these points the parties shall immediately confer, and if within sixty days of the renewal date they have been unable to agree, the agreement shall provide that they record the fact of their inability to agree and the issues upon which they cannot agree to the President of the United States. It is recommended that the President thereupon appoint a person or persons to inquire into the reasons of the failure to agree and make public a report before the renewal date.

"We recommend further that the renewal date of the anthracite agreement shall be set sufficiently far from the renewal date of the bituminous agreement that suspension in both industries at once shall not be invited."

The major part of the report is devoted to the causes of friction. These causes are to include the attitude toward the agreement, wages, hours, irregular operation, attitude toward restriction of output, discharge and discipline, union membership and the administration of labor relations.

Want New Plan for Operators.

It is suggested that the operators organize along lines similar to the United Mine Workers, so that they may have an organization functioning all the year round instead of one that springs into existence only when a new agreement is to be negotiated. The operators on their part, it is said, may make public resort to legal methods unnecessary and they have abundant opportunity to concentrate responsibility for labor relations upon some high official who will aid in weakening the forces making for misunderstanding. Primarily the industry needs "the growth of a better spirit and a better partnership," investigators assert.

Although the union has arranged its organization so that the district representatives take part in the handling of union dispute cases, there is no association of employers to make easy the attainment of a similar unity on their side in the early stages of the dispute, the report continues.

Views on conciliation are set forth in detail as follows:

"Consistency of practice at the point where disputes arise has been found essential in most industries where experience in working under an agreement has been had. But in anthracite mining the union virtually deals separately with each company up to the time of appeal to the Board, to the disadvantage of the employers and of the whole joint structure."

"To provide for the next steps in progress, it is recommended that the next agreement shall plan for the following:

"1. A continuing umpire or an assistant to him shall sit with the Conciliation Board at all its meetings.

"2. The operators shall elect for each of their three members of the Conciliation Board an alternate (or alternates) who should be a man (or men) of like standing in the industry and who should have authority to act in the absence of the member.

"3. The operators shall appoint a full-time representative with adequate assistants, who jointly with the district officers of the union shall consider at the mine each case which is to be appealed to the Conciliation Board, so that one more possibility may be offered for local settlement by mutual consent, and so that the cases before the Board may have thorough and unified presentation from the operators' side. Upon him will be placed the responsibility of developing among the mine companies and their executives, especially mine superintendents and foremen, a sound and consistent approach to the labor problem.

Project for a Code Set Forth.

"4. The parties to the agreement shall provide for a committee to work out a restatement of the whole agreement in terms that the two parties would agree to abide by to-day. Such a statement would be in the nature of a code for the anthracite industry.

"5. If the facts in a case are not clearly and definitely presented to the Board of Conciliation it shall be the duty of the Board to appoint one or more examiners immediately to investigate and furnish it with such facts.

"6. A case submitted to the Board shall be decided or referred to the umpire within thirty days, or shall be continued by joint agreement of the parties to the case.

"7. There shall be included suitable clauses for penalties in case of violation, the general nature of these penalties to be worked out by the parties to the agreement and stated in the agreement.

"Many elements affecting the miners' difficulties in mining anthracite coal vary so widely that a day's work, and, therefore, the appropriate rates per ton, per car or per yard are very dissimilar among the various working forces. These variations are met now by various allowances and considerations, which, however, use the conditions of 1902 as a base from which to figure. This base in itself was the cumulative result of trading under widely varying conditions of mining and of trading strength, and the physical circumstances of 1902 have in many cases altered completely; yet there would be nothing but harm arise from attempting to correct the 1902 base by further trading alone.

"It is manifest that, owing to these causes, there are many inequities among the rates of the employees of the anthracite district which will arouse more and more irritation as years go on. To obtain a scientific basis upon which to fix such rates will require many months if not years of study and examination. It is therefore essential that the parties to the agreement take up the subject immediately and we recommend that:

"8. The next agreement shall provide for a joint commission to inaugurate a careful study of the elements of the jobs in the anthracite industry, for the purpose of building up a scientific and more equitable basis for rate making. Pending results of such study, it will be necessary, of course, to retain the old 1903 base.

Variation in a Day's Work.

"Too much is said and too little known about a day's work for a miner. It varies with the physiology and mental attitude of the worker, with his rate of speed and his skill, with geology and with skill in management. Overwork is always a possibility. Where a miner sets his own limits to his day's work he is unavoidably influenced by his ideas of a satisfactory level of income and by his fears of the adverse effects that may result from records of high earnings. Not a little restriction of output arises under such circumstances. Its only cure is such an analysis of the elements of the job as has just been recommended.

"It is reasonable to estimate that the sense of unfairness among the relatively few men working ten to twelve hours per day, or thereabouts, keeps up irritations which cost more than whatever the saving if any from the longer hours. We, therefore, recommend that:

"9. Provision shall be made in the next agreement for the elimination of the long day.

"For good management there must exist power of discipline and discharge, safeguarded only against the abuses of precipitancy, capriciousness and the like. These powers to-day are abridged scarcely at all by the agreement, but are materially abridged by attitudes which have grown up in spite of it. We recommend, therefore, that:

"10. The new agreement shall correct the present discrepancy between principle and practice by stating specifically the rights of obligations of both parties. In our judgment the right of discharge and discipline should rest with the operator subject to appeal and prompt review by the conciliation machinery in case the discipline is alleged to have been unreasonable or unjust. Obviously both parties must be committed to abide faithfully by the results of such review.

Union's Field of Service.

"The union stands in a relation to its own members which implies a service beyond the mere activity of grievance and strike committees. If the union is wise it will not permit the employer to take over the duty of securing members, thus shutting it off from a responsibility and a contract with the rank and file that in the long run must be the source of its vitality. By close, continuous, and effective educational contact it must steadily build up the calibre of all its leaders, and greatly increase attendance at its meetings.

"Habitual resort to petty strikes means sacrificing a real authority based upon recognition of work for a temporary authority based on force and threats of force which the nation will sooner or later be obliged to curb. The national union must daily serve the anthracite industry or expect dissension and secessions. The district organization must afford a control which enforces the agreement, or expect the public to provide an enforcement more mechanical, less expert, and less sympathetic."

"It is stated that 'when the union in the eyes of the people shall have had the chance and failed, there will be almost no escape from resort to legal methods.'" The report continues:

"But the operators have similar obligations and opportunities. The operators may aid in making public resort to legal methods unnecessary. They are in a position to harvest the experience in their own and in other industries and, in the light of that experience, to concentrate dispassionately on the best methods of adjusting practice to the real psychology of men at work.

"In the systematic cultivation of their relations with their own employees, in the selection and development of leaders of men as foremen, in continuing the education of men in management, and in organized efforts to build internal good-will—the operators have an opportunity to strengthen all normal motives toward co-operation and thus to weaken the forces making for strife. The dominance in the anthracite fields of the large company with all its chance for concentration of responsibility for labor relations upon some high official, offers every opportunity and hope, if the will be there.

"Primarily, it is the growth of a better spirit and a better partnership the industry needs, and we see no hope of encouraging such a growth by punitive legislation. The foregoing suggestions for changes in administration on both sides have not been given too hard and fast a form. The

men of the industry should know better than we the precise form which measures necessary to progress should take. Both parties, however, must lay stress upon the fact that the American people will expect much."

Big Strikes in the Field.

On the subject of strikes the report says:

"The great strike of 1902 brought about a coal famine just at the approach of winter and was only ended by the vigorous action of President Roosevelt after there had been widespread suffering. Since then public anxiety has been aroused by general strikes or suspensions in 1906, 1912, 1920 and 1922; some of these cessations have occasioned serious hardship. The approaching expiration of the agreement between the anthracite operators and the United Mine Workers again puts that part of the national fuel supply in jeopardy.

"The frequency with which labor trouble has stopped production of anthracite coal, the disregard of public interest shown on occasion in the attitude of one or the other of the parties to these controversies, and the apparent impotence of the public to protect itself has created a situation that the public considers intolerable. In search for a remedy certain citizens are advocating even so drastic a measure as nationalization of the mines, while others are insisting on compulsory arbitration and outlawry of strikes. The demand for some sort of remedial public action is practically universal.

"President Roosevelt in 1902 asserted vigorously the public interest in anthracite mining; public sentiment ever since has approved his stand. The Anthracite Coal Strike Commission appointed at that time laid the foundation for machinery that is still functioning. This machinery operates under collective agreements between the operators and the union and except at the times when agreements expire, has maintained approximate peace in the industry. Collective bargaining with partial public participation is, therefore, an established fact in anthracite mining.

"Periodic strikes and the ever recurring menace of strikes emphasized by loose militant utterances on both sides is a condition that should be corrected, if correction is possible.

Seeking Views of Workers.

Declaring that relations in the anthracite industry proceed from day to day in a much greater spirit of mutual accommodation than the public utterances of the union and of the operators would lead one to expect, the investigators consider that the most constructive way of improving these relations will be to find those situations and methods of procedure that are best and those individuals that are doing the most to promote good relationships. Having considered the machinery of the Roosevelt Commission of 1902 as an established part of the labor relations of the industry, the report states that the investigators have tried "to get at the real mind of the industry as distinguished from its official mind."

The organization and procedure of industrial relations in the anthracite field prior to 1903 and subsequent to 1903 is summarized by the investigators who say that the former period was characterized by extreme instability. Unions appeared in the field as early as 1848, but none maintained a continued existence. A serious three months' strike in 1887-88 under the guidance of the Knights of Labor was defeated, and this put an end to collective bargaining for a decade.

In 1897 the United Mine Workers, which had been organizing the bituminous fields, began work in the anthracite industry. In 1900 a strike was called of its 8,000 members and more than 100,000 workers responded. The operators conceded the men's demands and the strike ended on Oct. 28, having been called Sept. 17.

In May 1902 another strike was called, lasting five months, when it was ended by the vigorous action of President Roosevelt. The operators accepted the demand of the union for arbitration, and the issues were submitted to the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission appointed by the President. The Commission reported in March 1903, "and with its award begins a new period of industrial relations," as it set up machinery for the adjustment of disputes which has continued for twenty years. During this period there have been three general suspensions of work and one protest strike, the report states, in 1906, in 1912, in 1920 and in 1922.

Men Involved in Struggle.

Here is a summary of the men involved in the four suspensions and the duration of the strikes:

Strikes Involving the Whole Anthracite Field, 1903-23 (Figures also Include Petty Strikes that Occurred During the Years Shown).

Year—	Date of Beginning.	Date of Ending.	Men Involved.
1906	April 1	May 7	161,039
1912	April 1	May 20	151,958
1920	Sept. 2	Sept. 19	96,840
1922	April 1	Sept. 11	142,442

The report then described the changes making toward complete recognition of the union and the improvements in the machinery for the adjustment of disputes that have been inaugurated since 1903.

"The anthracite regions comprise three districts of the United Mine Workers of America, corresponding roughly to the three producing fields, District 1 embracing the Wyoming or northern field, District 7 the Lehigh or central field, and District 9 the Schuylkill or southern field. In the three districts, the union claims to-day a paid up membership of approximately 100,000 out of a total of approximately 160,000 workers.

"Many of the remaining workers are in occupations not eligible for membership under the agreement. The organization is to-day substantially complete, but this situation is comparatively recent, for as late as 1919 the President of the United Mine Workers reported that there were 100,000 workers outside the organization in the anthracite industry.

"The strength of the organization varies by districts. It is weakest in District 1, in which approximately 56% of the men are located. Here it is estimated that somewhat over half of the eligible workers belong to the union. District 7, with about 13% of the employees, claims to be completely organized, while District 9, which comprises about 31% of the wage earners, is almost completely organized but has been so only a short time.

Methods of the Union.

"The general scheme of organization is characteristic of the United Mine Workers of America. At the top is the International, with headquarters in Indianapolis. Under it is the district, the chief administrative division, usually divided still further into sub-districts; and at the base is the local, the unit of organization. In general, the local consists of all the workers eligible for membership at each mine or colliery.

"This is the most common type in the anthracite fields and is known as the colliery local. The general local is also found. This is a local consisting of workers living in a given community and working in a number of collieries. Sometimes these general locals consist exclusively of members of one foreign language group. The union has come to regard the general local as unsatisfactory in that there is less unity of interest among the members, that affairs of one colliery only may be voted on by workers outside that colliery, and that contradictory action may be taken by different groups on the same grievance.

"In 1920 the union decided to revoke the charter of all general locals, making the colliery local the only recognized form. Progress has been made toward eliminating the general local, but the attempt to do away with it has led to much ill-feeling and strife where the general local is unwilling to surrender its funds.

"Union administration begins with the local which has its own corps of officers and a mine or grievance committee. This committee is the authorized delegation of the local at the colliery and it is its duty to take up grievances with the company officials, as already described.

"Each district is governed by a periodic district convention which makes the rules for the organization, subject always to certain limitations imposed by the constitution of the international. Between sessions of the conventions, administrative power is in the hands of the District Executive Board, consisting of the District President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and representatives elected by the sub-districts, usually supplemented by representatives elected at large. The district President is the chief administrative officer and usually determines the character of the district administration.

"The sub-district has its own Executive Board and in some cases a sub-district President; but, with some exceptions, the sub-district is not an important unit in the anthracite fields.

Conferences in the District.

"The three districts hold periodically tri-district conferences of delegates which formulate the demands to be presented at the next wage conference and determine certain matters of common policy. There are no permanent officers of the tri-district convention.

"Each district, moreover, sends delegates to the biennial convention of the International, which is the ruling body for the union as a whole. By its decisions the anthracite districts as well as the bituminous are bound. The International also maintains some officers in the districts who work with the district officers in maintaining the organization. These include a number of organizers, a member of the International Executive Board for each district and International auditors.

"Outside of the official organization and, in the main, unrecognized by it, is the General Grievance Committee which is found in some localities. This is a committee made up of delegates from all the collieries of one company organized to take up with the company officials grievances which affect the whole group of collieries.

"The suggested scheme for a trade agreement proposed by the Commission of 1902 provided for general grievance committees for this purpose. As they cut across district lines, and, hence, across the administrative divisions of the union, and as they early got into the hands of insurgent leaders they have usually not been sanctioned by the union. Most of them have not succeeded in treating with the operators, although several companies do meet with them. They are important in the insurgent movement, but are not a part of the official union plan of organization."

Grouping of the Operators.

The operators' organization is described as follows:

"The operators have no organization for dealing directly and continuously with the union during the agreement period. There are two general operator associations, the Anthracite Coal Operators' Association, consisting of independent operators, and the Anthracite Bureau of Information, to which both 'railroad' companies and independents belong. Neither of these organizations deals directly with labor matters. For negotiation with the union at the expiration of the agreement and to act as general spokesman of the operators, a General Policies Committee exists which consists of fifteen operators from the two.

"Within the districts there is no organization of operators whatsoever. The operator members of the Conciliation Board are selected one from each district at a special caucus of the operators of that district, but the individual company remains the unit of administration in dealing with the union."

The first of the important causes of friction discussed in the report is the attitude toward the agreement. Both operators and union officials, it is said, believe in the agreement and out of more than fifty responsible operator executives interviewed only two were opposed to the idea of an agreement with the union. Many criticised the way the agreement was working out, opposing certain features, condemning the policies and practices of the union, but the consensus of opinion was that they were better off with the agreement than without it.

An investigator described the general sentiment in one district as follows:

"Without a single exception all operators, independent or railroad, small or large, voiced approval of the present agreement. There is no longer a question as to the possibility of operating without an agreement. They are accustomed to it; they get a certain stability of wages under it; and in general they get a large degree of law and order from it, which few of them would be able to get singly. The operators appreciate the collective strength given them by the agreement."

The union officials held identical views toward the agreement and among no essential group in the union was there any advocacy of abolishing the agreement and taking whatever the union could get without it, the investigators declared.

Continuing, the report said:

"At some local union meetings marked pride in upholding the agreement was manifested. The familiarity shown with its terms was noticeable. At these meetings, and at many other places where miners gather, its points were debated and explained. Such observations indicate that a very considerable basis of faith in the idea of an agreement exists on both sides."

Difference on Policies.

From the standpoint of performance under the agreement, the report divides the operators into five classes: A group with a liberal constructive labor policy standing firmly for the maintenance of the operators' rights under the agreement; a "peace-at-any-price group," consisting of those who under stress "give away essential rights of the operators under the agreement"; a group of companies with little central control whose labor policy is the policy of their respective foremen; a liberal constructionist group energetically supporting the letter of the agreement, and a group that tries to "get away with things" by whatever method possible, agreement or no agreement.

Remarkable that on the union side the practice toward the agreement in many places is in similar contrast to the union's theoretical views, the Commission says:

"The 1902 Anthracite Coal Strike Commission provided that disagreement over disputes arising during the term of an agreement should be taken up with the Board of Conciliation, and that 'no suspension of work shall take place, by lockout or strike, pending the adjudication of any matter so taken up for adjustment.' Since the awards of the 1902 Commission have been renewed as a part of each agreement since that time, this provision is still binding between the union and the operators. Not uncommonly this provision of the agreement is treated as a scrap of paper.

"Button" Strikes Condoned.

"All the district leaders show real knowledge of the contract and of their responsibilities under it. They realize that strikes are outlawed and h

it is their duty to prevent them and even to discipline locals who go out in violation of the contract. But all believe in the threat to strike and in practice they make exceptions to their condemnation of some strikes, especially of 'button' strikes.

"In general, where they consider orderly method is inadequate for the relief of a real grievance, they tacitly sanction the resort to strike. One District Vice-President, for example, admitted that under cover he advised a stoppage as a means of correcting a bad rate, and the same leader in speaking of a company that persistently violated the contract, wished the workers there would indulge in a few strikes. Furthermore, discipline is weak over locals who go on strike and over local leaders who call illegal strikes. In one instance that has come to our attention, the District President threatened to revoke the local's charter, but this was an exceptional proceeding. In no case, so far as is known, has a local committeeman been removed for his part in an illegal strike, although the district officers have the power to do this. In consequence, petty strikes and suspensions do occur.

"It was difficult to get comprehensive information about petty strikes and stoppages direct from the operators and the union, owing to the inadequacy of records. The Anthracite Bureau of Information submitted a statement from companies for which they had been able to secure information for the period from September 1922 to March 1923. According to this statement, there have been sixty-eight strikes or stoppages in the six months involving a total of 56,646 men with a loss of 188,514 man days. Out of sixty-eight strikes thirty-two were reported to be of only one day's duration and fifty-two were of three days or less. One strike, however, lasted fourteen days; one thirteen, and there were two of eleven days each.

"Even while the Commission is deliberating on its recommendations for the anthracite industry, strikes occur in direct violations of the agreement in attempts to force coal salesmen, electricians, inspectors, &c., into the union.

Forcing the Payment of Dues.

"The most common of all petty strikes is the 'button' strike. A button strike is a strike called by the union for the purpose of compelling some one working in a colliery to join the union or to pay union dues. A certain day each month is observed as button day. Buttons are supplied to the local unions by the district office, and there is a new button with a distinguishing mark or color for every month in the year. Therefore, these buttons are receipts for the monthly dues.

"The miners are supposed to pin them in a conspicuous place on their clothes, usually on their caps, so that the button committee can easily see them. If a miner is discovered by the committee without such a button, an explanation is due, and if satisfactory explanation is not given the man is told he cannot work in the mines unless he pays his dues. If he insists on working without the button and the company permits him to do so, all the union miners stop work.

"While union officials do not defend the button strike from the standpoint of the agreement, the attitude in practice toward it is one of approval.

"The most serious aspect of all of these strikes is not in their direct addition to cost, but in their effect on morale. They represent a constant threat alike to the industry and to the agreement which the decision of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission of 1902 sought to eliminate.

"Inadequate provisions in the agreement, unscrupulous management and delays in clearing up grievances may and do aggravate such strikes; but these aside, the illegal strike and the threat to strike are used as a conscious and illegal policy by the union to obtain advantages which it is not granted under the agreement. The above examples indicate that practice in the industry quite frequently assumes that the agreement is regarded as a law intended to restrain the other fellow."

Uniform Wage Basis Difficult.

About two-thirds of the cases reported by the Conciliation Board in the last ten years involved wage rates. It is pointed out that there are two groups of workers, inside and outside day men, who comprise 60% of the workers, and contract miners and their laborers who represent approximately 40%. The former are paid on an hourly, daily or monthly rate and the latter are paid a piece rate varying with the method of mining, the pitch of the seam and the traditional practice of the mine.

The investigators declare that there has been no scientific basis of rate making in anthracite mining, as conditions on piece-work basis make it extremely difficult. Uniform piece rates are impractical and in the absence of scientific adjustment a variety of practices grew up which the 1902 Commission found so complex that it decided not to tamper with them and arbitrarily awarded a 10% increase to contract miners to be added to the existing rates.

Subsequent agreements have followed the same policy, "thereby deepening and accentuating the original inequalities," so that "the perpetuation of the old differences has given rise to new inequalities, since a rate that was relatively adequate in 1902 may have become inadequate due to change of local conditions."

Among specific causes of friction given in the report are these: Differences in the amount paid from colliery to colliery for work that is apparently similar. It is pointed out that the work may or may not be essentially the same, but it is called by the same name "and a detailed knowledge of mining conditions at the two collieries is needed before it is clear whether or not there are differences in work, justifying a difference in rates."

Difference in the basis of payment for non-productive work or work other than drilling, shooting or loading coal.

The system of making allowances or transferring to a time bases.

Multiplicity of day rates for the same occupation.

Failure to publish the rate sheet.

Absence of specifications.

Individual bargaining.

Bargaining Results Vary.

Continuing, the report says: "The system of individual bargaining at its worst works as follows: The foreman offers a man a rate on new work. He can take it or leave it. If he refuses to take it the company may go on offering it until some one takes it. When times are good or the union is strong, it may be impossible to find any one to take it, even though the rate is in line with rates for old work. When times are bad or the workers are more tractable, the company can, if it so desires, usually succeed in getting the work done at its own terms. Thus individual bargaining for new work makes it possible for the company to nibble off the scale when it has the upper hand, and equally possible for the workers to run it up when they are in a position of power.

"Some companies have adopted the policy of arriving at new rates by agreement with the union, and they report that in their opinion this has resulted in less friction. Along with this collective bargaining over new rates has gone its corollary of complete publicity of rates. One company, only recently printed 1,000 copies of its rate sheet and distributed them to its employees, in order that each worker might know the rate to which he was entitled. Each employee signed the rate accepted when he started on work at a new face.

"It is inevitable that each year a rate basis which grew up before 1903 should come to fit existing facts less and less accurately and cause, there-

fore, more and more local irritation. To attempt revision of the rate structure without comparative study of the principal jobs would be to launch upon a project of great complexity and of vital public concern with little beyond the accidents of a dubious trading process to guide it. Tested industrial practice has established the wisdom of developing objective standards to supplement a trading basis.

"To make a usable beginning of such studies, starting with the simple and proceeding to the more difficult cases, will require several years' work by competent men, backed by active and cordial co-operation from the leaders of the operators and of the union. It is essential that the undertaking be started at once by provision in the agreement for its joint installation and support."

Friction Over Long Work Day.

The subject of hours is the next cause of friction taken up in the report. The eight-hour-day, it is declared, is practically the prevailing day for the industry, but there are some occupations in which the men work ten and twelve hours. The study of wage rates indicates that in 148 collieries about 2% of the employees in 55 specified occupations work in excess of eight hours a day and about 70% of this 2% work on a 12-hour basis.

It is held that some of the occupations are not burdensome and do not involve an amount of strain comparable with eight hours of work in the mines. However, continuous complaints are being made from those working more than eight hours a day and the investigators hold that "it is certain that as long as the day in excess of eight hours exists it will continue to be a source of irritation when the basic day for the industry is eight hours."

Referring to the union demand for a six-hour day and five-day week, which has received a great deal of publicity since 1920, the report points out that this demand has not been included in the subsequent demands of the union. "We do not find that the lack of a six-hour, five-day clause in the agreement constitutes a serious source of irritation," the report says.

Irregularity of operation and attendance is the next cause of friction discussed in the report. Poor attendance and short hours are one of the most common sources of complaint by the operators, the report states. A study of records for 1921 indicates that an average absence rate for all workers at all mines is 11.5%.

Between 1890 and 1903 the mines were operated irregularly and in that period there was only one year in which the men averaged 200 days of work. The situation improved by 1903, but by 1908 the mines did not average 225 days a year. Since 1910, however, the days worked have always been over 225 and since 1916 always over 250, except for the strike year of 1922.

The Commission is thus led to assume that the anthracite industry has changed from one in which one of the foremost characteristics was its irregularity to one which compares favorably with most industries in this respect.

"In short," the investigators report, "irregularity of operation, which formerly complicated the problem of industrial relations in the anthracite industry and which is still a disturbing factor in bituminous mining, still continues as a problem of the industry, but extraordinary progress toward solution has been made."

Reports on Limiting Output.

The report takes up the agreement which provides that there shall be no concerted effort on the part of the miners or mine workers of any colliery or collieries, to limit the output of the mines or to detract from the quality of the work performed, unless such limitation of output be in conformity to an agreement between an operator or operators, and an organization representing a majority of said miners in his or their employ."

"The official document submitted to the Commission by the counsel of the General Policies Committee of the Anthracite Operators on May 15, gives the impression that the limitation of output is very generally practised throughout the anthracite field. Without doubt, limitation of output does exist. The amount varies by districts and does not seem to be an important problem in two of the three districts. In one district, the investigator reports as follows: 'Aside from the holding back of production by irregular work we found no complaint among the operators in the district about restriction of output. None of the operators interviewed said that they had any evidence of concerted action among the miners to restrict output and practically all of them stated that there was no such concerted action in their mines.'

Then follows the reports of a group of mine managers, who say that there is no restriction of output. One manager says that his colliery is able to get extra production through the co-operation of the men. The manager also declares that at times the district union leaders seek to prevent a large output because "they say the earnings of the men will be cited by the operators as normal when they are the result, in fact, of extra effort."

Customs as to Normal Work.

"A high union official of this same district, discussing the union attitude toward the restriction of output, said:

"On restriction of output, there is no concerted action on the part of miners to restrict in District ——. There are, however, what I consider as unwritten laws among the miners which have a bearing on the subject. For as long as I can remember miners have had certain standards of what is a fair day's work. When they were working ten hours a day, men driving gangways, for example, would drive 'two lengths.' Similarly men driving breasts would do the propping, drilling and shot-firing and then go home. Others would load so many cars. Whatever was considered a 'fair day's work' was done and any miner who went home without having completed that customary standard day's work was looked upon as having done wrong."

In another district, the investigators report, restriction of output was found. Among the examples from this district were the following:

"The local at one mine had recently passed a rule restricting output to a certain number of cars per day, local officers admitted. After this rule was in effect one month it was rescinded, they added. The purpose of the rule was to make the work last longer.

"The Assistant General Manager of a large company says that restriction of output is a real factor. He produced a receipt made on union stationery to a miner who had been fined for loading more cars than his local permitted. He also had a copy of the minutes of the meeting which passed the measure to restrict output and the fine for violation. He points to this union rule as ample evidence of concerted local action to restrict output. He does not accuse the district officers of knowledge of this local rule.

"It is not to be understood from these examples that restriction of output exists in all mines or in anything like all the mines. It was the observation of the investigators that many mines did not have the problem at all."

Right to Discharge Restricted.

Another cause of industrial friction is the subject of discharge and discipline. In an early case, it is said, the Conciliation Board decided that the employer had the right to discharge for any reason, except union membership, and it has generally refused to reinstate discharged workers unless there was evidence of discrimination.

"But this has not meant that the employer has been free to discharge or discipline a worker at will," the investigators report. The union has resorted to strikes and threats of strikes, so that in practice the employers'

freedom of discharge has been modified. In most cases discharges are made only if the union tacitly consents.

"Friction over discharge and discipline at the present time arises from the fact that the agreement does not define the rights of both parties and that restrictions have been placed upon the employers' rights in practice which are not specified in the agreement. While many companies have accepted the situation, many have done so under protest, feeling that they have been deprived of rights which should belong to them. In these cases the absence of the right to discharge at will is a source of irritation to the company. Where the employer has not accepted the situation and attempts to exercise real freedom of discharge, dispute arises."

Views on Union Membership.

Turning to the question of union membership as a source of friction in the industry the investigators say that the agreement is mutually accepted as a permanent institution in the industry. They continue:

"In signing the anthracite agreement the operators clearly obligated themselves by necessary implication not to destroy the union nor to actively take any action calculated to weaken the union in the discharge of its obligations and the exercise of its rights under the agreement. They also obligated themselves, by the language just quoted, not to discriminate against members of the union, and, by necessary implication from this language, and from the fact of signing an agreement, not to adopt policies calculated to discourage employees from joining the union or remaining members of it.

"This same obligation would apply both in respect to overt acts and to activities which by inference would be calculated to undermine the integrity and proper strength of the union. Beyond this, there is in the agreement no provision which can be interpreted to justify the union in forcing the operators to insist upon membership in the union as a condition of employment. If there is a tacit understanding on the part of the operators that they will further the efforts of the union to bring about complete organization, such understanding would have to be implied from the acts of the operators subsequent to the signing of the agreement; it cannot be found in the agreement itself.

"What practice should obtain in respect to union membership under a collective bargaining agreement is a debatable question, the answer to which should be arrived at by agreement or mutual accommodation between the parties. But any answer which relieves the union of responsibility for maintaining itself, and thus divorces the question of membership from the service rendered, is bound to be harmful to the union, not to mention the other interested parties. Unions like other institutions slip easily into arrogance and incapacity when existence is made too easy. Such a condition is sure sooner or later to make them a prey to attack from both within and without."

Increased Power of Workers.

The last source of friction discussed is the way in which these administrative relations. It is pointed out that each of the three parties to the agreement, the operator, the union and the public, has a definite share of responsibility in the administration of relations and that the way in which these administrative responsibilities are discharged, makes for friction or the absence of friction.

Prior to 1913, the report says, the greater bargaining strength was on the operators' side, strikes prior to that date having been the endeavor of the union to establish itself. The strength of the union between 1903 and 1922 increased. By 1922, according to the report, there had been a further change. It says:

"The conditions which had preceded 1903 had so far reversed themselves that the miners' organization was in a position where it was frequently able to dictate terms to many individual operators and the operators' organization was less effective in daily bargaining than the union. Such a collective bargaining agreement as exists in the anthracite industry can not be maintained by police or statutory power, but can be maintained only by the sense of responsibility and approval in each party to the agreement, backed on either side by an organization powerful enough and effective enough to command the respect of the other side and of its own members."

On the union side such an organization exists, the report continues, but there is no such organization among the operators, the employers having no collective organization that functions from day to day in connection with the agreement. So that the union, except when negotiating for a new agreement, deals separately with each company "and each operator must depend on his own unaided power and ability in dealing with the union." The Commission maintains that a disproportion in relative bargaining effectiveness results and so long as this continues "the process of the attrition of the agreement will be likely to continue."

"Moreover," the report adds, "another period of great strikes is likely to ensue corresponding to those between 1900 and 1912. This time, however, it will probably be the operators instead of the union who will be appealing to the public for fair play.

The Commission suggests the establishment by the operators for each mine or company of a major executive official whose exclusive or chief duty will be the development of labor relations. This point is stressed in the report, which explains in detail the many opportunities for harmonizing the employers and the workers that are latent in such an executive place.

Responsibilities of Labor.

As to union administration which causes friction in the industry, the report points out that once a union signs an agreement with employers it has ceased to be a fighting organization exclusively but agrees to take over definite responsibilities for maintaining relations.

In signing an agreement in the anthracite industry the union agrees to maintain discipline among its locals. It also assumes the responsibility of educating the leaders and the membership of the locals.

The report says there is no question as to the effectiveness of the union in protecting its interests under the agreement, but it is said that "the responsibility to uphold the agreement is very inadequately performed," as evidenced "by the frequent petty strikes called by local unions, often with the knowledge and tacit approval of the district officials, thus constituting a direct violation of the terms of the agreement; to the extent that these methods are used there is irresponsible management."

Responsibility for seeing that the agreement is kept by the union must rest on the district and national officers, the report says. It declares that the local union, being largely autonomous, without close relationship to the district, is subject to strikes without reference to the district organization, and therefore "in violation of the agreement." The Commission holds that the district organization has an opportunity for the education of the local that is similar to the opportunity of the companies with their executives.

Several suggestions are made with the aim of improving the functioning of the present conciliation machinery. Among these is the agreement of a new code of relations to take the place of the one adopted in 1902.

In discussing the general strike in the industry, the Commission brands it as "an extravagant and unfortunate method of settling disputes." The seriousness of the question has led some to demand nationalization and other compulsory arbitration of strikes, but the Commission says it does not follow "from the fact that the public has become rightfully exasperated that the most drastic action will be the most effective."

Turco-American Treaty of Commerce and Amity Signed at Lausanne—Secretary of State Hughes' Statement on Negotiations.

After nearly three months of negotiations a new treaty of commerce and amity was signed at Lausanne on August 6 between the United States and Turkey, paving the way for resumption of diplomatic relations which were severed on April 20 1917. A treaty of extradition also was signed on August 6 between the two countries. Both of these were negotiated by Minister Grew, American representative, and Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation, which on July 24 concluded a new treaty of peace at Lausanne with the principal Allied Powers. The new treaty between Turkey and the United States replaces a treaty nearly a century old, which was negotiated in 1830. An official summary of the new instrument was given out by Secretary Hughes at Washington on August 6 following a confirmation of the announcement that it had been signed. With regard to the final ceremonies attendant on the signing of the two treaties, the Associated Press dispatches from Lausanne had the following to say:

Joseph C. Grew, the American representative, in a brief address after the signature, declared that the conventions permit of "close and useful co-operation between the two countries."

Mr. Grew recalled that during the past few years Turkey has been the scene of events of far-reaching significance, and as a consequence her relations with other countries had been greatly modified, her system of government and political ideals changed, and it seemed fitting that these changes should furnish the occasion and reason for the conclusion of treaties with the United States.

Ismet Pasha laid emphasis on the ties of democracy binding the United States and Turkey. He depicted Turkey as a "new Turkey," and a land whose Government was based on the will of the people; hence his pleasure at entering on friendly and co-operative relations with the great American Republic.

The two treaties, one general and the other relating to extradition, printed in French, were signed by Mr. Grew, Ismet Pasha, Riza Nur Bey and Hassan Bey. The two delegations sat around a table in the drawing room of the Ouchy Hotel and solemnly affixed their signatures in the presence of a small group of Americans and others.

Mr. Grew was assisted in the negotiations by Frederic R. Dolbeare, F. Lamott Bellin and G. Howland Shaw of the London, Paris and Constantinople Embassies, respectively; Edgar W. Turlington, Assistant Solicitor of the State Department, and Maynard B. Barnes, Vice-Counsel at Smyrna, who remained at his post throughout the recent disaster and now proceeds to Angora as representative of the United States.

Ismet Pasha, ever gentle and smiling, said, when all was over: "At last it is finished. To-morrow I start for Angora. I have tried to be just and reasonable. Europe and the United States will find that Turkey will live up to her engagements and will seek to be a worthy member of the concert of nations."

In giving out the treaty, Secretary Hughes authorized this statement:

An agreement was not reached with regard to the manner of settlement of claims against the respective Governments, Mr. Grew exchanged communications with Ismet Pasha which provided for further consideration of this question at an early date and reserved the right of the two Governments to withhold ratification of the treaties until an accord on the point has been reached.

The official summary of the treaty given out by Secretary Hughes follows:

Preamble.—The purpose of the treaty is to regulate the conditions of intercourse between the United States and Turkey and to define the rights of their respective nationals in the territory of the other in accordance with the principles of international law and on the basis of reciprocity.

Article 1. Most-favored-nation treatment is accorded to the diplomatic officers of the two countries.

Article 2. Provides for the abrogation of the capitulations relating to the regime of foreigners in Turkey, both as regards conditions of entry and residence and as regards fiscal and judicial questions.

Article 3. Nationals of the high contracting parties have full liberty of entry, travel and residence upon conforming to the laws of the country, and shall enjoy protection in conformity with international law. Their property shall not be taken without due process of law or without indemnity.

They may, under the local laws and regulations in force, engage in every kind of profession, commerce, &c., not forbidden by law to all foreigners. They shall have the right to possess and dispose of all kinds of movable property on a footing of equality with the nationals of the country. As regards immovable property, the nationals of each country shall, in the territory of the other, enjoy the treatment generally accorded to foreigners by the laws of the place where the property is situated, subject to reciprocity.

They may own, lease and construct buildings for residential purposes or any other purpose permitted by the present treaty.

Upon conforming to the laws they shall enjoy liberty of conscience and worship and shall, equally with the nationals of the country, have free access to the tribunals.

Article 4. Commercial, industrial and financial companies and associations, organized under the laws of the United States and Turkey and maintaining head offices in the country in which they are organized, shall be recognized by the other country provided they pursue no aims contrary to its laws.

They shall be entitled to the same protection as that accorded to nationals in Article 3. Subject to the applicable laws they shall have free access to the courts. Such companies and associations shall, subject to the laws in force in the country, have the right to acquire, possess and dispose of every kind of movable property. As regards immovable property and the right to engage in commerce and industry, such companies shall enjoy, on condition of reciprocity, the treatment generally accorded by the laws in the locality where such companies are constituted.

They shall be able freely to carry on their activities subject to the requirements of public order.

Article 5. Domiciliary visits and searches of dwellings, warehouses, factories, &c., of nationals or companies, as well as the inspection of books, ac-

counts, &c., shall take place only under the conditions and in the form prescribed by the laws with respect to the nationals of the country.

Article 6. The nationals of one country in the territory of another shall not be subject to military service, and both individuals and companies shall be exempt from forced loans or other exceptional levies on property.

Article 7. The nationals of each country shall be accorded, in the territory of the other, the same treatment as natives in all matters concerning the collection of taxes, imposts and other charges. The companies mentioned in Article 4 shall, on condition of reciprocity, enjoy the same treatment as any similar foreign company. But this article does not apply to exemption from taxes, &c., accorded to State institutes or concessionaires of a public utility.

Article 8. In matters of personal status and family law (e. g., marriage, divorce, dowry, adoption, &c.), and, as regards movable property, the law of succession, liquidation, &c., citizens of the United States in Turkey shall be subject exclusively to the jurisdiction of the tribunals or other national authorities of the United States sitting outside of Turkey.

This does not affect the special rights of Consuls in matters of civil status under international law, or special agreements, nor does it preclude the Turkish tribunals from requiring proof regarding matters coming within the competence of the national tribunals of the interested parties. Turkish tribunals may also have jurisdiction in the above mentioned cases provided all interested parties submit thereto in writing.

Article 9. Provides for freedom of commerce and navigation between the two countries upon most-favored-nation treatment, subject to sanitary, police and customs regulations. The merchant ships of the two countries shall not be subjected to higher tonnage dues or port charges than national vessels. However, this article and other provisions in the treaty do not apply to the coastwise trade.

Article 10. Merchant and war vessels and aircraft of the United States enjoy complete liberty of navigation and passage in the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus on a basis of equality with similar craft of the most favored nation, subject to the rules relating to such navigation and passage of the Straits Convention of Lausanne of July 24 1923.

Article 11. Most-favored-nation treatment as regards import duties is accorded to articles exported from one country to the other, and no export duty is to be levied higher than that imposed upon similar articles exported to any other foreign country. No prohibition or restriction shall be imposed upon the importation or exportation of an article which is not equally applied to those of the most favored nation.

Vessels and goods of the two countries shall be accorded the same facilities accorded to a third country, irrespective of any favors granted by the third State in return for special treatment.

This article does not apply to the commerce between the United States and Cuba and the Panama Canal Zone, nor to special arrangements between Turkey and the countries detached from the Ottoman Empire since 1914.

Article 12. Most-favored-nation treatment is provided as regards the collection of consumption, excise, octroi and other local taxes on merchandise.

Article 13. Most-favored-nation treatment is accorded all merchandise as regards transit warehousing.

Article 14. No dues for tonnage, harbor, pilotage, &c., shall be levied on any vessels which are not equally levied on national vessels.

Article 15. Any vessel carrying papers required by its laws shall be deemed to be a vessel of the country whose flag it flies.

Article 16. Most-favored-nation treatment is accorded regarding patents, trade-marks, &c.

Articles 17 to 26 define in detail the rights and duties of consular officers.

Article 27. Provides for the protection of shipwrecked vessels and for the operations of salvage.

Article 28. For the purpose of the present treaty, the territories of the two countries are considered to comprise all land, water and air over which sovereignty is exercised, except the Panama Canal Zone.

Article 29. No taxes are to be collected from American citizens for any taxable periods prior to the fiscal year 1922-1923 which, under the laws in force on Aug. 1 1914, were not applicable to them. Any taxes collected after May 15 1923, on periods prior to the fiscal year 1922 will be returned, but no taxes collected before May 15 1923, for periods prior to May 15 1923, will be returned.

Article 30. All previous treaties between the United States and Turkey are abrogated. A new extradition treaty is to replace the one of 1874.

Article 31. The treaty shall come into force two months after the exchange of ratifications. Articles 1 and 2 shall be permanent. Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall be for the duration of seven years, while Articles 9 to 28 shall remain in force for five years. If neither country notifies the other six months before the expiration of these periods of its intention to denounce any of the articles in question, they shall remain in force until the expiration of a period of six months from the date on which they shall have been denounced.

Article 32. The French, English and Turkish text of this treaty shall be ratified. In case of differences the French text shall prevail. Ratifications are to be exchanged at Constantinople as soon as possible.

Secretary Hughes also made the following announcement with regard to the newly signed treaty:

Diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey were severed on April 20 1917. Although no declaration of war followed, there have been no official relations between the two countries from that date. Since 1919 the interest of the United States have been protected by an American High Commissioner at Constantinople.

Peace negotiations between the Allied Powers and Turkey were instituted early in 1920 and resulted in the signing of the Treaty of Sevres on Aug. 20 1920. This treaty was not ratified by Turkey. The United States was not a party to the treaty.

The Allied Powers subsequently invited Turkey to a conference which assembled at Lausanne on Nov. 20 1922, for the purpose of establishing peace in the Near East and to revise the Treaty of Sevres. The Governments of Great Britain, France and Italy having informed this Government that they would welcome American representation at the conference, this Government sent to Lausanne Richard Washburn Child, the American Ambassador at Rome; Rear-Admiral Mark L. Bristol, the American High Commissioner at Constantinople, and Joseph C. Grew, the American Minister at Berne.

The American representatives followed the proceedings of the conference and expressed this Government's position in matters of direct American interest and of general humanitarian concern. As the United States had not been at war with Turkey and was not negotiating a treaty of peace with that country, this Government did not become a party to the Allied treaty.

On Feb. 4 1923 the conference was suspended owing to the rejection by the Turkish delegates of certain clauses in the proposed Allied treaty. A second session of the Lausanne conference began on April 23 1923 and continued until July 24, when a treaty of peace between the Allied Powers

and Turkey was signed. During this second part of the conference, Minister Grew was the American representative.

The prospective conclusion of peace between the principal Allied Powers and Turkey made it appear advisable, in order appropriately to protect American interests, that the relations between the United States and Turkey be regularized at an early date. This appeared all the more necessary in view of the fact that in the course of the Allied negotiations with Turkey the abrogation of the capitulations had been agreed to.

On May 5 1923 Ismet Pasha, the principal Turkish delegate at the Lausanne conference, wrote to Minister Grew proposing the negotiation of a treaty of amity and commerce. The Department of State thereupon authorized Mr. Grew to begin informal conversations with the Turkish delegates to ascertain whether a proper basis for negotiations could be found. These conversations were followed by formal negotiations, and full powers were sent to Mr. Grew. A treaty of extradition was also negotiated.

After almost three months of negotiation the Department on the afternoon of Aug. 2 authorized Mr. Grew to sign the treaty of amity and commerce and the treaty of extradition. The Department is now informed that these treaties were signed at Lausanne to-day.

The extradition treaty contains the usual provisions of such treaties and calls for no special comment.

Ismet Pasha has also communicated to Mr. Grew copies of the Turkish declaration with regard to the designation by the Turkish Government of foreign judicial advisers and a communication with regard to foreign schools and institutions in Turkey, assuring such American institutions the same treatment as enjoyed by the like institutions of any foreign Power and defining in some detail the rights and privileges to be accorded these institutions.

Further Developments in the R. L. Dollings Company Failure.

According to the Columbus "Ohio State Journal" of July 28 and July 29, receivership actions were begun in Columbus on July 27 against three more subsidiary companies of the R. L. Dollings Co. of Ohio. These companies were the North Carolina Farms Co., the Florida Farms & Industries Co. and the Phoenix Portland Cement Co. of Columbus, the last named with plants, it is understood, at Birmingham, Ala., and Nazareth, Pa. The first two companies mentioned are Southern land development projects, it is said, whose entire stock issues, \$4,000,000 and \$4,336,000, have been sold in the State of Ohio. Concerning these companies the "Journal" in its July 29 issue said:

The Southern land companies, said to have been financed exclusively by Ohio capital, comprise two of the biggest projects ever attempted by the Dollings interests.

The Florida Farms & Industries Co. resulted from a consolidation in 1919 of the Southern Cattle Feeding Co. and the St. Johns River Cattle Co., each controlling 60,000 acres of land. The company has four villages on its land with department stores and a \$100,000 hotel.

It operates independent water works and telephone plants and has a 15-mile railroad. It also controls extensive logging equipment, a saw mill, turpentine plant and adity farm.

The company, according to a statement made by its auditor on the witness stand yesterday, has current debts of \$300,000, of which \$100,000 are due New York and Florida banks. Attorney Edward C. Turner, representing the receivers, brought out in his examination of this witness that the company owes \$630,000 to the R. L. Dollings Co. and the International Note & Mortgage Co.

The North Carolina Farms Co., it is stated, is virtually an undeveloped project. With proceeds of the sale of \$4,000,000 worth of stock in Ohio, a 48,000 acre lake in North Carolina was drained at an expense of approximately \$1,300,000. A railroad costing \$1,200,000 was constructed and now operates between New Holland, Higginsport and Mt. Vernon, a total distance of 17 miles.

The land reclaimed by the drainage project has a soil depth of nine feet. It is said to be the most fertile tract of land in the world.

Judge C. M. Rodgers of the Court of Common Pleas on July 27 appointed Paul A. De Long (Columbus) and Robert Lee Dowling of Green Cove, Fla., receivers for the Florida Farms & Industries Co. and on July 28 named Samuel A. Kinnear, William C. Willard, Paul A. De Long (all of Columbus) and Van B. Martin of Plymouth, No. Caro., receivers for the North Carolina Farms Co. Mr. Kinnear, Mr. Willard and Mr. De Long are the receivers appointed for the R. L. Dollings Co. of Ohio—the parent company.

Concerning the R. L. Dollings Co. of Indiana, the Ohio State "Journal" of July 29 stated that three subsidiaries of this company, namely the Rude Mfg. Co. of Liberty, Ind.; the Huga Mfg. Co. of Warsaw, Ind., and the Milholland Machine Co. of Indianapolis, were on July 28 placed in receivers' hands by Judge Hay of the Superior Court at Indianapolis. The "Journal" in this same issue also said:

The financial interests of the Dollings Co. of Ohio and that of Indiana are known to be closely interwoven. The Indiana Co. is capitalized at \$1,000,000, of which \$600,000 is Preferred and \$400,000 Common stock. The Common is owned by the Ohio company. The Ohio company also controls \$1,600,000 worth of Common stock in the International Note & Mortgage Co. of Indiana, which organization also has \$3,400,000 in Preferred stock outstanding.

To date there have been no developments here which would aid in the Indiana investigation, according to Securities Department officials.

Planning to conserve the best interests of Dollings stockholders, John A. Bushnell, Chairman of the stockholders' committee, yesterday announced that investigation has developed that a number of the subsidiary organizations have been found to be in fairly good financial condition and that any attempt to appoint receivers, which are not believed to be justified, will be contested.

The stockholders' committee, Mr. Bushnell said, also will press for the appointment of receivers who are believed to have the best interests of stockholders at heart in future cases where receiverships are deemed necessary.

"In view of the inter-relationship of the various companies," he declared, "no definite information as to the assets of any of the concerns involved can be given. In practically all companies the only interests jeopardized are those of the stockholders."

Mr. Bushnell made it plain that as soon as definite information is available the stockholders' committee will seek to have receiverships lifted and the company returned to the stockholders in all cases where the concern is found to be operating on a sound basis. In cases where reorganizations are deemed necessary, plans of reorganization deemed best fitted to conserve stockholders' interests will be drawn up and submitted for approval.

He stated that the committee also would "take such legal action as is proper in cases of fraudulent misrepresentation or breach of contract by the company or its agents."

The possibility of wholesale suits against agents of the Dollings Co. for recovery of investments was opened up yesterday at Bucyrus. Stockholders met and named a committee, with J. E. Gibson, as Chairman, to canvas stockholders of Crawford County as to the advisability of bringing suits in local courts to regain money invested, naming local agents as party defendants.

The Indianapolis "News" in its July 27 issue reported Bert McBride, President of the Continental National Bank of Indianapolis, who is the receiver appointed for the R. L. Dollings Co. of Indiana, as saying on July 27 that the liabilities of that company were estimated at approximately \$15,000,000. With regard to this the "News" went on to say:

Mr. McBride said he could not yet say how this estimated \$15,000,000 of liabilities was divided. The Dollings Co. of Indiana, he said, was capitalized at \$1,000,000, of which \$600,000 was preferred stock and \$400,000 common. The common stock is owned by the parent company, the R. L. Dollings Co., of Ohio, which also is in receivership. The Indiana company sold the \$600,000 preferred stock and also sold large amounts of preferred stock of its subsidiary companies in the State.

The Dollings interests organized the International Note & Mortgage Co., of Indiana, which was capitalized at \$5,000,000. Of this \$5,000,000 the preferred stock was \$3,400,000, which was sold to investors. The \$1,600,000 common of the International Note & Mortgage Co. likewise was owned by the Ohio company.

The Dollings Co., Mr. McBride said he has been told, also lent money to its subsidiaries. The total of all these sales and loans, he said, is estimated to be around \$15,000,000.

About the same time Mr. McBride made this statement, U. S. Lesh, Attorney-General of Indiana, acting under instructions from Governor McCray, authorized H. H. Klayer, head of the division of investigation of the Attorney-General's department, to work with Maurice Mendehall, Administrator of the State Securities Commission, in a thorough investigation of the operations of the Dollings Co. in Indiana.

Mr. McBride said it was reported that some of the companies were in good condition, or what little indebtedness was charged to them could easily be liquidated or taken care of in the proper way. Liabilities of the Indiana company, Mr. McBride said further, were attributed to a number of possible causes, among them being over-capitalization and a slowing down of business.

Mr. McBride said up to the present time he had been unable to get at the facts in relation to the affairs of the subsidiary companies and that they would be difficult to ascertain, as affairs of the Indiana company were directed from Columbus, the Ohio Dollings company owning the Indiana company common stock. For the same reason, he said, it would be difficult to place responsibility for liability.

"My chief interest as receiver for the company in Indiana," said Mr. McBride, "is to get the matter closed up as quickly and as satisfactorily as possible to the investors."

According to a press dispatch from Indianapolis appearing in the "Philadelphia News Bureau" of July 31, Bert McBride has been appointed receiver for the Clay Products Co. of Brazil, one of the subsidiary companies of the R. L. Dollings Co. of Indiana. The concern, it is said, has \$1,000,000 preferred stock and \$300,000 common stock.

With reference to the McCambridge Co., one of the subsidiaries of the R. L. Dollings Co. in Pennsylvania, against which an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed on July 27, Judge Dickinson of the United States District Court at Philadelphia on July 28 appointed David A. Longacre, Secretary of the Philadelphia Credit Men's Association, receiver for the company under a bond of \$125,000. The Philadelphia "Ledger" of July 29, with regard to the affairs of this company (which deals in plumbers' fixtures and marine specialties), said in part:

The McCambridge Co. concern was established in 1850. The 1919 income tax report showed that the company was making money, and it was declared yesterday that "fine headway" was being made. The decline, it was said, started with the administration of the Dollings Co. General conditions worked against the welfare of the corporation to a certain extent, it was pointed out, in that following the war marine specialties slumped and were no longer profitable. In addition, a great deal of money went into various experiments in the laboratory, it was said.

Feeling the need of expansion, the Dollings Co. in 1920 bought out the Eynon-Evans Co. and merged it with the McCambridge Co. The sum of \$250,000 was paid and the stockholders of the Eynon-Evans Co. received 100 cents on the dollar. The purchase of the Eynon-Evans Co. was financed by the Dollings Co. through the sale of stock.

The McCambridge Co. was capitalized at \$800,000. Of this \$600,000 was in preferred and the remainder in common stock.

It was said by Mr. Longacre, the receiver, who will run the business for sixty days, that there are many orders on hand which will be filled. At present there are about 100 employees at the plant, 3059 North Fifteenth Street. Three-fourths of these will be retained for the present.

The liabilities of the company are declared to be \$839,000, or more than twice its book assets. The Dollings Co. is a creditor against the McCambridge Co. to the sum of \$388,195.

Concerning the domination of its subsidiary companies by the R. L. Dollings Co., brought to light since the appointment of receivers for the R. L. Dollings Co. of Pennsylvania,

the American Bronze Co., of Berwyn, Pa., and the McCambridge Co. the "Ledger" in its issue of July 29 and July 31 said:

With two other receivers at work—Thomas Raeburn White for the Dollings Co. of Pennsylvania, and Robert O. Sperry for the American Bronze Co.—various details of the methods used by the Dollings Co. began to come out.

It was learned that Harry C. Taylor, formerly President of the McCambridge Co., and associated with that firm many years, resigned his connection with the company more than a year ago, because the Dollings Co. was regularly paying out dividends which the McCambridge Co. was not earning. Mr. Taylor regarded that an unsound and dangerous practice, he said.

Support for the contention of stockholders of the Dollings Co. that the real condition of affairs was known only to a few persons at the head of the concern came in the form of a statement from Mr. Taylor that he knew little about the affairs of the McCambridge Co., although nominally its head.

Mr. Taylor was concerned with selling the product of the business—plumbing supplies and marine specialties—and the operation of the plant, he said, was directed by the service department of the Dollings Co.

Mr. Taylor emphasized the fact that he was not concerned in any way with the stock-selling activities of the Dollings organization, but was associated with the McCambridge Co. merely in a commercial capacity.

It was revealed that George D. Porter, former Director of Public Safety, who resigned several months ago as Vice-President and Treasurer of the Dollings Co. of Pennsylvania, had been President of the McCambridge Co. for a time, and of the American Bronze Co.

Questioned on this point, Mr. Porter said he "didn't remember."

"I was an official of some of the Pennsylvania corporations," he said, "but at the moment I don't remember which ones."

Mr. Taylor, who had been Vice-President, succeeded Mr. Porter at the head of the McCambridge Co. When he stepped out, E. L. Usner, who had been associated with the Dollings Co. in the Middle West, was brought here and made President. He is still the head of the concern, and was in conference all yesterday morning with the receiver.

A person intimately acquainted with the affairs of the American Bronze Corporation said there was an "inner clique," familiar with conditions at the plant at Berwyn, but that most of those engaged in carrying out the plans of the organization were in the dark as to inside matters.

It was learned from some one familiar with the history of the American Bronze Co. that Mr. Porter was succeeded as President of the concern in 1920 by E. G. Anderson, but that Mr. Porter continued as Vice-President and Secretary. That person said that although Mr. Porter declared he resigned from the Dollings Co. and all its subsidiaries, and although not actively interested in the American Bronze Co. for several months, there was nothing on the books of the Bronze Co. to show that he had quit.

The following is taken from the July 31 issue of the "Ledger":

On the answer to the legal question of whether the claims of the R. L. Dollings Co. against these two companies are valid rests to a large extent on the amount to be realized by those who hold shares in the two companies.

The McCambridge Co. has been adjudged bankrupt. The receivership in the case of the American Bronze Co., however, is in equity, and Robert O. Sperry, the receiver, said he would try to save the company from insolvency. Mr. Sperry was appointed permanent receiver yesterday in West Chester.

The principal claim against the bronze firm is \$375,000, which the books show is owed to the R. L. Dollings Co., the parent corporation, under the direction of which the bronze company has been.

Part of this sum is represented by dividends paid out by the Dollings Co. to American Bronze stockholders, despite the fact that the dividends were not being earned. The remainder is in the form of advances of various kinds for business purposes.

For the McCambridge Co. the Dollings Co. has paid out approximately \$60,000 in dividends. David A. Longacre, receiver, expressed doubt yesterday whether this is a collectible item.

It was learned yesterday that the Dollings Co. had paid out two dividends to stockholders in the Crane Ice Cream Co. at a time when directors of the ice cream concern had decided it was not in a position to pay the dividends because of temporary business conditions.

The Crane Co. is the most prosperous of all the Dollings subsidiaries and is considered to be in an excellent business condition. It is known to be making substantial profits, with prospects of continued prosperity.

J. Hector McNeal, counsel for the company, said yesterday that the Dollings situation would not affect the Crane Co. in the least. Although efforts were made by the heads of the Dollings Co. to dictate matters, the Crane officers took a firm stand, maintaining that they understood their particular enterprise and would run it on sound business principles.

In pursuance of this policy, when there was a falling off in profits the Crane Co. directors voted to pass the dividend. Despite this, the Dollings Co. sent checks to stockholders out of its own capital.

The Crane Co. does not recognize this as a debt to the Dollings Co., it was learned, since the distribution was not authorized. The Crane directors did not approve of the payment of the dividend, but it was pointed out yesterday by Mr. McNeal that it could not have prevented the Dollings Co. taking such action if it had wished to do so, so long as the funds did not come from the Crane Co. treasury and did not impair its financial standing.

Mr. McNeal said the Crane Co. was in a strong position, was discounting all bills and had actual cash on hand sufficient to pay all bills.

Although he has had no chance to make a complete study of the affairs of the McCambridge Co., Mr. Longacre declared there was evidence that the funds of the Dollings Co. had gone into the business in an unceasing stream without return.

The sum of \$140,000 of McCambridge funds has gone into the Eynon-Evans business, bought out by Dollings and merged with the McCambridge Co. The Eynon-Evans business has been a consistent loser.

There is substantial equity in the Eynon-Evans Building. Mr. Longacre said, which is valued at not less than \$75,000 and is clear of all but \$25,000.

Samuel D. Matlack, an attorney in the Lafayette Building, who is of counsel for the Dollings Co., said yesterday he believed there had been no criminal intent in the operation of the Dollings companies, and that the crash was due largely to the difficulty of a holding company operating so many subsidiary companies efficiently.

A press dispatch from Baltimore on July 27, appearing in the New York "Journal of Commerce," stated that following a meeting at Salisbury, Md., of bankers and business men interested in the R. L. Dollings Co. of Philadelphia, Thomas R. White, the receiver appointed for that company, said he

would demand on that day that the accounts of the concern be turned over to him. W. Oscar Anderson, the manager of the Baltimore branch of the company, the dispatch went on to say, "intimated the receivership includes only such enterprises as are directly dependent on the Dollings Company. Most of the securities sold in Maryland, he said, are 7% preferred stocks in independent industries for which the company acted as sales agent." The dispatch further stated that arrangements were made at the Salisbury meeting to form a committee to meet in two weeks to act in the interests of Maryland and New Jersey investors.

The "Ohio State Journal" in its issue of July 31 stated, with reference to the Phoenix Portland Cement Co., mentioned above, that that company, alleged in an application for a receiver to have plants in Birmingham, Ala., and Nazareth, Pa., became the centre of interest in the Dollings investigation on the preceding day (July 30), when reports were received from Birmingham, Ala., denying that property there or at Nazareth is controlled by the Ohio concern. An account from Birmingham, as printed in the "Journal," said:

Lindley C. Morton, President of the Phoenix Portland Cement Co., which owns and operates cement plants at Birmingham and Nazareth, Pa., issued a statement declaring there is no connection between his company and the Phoenix Portland Cement Co. of Ohio.

Mr. Morton said the Ohio concern was formed in an endeavor to acquire control of the Pennsylvania and Alabama companies. Negotiations were abandoned, he said, and as a result the companies are in no way connected.

The new Birmingham plant, representing an outlay of \$3,000,000, is in successful operation and has a well-filled order book, Mr. Morton said:

"Receipt of this information," the "Journal" went on to say, "led to announcement that there will be an investigation to determine whether stock in the Ohio company was sold upon representation that it actually owned property in the other States. The President of the concern is said to be Findley O. Morton, a close resemblance to the name of the head of the Birmingham company. The Ohio organization was first incorporated nearly two years ago for \$5,000, and then increased to \$10,000,000. Application for a receiver for the company would have been heard yesterday but for the absence of Judge E. B. Kinkead. Attorney F. S. Monnett, who brought the proceedings, alleges the company is insolvent as to stockholders but possibly may be solvent as to claimants. He stated last night that it has not been determined how much stock is outstanding."

According to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Aug. 8, bankruptcy petitions were filed in the U. S. District Court at Philadelphia on Aug. 7 against the American Bronze Co. of Berwyn, Pa., and the Eynon-Evans Co. of Philadelphia, both of which have been referred to above. The petitions were filed by Thomas Raeburn White, the receiver for the R. L. Dollings Co. of Pennsylvania, who took action, it is said, because both of the companies are, directly or indirectly, heavily in debt to the R. L. Dollings Co. As stated in our issue of July 28, p. 387, Robert O. Sperry, General Sales Manager of the American Bronze Co., was recently appointed temporary receiver of that company (subsequently made permanent) by the Chester County Court. With regard to the affairs of this company, the "Ledger" said:

The American Bronze Co., capital for which was obtained by the Dollings Co. through the sale of preferred stock and which has been operated under the long-distance dictation of the Dollings Co.'s service department in Columbus, Ohio, owes the Dollings Co. of Pennsylvania \$462,133 for money advanced during a period of three years.

Part of this money was advanced for operating expenses. Part was for the payment of dividends which the bronze firm did not earn, but which the Dollings Co. always paid. Stockholders of the Dollings Co. allege payment of these and other dividends has impaired the capital of the concern.

Concerning the Eynon-Evans Co. (which, it is said, was purchased by the R. L. Dollings Co. in 1920 and merged with the McCambridge Co.), the "Ledger" said:

The Eynon-Evans Corp. owes the McCambridge Co. \$140,822 for money advanced and merchandise furnished during the last year. In turn, the McCambridge Co. owes the Dollings Co. \$388,195, part of which is for dividends paid out by the parent company to McCambridge stockholders. These dividends, likewise, were never earned.

According to a press dispatch from Philadelphia appearing in the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 9, Judge Dickinson of the Federal District Court has appointed J. Howard Patterson receiver for the American Bronze Co., and William D. Harkins, receiver for the Eynon-Evans Co.

References to the R. L. Dollings Co. failure were made in our issues of July 21 (p. 274 and 275) and July 28 (p. 387).

Effect of Increased Taxes and Rate Reductions on Income of Great Northern Railway Co.

President Ralph Budd, in a communication to the shareholders under date of July 27, calls their attention to the effect of the increased taxes and rate reductions during the

year 1922, upon the income of the company. The taxes paid during 1922 amounted to \$8,097,725, or 62.8% of dividends, and the income of the company on account of rate reductions was reduced \$7,969,045, or 60.8% of dividends. President Budd's statement follows:

Your attention is called to the following facts from the annual report of the operations and affairs of your company, for the year ended Dec. 31 1922 (published in V. 117, p. 220). Briefly stated, following are some of the interesting facts relative to the operation of this company for the year 1922:

1. Operating expenses were reduced by \$5,724,616.
 2. Revenues were reduced by rates prescribed by Federal and State omissions, \$7,969,045.
- As a result of this, nearly all the reduction in expenses which should have been placed in the company's treasury (inasmuch as the return on your property devoted to the service of the public was but 3.47% instead of 5.75% contemplated by the Transportation Act), was extracted therefrom and given to the public. Nor was this all: \$8,097,725 was taken from you by the public in taxes. In other words: Total dividends received by stockholders, \$13,097,264; total payments to public in taxes, \$8,097,725, or 61.8% of dividends.

3. The total investment, including materials and supplies of all Great Northern System lines on which the net railway operating income was earned, was \$498,456,469.
4. Net railway operating income, \$17,276,598.

5. On account of rate reductions to the public the income of the company was reduced \$7,969,045, or 60.8% of dividends.

This reduction in rates was made notwithstanding the fact that return on property was below the fair return fixed by the Transportation Act.

To state this in another way:

Taxes consumed 34% of net revenue from railroad operations. Had the reductions in expenses not been taken by the public, through rate reductions, the return on the property devoted to public use would have increased from 3.47% to 4.61%.

Although freight rates have been reduced 12.84% from their peak in 1921 (which is a considerable amount more than they have been reduced on many other roads), a vigorous propaganda is being carried on for a generous reduction of freight rates, notwithstanding the Inter-State Commerce Commission in its circular of Feb. 23 1923 asserts that "the present railroad situation * * * clearly does not warrant * * * any radical reduction in total charges to the public," and that "two facts stand out prominently: (1) an enormous traffic has recently been handled in spite of the strike handicaps, and (2) the average revenue per ton per mile is pretty well in line with the general level of wholesale prices, and there is no reason to believe that the general level of rates is retarding the business revival."

This railroad is paying wages which constitute 60% of its operating expenses, 107% higher than in 1913. This railroad is paying prices for materials and supplies 56% at wholesale more than in 1913.

Certain politicians and propagandists announce their intention to force reductions regardless of consequences, with the evident intention of breaking down the railroads, because of their inability to meet these added costs and expenses, thus forcing Government ownership.

Stockholders of the Great Northern Railway are numbered about 45,000, and substantially each one of you has a vote. In addition to this, of course, you have considerable influence which can be extended and broadened by giving your friends who are voters the facts in regard to the railroads, and especially this railroad. You should keep in touch with your representative and senators in Congress, as well as your State legislators, and if they are reasonable men and have the facts before them they are not likely to favor Government ownership, or to favor the passage of legislation harmful to the railroads.

No doubt you frequently meet men who are working for the railroad. One of the most important things that remain for us to do is to obtain the loyalty of everyone of these employees; encourage them in their work; show them that anything they do for the benefit of the company will redound to their own benefit. When you travel you sometimes hear people making false statements regarding the railroads. You should familiarize yourselves as owners of this railroad with the facts, so that you can use them when occasion offers.

This company has recently organized a Public Relations Bureau which will give you the facts about the railroads upon request to Public Relations Bureau, Room 1120, Great Northern Railway, St. Paul, Minn.

Never has this railroad needed your assistance in disseminating the facts as at the present time.

Eastern Chairmen of Railway Trainmen and Conductors Want Wage Increase of Eight Cents an Hour.

Request for restoration of the eight cents an hour, or 64 cents a day, wage reduction ordered by the U. S. Railroad Labor Board on July 1 1921, and in effect since that time, was approved by the Eastern Association of General Chairmen of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors, who met in Cleveland on Aug. 9. The meeting adjourned after adopting the report of the policy committee requesting a restoration of the wage reduction ordered by the Railroad Labor Board, and an unnamed additional increase, election of association officers and the selection of Montreal as the next meeting place, the date to be named later. The proposed increase will now be submitted to a referendum vote of the membership of the two organizations. Voting by the members will take, it is stated, thirty days. If approved by the rank and file the request will be submitted by the general chairmen on the roads throughout the country, and if refused by the railroad managers will then be submitted to the United States Railroad Labor Board for decision. With regard to the action of the meeting, advices of the New York "Herald" had the following to say:

After approving a proposal for a substantial wage increase, the Eastern Association of General Chairmen of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors elected officers and adjourned their joint conference here to-night.

Approval here of the wage increase program means that it will be submitted to a referendum of the two organizations' members within thirty days, it was said. If they vote approval, request for the increase will be filed by the general chairmen with the rail carriers. If railroad managers refuse it the organizations will appeal to the United States Railroad Labor Board.

We felt that to announce at this time the amount we will ask of the railroads if the members approve would embarrass our negotiations with the carriers," said L. E. Sheppard of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, President of the conductors, and their spokesman, after the conference adjourned.

To-day's sectional conferences was the third to go on record in favor of seeking the wage increase for the two organizations. The Western Association, representing general chairmen of roads west of the Mississippi River, took such action in Chicago on July 10; the Southeastern Association, composed of general chairmen of roads south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi, approved the action in Washington on July 24. It remained for the action here before the referendum could be held.

The Eastern Association brought to Cleveland 125 general chairmen of railroads north of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi, including the eastern half of Canada.

Montreal was chosen as the next meeting place of the Association, the time to be determined later.

Former Representative W. J. Burke of Pittsburgh, a member of the conductor organization, was re-elected chairman. S. C. Cowen of Tyrone, Pa., also a conductor, was named Vice-President, and J. J. Madden of Jersey City, N. J., a trainman, was chosen Secretary.

The conference adjourned to-night after adopting resolutions of sympathy which were telegraphed to Mrs. Harding.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

At the regular meeting of the directors of the Coal & Iron National Bank, Liberty and West streets, New York City, on Aug. 8, Harold C. Knapp, of the Irving National Bank, was appointed Trust Officer. Mr. Knapp will take up his new duties Sept. 1, succeeding at that time Arthur A. G. Luders, resigned. At the same meeting John R. Voorhis, Jr., was appointed Assistant Cashier, the appointment to take effect immediately.

The Manufacturers Trust Co. announces that it will open a downtown Brooklyn office in the new building at 190 Joralemon Street, in which premises the company has leased, the first and second floors and basement. This building in future will be known as the Manufacturers Trust Company Building, and upon completion of proposed alterations the company will have one of the finest banking quarters in Brooklyn, with every modern banking equipment. It is expected that the alterations will be completed in December of this year, and permission for the establishment of this new office has already been granted by the Superintendent of Banks. The addition of this office will give the Manufacturers Trust Co. after the Columbia Bank merger twelve offices in all, five of which will be in Brooklyn, five in Manhattan, one in Queens and one in the Bronx.

It is announced that one hundred banks and companies operating the Morris Plan of industrial loans and investments lent over \$50,000,000 in the first six months of the present year, the number of borrowers being more than 212,500, and the average loan less than \$240. The gain in the number of loans over January-June 1922 was 35,000, and the increase in the amount of money lent was over \$12,000,000.

David Kahn, attorney for Bertha Rambaugh, the receiver for the private banking firm of V. Tisbo Brothers, which closed its doors in March last, and whose members fled the city, announced on Aug. 9 that there will be no further meetings of creditors of the firm. Mr. Kahn said further meetings would be useless, since the Tisbos are out of the country, one being under arrest in Italy. He said assets of \$5,000 had been discovered. Liabilities were believed to be \$200,000. The brothers, according to Mr. Kahn, attempted to establish a laundry business in Brooklyn with money of depositors. When the laundry venture failed, they fled. We referred to the failure of Tisbo Brothers in these columns in our issue of March 17 and subsequent dates.

The farmers National Bank of Salina, Kans., has just completed the doubling of the space it formerly occupied. The bank made a new departure in the interior treatment and adopted a walnut screen such as became famous in European banks. The vault with its great rectangular door weighing 20 tons is said to be capable of providing protection against all forms of attack—burglar, mob or earthquake. Another feature is the provision of a special room for farmers, who may conduct meetings, look up farm records, Washington agricultural reports and in fact are virtually provided with a bureau of information in the comfortable banking surroundings. The plans were drawn and the work was constructed under the supervision of Alfred C. Bossom, bank architect and engineer, of 680 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

With reference to the affairs of the Banco Lopez of Bogota, Colombia, whose failure on July 18 was reported in these columns in our issue of July 28, the New York "Times" of August 3 stated that according to advices received in the financial district on the preceding day (August 2) the institution would be able to pay all creditors in full and have a balance left over for its stockholders. Subsequent to the closing of the bank's doors, it is said, a committee of five was appointed to look over its books and to appraise its assets, among the latter being mortgages held on Colombia coffee plantations. It is said the balance left after payment of debts for stockholders will range from 50% to 75% of the par value of their holdings. There are 40,000 shares of stock, it is stated, each of a par value of 40 pesos, or approximately \$36.

Globe Exchange Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., announces that at the close of business July 31 its statement showed the following figures:

Capital	\$400,000
Surplus	120,000

This, it is stated, is in accordance with the authorization of the State Banking Department to increase the capital stock. The bank previously had a capital of \$274,000.

The South Shore Bank of Staten Island of Great Kills, N. Y., began business on July 17. The new building which the bank occupies is said to be an attractive addition to the community. Reference to the organization of the bank was made in our issue of May 5, page 1971. It has a capital of \$100,000 and a surplus of \$25,000. The officers are A. O. Ingram, President; Joseph A. Springstead, Chairman of the board of directors, and Howard H. Poole, Cashier. Mr. Poole was formerly Treasurer of the American Bank & Trust Co., of Bridgeport, Conn.

According to the following press dispatch from Boston on Aug. 9, appearing in the New York "Evening Post" of the same date, another dividend is to be received by the depositors in the savings department of the defunct Tremont Trust Co. of that city. The Tremont Trust Co. was closed on Feb. 17 1921, as reported in our issue of Feb. 19 of that year:

Judge Carroll of the Supreme Court to-day authorized Bank Commissioner Allen to pay a dividend of 10% to depositors in the savings department of the Tremont Trust Company. They have already received dividends amounting to 66 2-3%, and W. Rodman Peabody, liquidating agent, told the Court that eventually they probably would receive a total of 95 or 96%. The present dividend will amount to \$893,511.

The Security Trust Co. of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y., has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 5%, and an extra dividend of 10%, payable August 1 1923.

With reference to the affairs of the defunct City Bank of York, Pa., whose failure was reported in these columns in our May 23 1923 issue, a special press dispatch from York on Aug. 7 to the Philadelphia "Record" said in part:

Twenty-eight stockholders of the City Bank are to be made defendants in suits of equity which will be brought to collect \$38,700 said to be due the bank in the form of stockholders' liabilities. They have neglected, refused or otherwise failed to pay their liabilities on their stock. Robert S. Spangler, special attorney for Secretary of Banking Cameron in the affairs of the defunct bank, to-day announced the suits will be filed this week.

According to figures obtained in the examination conducted at the bank by Examiner Ferguson, the shortages shown include a cash one of \$50,905 93, one of \$122,000 from alleged forged notes, and a \$937,474 05 ledger shortage, making a total of \$1,110,379 98. In addition to this visible shortage, it is said, other losses will be shown by reason of uncollectible paper now listed as bank assets.

Regarding the recent consolidation of the Luzerne County National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and the Miners' Bank of that city, to which reference was made in these columns July 28, page 406, the circular letter of the Miners' Bank dealing with trade conditions in Wyoming Valley, Pa., says:

Through the consolidation on July 14 with the Luzerne County National Bank, the Miners Bank of Wilkes-Barre shows capital, surplus and profits of more than \$5,000,000, which is larger than those of any other Pennsylvania bank outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. It has resources of about \$20,000,000 and trust funds of more than \$13,000,000. The entire board of directors of the Luzerne County National Bank joins the Miners Bank board and all the employees and organization of that bank have come to us. No bank in Pennsylvania outside the two largest cities, is better fortified to respond to the needs of its customers and to render a more up-to-date banking service. The Miners Bank has become trustee for large issues of bonds of corporations located as far away as Texas and the Province of New Brunswick, Canada. The bank is extending its service as never before and, while we are in a position to handle the business of very large firms and institutions, we welcome the accounts of one dollar or more. We are here to help both old and new customers with the most painstaking and satisfactory banking service ever provided in this community.

Elmer E. Renner and Howard R. Rehrig, Teller and Assistant Treasurer, respectively, of the Bethlehem Trust Co., Bethlehem, Pa., were arrested on Aug. 2 following their alleged confession that they had embezzled \$78,500 of the

institution's funds and speculated with the money in the stock market. They waived examination and were committed to jail in default of \$25,000 bonds each. The shortage was discovered by George W. Brown, Senior State Bank Examiner, who upon a visit to the bank on July 31 found several hundred dollars missing from the cash drawer. Further investigation, in which the two men aided, it is said, unearthed total peculations of \$78,500. A special press dispatch from Bethlehem to the Philadelphia "Ledger" on Aug. 2 gave a statement issued by J. E. Mathews, the President of the bank, which read in part as follows:

You may say for me that the shortage in funds discovered and reported by the State Bank Examiner means that two young men, with the brightest prospects, with ample means of their own to keep themselves and their families comfortably, have staked their welfare, their fortunes and the future happiness of themselves and their families on a turn in the stock market and have lost.

Of the \$78,500 reported missing, \$50,000 is covered by a blanket bond, \$25,000 in real estate and personal property turned over to the bank by Howard R. Rehrig and Elmer E. Renner, and the remaining \$3,500 will be made good by the directors.

William Van Zandt Cox, former President of the Second National Bank of Washington, died suddenly on July 24 of angina pectoris. He was 71 years old. Mr. Cox succeeded Matthew Emery, his father-in-law, as President of the Second National. Mr. Cox was Vice-President of the Washington Market Co., member of the executive committee of the National Savings & Trust Co., was identified with the Washington Title Insurance Co., and was President of the Board of Education in 1910. He was Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee of the District in 1912, and Treasurer of the Wilson and Marshall Inaugural Committee of 1913. He was a member of the Columbia Historical Society, and the Ohio Societies of this and New York City. In 1878 he was likewise identified with the United States National Museum and acted in the capacity as representative of the Government at various exhibitions.

Directors of the Midland Bank, Cleveland, Ohio, have declared the institution's second regular quarterly dividend of 1½%, payable August 1 to stock of record July 25. At the same time the directors transferred the sum of \$20,000 from undivided profits to surplus account, bringing the surplus to \$450,000. The bank, which has capital of \$2,000,000, has been in operation just 28 months. According to an announcement by D. D. Kimmel, President of the Midland, the bank expects to occupy its new quarters in the Williamson building on Cleveland's public square about October 15. The Federal Reserve Bank, which now occupies the building, expects to move to its newly erected home about August 15, and the Midland Bank's remodeling operations will probably be completed within two months thereafter.

O. A. Christensen, who recently resigned as Cashier of the Mid-City Trust & Savings Bank, has been elected Vice-President of the Keystone Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, in place of Major William A. Swart, resigned. Max Durschlag has been elected a director of the Keystone Trust & Savings Bank at the same meeting.

The Comptroller of the Currency reports the receipt of an application to organize the Old National Bank in Evansville, Ind. We are officially advised that the Old National will begin business Oct. 1 1923 and will succeed to the business of the old State National Bank of Evansville. The capital will be \$500,000 and the surplus \$100,000, its stock being disposed of at \$120 per share. The Old State National Bank is successor to the Old State Bank of Indiana, chartered in 1834. The officers and directors of the Old National Bank will be the same as those of the Old State National, viz.: Wm. H. McCurdy, President; F. R. Wilson, Vice-President; J. O. Davis, Vice-President and Cashier; H. J. Reimer and A. F. Bader, assistant cashiers; directors: Wm. H. McCurdy, President Hercules Corporation, President; Marcus S. Sonntag, President American Trust & Savings Bank; James T. Walker, attorney-at-law; Sidney L. Ichenhauser, Ichenhauser Co.; Samuel L. Orr, Orr Iron Co.; F. R. Wilson, Vice-President; H. C. Kleymeyer, Standard Brick Mfg. Co.; G. A. Trimble, Vulcan Plow Co.; Louis A. Daus, Anchor Supply Co.; J. O. Davis, Vice-President and Cashier; J. L. Igleheart, Igleheart Bros., and H. D. Bourland, Red Spot Paint & Varnish Co. The deposits of the Old State National Bank on June 30 were \$7,297,825, and the resources on the same date were \$8,820,701.

The Ricker National Bank of Quincy, Ill., was placed in voluntary liquidation effective June 12 1923. The Quincy

National Bank and the Ricker National Bank were merged to form the Quincy-Ricker National Bank, the name of which has become the Quincy-Ricker National Bank & Trust Co. The latter on June 30 reported capital of \$500,000; surplus of \$100,000; deposits of \$5,294,435 and resources of \$6,301,443. Its officers are W. T. Duker, President; W. H. L. Thomas, Vice-President and Cashier; Joseph L. James and Joseph J. Fischer, Vice-Presidents; J. R. Pearce, Vice-President and Trust Officer, and G. G. Arends, Vice-President.

The stockholders of the Union Trust Co. of Detroit will meet on August 29 to act on a proposal to increase the capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The par value of the stock is \$100 per share. The new capital will become effective on Oct. 1 1923. The price at which it will be disposed of to the stockholders will be decided by the stockholders at the meeting called for Aug. 29.

Charles C. George and George Brandeis of Omaha and George J. Woods of Lincoln have been elected directors of the Omaha National Bank of Omaha, Neb. Mr. George is President of George & Co., realtors, and the City National Bank Building Co. and Vice-President of the Conservative Savings & Loan Association. Mr. Brandeis is President of the J. L. Brandeis & Sons and of the Brandeis Investment Co., while Mr. Woods is Vice-President of the Woods Brothers' Silo & Manufacturing Co. of Lincoln.

The Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of Denver, an institution with a capital of \$100,000 and deposits of \$1,373,729, was closed by its directors and placed in the hands of the State Bank Commissioner on July 27. The closing of the institution followed the confession of Leo P. Floyd, the Secretary and Trust Officer of the bank, that he had embezzled a large amount of the bonds and securities of the institution and that the books of the bank had been falsified by him for a long period of time. According to the Denver "Rocky Mountain News" of July 29, the amount of the bank's shortage has been found to be \$441,733. Following the confession, Floyd, together with John Harrington, a Teller in the bank, who, it is said, had knowledge of what was going on and who sought to protect his friend Floyd and R. M. Mandell, a Denver broker, were arrested and placed in the county jail. The next day (July 28), according to the "Rocky Mountain News" of July 29, charges of grand larceny were filed against the men in the West Side Court before Judge George F. Dunklee, who fixed the bail of the two bank officials at \$20,000 each and that of Mandell at \$250,000—the highest bond, it is said, ever known in a criminal case in Denver. District Attorney Van Cise announced "that the grand larceny charges were prepared to hold the trio temporarily and permit their release on bond until other charges are prepared and filed." John Harrington, the accused Teller, is the son of M. C. Harrington, Vice-President of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., who had charge of the institution. Edward P. Ryan of Spokane, Wash., the President of the bank, according to the "Rocky Mountain News" of July 29, arrived in Denver from Spokane on Saturday morning in response to a telegram saying the bank was in trouble, bringing with him \$100,000 worth of securities.

According to the "Rocky Mountain News" of August 3, Leo P. Floyd and John Harrington, the former bank officials, were on August 2 sentenced by Judge Dunklee to from four to ten years imprisonment at hard labor each, in the State Penitentiary at Canon City, after they had pleaded "guilty" to embezzlement. In its issue of the preceding day (August 2) the "Rocky Mountain News" stated that the two men would be used as witnesses for the State against Mandell and that they would be immune from the filing of possible additional charges against them in connection with the looting of the bank. In its August 4 issue the "News" stated that officials of the State Bank Examiner's office had announced the preceding day (August 3) an additional shortage of at least \$21,000 in the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.'s accounts. With regard to this the "News" said:

The latest disclosure of an additional shortage, one of several uncovered by the Bank Examiners, indicated that new losses which may bring the total above the half million dollar mark, may be uncovered.

With the addition of the \$21,000 that was uncovered by bank officials working on the case yesterday, the total brought to light reached exactly \$464,233 48.

Floyd was taken from his cell at the jail under custody of an armed guard yesterday for questioning in the District Attorney's office in connection with new discoveries concerning the wholesale bank looting plot, of which the District Attorney was not informed in his confession.

Yesterday's disclosures concerning the new peculations came when investigators traced accounts of the bank with the Otis & Co. brokerage firm.

In the accounts for last January, it developed, Floyd and Harrington had

"covered" the theft of \$21,000 in a bond transaction with the firm. One official investigating the books declared that similar instances may be found, bringing the total losses greatly above the amount first believed to have been stolen.

The "Rocky Mountain News" described the methods employed in looting the bank by the two employees as follows:

According to the charges made in the statements by the two bank employees, the operations first started when Floyd "covered" an overdraft of \$26,000 on Mandell's private account as a personal favor. Promise of repayment at the time was given by the broker, the two men declared.

After they had once been involved in the first overdraft, Floyd was afraid to report the matter to the directors of the bank, he said, and kept "covering," relying on promises of repayment.

Restitution of the money was not made and additional funds were obtained, it was alleged, with the promise that they would be used to make back the entire shortages. Later, working under Floyd, Harrington became involved, he admitted, and the pair continued to "cover" the shortages already existing, stealing still more of the bank's funds, always expecting repayment of the entire amount.

During all this time, while they were slowly enmeshing themselves deeper in the financial tangle that resulted in the fall of the bank and their own arrest Friday, the two bank employees deceived experts from the State Bank Examiners, directors of the bank and half a dozen fellow employees.

To do this an elaborate system of "covering," a slip in any part of which would have meant instant detection, was involved.

The most important part of the system was in "padding" the visible assets as shown to the Bank Examiners at their regular inspections. By means of hasty bond purchases, the two men declared in their statement, Mandell furnished them with sufficient bonds to bring their total bond holdings up to the proper figure. These purchases, they charged, were made frequently with cashier's slips from the bank itself, or by alleged short checks on other banks.

Then, after the bonds had been checked and found to be correct, the bonds were hastily converted into cash to balance the general cash account.

Later, both the bonds and the cash having been protected by the original bond purchases made with worthless paper, the cash was used to cover the checks or the cashier's slips used originally.

In addition to "fixing" their assets by the cash and bond manipulations, the two bank employees admitted having reduced their liabilities by removal of evidence of deposits both in savings and checking accounts.

Savings accounts were "shaved" by removal of ledger cards showing depositor's balances, from the bank filing system. Twenty-five cards, most of which represented "dead" and seldom-used accounts, were removed in this manner.

In the same way, ledger sheets were removed from the loose-leaf filing system for checking accounts to reduce the liabilities on that end of the deposits. Care was taken there, too, to remove records of unused accounts only.

As a consequence of their tampering with the deposits, the two men were forced to remember every account thus mutilated, to avoid discovery in the event a depositor on one of the accounts called for his money.

The last shortage shown in the books was on last Monday, when \$22,000 worth of Liberty bonds disappeared under the direction of Floyd Harrington. This money, the specific amount named in the grand larceny information against the trio, the two declared, was given to Mandell to help cover an overdraft of \$41,000 in his account.

Throughout the three years covered by their manipulations, box 188 in the safety deposit vaults of the bank held the whole secret of the shortages—dozens of checks alleged to have been written by Mandell or by his employees under his personal direction.

The series of checks, varying from less than a dollar to amounts carried in six figures aggregated \$262,077 38, according to figures disclosed by officials working on the case. The fact that these checks were kept in the safety deposit box held jointly by Floyd and Harrington without knowledge of the bank officials, rather than being returned to Mandell, makes possible the latter's prosecution, investigating officials said. If the checks were destroyed, they said, nothing would remain to link Mandell's name with the transaction other than the verbal word of Floyd and Harrington.

In addition to money obtained by the alleged worthless checks recovered from the deposit box, Mandell obtained Liberty and municipal bonds without leaving a record, the bank employees declared in their statements to the District Attorney.

The money they charged Mandell with having obtained by means of their speculations, was invested in several different properties under his direction, it was shown in his personal books, according to information obtained by the District Attorney.

A resolution was adopted by the stockholders of the Denver Morris Plan Co. at a special meeting held July 19 authorizing the conversion of that institution into the First Industrial Bank, effective as of that date, the officers and directors remaining the same. The new bank will continue to operate the Morris Plan, but the scope of the institution will be broadened. The conversion was made possible by the Industrial Bank Act passed by the Twenty-fourth General Assembly of Colorado. The Denver Morris Plan Co. began business on May 2 1913 under the name of the Economic Loan & Investment Co. with a capital of \$100,000, which was subsequently increased to \$150,000, and later to \$166,000. The authorized capital of the new company is \$250,000, with a surplus of \$3,000, and with resources of three-quarters of a million dollars as of Aug. 1. The following are the officers of the bank: E. S. Kassler, President; R. O. Bonnell, Vice-President and General Manager; Frank L. Woodward and H. T. Lamey, Vice-Presidents; Geo. W. Gano, Treasurer, and F. E. Underwood, Secretary.

Following the issuance to it of a charter by the Comptroller of the Currency the Midland National Bank of Billings, Mont., began business on July 11 with a capital of \$200,000 and surplus of \$50,000. With the start of the new bank it was announced that it would take over the deposits of the Yellowstone-Merchants National Bank at once and assume responsibilities therefor, and in return receive from

the Yellowstone-Merchants National Bank all cash on hand, all Government bonds, the banking house, furniture and fixtures, and sufficient of its bills receivable which had been approved by the Comptroller of the Currency to offset the deposits. Elroy H. Westbrook and L. C. Babcock are Vice-Presidents of the Midland National; George M. Hays is Cashier and F. E. Hanly, Assistant Cashier. The executive head has not yet been selected. The directors are Thomas A. Marlow, of Helena; C. M. Bair, L. C. Babcock, E. H. Westbrook, J. B. Arnold and H. W. Rowley, all of Billings.

R. Lee Davis, former President of the defunct American State Bank of Kansas City, Mo., was arrested on July 27 on charges growing out of the failure of the bank on April 30 last, according to the Kansas City "Star" of July 28. The following day, it is said, Mr. Davis entered a plea of "not guilty" to three indictments returned against him by the Grand Jury, alleging larceny, embezzlement and forgery, before Judge Charles R. Pence in the Circuit Court and was released in \$7,500 bonds. His trial has been set for Sept. 17. Reference was made to the closing of the bank in these columns in our May 12 issue.

The Palmetto National Bank of Columbia, S. C., was recently succeeded by the Columbia National Bank, an institution organized for the purpose of taking over its assets and assuming its liabilities. The new bank has a capital of \$500,000. Its officers are: G. M. Berry, President; T. J. Cottingham, Vice-President; H. C. Leaman, Cashier and T. E. Marchant, Assistant Cashier.

The placing in voluntary liquidation of the First National Bank of Madison, Fla. (capital \$75,000) is announced effective June 30 1923. The bank is succeeded by the Madison State Bank. In a letter to its customers under date of July 2 the officers of the bank said:

After careful consideration, and having had many years of experience first as a State bank and then as a national bank, we have come to the conclusion that we can serve the people of Madison County, as well as the bank itself, better as a State bank. At a special meeting of the stockholders held on June 28 last, at which every share of stock was represented, it was unanimously voted to convert the First National Bank into a State bank under the laws of Florida, under the name of the Madison State Bank, said conversion to take effect at the close of business June 30 1923.

The Madison State Bank is composed of the same shareholders, directors and officers as the old First National Bank and is in reality the same bank, only now operating under a State charter instead of a national one.

The officers are: L. A. Fraleigh, President; T. C. Smith and D. G. Smith, Vice-Presidents, and R. E. Cowart, Cashier.

We learn that the Texas National Bank of Fort Worth, Tex., which is a conversion to the national system of the Texas State Bank, increased its capital on May 21 from \$300,000 to \$400,000. The conversion of the institution, to which we referred in our issue of June 16, page 2736, was made effective May 15. The bank reports a surplus of \$250,000. The par value of the stock is \$100 and the market price is around \$250. The bank pays dividends of 12%. The officers are W. L. Smallwood, President; B. B. Samuels, A. L. Baker and George T. Stillman, Vice-Presidents; C. C. Johnson, Cashier, and H. L. Rudmose, L. B. Ward and W. G. Hazen, Assistant Cashiers.

Dr. E. P. Willmot, President of the Austin National Bank of Austin, Tex., died in New York City on July 24 as a result of an apoplectic stroke which he suffered on July 18 when he was visiting the Seaboard National Bank of New York.

According to newspaper reports from San Francisco this week, an amalgamation of the American National Bank (capital \$2,000,000) and the Security Bank & Trust Co. (capital \$750,000) of that city was effected at a meeting of the officers and stockholders of both institutions on Wednesday of this week, Aug. 8. The resulting institution, it is said, will be known as the "American Bank of San Francisco" and will have deposits in excess of \$26,000,000 and resources of about \$40,000,000. The American National Bank was converted into a State institution on Aug. 6, it is said, in order to effect the consolidation.

On July 31 Wellington Francis, President of the Standard Bank of Canada (head office Toronto), in a statement forwarded to the shareholders of the institution, announced a decision reached by the directors to withdraw \$2,250,000 from the reserve fund of the bank to care for losses arising out of the agricultural and business depression in Canada and to establish a contingent fund for the purpose of meeting any unknown or future contingencies that may arise. Mr. Francis also announced in his statement that the directors have likewise decided that in view of this reserve adjustment future dividends should be on a more conservative

basis of 12% instead of 14%, the rate hitherto prevailing. It is provided that if in future any additional distributions of earnings should be deemed advisable they should be made in the form of bonuses declared from time to time. The adjustment leaves the bank, with its paid-up capital of \$4,000,000 intact, its reserve funds reduced from \$5,000,000 to \$2,750,000 (or about 70% of the paid-up capital) and an inside contingent fund of \$1,000,000. Mr. Francis emphasized the strong liquid position of the bank with these resources at hand, and with an earning capacity unimpaired, and "with well-established branches and an organization comprising a large number of officials who have grown up with the bank and whose experience is of great value to it, your directors know of no reason why it should not in the future experience an increasing and profitable business."

Mr. Francis announced simultaneously some important changes in the personnel of the institution. These were the retirement of C. H. Easson, General Manager, and the appointment of N. L. McLeod as his successor, and the appointment of Norman C. Stephens and G. N. Brown as Assistant General Managers. With regard to the new executives, the Toronto "Globe" in its issue of August 1, said:

Mr. McLeod has been in the service of the bank for many years, during which time he occupied several positions of importance, including that of Western Superintendent, and later as an executive officer in the head office. Mr. Stephens has served in the capacities of Assistant Manager of the Toronto office, Manager of the Foreign Exchange Department, and later as Acting Assistant General Manager. Mr. Brown has been in the employ of the bank for 15 years, and for the past few years has held the position of Superintendent of Eastern Branches.

The President's statement in part, as published in the "Globe," is as follows:

The principle of the revaluation adopted has been carried out after careful analysis of the financial status of the bank's customers and borrowers. Included now in the assets are those loans which are regarded as of undoubted worth, for which there is believed to be ample security. As against loans in respect of which there is a possibility of loss, reserves of a substantial character have been provided; loans from which losses are expected have either been wholly written off or reduced to sound values. Each security comprising the bank's investments has been revalued, and the figures at which such investments stand are those which can now be realized for them.

It has been ascertained and it is the opinion of your directors, the officials of the bank mentioned and of Mr. Clarkson, Auditor of the bank, that the losses incurred and in prospect will absorb \$1,250,000 of the present reserve fund of the bank. While the application of this amount will provide for all known and expected losses, it is the view of the directors and of the bank's Auditor that a further sum of \$1,000,000 should at this time also be taken from the reserve fund to establish a contingent fund for the purpose of meeting any unknown or future contingencies. It is desired, however, in this connection to emphasize the fact that the contingent fund now established is set up merely as a protection to the business of the bank, and not as a provision for any known or expected losses, as all such have been provided for.

With the adjustment mentioned, the bank will remain with its paid-up capital of \$4,000,000 intact, its reserve funds reduced from \$5,000,000 to \$2,750,000 (or about 70% of the paid-up capital), and an inside contingent fund of \$1,000,000.

The earnings of the bank for the current year continue to be well maintained and there is no reason to expect any undue reduction in them. In view, however, of the circumstances disclosed herein it is the opinion of the directors that future dividends should be on a more conservative basis of 12% per annum, and that if in the future any additional distributions of earnings should be deemed advisable they should be made in the form of bonuses declared from time to time.

Bank premises stand in the accounts at the net amount of \$1,891,000, which is considerably less than cost, and substantially less than the present fair value thereof. All the bank premises are free from encumbrance.

While your directors greatly regret the necessity for taking what may be regarded by some as a more drastic action than is absolutely essential, they wish to state to the shareholders, depositors and customers of the bank that they have felt it incumbent upon them to make the readjustment thorough and complete and such as will leave the bank in an absolutely sound condition.

In a press dispatch from Montreal on July 31 printed in the "Globe," Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, President of the Bank of Montreal, and also President of the Canadian Bankers Association, is reported as saying that in his opinion the Standard Bank had adopted a wise course which should inspire confidence.

The annual report of the National Bank of Greece (head office, Athens) for the year ended Dec. 31 1922 was presented to the shareholders by Alex. N. Diomede, Governor of the institution, at the ordinary general meeting held at Athens on April 4 and shows satisfactory results for the period covered. Gross profits for the year, the report states, amounted to Drs. 279,595,250 and, after deduction of the expenses of administration, interest paid and amounts written off, there remained a net profit of Drs. 168,456,538, which is higher than that of 1921 by Drs. 64,000,000, and exceeds the profit realized in any previous year. This net increase in profits enabled the Administration of the bank to propose a dividend considerably higher than in any previous year, and thus to adapt the dividend to the current price of the shares. This dividend was Drs. 800 per share, which compares with Drs. 550 in the preceding year and Drs. 420 in 1920. The reserve fund of the bank was increased by Drs. 85,000,000, making the reserve funds as of Dec. 31

1922 Drs. 220,000,000. Total assets are given as Drs. 8,095,503,983.

The semi-annual statement of the London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd., as of June 30 1923 compares as follows with the position shown by the bank on Dec. 31 1922 and June 30 1922:

	June 30 '22.	Dec. 31 '22.	June 30 '23.
Liabilities—			
Capital paid up.....	£ 10,860,852	£ 10,860,852	£ 10,860,852
Reserve fund.....	10,860,852	10,860,852	10,860,852
Current, deposit and other accounts (including balance of profit and loss account).....	368,230,832	355,928,411	347,900,203
Acceptances and engagements on account of customers.....	17,718,567	25,862,341	26,380,696
	407,671,103	403,512,456	396,002,603
Assets—			
Coin, bank and currency notes and balances with the Bank of England	53,325,176	54,254,534	51,886,944
Balances with, and cheques in course of collection on other banks in Great Britain and Ireland.....	11,600,430	13,548,935	14,637,852
Money at call and short notice.....	15,644,306	17,187,013	20,657,598
Investments.....	67,697,021	55,454,831	38,087,428
Bills discounted.....	56,252,193	46,066,631	45,336,797
Advances to customers and other accounts.....	176,912,071	182,307,521	190,104,209
Liabilities of customers for acceptances and engagements.....	17,718,567	25,862,341	26,380,696
Bank premises.....	4,961,924	5,270,960	5,351,389
Shares of the Belfast Banking Co., Ltd., and The Clydesdale Bank, Ltd.....	3,259,415	3,259,690	3,259,690
Shares of The London City & Midland Executor & Trustee Co., Ltd.....	300,000	300,000	300,000
	407,671,103	403,512,456	396,002,603

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Aug. 10 1923.

The stock market the present week has been in the shadow of the gloom occasioned by the sudden death last week of President Harding. Trading has been on a small scale, the tone not at all confident and the trend of prices much of the time downward. Yesterday (Friday) business on the Exchange was completely suspended (the same as on the previous Friday on the first news of the death), all of the banks as well as the security and commodity exchanges being closed in observance of President Coolidge's proclamation indicating the day (on which the funeral services were held in the late President's home town at Marion) as a national day of mourning for the loss of Mr. Harding. But the Exchange was also closed between 11:00 and 12:30 o'clock on Wednesday when the official funeral services were conducted at Washington. During the short session last Saturday a downward turn carried many of the leading issues to the low levels of the fore part of that week. This was particularly true of the Western railroad group, including Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Chicago & North Western, Union Pacific and Rock Island. On Monday, however, there was an upward reaction and the market closed with several of the leading issues recording advances of two to three points. The list included United States Steel common, Bethlehem Steel, Baldwin Locomotive and Studebaker. The upward trend was maintained on Tuesday. On Wednesday, when, as already noted, business was suspended from 11:00 to 12:30 o'clock, prices again turned downward, and more or less weakness developed, which was also the feature on Thursday. A slight upturn occurred following the announcement of the increase in the dividend on American Locomotive common from a five to a six-dollar annual basis, but the market, on the whole, was heavy.

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities.

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

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.			
GOLD.			
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Gold coin.....	312,218,934 68	Gold certifs. outstand'g.....	791,754,349 00
Gold bullion.....	3,081,494,671 08	Gold fund F. R. Board (Act of Dec. 23 '13, as amended June 21 '17).....	2,260,689,895 65
		Gold reserve.....	152,979,025 63
		Gold in general fund.....	188,290,335 45
Total.....	3,393,713,605 76	Total.....	3,393,713,605 76
<i>Note.—Reserved against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,459,123 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes of 1890 are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.</i>			
SILVER DOLLARS.			
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Silver dollars.....	426,414,525 00	Silver certifs. outstand'g.....	407,129,197 00
		Treas. notes of 1890 out.....	1,459,123 00
		Silver dollars in gen. fund.....	17,826,205 00
Total.....	426,414,525 00	Total.....	426,414,525 00

GENERAL FUND.		
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—
Gold (see above).....	188,290,335 48	Treasurer's checks outst. \$ 1,453,214 55
Silver dollars (see above).....	17,826,205 00	Depos. of Govt. officers:
United States notes.....	3,219,456 00	P. O. Department..... 13,620,410 65
Federal Reserve notes.....	1,079,151 00	Board of trustees,
Fed. Res. bank notes.....	300,725 00	Postal Sav. System,
National bank notes.....	17,120,594 00	5% reserve, law-
Subsidiary silver coin.....	10,926,697 45	ful money..... 6,590,407 80
Minor coin.....	2,680,341 18	Other deposits..... 145,447 85
Silver bullion.....	34,885,014 72	Comptroller of the
Unclassified (unsorted		Currency, agent for
currency, &c.).....	3,543,066 51	creditors of insol-
Depos. in F. R. banks.....	53,085,874 81	vent banks..... 3,123,044 94
Depos. in special deposi-		Postmasters, clerks of
taries account of sales		courts, disbursing
of Treasury notes.....	190,413,000 00	officers, &c..... 28,873,284 81
Depos. in foreign deposi-		Deposits for
To credit Treas. U. S.		Redemption of—
To credit of other		Fed. Reserve notes
Government officers.....	651,362 98	(5% fund, gold)..... 178,314,653 41
Depos. in nat'l banks:		F. R. bank notes
To credit Treas. U. S.		(5% fund, law-
To credit of other		ful money)..... 192,096 55
Government officers.....	20,469,106 98	Nat. banknotes (5%
Depos. in Philippine		fd., lawful money)..... 32,251,566 60
Treasury:		Retirement of addi-
To credit Treas. U. S.		tional circulating
		notes, Act of May
		30 1908..... 17,310 00
		Exch'ges of currency,
		coin, &c..... 5,547,245 19
		Net balance..... 270,128,682 35
		282,853,795 38
Total.....	552,982,477 73	Total.....

* Includes receipts from miscellaneous sources credited direct to appropriations.

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$816,595,959. Book credits for which obligations of foreign Governments are held by the United States amount to \$33,236,629 05

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913 deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made under the Acts mentioned as part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$47,184,149.

\$633,145 in Federal Reserve notes, \$300,725 in Federal Reserve bank notes and \$16,816,946 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

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

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

Bonds—		
Consols of 1930.....	\$599,724,050 00	
Loan of 1925.....	118,489,900 00	
Panama's of 1916-1936.....	48,954,180 00	
Panama's of 1918-1938.....	25,947,400 00	
Panama's of 1961.....	49,800,000 00	
Conversion bonds.....	28,894,500 00	
Postal Savings bonds.....	11,877,930 00	
		\$883,687,930 00
First Liberty Loan of 1932-1947.....	\$1,951,748,250 00	
Second Liberty Loan of 1927-1942.....	3,198,878,350 00	
Third Liberty Loan of 1928.....	3,397,223,850 00	
Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1938.....	6,328,208,150 00	
		14,876,058,600 00
Treasury bonds of 1947-1952.....		763,954,300 00
Total bonds.....		\$16,523,700,830 00
Notes—		
Treasury notes—		
Series A-1924, maturing June 15 1924.....	\$311,088,600 00	
Series B-1924, maturing Sept. 15 1924.....	380,681,100 00	
Series A-1925, maturing Mar. 15 1925.....	598,355,900 00	
Series B-1925, maturing Dec. 15 1925.....	310,979,800 00	
Series C-1925, maturing June 15 1925.....	416,160,700 00	
Series A-1926, maturing Mar. 15 1926.....	616,737,200 00	
Series B-1926, maturing Sept. 15 1926.....	423,086,500 00	
Series A-1927, maturing Dec. 15 1927.....	362,577,900 00	
Series B-1927, maturing Mar. 15 1927.....	668,186,500 00	
		4,087,854,200 00
Treasury Certificates—		
Tax—		
Series TS-1923, maturing Sept. 15 1923.....	\$160,079,000 00	
Series TS2-1923, maturing Sept. 15 1923.....	153,789,000 00	
Series TD-1923, maturing Dec. 15 1923.....	191,517,500 00	
Series TD2-1923, maturing Dec. 15 1923.....	178,549,500 00	
Series TM-1924, maturing Mar. 15 1924.....	321,196,000 00	
		1,005,131,000 00
Treasury (War) Savings Securities—		
War Savings Certificates:		
Series 1919 a.....	\$50,358,167 34	
Series 1920 a.....	21,953,930 01	
Series 1921 a.....	13,254,616 73	
Treasury Savings Certificates:		
Series 1921, Issue of Dec. 15 1921 b.....	1,895,659 00	
Series 1922, Issue of Dec. 15 1921 b.....	104,682,803 65	
Series 1922, Issue of Sept. 30 1922 b.....	17,576,126 70	
Series 1923, Issue of Sept. 30 1922 b.....	126,906,641 19	
Thrift and Treasury Savings Stamps, Unclassified sales, &c.....	5,548,853 12	
		342,176,197 74
Total interest-bearing debt.....		\$21,958,862,227 74
Matured Debt on Which Interest Has Ceased—		
Old debt matured at various dates prior to		
April 1 1917.....	\$1,296,440 26	
Certificates of Indebtedness.....	1,320,000 00	
Spanish War Loan of 1908-1918.....	294,020 00	
3 3/4 % Victory Notes of 1922-1923.....	372,250 00	
4 3/4 % Victory Notes of 1922-1923—		
Called for redemption Dec. 15 1922.....	19,138,750 00	
Matured May 20 1923.....	46,149,750 00	
		68,571,210 26
Debt Bearing No Interest—		
United States notes.....	\$346,681,016 00	
Less gold reserve.....	152,979,025 63	
		\$193,701,990 37
Deposits for retirement of national bank notes and Federal Reserve bank notes.....	47,184,149 00	
Old demand notes and fractional currency.....	2,050,494 18	
		242,936 6 3 55
Total gross debt.....		\$22,270,370,071 55
a Net cash receipts. b Net redemption value of certificates outstanding.		

Government Receipts and Expenditures.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for July 1923 and 1922.

Receipts—		
	July 1923.	July 1922.
	\$	\$
Ordinary—		
Customs.....	43,225,073	37,491,591
Internal revenue:		
Income and profits tax.....	36,777,590	32,108,601
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....	88,467,900	82,477,792
Miscellaneous receipts:		
Proceeds Government-owned securities—		
Foreign obligations—		
Principal.....	385,421	406,500
Interest.....	202,747	223,035
Railroad securities.....	3,016,952	6,777,443
All others.....	723,451	1,377,965
Trust fund receipts (reappropriated for investment).....	2,244,305	2,083,810
Proceeds sale of surplus property.....	4,235,396	4,051,319
Panama Canal tolls, &c.....	1,896,906	760,839
Receipts from misc. sources credited direct to approp'ns	7,195,146	11,679,783
Other miscellaneous.....	17,371,289	25,587,841
Total ordinary.....	205,742,176	204,976,519
Excess of total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts over ordinary receipts.....		
	36,479,532	20,521,202

Expenditures—		
Ordinary—		
(Checks and warrants paid, &c.)		
General expenditures.....	164,345,709	170,784,823
Interest on public debt.....	23,645,508	28,919,094
Refunds of receipts:		
Customs.....	2,201,357	5,749,050
Internal revenue.....	8,675,113	8,651,908
Postal deficiency.....		12,000,000
Panama Canal.....	321,682	48,130
Operations in special accounts:		
Railroads.....	1,649,609	10,013,603
War Finance Corporation.....	64,937,068	67,296,341
Shipping Board.....	4,180,151	612,345,503
Allen property funds.....	2,140,878	502,566
Loans to railroads.....		590,863
Investment of trust funds:		
Government life insurance fund.....	2,224,306	2,065,299
Civil Service retirement fund.....	10,022,966	
District of Columbia teachers' retirement fund.....	19,999	18,511
Total ordinary.....	214,490,208	218,696,871

Public debt retirements chargeable against ordinary receipts:		
Sinking fund.....	26,535,800	6,417,500
Purchases from foreign repayments.....	371,150	
Received for estate taxes.....	819,900	382,850
Forfeitures, gifts, &c.....	4,650	500
Total.....	27,731,500	6,800,850

* Total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts. 242,221,708 225,497,721
 † Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included.
 a Includes \$3,721,483 09 accrued discount on War Savings certificates of the Series of 1918.
 b Excess of credits.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

There is a large and general decrease in bank clearings this week, business having everywhere been greatly restricted by reason of the death of President Harding last week and the tributes paid to his memory the present week in the course of the removal of the body across the Continent from San Francisco to Washington and then back to Marion, Ohio, his home town. Yesterday, the final day of the obsequies at Marion, was observed as a day of mourning throughout the length and breadth of the land, with business completely suspended, and there was also considerable interruption to business activities on Wednesday, the day of the official funeral at Washington. 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, Aug. 11) aggregate bank clearings for all the cities in the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns, show a decrease of 18.6% as compared with the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$5,373,137,992, against \$6,599,304,805 for the same week in 1922. At this centre there is a falling off of 28.6%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph.	1923.	1922.	Per Cent.
Week ending Aug. 11.			
New York.....	\$2,115,000,000	\$2,061,860,320	-28.6
Chicago.....	350,368,833	432,593,615	-19.0
Philadelphia.....	263,000,000	314,000,000	-16.2
Boston.....	186,000,000	223,000,000	-16.6
Kansas City.....	102,618,254	117,520,629	-12.7
St. Louis.....	a	a	a
San Francisco.....	97,200,000	118,000,000	-17.6
Los Angeles.....	85,557,000	*80,000,000	+6.9
Pittsburgh.....	97,223,994	*140,000,000	-30.6
Detroit.....	76,995,394	79,391,803	-3.0
Cleveland.....	c64,748,890	c58,871,853	+10.0
Baltimore.....	60,620,731	71,106,238	-14.7
New Orleans.....	40,732,458	40,221,065	+1.3
Twelve cities, four days.....			
Other cities, four days.....	\$3,540,065,554	\$4,636,565,523	-23.6
Total all cities, four days.....	1,114,627,598	779,521,815	-7.8
Total all cities, one day.....			
	\$4,258,510,394	\$5,416,087,338	-21.4
	1,114,627,598	1,183,217,467	-5.8
Total all cities for week.....	\$5,373,137,992	\$6,599,304,805	-18.6

* Estimated. a Will not report clearings. b Four days. c In the case of Cleveland clearings for four days this year are compared with four days last year.

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 Aug. 4. For that week there is a decrease of 2.8%, the 1923 aggregate of the clearings being \$7,226,234,640 and the 1922 aggregate

\$7,434,862,512. Outside of this city, however, there is an increase of 6.9%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a loss of 9.6%. 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 12.3% improvement, in the Philadelphia Reserve District 4.8%, while the New York Reserve District (because of the falling off at this city) shows a decrease of 9.2%. In the Cleveland Reserve District there is a loss of 1.3%, in the Richmond Reserve District of 4.0% and in the Kansas City Reserve District of 1.8%. The Atlanta Reserve District shows a gain of 7.2%, the Chicago Reserve District of 10.4% and the St. Louis Reserve District of 11.5%. The Minneapolis Reserve District has enlarged its total by 3.7%, the Dallas Reserve District by 8.9% and the San Francisco Reserve District by 13.8%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS

Table with columns: Week ending Aug. 4 1923, 1923, 1922, Inc. or Dec., 1921, 1920. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, etc.) and Grand total.

We also add comparative figures for July and the seven months:

Table with columns: July (1923, 1922), Seven Months (1923, 1922), Inc. or Dec. Rows include Fed'l Reserve Dists., Total, and Outside N. Y. City.

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

Table with columns: Description, Month of July (1923, 1922), Seven Months (1923, 1922), Par value. Rows include Stock, Railroad bonds, U. S. Gov't bonds, State, for n. & c. bds.

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

Table with columns: Month, 1923 (No. Shares, Par Values), 1922 (No. Shares, Par Values). Rows include Month of January, February, March, Total first quarter, Month of April, May, June, Total second quarter, Month of July.

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

MONTHLY CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Month, Clearings Total All (1923, 1922, %), Clearings Outside New York (1923, 1922, %). Rows include Jan, Feb, March, 1st qu., April, May, June, 2d qu., 6 mos., July.

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

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

Table with columns: City, Month of July (1923, 1922, 1921, 1920), Jan. 1 to July 31 (1923, 1922, 1921, 1920). Rows include New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Kansas City, Cleveland, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Louisville, Detroit, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Providence, Omaha, Buffalo, St. Paul, Indianapolis, Denver, Richmond, Memphis, Seattle, Hartford, Salt Lake City, Total, Other cities.

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

CLEARINGS FOR JULY, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 2.

Large table with columns: Clearings at, Month of July (1923, 1922, Inc. or Dec.), Seven Months (1923, 1922, Inc. or Dec.), Week ending August 4 (1923, 1922, Inc. or Dec., 1921, 1920). Rows include First Federal Reserve District (Maine-Bangor, Portland, Mass.-Boston, etc.), Second Federal Reserve District (New York-Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, etc.), and Total (13 cities, 12 cities).

CLEARINGS—(Continued).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Month of July, Seven Months, Week ending August 4. Rows include Third Federal Reserve District (Pa., Altoona, Bethlehem, etc.), Fourth Federal Reserve District (Ohio, Akron, Canton, etc.), Fifth Federal Reserve District (Va., Huntington, Newport News, etc.), Sixth Federal Reserve District (Tenn., Chattanooga, Knoxville, etc.), Seventh Federal Reserve District (Mich., Adrian, Ann Arbor, etc.), and Eighth Federal Reserve District (Ind., Evansville, New Albany, etc.). Each row lists cities and their clearing amounts for 1923, 1922, and percentage change, along with seven-month and week ending August 4 totals.

CLEARINGS—(Unconcluded).

Main table showing clearing data for various US cities and states from 1923 to 1929, categorized by month of July, seven months, and week ending August 4. Includes sub-sections for Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Federal Reserve Districts.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR JULY, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 2.

Table showing Canadian clearing data for various cities from 1923 to 1929, categorized by month of July, seven months, and week ending August 2.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ending Aug. 1. d Week ending Aug. 2. e Week ending Aug. 3. * Estimated.

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

Table with 5 columns: Holdings in U. S. Treasury, May 1 1923, June 1 1923, July 1 1923, Aug. 1 1923. Rows include Net gold coin and bullion, Net silver coin and bullion, Cash balance in Treasury, etc.

* Includes July 1, \$30,255,353 silver bullion and \$2,757,114 minor coins, &c. not included in statement "Stock of Money."

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:

Table with 8 columns: London, Week ending Aug. 10, Aug. 4, Aug. 6, Aug. 7, Aug. 8, Aug. 9, Aug. 10. Rows include Silver, per oz., Gold, per fine ounce, Consols, 2 1/2 per cents, etc.

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

Table with 6 columns: Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.), Foreign. Values: 62 1/2, 62 1/2, 62 1/4, 62 1/2, 62 1/4.

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 25 1923:

GOLD.

The Bank of England's gold reserve against its note issue on the 18th inst. was £125,808,440, as compared with £125,798,400 on the previous Wednesday.

The purchases of gold on behalf of the Indian Bazaars have again been on a small scale, so that the United States of America will receive quite a good proportion of the supplies in the market this week.

It is announced that the Reichsbank has fixed the purchase price for a 20-mark gold piece at 900,000 paper marks.

CURRENCY.

The "Times" correspondent at Vienna states that the National Assembly on July 14 sanctioned the withdrawal from circulation of 130 milliards worth of kronen notes in denominations up to 5,000 kronen. They will be replaced by coins in base metal in denominations of 100, 1,000 and 5,000 kronen.

It is also reported that Germany is to issue aluminum coins of a value of 1,000 marks.

SILVER.

On the whole the market has presented a fairly steady appearance, though prices have fluctuated to and fro in response to an excess of supply or demand. Some bear covering has taken place, but the Indian Bazaars do not yet appear eager to lay in stocks of the metal. China has bought at the lower and sold at the higher prices touched. The pulse of the market is steady, and does not suggest much prospect of wide movements in prices.

We append figures published by the Indian Commercial Intelligence Department showing India's foreign trade during June as compared with the previous month:

Table with 3 columns: Imports, Exports, Net imports of private treasure. Values in Lacs of Rupees for June and May.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with 4 columns: (In Lacs of Rupees)—June 30, July 7, July 15. Rows include Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion in India, etc.

No silver coinage was reported during the week ending 15th inst. The stock in Shanghai on the 21st inst. consisted of about 27,500,000 ounces in sycee, 32,000,000 dollars and 1,140 silver bars, as compared with about 26,700,000 ounces in sycee and 32,000,000 dollars on the 14th inst.

The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. 1/2d. the tael.

Table with 4 columns: Quotations—, Bar Silver per Oz. Std., Bar Gold per Oz. Fine. Rows include July 19, July 20, July 21, etc.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are the same as those fixed a week ago.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Table with 2 columns: Application, Capital. Rows include July 31—The First National Bank of Floral Park, N. Y., Aug. 2—The First National Bank of Richmond Heights, Mo., etc.

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Table with 2 columns: Application, Capital. Row: Aug. 6—The First National Bank of Sevierville, Tenn.

APPLICATION TO CONVERT APPROVED.

Table with 2 columns: Application, Capital. Row: Aug. 4—The First National Bank of Sheffield, Ia.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table with 2 columns: Application, Capital. Rows include July 30—12419—The Bushwick National Bank of New York, N. Y., July 30—12420—The American National Bank of Rushville, Ind., etc.

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

By Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table with 3 columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Rows include 20 Langley Mills, com, 143 Langley Mills, 2d pref, etc.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with 3 columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Rows include 5 Hamilton Mfg. Co., ex-div, 5 Nashua Mfg. Co., common, etc.

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

Table with 3 columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Rows include 5 Berkshire Cotton Mfg. Co., 2 Lanett Cotton Mills, 2 York Mfg. Co., etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with 3 columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Rows include 60 Philadelphia Warehousing & Cold Storage, 10 Trademans National Bank, etc.

DIVIDENDS.

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

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Rows include Delaware & Bound Brook (quar.), Southern Pacific (quar.), Union Pacific, com. (quar.), etc.

Table with columns: Actual Figures, 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.

(Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

Table showing Differences from previous week for Loans and investments, Gold, Currency and bank notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank, etc.

RESERVE.

Table comparing Reserve for State Banks (16.14%) and Trust Companies (15.04%) against Cash in vault, Deposits in banks and trust cos., and Total.

* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Aug. 4 was \$68,613,000.

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: Week ended, Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, Reserve in Depositories. Shows weekly trends from April 14 to August 4.

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 showing CLEARING NON-MEMBERS (Capital, Profits, Loans, Reserves) and Members of Fed. Res. Bank (Battery Park Nat., W. R. Grace & Co.) with various financial metrics.

a United States deposits deducted, \$188,000. payable, rediscouints, acceptances and other liabilities, \$553,000 reserve, \$81,500 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 showing Boston Clearing House Members' financials: Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, Individual deposits, Due to banks, etc. for weeks ending Aug. 8, July 25, and July 21, 1923.

Philadelphia Banks. The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Aug. 4, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve.

Table showing Philadelphia Banks' financials: Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, etc. for weeks ending Aug. 4, July 28, and July 21, 1923.

* 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 Aug. 8 1923 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Large table showing Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York: Resources (Gold, Bonds, etc.), Total earning assets, Liabilities (Capital paid in, Deposits, Government, etc.), and Total reserves.

CURRENT NOTICES.

W. R. Grace & Co., 7 Hanover Square, New York, have issued a booklet, "Buying American Cotton," by Bernard Gelles, Manager of their American cotton department.

Guaranty Trust Company of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the stock of the Motol Lubricants Corporation, consisting of 50,000 shares of preferred stock and 100,000 shares of common stock, each class of stock having a par value of \$10.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Aug. 9, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve Banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 610, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS AUG. 8 1923.

Main table showing combined resources and liabilities of the Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business Aug. 8 1923. Columns include dates from Aug. 8 1923 to Aug. 9 1922. Rows are categorized into Resources (Gold and gold certificates, Total gold held by banks, Total reserves, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital paid in, Deposits, Total liabilities, etc.).

* Not shown separately prior to Jan. 1923.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS AUG. 8 1923

Table showing the weekly statement of resources and liabilities for each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business Aug. 8 1923. Columns list banks: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows are categorized into Resources (Gold and gold certificates, Total gold held by banks, Total reserves, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital paid in, Deposits, Total liabilities, etc.).

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Bank premises.....	\$ 4,434.0	\$ 12,725.0	\$ 721.0	\$ 9,195.0	\$ 2,617.0	\$ 2,687.0	\$ 8,715.0	\$ 1,040.0	\$ 1,625.0	\$ 4,965.0	\$ 1,947.0	\$ 2,753.0	\$ 53,424.0
5% redemption fund against F. R. bank notes.....							65.0			100.0	25.0		193.0
Uncollected items.....	49,328.0	112,547.0	48,388.0	55,432.0	48,747.0	19,115.0	70,508.0	30,519.0	13,450.0	34,373.0	20,015.0	37,545.0	539,877.0
All other resources.....	132.0	1,148.0	308.0	457.0	474.0	571.0	619.0	170.0	1,859.0	826.0	2,664.0	3,830.0	13,058.0
Total resources.....	419,775.0	1,390,358.0	400,750.0	485,533.0	201,192.0	215,359.0	791,101.0	191,520.0	129,319.0	193,700.0	113,071.0	419,859.0	4,951,537.0
LIABILITIES.													
Capital paid in.....	\$ 8,110.0	\$ 29,337.0	\$ 9,751.0	\$ 12,168.0	\$ 5,714.0	\$ 4,416.0	\$ 15,147.0	\$ 4,952.0	\$ 3,528.0	\$ 4,580.0	\$ 4,192.0	\$ 7,778.0	\$ 109,673.0
Surplus.....	16,312.0	59,800.0	18,749.0	23,495.0	11,288.0	8,942.0	30,398.0	9,665.0	7,473.0	9,488.0	7,496.0	15,263.0	218,369.0
Deposits: Government.....	1,682.0	3,995.0	1,444.0	1,473.0	1,723.0	1,039.0	2,302.0	781.0	1,835.0	1,477.0	1,986.0	2,935.0	21,935.0
Member bank—reserve acc't.....	123,453.0	690,236.0	112,581.0	162,220.0	58,881.0	53,343.0	274,586.0	70,706.0	48,007.0	79,008.0	43,353.0	143,649.0	1,860,022.0
Other deposits.....	215.0	13,210.0	396.0	1,003.0	164.0	129.0	1,745.0	566.0	512.0	424.0	185.0	4,272.0	22,834.0
Total deposits.....	125,350.0	707,441.0	114,421.0	164,696.0	60,768.0	54,511.0	278,529.0	73,574.0	49,300.0	81,267.0	45,027.0	149,907.0	1,904,791.0
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	223,142.0	504,061.0	214,366.0	236,466.0	78,254.0	132,209.0	406,102.0	71,656.0	55,008.0	60,693.0	32,989.0	209,412.0	2,224,358.0
F. R. bank notes in circulation— net liability.....													
Deferred Availability items.....	46,083.0	86,079.0	42,050.0	47,133.0	44,146.0	14,263.0	57,952.0	30,577.0	12,807.0	36,704.0	20,834.0	35,641.0	474,269.0
All other liabilities.....	778.0	3,640.0	1,413.0	1,575.0	1,022.0	1,018.0	1,876.0	1,096.0	1,203.0	968.0	2,059.0	1,858.0	18,506.0
Total liabilities.....	419,775.0	1,390,358.0	400,750.0	485,533.0	201,192.0	215,359.0	791,101.0	191,520.0	129,319.0	193,700.0	113,071.0	419,859.0	4,951,537.0
<i>Memoranda.</i>													
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities com- bined, per cent.....	80.9	81.7	75.4	77.5	57.2	73.3	83.3	68.1	65.4	69.3	48.5	75.0	77.3
Contingent liability on bills pur- chased for foreign correspond'ts		11,469.0	2,849.0	3,578.0	1,723.0	1,358.0	4,605.0	1,458.0	1,216.0	1,425.0	1,193.0	2,352.0	33,136.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS AUG. 8 1923.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleve.	Richm'd.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. L.	Mtnn.	K. City.	Dallas.	San Fr.	Total.
Resources (In Thousands of Dollars)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Federal Reserve notes on hand.....	89,650	313,260	50,760	31,920	24,670	77,817	111,100	24,890	12,825	29,913	17,569	71,300	855,674
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	239,816	748,284	233,518	263,721	86,171	137,378	462,498	89,174	59,755	69,800	36,564	249,520	2,676,199
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....													
Gold and gold certificates.....	35,300	235,531	7,000	8,805	-----	2,400	-----	11,880	13,052	-----	6,461	-----	320,429
Gold redemption fund.....	13,479	30,081	12,381	13,628	4,607	4,775	10,646	3,199	1,677	2,897	1,909	14,734	114,013
Gold Fund—Federal Reserve Board.....	138,000	371,000	147,389	185,000	21,795	89,000	371,644	35,500	21,000	34,360	5,000	185,882	1,605,570
Eligible paper / Amount required.....	53,037	111,672	66,748	56,288	59,769	41,203	80,208	38,595	24,026	32,543	23,194	48,904	636,187
Excess amount held.....	13,729	129,452	5,689	35,080	6,100	8,331	43,330	9,238	4,639	8,026	22,585	39,679	325,878
Total.....	583,011	1,939,280	523,485	594,442	203,112	360,904	1,079,426	212,476	136,974	177,539	113,282	610,019	6,533,950
Liabilities—													
Net amount of Federal Reserves notes received from Comptroller of the Currency.....	329,466	1,061,544	284,278	295,641	110,841	215,195	573,598	114,064	72,580	99,713	54,133	320,820	3,531,873
Collateral received from Gold.....	186,779	636,612	166,770	207,433	26,402	96,175	382,290	50,579	35,729	37,257	13,370	200,616	2,040,612
Federal Reserve Bank (Eligible paper).....	66,766	241,124	72,437	91,368	65,869	49,534	123,538	47,833	28,665	40,569	45,779	88,583	962,065
Total.....	583,011	1,939,280	523,485	594,442	203,112	360,904	1,079,426	212,476	136,974	177,539	113,282	610,019	6,533,950
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Federal Reserve notes held by banks.....	16,674	244,223	19,152	27,255	7,917	5,169	56,396	17,518	4,747	9,107	3,575	40,108	451,841
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.....	223,142	504,061	214,366	236,466	78,254	132,209	406,102	71,656	55,008	60,693	32,989	209,412	2,224,358

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the 771 member banks, from which the weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve Banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Oct. 18 1917, published in the "Chronicle" Dec. 29 1917, page 2523. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our Department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 610.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business Aug. 1 1923. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks.....	43	111	55	82	77	39	106	36	28	76	52	66	771
Loans and discounts, gross:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	12,508	78,935	18,851	29,377	9,199	7,893	34,473	11,611	4,474	6,779	4,002	12,744	230,846
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	236,989	1,554,816	257,962	398,466	119,351	62,106	583,830	137,112	42,725	79,882	50,470	188,093	3,711,802
All other loans and discounts.....	626,860	2,474,282	356,167	699,339	328,139	329,806	1,136,698	308,430	184,833	359,871	196,906	795,831	7,797,152
Total loans and discounts.....	876,357	4,108,033	632,970	1,127,182	456,689	399,805	1,755,001	457,153	232,032	446,532	251,378	996,668	11,739,890
U. S. pre-war bonds.....	12,541	48,180	10,998	48,052	30,335	14,343	24,645	15,335	8,961	11,416	20,711	31,132	276,640
U. S. Liberty bonds.....	79,488	473,420	44,663	116,675	31,978	14,345	97,830	23,156	12,198	52,558	14,251	103,112	1,063,474
U. S. Treasury bonds.....	5,066	29,230	3,613	5,563	4,073	1,938	12,150	9,177	1,215	4,839	2,197	13,201	92,732
U. S. Treasury notes.....	28,625	492,087	54,095	56,361	11,412	6,271	127,161	21,745	28,729	22,101	13,115	39,094	900,786
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness.....	3,079	23,544	6,028	7,310	2,314	7,007	12,250	6,120	2,546	5,982	3,991	14,565	103,736
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	168,819	786,768	184,406	302,092	52,472	40,716	354,311	85,853	29,002	59,606	10,350	148,738	2,173,133
Total loans & disc'ts & invest'm'ts.....	1,173,975	5,911,262	936,573	1,663,235	589,273	484,425	2,392,448	618,539	314,683	603,034	315,993	1,346,501	16,349,941
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank.....	83,580	647,406	69,492	110,658	33,987	31,700	198,814	19,591	19,051	47,813	21,116	92,617	1,395,825
Cash in vault.....	18,917	75,280	14,764	31,017	12,722	10,081	53,682	39,591	19,051	47,813	21,116	92,617	1,395,825
Net demand deposits.....	809,490	4,640,118	686,840	935,140	328,276	267,775	1,490,612	343,440	192,514	443,633	205,480	736,206	11,079,524
Time deposits.....	266,130	895,435	104,602	581,476	152,157	178,518	782,209	190,309	86,559	128,418	74,930	531,360	3,972,103
Government deposits.....	21,888	42,799	13,384	8,490	6,100	6,932	19,175	5,228	3,436	1,873	3,911	13,824	147,040
Bills payable and rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	7,462	128,274	20,746	21,650	19,783	2,829	26,663	9,569	3,480	8,831	4,112	24,543	277,942
All other.....	19,448	51,034	18,812	18,948	15,665	14,023	62,228	18,703	5,676	17,426	10,106	27,782	237,851

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Three ciphers (000) omitted.	New York City.		City of Chicago.		All F. R. Bank Cities.		F. R. Branch Cities.		Other Selected Cities.		Total.	
	Aug. 1.	July 25.	Aug. 1.	July 25.	Aug. 1.	July 25.	Aug. 1.	July 25.	Aug. 1.	July 25.	Aug. 1 '23.	July 25 '23
Number of reporting banks.....	66	66	49	49	258	258	205	206	308	308	771	772
Loans and discounts, gross:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	70,226	69,538	26,211	27,888	161,170	151,963	41,461	41,759	38,215	37,685	230,846	231,407
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	1,378,013	1,393,171	435,385	437,250	2,640,299	2,672,003	583,142	583,911	488,361	485,643	3,711,802	3,741,557
All other loans and discounts.....	2											

Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, Aug. 10 1923.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 640.

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

Table with columns: Week ending Aug. 10 1923., Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad, State, Mun. and Foreign Bonds, U. S. Bonds.

Table with columns: Sales at New York Stock Exchange, Week ending Aug. 10, 1923., 1922., Jan. 1 to Aug. 10, 1923., 1922.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns: Week ending Aug. 10 1923., Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales).

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices. Aug. 4, Aug. 6, Aug. 7, Aug. 8, Aug. 9, Aug. 10

Table with columns: Bond Name, High, Low, Close, Total sales in \$1,000 units.

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

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bids, Asked.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bids, Asked.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 663.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 663.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange was dull and weak, though changes in rates were not important.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 53 1/4 @ 4 54 1/4 for sixty days, 4 56 1/2 @ 4 56 1/2 for cheques and 4 56 1/2 @ 4 57 1/2 for cables.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5.59 @ 5.66 for long and 5.62 @ 5.69 for short.

Exchanges at Paris on London, 80.00 fr.; week's range, 79.48 fr. high and 80.00 fr. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table with columns: Sterling Actual—, Sixty Days., Checks., Cables., High for the week, Low for the week.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending Aug. 10, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest).

Table with columns: Indus. & Miscell's., Amer Chain, Amer Locomotive, Amer Rolling Mill, etc.

* No par value.

OCCUPYING FOUR PAGES

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

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 price ranges per share. Includes a 'Sales for the Week' column.

Table of STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. Columns include Stock Name, Par value, Sales for the Week, and Price Range (Lowest and Highest) for the current year and the previous year.

* Bid and asked prices. z Ex-dividend

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

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and Sales for the Week. Includes sub-sections for STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE and PER SHARE RANGE SINCE JAN. 1 1923. Lists various stocks like American Cotton Oil, Amer Drugists Syndicate, etc.

* 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.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Aug. 4-10); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Exchange Buffet, Famous Players-Lasky, etc.); PER SHARE (Range since Jan. 1 1923, On basis of 100-share lots); PER SHARE (Range for Previous Year 1922).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales this day. z Ex-dividend.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1923. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922.	
Saturday, Aug. 4.	Monday, Aug. 6.	Tuesday, Aug. 7.	Wednesday, Aug. 8.	Thursday, Aug. 9.	Friday, Aug. 10.			Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.)	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
*71 ¹ / ₂	*71 ³ / ₄	8	8	8	8	1,800	Owens Bottle.....No par	7	14	6 ⁷ / ₈	16 ¹ / ₂
*71 ¹ / ₂	*71 ³ / ₄	8	8	8	8	2,500	Pacific Development.....25	36 ³ / ₈	52 ¹ / ₂	24	42 ³ / ₈
76 ¹ / ₂	76 ¹ / ₂	77	77	76 ³ / ₈	*76	400	Pacific Gas & Electric.....100	1 ⁹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	1 ⁹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂
8	8	*9	11	*8	9	100	Pacific Mail Steamship.....5	7	12 ¹ / ₂	11	19
32	32 ¹ / ₂	33 ³ / ₈	33 ¹ / ₂	33	33 ³ / ₈	11,500	Pacific Oil.....5	31 ¹ / ₂	45 ⁷ / ₈	42 ¹ / ₂	69 ³ / ₈
12 ¹ / ₂	12 ¹ / ₂	12 ¹ / ₂	12 ¹ / ₂	12 ¹ / ₂	13	2,300	Packard Motor Car.....10	10 ¹ / ₂	15 ¹ / ₂	10	21
56 ¹ / ₂	58	58 ³ / ₄	59 ¹ / ₂	59 ¹ / ₂	61 ¹ / ₂	21,800	Pan-Amer Petr & Trans.....50	54 ⁷ / ₈	93 ¹ / ₂	48 ³ / ₈	100 ⁷ / ₈
54 ⁵ / ₈	56	56 ⁷ / ₈	57 ¹ / ₂	57	59	59,600	Do Class B.....50	51	86	40 ¹ / ₂	95 ³ / ₄
*1 ¹ / ₂	*1 ¹ / ₂	*1 ¹ / ₂	*1 ¹ / ₂	*1 ¹ / ₂	*1 ¹ / ₂	2	Panhandle Prod & Ref.No par	2	21	3	12
*9	10	9 ¹ / ₂	9 ¹ / ₂	9 ¹ / ₂	9 ¹ / ₂	200	Parish & Bingham.....No par	9	23	7 ¹ / ₂	13 ⁷ / ₈
2 ¹ / ₂	2 ⁷ / ₈	2 ³ / ₄	2 ³ / ₄	2 ³ / ₄	2 ⁷ / ₈	8,700	Penn-Seaboard St'l v t c.No par	2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂
*87 ¹ / ₂	88	*87 ¹ / ₂	88	88	88	200	People's G L & C (Chic).100	86	27	59 ¹ / ₂	99
43	43	44	44	43 ¹ / ₂	44	600	Philadelphia Co (Pittsb).50	41	7	31 ¹ / ₂	45 ⁷ / ₈
50	50	55 ¹ / ₈	56	*56	57	400	Phillips-Jones Corp.....No par	55	9	73 ¹ / ₄	105 ¹ / ₂
21 ¹ / ₂	21 ¹ / ₂	21 ¹ / ₂	21 ¹ / ₂	20 ³ / ₄	21 ¹ / ₂	23,600	Phillips Petroleum.....No par	20 ¹ / ₂	47	28 ¹ / ₂	59 ¹ / ₂
7 ⁷ / ₈	7 ⁷ / ₈	8 ¹ / ₄	8 ¹ / ₄	*7 ⁷ / ₈	8	2,700	Pierce-Arrow Mot Car.No par	6 ¹ / ₄	7	8	24 ³ / ₄
18	18	*17 ¹ / ₂	18 ³ / ₈	18 ³ / ₈	18 ¹ / ₂	2,000	Do pref.....100	13 ¹ / ₂	15	8	49
2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	1,700	Pierce Oil Corporation.....25	11 ¹ / ₂	12 ¹ / ₂	3 ³ / ₈	12
*25	30	25 ¹ / ₂	25 ¹ / ₂	*25	28	100	Do pref.....100	25	45	32	71
*55	59	58 ¹ / ₂	59	*58 ³ / ₄	59	2,800	Pigg Wigg Stor Inc "A" No par	55 ¹ / ₂	124	39	59 ¹ / ₂
*99 ¹ / ₂	100	*99 ¹ / ₂	100	99 ¹ / ₂	100	300	Pittsburgh Coal of Pa.....100	58	16	55	72 ³ / ₈
48 ¹ / ₂	48 ¹ / ₂	48 ¹ / ₂	48 ¹ / ₂	48 ¹ / ₂	49 ¹ / ₂	900	Pond Creek Coal.....10	97 ¹ / ₂	100	90 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂
*105	112	*105	112 ¹ / ₂	*105	112 ¹ / ₂	600	Postum Cereal.....No par	47	7	65 ³ / ₈	120
*49 ⁵ / ₈	51	49	50 ¹ / ₂	*51	51	100	Do 8% preferred.....100	108 ¹ / ₂	114 ¹ / ₂	105 ¹ / ₂	112 ¹ / ₂
*90	90 ¹ / ₂	90	90	90	90	300	Pressed Steel Car.....100	49	50 ¹ / ₂	63	95 ¹ / ₂
29	29 ⁷ / ₈	29 ³ / ₄	30 ³ / ₈	31 ¹ / ₈	31 ¹ / ₂	300	Do pref.....100	86	99 ³ / ₄	91	106
*111	112	113	113 ⁷ / ₈	*112 ¹ / ₂	113 ¹ / ₂	1,200	Producers & Refiners Corp.50	29	31	24 ¹ / ₂	51
43 ¹ / ₄	44 ³ / ₈	44 ³ / ₈	46	45 ¹ / ₄	46 ¹ / ₂	5,600	Public Service Corp of N J.100	91	104	66	100
17 ¹ / ₈	17 ¹ / ₈	17 ¹ / ₈	17 ¹ / ₈	17 ¹ / ₈	18 ¹ / ₈	4,800	Pullman Company.....100	110 ¹ / ₂	134	105 ¹ / ₂	129 ³ / ₄
*85	92	*85	92	*85	90	600	Punta Alegre Sugar.....50	41 ⁷ / ₈	69 ¹ / ₄	31	53 ¹ / ₂
101 ¹ / ₄	102 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	103 ³ / ₄	102	104	1,300	Pure Oil (The).....25	16 ³ / ₈	18	26 ¹ / ₂	38 ³ / ₈
29 ³ / ₈	29 ³ / ₈	29 ³ / ₈	30 ¹ / ₄	29 ³ / ₈	30 ¹ / ₄	600	Do 8% preferred.....100	88	27	94	102 ³ / ₄
10 ¹ / ₈	10 ¹ / ₈	10 ¹ / ₈	10 ¹ / ₈	10	10 ¹ / ₈	1,200	Railway Steel Spring.....100	100	100	94	126 ¹ / ₂
*29	34	*29	34	*30	32	200	Rand Mines, Ltd.....No par	29 ¹ / ₂	34	19 ¹ / ₂	36 ¹ / ₂
*85	93	*85	100	*85	100	21,900	Ray Consolidated Copper.10	10	28	12 ¹ / ₂	19
*87	95	*87	95	*87	95	500	Remington Typewriter v t c.100	24	27	24	42
10 ¹ / ₄	10 ¹ / ₄	10 ¹ / ₄	11 ¹ / ₂	10 ¹ / ₄	11 ¹ / ₂	15,700	1st preferred v t c.100	100	104	55	105
42 ³ / ₄	43	43 ³ / ₄	44 ¹ / ₂	43 ¹ / ₄	44 ¹ / ₂	4,400	2d preferred.....100	80	83	50 ¹ / ₂	80 ³ / ₄
*88	92	*89	92	91	91	200	Republic Iron & Steel.....100	40 ¹ / ₂	48	21	45 ¹ / ₂
18 ¹ / ₂	19 ¹ / ₂	19	19 ¹ / ₂	19	19 ¹ / ₂	1,700	Do pref.....100	86	21	74	95 ³ / ₄
*115	116	*115	116	*116	116	2,800	Reynolds Spring.....No par	14	20	12 ¹ / ₂	50 ³ / ₄
40 ³ / ₄	41 ¹ / ₈	41 ¹ / ₈	42 ³ / ₈	42 ³ / ₈	42 ³ / ₈	100	Reynolds (R J) Tob Class B.25	47	10	43	63 ³ / ₄
17 ¹ / ₈	17 ¹ / ₈	17 ¹ / ₈	18	18	18 ¹ / ₂	3,400	Do 7% preferred.....100	114	119	111 ¹ / ₂	118 ¹ / ₂
*17 ¹ / ₂	2	*17 ¹ / ₂	2	*17 ¹ / ₂	2	800	Royal Dutch Co (N Y shares).40 ¹ / ₂	11	18	47 ³ / ₈	67
21	21	21 ¹ / ₂	21 ¹ / ₂	*22	23	1,200	San Joseph Sugar v t c.No par	17	29	12 ³ / ₄	20 ¹ / ₂
70	70 ³ / ₄	72	72 ³ / ₄	73	74 ¹ / ₂	6,500	San Cecilia Sugar v t c.No par	15 ¹ / ₂	11	10	24 ⁷ / ₈
*101	108	*101	108	*101	108	1,000	Savages Arms Corporation.100	18 ¹ / ₂	30	10	24 ⁷ / ₈
7 ⁷ / ₈	7 ⁷ / ₈	7 ⁷ / ₈	8	*7 ⁷ / ₈	8	300	Sears, Roebuck & Co.....100	66 ¹ / ₂	29	59 ³ / ₈	74 ¹ / ₂
61	61	*51	6	*51	6	200	Do pref.....100	101 ¹ / ₂	113	91	112
*28 ¹ / ₂	29 ¹ / ₂	*28 ¹ / ₂	29 ¹ / ₂	29 ¹ / ₂	29 ¹ / ₂	300	Seneca Copper.....No par	6	20	6	23 ¹ / ₂
15 ¹ / ₄	15 ¹ / ₄	15 ¹ / ₄	15 ¹ / ₄	16 ¹ / ₂	16 ¹ / ₂	500	Shattuck Arizona Copper.10	5 ⁷ / ₈	10 ³ / ₄	6 ¹ / ₂	12
21	21 ¹ / ₂	21 ¹ / ₂	22 ¹ / ₂	21 ¹ / ₂	22 ¹ / ₂	21,900	Shell Transp & Trading.£2	29 ¹ / ₄	8	34 ¹ / ₂	48 ¹ / ₂
14 ¹ / ₂	15 ¹ / ₄	14	14 ¹ / ₂	13 ¹ / ₄	13 ¹ / ₄	31,400	Shell Union Oil.....No par	12 ³ / ₈	18	12 ¹ / ₂	13 ¹ / ₂
*76	82	*76	82	*76	83	500	Sinclair Cons Oil Corp.No par	21	9	18 ¹ / ₂	38 ³ / ₄
38 ¹ / ₄	38 ¹ / ₄	40	40 ³ / ₈	40 ³ / ₈	40 ³ / ₈	1,600	Skelly Oil Co.....10	9 ¹ / ₂	25	8 ³ / ₄	11 ¹ / ₂
13 ¹ / ₂	13 ¹ / ₂	14	14	15 ¹ / ₂	16	1,300	Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron.100	39 ¹ / ₄	11	60	54 ¹ / ₂
90	90	*89	94	*89	94	500	Do pref.....100	68	13	66	80
*65	80	*65	80	*65	80	1,300	South Porto Rico Sugar.....100	39	6	33	57 ¹ / ₂
47 ¹ / ₂	47 ³ / ₄	47 ³ / ₄	48 ¹ / ₂	48 ¹ / ₂	49 ³ / ₈	100	Spicer Mfg Co.....No par	11 ¹ / ₄	30	15	24
31 ³ / ₄	31 ³ / ₄	31 ³ / ₄	32 ¹ / ₂	32 ¹ / ₂	33	9,700	Do pref.....100	70	7	84	96
107 ¹ / ₂	108 ¹ / ₂	107 ¹ / ₂	109 ¹ / ₂	108 ¹ / ₂	110 ¹ / ₂	10,300	Standard Milling.....100	90	10	84 ³ / ₄	141
*53 ¹ / ₂	55	*53 ¹ / ₂	55	*54 ¹ / ₂	54 ¹ / ₂	300	Standard Oil of California.25	47 ¹ / ₂	30	91 ¹ / ₂	135
*114	116	*114	116	*114	116	10,300	Standard Oil of New Jersey.25	30 ⁷ / ₈	31	35 ¹ / ₂	35 ¹ / ₂
83 ¹ / ₄	85	84 ¹ / ₂	86 ³ / ₈	85 ³ / ₈	87 ¹ / ₈	900	Do pref non-voting.....100	115	20	113 ¹ / ₂	116 ¹ / ₂
62 ³ / ₄	64	64	65 ³ / ₈	66	66	19,800	Steel & Tube of Am. pref.100	85	2	68	90
100 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	103 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	104 ¹ / ₂	300	Stern Products.....No par	61	29	45 ¹ / ₂	63 ³ / ₄
*115	116 ¹ / ₂	*115	116 ¹ / ₂	*115	116 ¹ / ₂	14,900	Stern Bros. pref (8%).....100	109 ¹ / ₂	12	81	109
7 ⁷ / ₈	7 ⁷ / ₈	7 ⁷ / ₈	8	8	8	6,900	Stewart-Warn Sp Corp.No par	74	17	24 ¹ / ₂	29
*3	3 ³ / ₈	*3	3 ³ / ₈	*3	3 ³ / ₈						

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

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various market indicators. Includes sections for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Government, and Railroad bonds.

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

Main table containing bond listings for N.Y. Stock Exchange, including columns for bond name, price, week's range, and range since Jan 1. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS' and 'Illinois Central (Concluded)'.

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

BONDS				Interest Period	Price			Range Since Jan. 1	BONDS				Interest Period	Price			Range Since Jan. 1
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE					Thursday	Week's	Week's		N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE					Thursday	Week's	Week's	
Week ending Aug. 9.				Aug. 9	Range of Last Sale	Range of Last Sale	Week ending Aug. 9.				Aug. 9	Range of Last Sale	Range of Last Sale				
Bid	Ask	Low	High	Bonds Sold	Low	High	Bid	Ask	Low	High	Bonds Sold	Low	High				
M & E 1st gu 3 1/2s	2000	J	D	74 1/2	75	74 3/8	75	74 3/8	75	74 3/8	75	74 3/8	75				
Nashv Chatt & St L 1st 5s	1923	A	O	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	98 3/4	101	98 3/4	101	98 3/4	101				
N Fla & S 1st gu g 5s	1937	F	A	98	99	98	99	98	99	98	99	98	99				
Nat Ry of Mex prlor 4 1/2s	1957	J	J	93	94	93	94	93	94	93	94	93	94				
July coupon on	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
do off	20	20	20	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	28				
General 4s (Oct on)	1977	A	O	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20				
April coupon on	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20				
do off	30	30	30	29 1/2	30	29 1/2	30	29 1/2	30	29 1/2	30	29 1/2	30				
Nat RR Mex prior 4 1/2s	1926	J	J	38 1/2	39	38 1/2	39	38 1/2	39	38 1/2	39	38 1/2	39				
July coupon on	38 1/2	39	38 1/2	44 1/2	45	44 1/2	45	44 1/2	45	44 1/2	45	44 1/2	45				
do off	50	50	50	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21				
1st consol 4s (Oct on)	1951	A	O	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22				
April coupon on	22	22	22	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68				
do off	68	68	68	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90				
Naugatuck RR 1st 4s	1954	M	N	68 1/2	69	68 1/2	69	68 1/2	69	68 1/2	69	68 1/2	69				
New England cons 4s	1945	J	O	81	82	81	82	81	82	81	82	81	82				
Consol 4s	1945	J	O	77 1/2	78	77 1/2	78	77 1/2	78	77 1/2	78	77 1/2	78				
N J June RR guar 1st 4s	1986	F	A	79	80 1/2	79	80 1/2	79	80 1/2	79	80 1/2	79	80 1/2				
N O & N E 1st ref & imp 4 1/2s A'52	1953	J	J	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	74 1/2				
New Orleans Term 1st 4s	1953	J	J	101	101 1/2	101	101 1/2	101	101 1/2	101	101 1/2	101	101 1/2				
N O Texas & Mexico 1st 6s	1925	J	D	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	75				
Non-cum income 5s	1935	A	O	90	91	90	91	90	91	90	91	90	91				
N & C Bdge gen gu 4 1/2s	1935	J	O	91 1/2	92	91 1/2	92	91 1/2	92	91 1/2	92	91 1/2	92				
N Y B & M B 1st gen g 5s	1935	A	O	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104				
N Y Cent RR conv deb 6s	1935	M	N	81	81 3/4	81	81 3/4	81	81 3/4	81	81 3/4	81	81 3/4				
Consol 4s Series A	1998	F	A	85 1/2	86	85 1/2	86	85 1/2	86	85 1/2	86	85 1/2	86				
Ref & imp 4 1/2s "A"	2013	A	O	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96				
Ref & imp 6s	2013	A	O	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	75				
N Y Central & Hudson River	1997	J	J	80	80 1/2	80	80 1/2	80	80 1/2	80	80 1/2	80	80 1/2				
Mortgage 3 1/2s	1907	J	J	89	89 1/2	89	89 1/2	89	89 1/2	89	89 1/2	89	89 1/2				
Registered	1943	M	N	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2				
Debenture gold 4s	1934	M	N	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	87				
Registered	1934	M	N	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2				
30-year debenture 4s	1942	J	J	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2				
Lake Shore coll gold 3 1/2s	1998	F	A	71 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2				
Registered	1998	F	A	72 1/2	73	72 1/2	73	72 1/2	73	72 1/2	73	72 1/2	73				
Mich Cent coll gold 3 1/2s	1998	F	A	69 1/2	70	69 1/2	70	69 1/2	70	69 1/2	70	69 1/2	70				
Registered	1998	F	A	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2				
N Y Chic & St L 1st g 4s	1937	A	O	83 1/2	84	83 1/2	84	83 1/2	84	83 1/2	84	83 1/2	84				
Registered	1937	A	O	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2				
Debenture 4s	1931	M	N	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	101				
2d 6s A B C	1931	M	N	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	87				
N Y Connect 1st gu 4 1/2s A	1953	F	A	75	75 1/2	75	75 1/2	75	75 1/2	75	75 1/2	75	75 1/2				
N Y & Erie 1st ext g 4s	1947	M	N	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	94				
3d ext gold 4 1/2s	1923	M	N	91	91 1/2	91	91 1/2	91	91 1/2	91	91 1/2	91	91 1/2				
4th ext gold 5s	1930	A	O	92	92 1/2	92	92 1/2	92	92 1/2	92	92 1/2	92	92 1/2				
5th ext gold 4s	1928	J	D	82 1/2	83	82 1/2	83	82 1/2	83	82 1/2	83	82 1/2	83				
N Y & Green L gu g 5s	1946	M	N	73 1/2	74	73 1/2	74	73 1/2	74	73 1/2	74	73 1/2	74				
N Y & Harlem g 3 1/2s	2000	M	N	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	75				
N Y Lack & Western 5s	1923	F	A	103	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	103	103 1/2				
N Y L E & W 1st 7s ext.	1930	M	S	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100				
Dock & Imp 5s	1943	J	J	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2				
N Y & Jersey 1st 5s	1932	F	A	83	83 1/2	83	83 1/2	83	83 1/2	83	83 1/2	83	83 1/2				
N Y & Long Br gen g 4s	1941	M	S	35 1/2	36	35 1/2	36	35 1/2	36	35 1/2	36	35 1/2	36				
N Y N H & Hartford	1954	A	O	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2				
Non-conv deben 4s	1947	M	S	42	42 1/2	42	42 1/2	42	42 1/2	42	42 1/2	42	42 1/2				
Non-conv deben 3 1/2s	1947	M	S	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2				
Non-conv deben 4s	1955	J	J	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2				
Non-conv deben 4s	1956	M	N	38 1/2	39	38 1/2	39	38 1/2	39	38 1/2	39	38 1/2	39				
Conv debenture 3 1/2s	1956	J	J	37	37 1/2	37	37 1/2	37	37 1/2	37	37 1/2	37	37 1/2				
Conv debenture 6s	1947	J	J	54 1/2	55	54 1/2	55	54 1/2	55	54 1/2	55	54 1/2	55				
4 1/2 debentures	1957	M	N	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	28				
7 1/2 European Loan	1925	A	O	57 1/2	58	57 1/2	58	57 1/2	58	57 1/2	58	57 1/2	58				
Frances	1925	A	O	58 1/2	59	58 1/2	59	58 1/2	59	58 1/2	59	58 1/2	59				
Cons Ry non-conv 4s	1930	F	A	44	44 1/2	44	44 1/2	44	44 1/2	44	44 1/2	44	44 1/2				
Non-conv 4s	1954	J	J	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	35				
Non-conv deben 4s	1955	J	J	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	35				
Non-conv deben 4s	1956	J	J	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	35				
N Y & Northern 1st g 5s	1927	A	O	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	94				
N Y O & W ref 1st g 4s	1992	M	S	60	60 1/2	60	60 1/2	60	60 1/2	60	60 1/2	60	60 1/2				
Registered \$5,000 only	1992	M	S	59	59 1/2	59	59 1/2	59	59 1/2	59	59 1/2	59	59 1/2				
General 4s	1955	J	D	57 1/2	58	57 1/2	58	57 1/2	58	57 1/2	58	57 1/2	58				
N Y Prov & Boston 4s	1942	A	O	65	65 1/2	65	65 1/2	65	65 1/2	65	65 1/2	65	65 1/2				
N Y & Pu 1st cons gu g 4s	1998	A	O	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81				
N Y & R B 1st gold 5s	1927	M	N	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2				
N Y Susq & W 1st ref 5s	1937	J	J	50	50 1/2	50	50 1/2	50	50 1/2	50	50 1/2	50	50 1/2				
2d gold 4 1/2s	1937	F	A	44 1/2	45	44 1/2	45	44 1/2	45	44 1/2	45	44 1/2	45				
General gold 5s	1940	F	A	40	40 1/2	40	40 1/2	40	40 1/2	40	40 1/2	40	40 1/2				
Terminal 1st gold 6s	1943	M	N	76	76 1/2	76	76 1/2	76	76 1/2	76	76 1/2	76	76 1/2				
N Y W Ches & B 1st Ser I 4 1/2s	1946	J	J	35	35 1/2	35	35 1/2	35	35 1/2	35	35 1/2	35	35 1/2				
Norfolk Sou 1st & ref A 5s	1961	F	A	62 1/2	63	62 1/2	63	62 1/2	63	62 1/2	63	62 1/2	63				
Norfolk & Sou 1st gold 6s	1941	M	N	87 1/2	88	87 1/2	88	87 1/2	88	87 1/2	88	87 1/2	88				
Norfolk & Sou 1st g 5s	1941																

Main table containing bond listings with columns for N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending Aug. 9, Price Thursday Aug. 9, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. d Due April. c Due March. e Due May. g Due June. h Due July. k 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 N.Y. Stock Exchange bonds, including columns for Interest Period, Price Thursday Aug. 9, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1. Lists various bond issues like N.Y. Telep 1st & gen s f 4 1/2% 1939, 30-year debent s f 6% Feb 1940, etc.

Table of Quotations of Sundry Securities, including Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, Public Utilities, Rubber Stocks, Sugar Stocks, and Industrial/Miscellaneous. Lists various companies and their stock prices.

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Main table containing stock prices, dates, and company names. Columns include days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday), 'Sales for the Week', 'STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE' (listing various companies like Railroads and Miscellaneous), 'Range since Jan. 1 1923.' (Lowest, Highest), and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922.' (Lowest, Highest).

* 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. e 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 Exchanges Aug. 4 to Aug. 9, both inclusive. On account of the funeral of President Harding, the Boston Stock Exchange was closed yesterday—Friday Aug. 10.

Table with columns: Bonds—, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Tel & Tel 6s, Atl Gulf & W I S S L 5s, Chic Jet & U S Y 5s, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Aug. 4 to Aug. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official lists. The Exchange was closed Friday, Aug. 10, on account of the funeral of President Harding.

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alabama Co, 1st pref., Arundel Sand & G, pref., Baltimore Brick, pref., etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange Aug. 4 to Aug. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists. The Exchange was closed on Friday Aug. 10, owing to the funeral of President Harding.

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like American Elec Pow Co, 50, Preferred, 100, American Stores, 73, Brill (J G) Co, 100, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds (Concluded)—, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Lake Superior Corp 5s, Penn RR 6 1/2s, Phila Elec 1st 5s, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Aug. 4 to Aug. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists. The Exchange was closed on Friday, Aug. 10, because of the funeral of President Harding.

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Pub Serv pref, 100, Armour & Co (Del) pref, 100, Armour & Co, pref, 100, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Aug. 4 to Aug. 9, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists. Exchange closed on Friday, Aug. 10, owing to funeral of President Harding.

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Am Wind Glass Mach, 100, Preferred, 100, Arkansas Nat Gas, com, 10, etc.

THE CURB MARKET.

Trading in the Curb Market this week was in exceedingly small volume, while price movements, except in a few instances, were narrow and devoid of feature. The Curb Market was closed again on Friday on account of President Harding's funeral. Oil shares received a fair amount of attention, with the Standard Oil issues showing the widest fluctuations. Standard Oil (Indiana) in particular was active, and after early loss from 50 1/8 to 49 1/4, advanced to 52 1/4, resting finally at the high figure. Prairie Oil & Gas sold up from 170 1/2 to 183 and at 180 finally. Imperial Oil advanced from 95 to 98 and reacted to 96 1/2. Indiana Pipe Line moved up from 96 to 97 1/2. Magnolia Petroleum gained two points to 136. Ohio Oil rose from 49 7/8 to 55 and ended the week at 54 1/2. Standard Oil of New York improved from 37 to 38 3/4. Vacuum Oil from 41 1/2 reached 45 1/4 and finished at 45 3/8. Southern States Oil advanced from 13 3/4 to 18 7/8 and reacted finally to 16 7/8. The oil list elsewhere was without feature. Industrials outside a few issues were neglected. Peerless Truck & Motor was conspicuous for an advance from 30 to 39 1/2, with the final transaction at 38. Durant Motors was off from 42 to 39. Dubilier Condenser & Radio sold up from 7 3/4 to 8 7/8. Glen Alden Coal rose from 66 to 67 3/4 and finished at 67 1/2. National Supply Co. advanced from 51 to 54.

Below is a record of the transactions from Aug. 4 to Aug. 9, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists. The Exchange was closed Friday, Aug. 10, on account of the funeral of President Harding. 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.

Table with columns: Week ending Aug. 9, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes various stock categories like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Oil, and Mining.

Main table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Lists numerous oil and mining stocks with their respective prices and movements.

Table of Mining Stocks (Concluded) with columns for Par., Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table of New York City Banks and Trust Companies with columns for Bank Name, Assets, and other financial metrics.

* 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 Company Name, Assets, and other financial metrics.

FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Table of Foreign Trade of New York showing monthly imports and exports for various categories.

Movement of gold and silver for the twelve months:

Table showing the movement of gold and silver for the twelve months, including imports and exports.

CURRENT NOTICE.

Charles D. Barney, member of the New York Stock Exchange, has prepared in booklet form a comprehensive analysis of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation with particular reference to its new 7% cumulative preferred stock.

Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. will act as trustee of the two following issues: Carolina Power & Light Co. \$2,500,000 6%, Series of 1953, first and refunding mortgage bonds; the Okonite Company \$600,000 10-year 7% sinking fund notes.

Frederick H. Hatch & Co. announce that they have inaugurated an investment bond department under the supervision of Eric S. Hatch, Edward A. Parmele and J. H. Bennett.

Gerald Levy, 20 Broad St., New York, has prepared a circular on the 6% cumulative participating preferred stock of the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.

Alfred S. Knapp, formerly with R. M. Grant & Co., is now associated with Farson, Son & Co. and will represent them in Philadelphia and vicinity.

Morton Lachenbruch & Co., 42 Broadway, New York, have issued a circular on preferred stocks, grouped to form monthly dividend units, showing the earnings possible through a diversification in odd lots.

The Registrar & Transfer Co. has been appointed registrar of the Capital stock of the Oriental Navigation Co.

The Registrar & Transfer Co. has been appointed transfer agent of the Capital stock of the Federal Match Corp.

Bankers Trust Company has been appointed transfer agent for the capital stock of Kline & Brann, Inc.

* 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 100% stock dividend. w When issued. x Ex dividend. y Ex rights. z Ex stock dividend. n Ex stock dividend of 40%.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. *The returns of electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.*

ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings. Week or Month.	Jan. 1 to Latest Date.		ROADS.	Latest Gross Earnings. Week or Month.	Jan. 1 to Latest Date.					
		Current Year.	Previous Year.			Current Year.	Previous Year.				
Akron Canton & Y.	June	250,005	198,848	1,337,586	1,071,614	Minneapolis & St. Louis	3d wk July	298,478	301,739	8,972,090	8,352,749
Alabama & Wicksb.	June	269,939	281,411	1,671,790	1,575,717	Missouri St. P. & S. M.	June	2,497,957	2,434,461	13,433,265	12,964,675
Amer. Ry. Express.	March	132,559,959	132,828,426	38,585,722	38,791,889	Mo. St. & S. M. Svst.	June	4,315,127	4,205,331	23,652,491	19,254,928
Ann Arbor.	4th wk July	141,230	130,600	96,550,991	83,402,383	Wisconsin Central	June	1,817,170	1,769,870	10,219,226	8,305,254
Atchafalaya & S. Fe.	June	162,600,907	155,248,844	10,890,455	9,994,276	Mississippi Central	June	148,268	129,211	916,664	739,741
Chesapeake & O. C.	June	1,783,129	1,892,718	10,890,455	9,994,276	Missouri-Kan-Texas	June	2,699,884	2,852,501	16,755,533	15,382,647
Panhandle S. Fe.	June	548,180	574,661	3,630,822	3,471,006	Mo-Kan-Tex of Tex.	June	1,484,248	1,816,892	9,288,977	10,008,850
Atlanta Birm. & Atl.	June	334,280	312,517	2,286,876	1,842,446	Total System	June	4,184,133	4,669,393	26,044,511	25,391,497
Atlanta & West Pt.	June	244,500	207,363	1,451,151	1,147,232	Mo & Nor Ark.	June	110,672	76,963	698,665	115,262
Atlantic City.	June	491,298	467,594	1,904,927	1,874,969	Missouri Pacific	June	9,195,092	8,662,534	53,698,273	48,551,033
Atlantic Coast Line.	June	6,369,570	5,571,036	43,525,787	37,095,580	Mobile & Ohio	4th wk July	499,087	438,938	11,902,555	9,853,367
Baltimore & Ohio.	June	2,215,545	1,780,515	12,979,389	98,679,159	Colum & Greenv.	June	121,971	126,183	739,030	714,658
B & O Ch Term.	June	325,753	290,213	1,869,306	1,477,424	Monongahela Conn.	June	240,758	155,429	1,353,266	832,985
Bangor & Aroostook	June	475,669	562,672	3,490,433	4,488,387	Montour	June	269,704	21,802	1,186,792	348,006
Bellefonte Central.	June	9,447	9,102	67,111	46,896	Nashv. Chatt. & St. L.	June	2,009,347	1,751,912	12,258,770	10,143,436
Belt Ry. of Chicago.	June	580,823	501,780	3,599,811	2,890,726	Nevada-Cal-Oregon	3d wk July	310,469	7,641	156,693	141,745
Bessemer & L. Erie.	June	2,330,188	1,388,601	8,910,170	4,661,582	Nevada Northern	June	100,014	46,078	2,695,121	1,354,150
Bingham & Garfield	June	39,520	23,625	221,951	82,380	Newburgh & Sou. Sh.	June	171,588	178,888	1,061,090	997,496
Boston & Maine.	June	7,703,567	6,531,344	42,885,730	37,912,544	New Or. Great Nor.	June	247,927	213,954	1,411,020	1,267,449
Bklyn. E. D. Term.	June	111,213	127,723	839,057	797,420	N. O. Texas & Mex.	June	231,288	197,823	1,511,132	1,319,005
Buff. Roch. & Pittsb.	3d wk July	473,066	219,667	11,886,720	7,055,371	Beaum. S. L. & W.	June	179,960	148,020	1,101,464	1,015,176
Buff. Roch. & Pittsb.	4th wk July	672,374	313,839	12,559,094	7,369,210	St. L. Browns & M.	June	394,449	316,856	2,571,063	2,602,675
Canadian Nat. Rys.	4th wk July	6,877,280	6,107,666	13,778,897	12,190,935	New York Central.	June	381,457	299,233	2,136,726	1,644,988
Atl. & St. Lawrence	June	213,645	164,862	1,745,134	1,364,899	Ind. Harbor Belt.	June	960,497	822,389	5,806,988	4,638,822
Canadian Pacific.	4th wk July	5,004,000	4,596,000	93,159,000	88,029,000	Michigan Central	June	8,166,682	7,228,128	48,336,062	37,437,749
Caro. Clinch. & Ohio.	June	813,156	699,220	4,720,435	3,863,255	Clev. C. O. & St. L.	June	7,966,671	7,613,870	47,859,673	40,829,638
Central of Georgia.	June	2,082,494	1,993,095	13,187,511	10,747,997	Cincinnati North.	June	412,159	317,754	2,665,794	1,750,311
Central R. of N. J.	June	5,100,892	3,443,405	28,539,592	23,199,980	Pitts. & Lake Erie	June	4,339,900	2,061,173	22,865,939	11,800,206
Central New England.	June	748,555	458,678	3,670,252	3,511,250	N. Y. Chic. & St. Louis	June	3,813,741	3,463,784	22,459,750	18,811,491
Central Vermont.	June	741,350	596,727	4,355,650	3,391,348	N. Y. Connecticut.	June	140,085	209,726	1,465,791	1,391,125
Charleston & W. Car.	June	8,659,025	8,770,114	48,284,859	44,172,859	N. Y. N. H. & Hart.	June	11,949,570	10,249,837	65,963,463	57,347,727
Ches. & Ohio Lines.	June	2,725,222	2,306,882	16,387,514	14,132,672	N. Y. Ont. & Western	June	1,248,667	888,365	6,733,439	5,591,268
Chicago & Alton.	June	13,554,376	13,084,755	84,779,771	74,635,952	N. Y. Susq. & West.	June	409,169	324,241	2,523,411	1,975,049
Chicago & East Ill.	June	2,226,104	2,010,422	14,245,495	11,903,154	Norfolk Southern.	June	780,987	752,968	4,642,461	4,200,225
Chicago Great West.	June	2,233,782	2,038,290	12,787,866	11,323,144	Norfolk & Western.	June	7,881,048	9,473,091	44,938,946	46,011,351
Chic. Ind. & Louisv.	June	1,423,095	1,358,651	8,993,224	7,757,916	Northern Pacific.	June	8,302,287	8,300,557	46,467,127	41,922,104
Chic. Milw. & St. Paul	June	14,089,084	13,513,554	83,677,152	71,156,775	Northwestern Pac.	June	7,202,812	7,191,158	3,576,525	3,557,885
Chic. & North West.	June	14,099,061	13,665,322	77,940,643	67,660,629	Penn. RR. System.	June	69,339,897	13,972,138	380,428,291	319,078,077
Chic. Peoria & St. L.	June	98,442	168,093	676,688	1,133,185	Pennsylvania RR. & Co.	June	64,837,849	50,879,860	356,130,371	297,074,643
Chic. River & Ind.	June	598,874	594,994	3,727,940		Balt. Ches. & Atl.	June	133,240	148,510	652,883	667,302
Chic. R. I. & Pac.	June	10,202,006	10,733,758	59,599,477	56,053,682	Long Island.	June	3,229,994	2,917,091	15,631,133	13,964,429
Chic. R. I. & Gulf.	June	486,370	516,269	2,577,376	2,716,060	Mary. Del. & Va.	June	95,008	107,654	468,290	483,500
Chic. St. P. M. & Om.	June	2,273,195	2,466,833	13,781,030	13,056,451	Monongahela.	June	549,516	129,932	2,550,203	1,730,964
Cinc. Ind. & Western	June	1,800,885	1,567,706	9,318,937	2,043,584	Pt. Peor. & West. Ind.	June	1,400,835	1,457,172	900,273	791,224
Colo. & Southern.	June	1,030,044	1,567,706	6,039,337	2,043,584	W. Jersey & Seash.	June	1,230,752	1,090,194	6,232,507	5,259,940
Ft. W. & Den City.	June	719,522	784,649	4,655,246	4,362,143	Peoria & Pekin Un.	June	181,897	129,845	877,166	891,054
Trin. & Brazos Val.	June	135,197	139,785	772,842	1,580,508	Per. Marquette.	June	3,895,209	3,204,992	22,264,618	18,207,276
Wichita Valley.	June	106,686	89,779	627,698	571,445	Perkiomen.	June	107,240	122,108	540,654	585,458
Delaware & Hudson	June	4,454,139	2,297,070	22,961,570	18,866,476	Phila. & Reading.	June	8,959,203	5,673,491	55,077,844	38,260,119
Del. Lack. & Western	June	8,005,941	5,501,267	43,200,096	35,882,808	Pittsb. & Shawmut.	June	100,190	55,345	711,908	510,067
Den. & Rio Grande	June	2,725,111	2,737,227	15,299,225	14,456,211	Pittsb. & West. Va.	June	310,230	228,343	1,816,941	1,391,143
Denver & Salt Lake	June	311,397	41,963	1,086,899	555,823	Port Reading.	June	203,178	92,507	1,513,211	998,840
Detroit & Mackinac	June	172,558	185,535	898,217	815,311	Pullman Co.	June	6,636,368	6,452,534	34,638,282	31,400,350
Detroit To. & Iron.	June	874,559	904,632	5,031,436	4,477,923	Quincy O. & K. O.	June	88,906	98,873	651,493	530,687
Dul. & Iron Range.	June	349,808	310,025	2,187,371	1,809,131	Rich. Fred. & Potom.	June	1,092,468	960,332	6,464,790	5,607,635
Dul. Missab. & Nor.	June	1,177,105	1,317,150	2,993,380	2,176,549	Rutland.	June	575,777	469,047	3,326,339	2,740,942
Dul. Sou. Shore & Atl.	4th wk July	1,186,293	2,679,074	6,375,246	3,844,734	St. San Fran Svst.	4th wk July	2,362,991	2,204,096	50,665,178	47,967,609
Duluth Winn. & Pac.	June	176,674	194,909	1,311,286	972,684	Pt. Worth & Rio Gr.	June	137,832	104,424	675,735	595,052
East St. Louis Conn.	June	172,519	173,377	1,173,855	1,011,166	St. L. San Fran Co.	June	6,764,804	7,566,589	41,720,727	39,426,419
Elgin Joliet & East.	June	2,483,235	1,731,845	14,377,518	10,507,235	St. L.-S. of Texas.	June	130,980	141,489	733,009	780,826
El Paso & Sou. West.	June	1,174,912	1,066,799	6,442,382	5,211,774	St. L. Southwest Co.	June	1,468,197	1,449,634	10,446,172	8,351,238
Erie Railroad.	June	9,854,901	6,911,867	60,043,281	44,435,306	St. L. S. W. of Texas	June	637,195	634,760	3,735,734	3,438,201
Chicago & Erie.	June	1,179,823	903,500	6,903,598	5,492,774	Total system.	4th wk July	752,292	626,258	15,479,405	13,044,408
New Jersey & N. Y.	June	133,819	123,401	770,322	728,748	St. Louis Transfer.	June	59,793	62,455	417,484	370,574
Evans Ind. & Terr. H.	June	138,707	50,546	802,945	521,478	San Ant. & Aran. Pass.	June	445,015	416,187	2,451,816	2,483,789
Florida East Coast.	June	1,154,523	813,138	9,420,093	8,065,238	San Ant. Uvalde & G.	June	110,167	69,044	597,070	514,482
Fond. Johns. & W. Glov.	June	115,953	101,380	781,741	684,008	Seaboard Air Line.	June	4,076,170	3,600,199	26,915,345	22,426,507
Ft. Smith & Western.	June	111,166	142,072	705,057	730,608	Sou. Pacific System.	June	24,611,625	22,897,998	130,203,160	120,127,220
Galveston Wharf.	June	39,550	98,602	651,006	706,854	Southern Pacific Co.	June	181,782,911	167,403,374	93,803,696	83,205,310
Georgia Railroad.	June	505,752	421,356	3,014,150	2,367,734	Atlantic S. P. Lines.	June	1,126,557	885,427	6,818,920	5,635,528
Georgia & Florida.	4th wk July	43,700	27,019	996,237	771,023	Arizona Eastern.	June	301,899	881,019	1,846,760	1,494,068
Grand Trunk Svst.	June	312,611	155,446	1,748,292	1,124,376	Ry. Harris & S. A.	June	1,893,224	1,860,437	10,939,915	10,506,126
Ch. Det. C. G. T. Jet.	June	642,516	553,815	3,299,238	2,536,005	Hous. & Tex. Cent.	June	1,039,363	1,094,774	6,326,020	6,904,226
Det. G. H. & Milw.	June	1,711,931	1,683,523	9,844,192	7,343,633	Hous. E. & W. Tex.	June	227,896	281,942	1,405,099	1,413,013
Det. Trk. West.	June	3,160,422	2,416,060	62,398,741	51,749,410	Louisiana Western.	June	363,489	310,701	2,295,902	2,108,193
Great North System.	4th wk July	115,014	125,040	647,622	686,695	Morg. La. & Texas.	June	663,799	627,443	4,377,288	3,850,216
Green Bay & West.	June	454,922	435,559	2,922,733	2,375,446	Texas & New Or.	June	719,849	686,184	4,334,389	4,346,660
Gulf Mobile & Nor.	June	268,099	259,108	1,640,403	1,437,784	Southern Ry System.	4th wk July	4,969,227	3,888,496	14,828,773	94,255,663
Hocking Valley.	June	1,788,789	1,178,018	8,632,724	6,350,410	Southern Ry Co.	June	12,585,968	11,385,784	74,448,970	61,995,454
Ill. Central System.	June	1,507,360	1,370,721	95,148,281	78,501,740	Ala. Great South.	June	896,388	861,027	5,362,914	4,711,467
Ill. Central Co.	June	1,631,796	1,324,976	85,231,508	69,773,121	Cin. N. O. & Tex. P.	June	1,971,729	1,821,510	11,8	

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of July. The table covers 13 roads and shows 18.77% increase over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Fourth week of July, 1923, 1922, Increase, Decrease. Lists 13 roads and their earnings for both years.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

Table with 5 columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes, 1923, 1922. Lists various railroads and their monthly earnings.

* After allowing for income from auxiliary operations.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY CO'S.

Large table with 5 columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists numerous electric and utility companies.

Table with 5 columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Continuation of the electric and utility companies table.

a The Brooklyn City RR. is no longer part of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit System... b The Eighth Avenue and Ninth Avenue RR. companies were formerly leased to the New York Railways Co....

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Table with 5 columns: Companies, Current Year, Previous Year, Current Year, Previous Year. Lists companies and their net earnings.

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings (Current, Previous), Net Earnings (Current, Previous). Rows include Ky Trac & Term, Nashville Pow & Light, Southern Canada Power Co Ltd., Utah Secur Corp subsid., etc.

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings (Current, Net after Taxes), Fixed Charges, Balance Surplus. Rows include Asheville Power & Light Co, Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System, Carolina Power & Light Co, Federal Light & Tr Co, Fort Worth Power & Light Co, Kansas Gas & Electric Co, Nebraska Power Co, Pacific Power & Light Co, Southern California Edison Co, Texas Power & Light Co, Utah Power & Light Co, Yadkin River Power Co.

* After allowing for other income.

New York Street Railways.

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings (Current, Previous), Net Earnings (Current, Previous). Rows include Brooklyn City RR, Bklyn Heights (rec), Bklyn Q & Sub (rec), Con Isld & Bklyn (rec), Con Isld & Gravesend, Nassau Electric (rec), N Y Consol (rec) (B R T) May, South Brooklyn, N Y Railways (rec), Eighth Ave RR, Ninth Avenue RR, Interborough R T System, Elevated Division, Manhat Bidge 3c Line May, Second Avenue (rec), N Y & Queens Co (rec), Long Island Electric, Ocean Electric, Manhat & Queens (rec), N Y & Harlem, N Y & Long Island, Richmond Lt & RR (rec).

Note.—Above net earnings are after taxes have been deducted.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railway and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not

include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of July 28. The next will appear in that of Aug. 31.

Willys-Overland Co. and Subsidiaries.

(Report for Half-Year ending June 30 1923.)

Table with columns: Period 1923, 2d Quar, 1st Quar, Total 6 Mos. Rows include Cars sold, "Overland", "Knight", Net earnings after taxes, int. & spec. res.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities, June 30 '23, Dec 31 '22. Rows include Real estate, bldgs., mach'y, &c., Goodwill, patterns, &c., Invest's in affil. companies, &c., Trust fund, Inventories, Notes & accts. rec., Miscel. assets, &c., Cash, Prepaid, int., &c., Deficit.

x Good-will, patents, &c., less reserve provided to reduce book value of these items to \$1. y The entire remaining balance of \$6,943,000 has been authorized to be paid, leaving the company without bank indebtedness.

Tide Water Oil Company.

(Results for Six Months ended June 30 1923.)

Table with columns: CONSOL. INCOME ACCOUNT (INCL. SUBS.) 6 MOS. END. JUNE 30. Rows include Total vol. of business, Total expenses incident to operations, Operating income, Other income, Total income, Depr. & depl. charged off, Federal income & excess profits taxes, Outside stockholder's prop., T.W.OilCo. stockhol's prop., Surplus begin. of year, Surplus adjustments, Total surplus, Deduct—Through acq. of outside int. of sub. cos., Dividends paid in cash, Surplus end of period.

x The Tide Water Oil Co. and subsidiaries as represented by the combined gross sales and earnings, exclusive of inter-company sales and transactions, y including repairs, maintenance, pensions, administration insurance costs and all other charges, exclusive of depreciation and depletion and Federal income and excess profits taxes.

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities, June 30 '23, Dec 31 '22. Rows include Refining properties and equipment, Pipe lines, Oil prod. prop., Gasoline properties and equipment, Railroad & light-railway properties, Marketing prop., Timber properties, Tank steamships, Less reserves for deprec. & deplet., Total prop. & eq., Other investments, Inv. in affil. cos., Cash, Liberty bonds, Accts. & notes rec., Crude oil & prod., Other inventories, Materials & supp., Due fr. cos. affil., Deferred items.

Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc. (and Sub. Cos.).

(Report for Half Year ending June 30 1923.)

Table with columns: CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT AND SURPLUS ACCOUNT. Rows include Six Months ended June 30, Net sales, Less—Raw materials, labor, supplies, oper. exp., gen. & sell. exp., all adm. exp. & res. for taxes, &c, Interest paid, net, Depreciation, Net profit, Preferred dividends (3 1/4%), Common dividends (2 1/2%), Balance, surplus, Balance brought forward, Total surplus.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities, 1923, 1922. Rows include Real estate, Good-will, patents, trade marks, &c., Cash, Accts. receivable, Miscell. invest., Merchandise, Pref. stk. in treas., Common stock, Preferred stock, Bills payable, Accounts payable, Res. for taxes, Pref. div. payable, Surplus.

Total 40,074,949 35,834,487 Total 40,074,949 35,834,487 a After deducting reserve for cash discount. b Preferred stock, \$9,000,000, less unissued, \$518,000, leaving \$8,482,000 as shown above.—V. 114, p. 2722.

Phillips-Jones Corporation (Shirt, &c., Manufacturers). (Report for Half-Year ending June 30 1923.)

Table with 5 columns: 6 Mos. end., Year end., Years end., June 30, 1922, and June 30, 1923. Rows include Sales, Profits before Fed. taxes, Profits after Fed. taxes, Consolidated Income Account for Stated Periods, and Consolidated Balance Sheet.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

Table with 4 columns: June 30 '23, Dec. 31 '22, June 30 '23, Dec. 31 '22. Rows include Assets (Cash, Accounts, Notes, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Notes payable, etc.).

American Chicle Company.

Semi-annual Report for 6 Mos. Ending June 30 1923.)

Pres. Thomas H. Blodgett, New York July 16, wrote in brief:

The volume of business for the first 6 months of 1923 represents an average increase of approximately 42% over the corresponding period for 1922.

Regarding the U. S. Government tax claim against the company for \$883,024 in connection with operations for the years 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919, the Government has withdrawn this claim, and has awarded the company a substantial rebate on taxes already paid.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1923, 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows include Gross profit from sales after deducting cost of material, labor and mfg. exp, Total income, Selling, adv., admin. exp., taxes, &c., Profit on operations before int. chgs, Interest charges, Surplus adjustments, Preferred dividends paid, Balance, surplus.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

Table with 4 columns: June 30 '23, Dec. 31 '22, June 30 '23, Dec. 31 '22. Rows include Assets (Land, bldgs. and mach., Goodwill, patents & trade marks, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.).

x Common stock represented by 876 shares, \$100 par, \$87,600; and 154,149 shares, no par, stated value, \$10,307,566.—V. 116, p. 2010.

Pullman Company, Chicago.

(Results for June and Six Months ending June 30 1923.)

The I.-S. C. Commission reports car-operating results of the Pullman Service (not including the car manufacturing business) for the month and six months ending June 30 as follows:

Table with 5 columns: 1923—June, 1922, 1923—6 Mos., 1922, 1923. Rows include Sleeping car total revs., Sleeping car total exp., Net revenue, Auxiliary oper., net rev., Total net revenue, Taxes accrued, Operating income, Statistics of Car Oper., Berth (revenue pass.), Seat (revenue pass.), Total revenue pass., No. of non-revenue pass., Rev. pass. per car p. day, Revenue per berth pass., Revenue per seat pass., Car miles per car day.

Mathieson Alkali Works (Inc.), N. Y. City.

(Report for Six Months ending June 30 1923.)

Pres. E. M. Allen, New York, Aug. 1, reports in brief:

Although average sales prices since the first of the year have been slightly lower than those for the corresponding period of 1922, the net earnings are better, which is attributable not only to an increased volume of business, but also to increased efficiency of the plants resulting from general improvement

in that regard, as well as the capital expenditures during the past three years. The appraisal of our Saltville Works by the American Appraisal Co. has been completed and a portion of the increased valuations has been applied in the balance sheet in the same manner as was done in the case of our Niagara Falls works, namely, to the further reduction, and now elimination, of the good will item among our assets.

The controversies with the Federal tax authorities in connection with the additional assessment imposed for the years 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917 have resulted in the reduction of the claims to \$162,663, which was paid on July 2 1923. As we believe that the assessment is still substantially greater than it should be, we are taking the necessary steps preliminary to bringing suit for the recovery of the overpayment.

Because the board of directors and the officials of the company are frequently seriously handicapped in the transaction of its business by the provision of the charter limiting its right to acquire stock in other corporations, the directors believe that this provision of the charter should be amended, and a letter from them dealing with this subject is being sent to the stockholders, asking for the necessary authority to amend the charter.

Business continues good, but necessary caution is being exercised in planning for next year in view of conditions that may then be encountered.

The usual income account was published in V. 117, p. 560.

Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: June 30 '23, Dec. 31 '22, June 30 '23, Dec. 31 '22. Rows include Assets (Land, plant, bldgs., Goodwill & patents, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.).

Total land, buildings, plant and equipment, \$13,930,901; deduct reserve provided for depreciation of plant and equipment and depletion of brine wells, \$3,989,584. Additional depreciation reserve of \$576,607 set up as of May 31 1923 per American Appraisal Co.'s report.—V. 117, p. 560.

Canton Company of Baltimore.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ended May 31 1923.)

President W. B. Brooks June 28 wrote in substance:

During the fiscal year there have been 2 dividends declared from income namely, July 1 1922, \$3 per share and an additional dividend of 50 cents per share, and Dec. 31 1922, \$3 per share.

The general conditions of the property have steadily improved, and the increase of business has been satisfactory.

There has been a marked improvement in the inquiries coming to us for plant sites from all sections of the country, and in our improved condition we feel we can meet their demands better than heretofore, and probably with more advantages than any other section in this community, owing to our ability to furnish the services of all the trunk lines entering the port.

The property has been cared for and maintained as has been the custom, and is in first-class condition throughout.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES—YEARS ENDING MAY 31.

Table with 5 columns: 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20. Rows include Income from (Ground rents, Farm and lot rents, etc.) and Deductions (Permanent impt. account, new buildings, grading, etc.).

Table with 4 columns: 1923, 1922, 1921, 1920. Rows include Total income, Deductions, Permanent impt. account, new buildings, grading, real estate purch., &c., Roads, streets & sewers, Sundry exp. & repairs, Salaries, office exp., &c., State, city & county tax, Dividends, Bond interest, Miscell. deductions, Total deductions, Balance for year.

In bank at end of year \$238,400 \$126,613 \$559,918 \$423,180 —V. 117, p. 92.

The Davison Chemical Co.

(Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1922.)

Pres. C. Wilbur Miller writes in substance:

Business Going Back to Normal Basis.—While it has taken very much longer for the agricultural chemical industry to adjust itself to the conditions brought about by the results of the war, we can see slow but definite improvement. The large powder plants accessible by water from Baltimore created greatly increased acid-producing capacity in our territory. This surplus has tried to find an outlet in fertilizer, and with a temporarily curtailed consumption selling prices were forced to plant cost.

The annual consumption of agricultural chemicals before the war was approximately 7,500,000 tons, and last year the consumption was approximately 4,800,000 tons. It is estimated it will reach 6,000,000 tons this year, and in 1924 we should find our industry on a normal basis.

It is idle to think that an industry as fundamental to our national life as the fertilizer industry, can continue much longer in a demoralized condition. The problem of overproduction of the basic materials, sulphuric acid and acid phosphate, must be solved before there can be a stabilization of finished fertilizer. This can only be accomplished by several companies closing down older and less economical units and purchasing temporarily from those with more modern plants.

Our plants are in the best of condition and ready for full production. Debts.—While operations during the year under review were 50% of normal, you will note we have maintained all charges for depreciation reserve, &c., at standard. The total debt of the company, both funded and liquid, is less to-day than it has been for several years, and the quick condition is better than two to one.

Although we, with the others, have had losses during the past two years, the company has, since 1916, put into its property from net earnings \$2,347,161. The construction program outlined for the company in 1916 has been completed, and of the \$7,000,000 required, approximately 40% was provided through the sale of capital stock, 32% from profits impounded and 28% from funded debt. Approximately 80% of the entire assets of the company belong to the stockholders.

Invest in Silica Gel Corporation.—We have not written into the assets any value for the 294,000 shares of Silica Gel Corp. stock held by the company, although this value, measured in potential earning power, is the largest and most promising asset we have. Davison Sulphur & Phosphate Co.—The Cuban mine is still closed down awaiting the reorganization of the railroad company with whom we have

contracts for haulage and power. Interests connected with the General Electric Co. have taken over the power end of the Cienfuegos Co., and the railroad situation should be worked out in the near future.

The property in Cuba is ready for full production when we can get the ore hauled, and the conviction of the management regarding the intrinsic value and earning power of this investment upon resumption of operation has not changed.

Silica Gel Corporation—Contracts with Royal Dutch.—Great progress has been made in developing the many commercial uses to which Silica Gel is adaptable and profitable. Last February we finished our refining plant at Curtis Bay, and it has completed our work in the liquid phase.

After studying the results we have obtained and following the work we have done, not a single refiner has been able to dispute the statements we have made, and those who really understand the operation of Silica Gel are enthusiastic about it.

Our absorption plant recently erected at the Sparrows Point plant of the Bethlehem Steel Co., for the absorption of benzol, is giving the same successful results that we have obtained in the refining plant.

The usual comparative income account was given in V. 117, p. 211.

Table with 5 columns: Assets, 1922, 1921, Liabilities, 1922, 1921. Includes items like Real estate, bldgs., mach'y, &c., in Maryland; Exp. for phosphate rock, &c., in Fla.; S. F. to retire Dav. S. & P. Co. 1st 6s; Total 19,354,592.

a Represents 218,700 shares of no par value. b Liability disputed subject to counterclaim of \$221,873. c Book value. d Value of ore blocked out of \$21,795.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

The following news in brief form touches the high points in the railroad and electric railway world during the week just past, together with a summary of the items of greatest interest which were published in full detail in last weeks' "Chronicle" either under "Editorial Comment" or "Current Events and Discussions."

Increased Wages.—Union Pacific System grants 13,000 employees increases from 1 to 4 cents per hour, effective Sept. 1. Philadelphia "News Bureau" Aug. 7, p. 3.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co. Concludes Appeal to Cut Subway Service During Non-Rush Hours.—Company applied July 3 for a 3 1/2-minute instead of present 3-minute headway between trains during non-rush hours throughout the summer, claiming decreased traffic and necessity of proper repairs to its equipment. New York "Tribune" Aug. 7.

Telephone Train Dispatching Apparatus Installed.—I. S. C. C. reports such equipment was installed on 5,067 miles of road during 1922. Trains on approximately 52% of the mileage in U. S. are dispatched by telephone and 52% by telegraph, the overlap being due to the fact that both means are used on some divisions.

New Equipment.—The following is authorized by the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association:

During the first 15 days in July the railroads placed in service 8,217 new freight cars, which brought the total number of new freight cars installed since Jan. 1 up to 87,457. They also installed from July 1 to July 15 service Jan. 1. Of the new freight cars placed in service, box cars numbered 35,833, coal cars 36,048 and refrigerator cars 10,224, which includes 6,149 placed in service by railroad-owned private refrigerator companies.

Locomotive Repairs.—The following is authorized by the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association:

The Class 1 railroads of the U. S. had in need of repair on July 15 11,855 locomotives, or 18.6% of the total number on line. This was an increase of 405 over the total number on July 1, at which time there were 11,450, or 18%. Of the total number on July 15 last 10,784, or 16.9%, were in need of heavy repair. This was an increase of 458 over the number in need of light repair, which was a decrease of 53 under the number of such locomotives at the beginning of the month.

in storage on July 1. During the first 15 days in July 18,290 locomotives were repaired and turned out of the shops.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Aug. 4.—(a) New High record for railroad freight car loading, p. 491. (b) Hearings ended on request of railway clerks for wage increases on 56 railroads, p. 518. (c) Wage increase on Delaware & Hudson RR., p. 518. (d) Wage increases on Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR., p. 518. (e) Wage increases on three railroads, p. 518. (f) Interstate Commerce Commission authorizes freight rate reduction on the Southern Pacific on shipments via water, p. 518. (g) Western railroads refuse to grant grain shippers rate reduction on export wheat and flour, p. 518. (h) Railroad Labor Board holds private contract work on Western Maryland RR. violation of law, p. 518. (i) Railroad Labor Board says Erie RR. is liable for suits for recovery of reduced pay, p. 519. (j) President of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen says Government has aligned itself with railroads in seeking "open shop," p. 519. (k) Canadian railway conductors to ask wage increase, p. 519.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—New Officer.—H. A. Cochran has been appointed traffic manager, succeeding the late H. M. Mathews.—V. 117, p. 85.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Lease, Wages, &c.—The trustees have voted to accept the lease of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry. Co.'s line from Forest Hills to Cleary Square, Hyde Park, Boston.

The carmen and the company have agreed upon George L. Mayberry as the neutral member of the board of arbitration which will decide the rate of wages to be paid to the union men of the "L" system during next year. The other two members of the board will be Attorney James H. Vahey, representing the men, and Attorney C. W. Mulcahey, representing the company.

Table titled 'Results (of Public Trustees) for Years Ended June 30.' with columns for 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20. Rows include Total receipts, Wages, Materials and supplies, Injuries and damages, Depreciation, Fuel, Taxes, Rent of leased lines, Subway & tunnel rentals, Int. on borrowed money, Miscellaneous items, Dividends, Profit.

The trustees of the Boston Elevated Ry. say: "Five years have now elapsed since the operation of this railway passed into the control of trustees appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth. It is well to review the situation briefly at this time. During the first year increasing costs of operation exceeded the revenue obtainable under a 5, 7 and 8-cent fare. An actual deficit occurred of \$5,415,000, divided as follows: \$1,000,000 in the reserve fund exhausted; \$3,980,151 assessed against cities and towns; \$435,348 back pay occurring in May and June 1919 under an arbitration award. To-day the \$1,000,000 reserve fund has been restored, the \$435,348 back pay has been absorbed, and two payments, one of \$517,196 and the other of \$1,114,557 have been made to the cities and towns. Therefore, 57% of the 1918 deficit has been overcome, leaving \$2,348,397 still due the municipalities, to which problem we must now direct our best co-operative efforts. Our efforts cannot in the public interest be directed solely along one line. We have, however, made creditable reduction in the deficit, reduced the fare (26% of the riders, or 100 million a year, now ride for 5 cents), and we have improved the service with new cars, new track and increased mileage."—V. 117, p. 438.

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp.—Transit Commission Seeks Resumption of Traffic on Four Brooklyn Lines.—Upon motion of Commissioner Leroy T. Harkness, the Transit Commission has directed the bringing of mandamus proceedings against the corporation to compel resumption of service upon the 16th Avenue line, Park Slope line, the Tompkins-Culver line, and the 39th Street Ferry-Coney Island line. Bills requiring the resumption of service upon these four lines were passed at the last Legislature and signed by the Governor.

Mr. Harkness's motion followed conferences with officials of the B.-M. T. in which he tried to get the company to resume service. The company and the Brooklyn City RR., which was concerned in the operation of some of the lines, had, he said, refused to do so, contending that the laws directing resumption of operation were invalid.—V. 117, p. 322.

Central Illinois Public Service Co.—Proposed Merger.—The stockholders of the Central Illinois Public Service Co. and Middle West Power Co. will vote Aug. 30 on consolidating the two companies. The purpose of the merger is to enable the consolidated corporation, to be known as the Central Illinois Public Service Co., to finance its corporate requirements under more favorable conditions than those now controlling the present Central Illinois Public Service Co.

The consolidated corporation will adopt as its own the existing mortgage of the Middle West Power Co., which contains provisions for future financing which are more elastic and favorable to the company than those contained in the Central Illinois Public Service Co.'s 1st & Ref. Mgtg.

There will be issued in exchange for each share of Pref. stock of the Central company one share of the Pref. stock of the consolidated corporation, with or without par value, as the exchanging stockholder may elect, and one share of Common stock of the consolidated corporation for each share of Common stock of Central.

For the 60 shares of Pref. stock of Middle company not owned by Central Illinois Public Service there will be exchanged 60 shares of Pref. stock of the consolidated corporation. Twelve shares of Pref. stock will be sold for cash to directors.

The consolidated corporation will have a capitalization of \$10,000,000 of Pref. stock, par \$100, 100,000 shares of Pref. stock without par value and 200,000 shares of Common stock of no par value. Dividends on the Preferred stock shall be cumulative at the rate of \$6 a year. The senior issue is callable at \$110 and accrued dividends.

For the exchange of stocks there will be required 92,647 shares of Pref. and 95,349 shares of Common. The remaining authorized shares will be issued from time to time as required for corporate purposes.

The board of the new company will consist of the following: Samuel Insull, Walter S. Brewster, J. Paul Clayton, John F. Gilchrist, George W. Hamilton, Martin J. Insull and Marshall E. Sampsell, all of Chicago.—V. 117, p. 207.

Central RR. of New Jersey.—Sale of Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Co. Stock Approved by Court.—See Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Co. under "Industrials" below.—V. 117, p. 323.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—The Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, is now prepared to deliver Equipment Trust Series "U" Certificates dated March 15 1923.—V. 117, p. 552.

Chicago Peoria & St. Louis RR.—Sale.—Master in Chancery Charles Briggle, of the Sangamon County (Ill.) Circuit Court, has announced that the time for the sale at public auction of the road has been tentatively set for Sept. 26.—V. 116, p. 2881.

Columbus (Miss.) & Greenville RR.—Sale.—This road, extending from Columbus to Greenville, Miss., a distance of 158 miles, has been purchased by George Y. Banks of Columbus for \$35,000, subject to a bonded debt of \$5,275,000. Road has been in receivership.—V. 116, p. 2006.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—Receiver, &c.—Thomas H. Beacon has been appointed receiver, succeeding Joseph A. Young, resigned.

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of bankers' certificates of deposit for 1st & Ref. Mgtg. 5s. The stockholders of the Western Pacific RR. Corp. have approved the reorganization plan. The reorganization plan has been filed with the I.-S. C. Commission for its approval.—V. 117, p. 552.

Detroit Bay City & Western RR.—Would Abandon Line.
The Detroit Trust Co., receiver, has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to discontinue operation.—V. 117, p. 207.

Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR.—Contract.
See Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. under "Industrials" below.—V. 116, p. 720.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Bus Permit.
The City Council of Revere (Mass.) has granted a license to the company to operate jitneys in certain sections of the city. The granting of the license to the company means that passengers on jitneys operated by it may transfer to any of their trolley cars running to Boston.—V. 117, p. 552.

Elgin Joliet & Eastern Ry.—Equipment Trust Bonds.
The I.-S. C. Commission on July 24 authorized the company to issue \$2,000,000 of Joliet equipment trust bonds pursuant to an indenture of lease dated July 1 1923, in connection with the procurement of the following equipment:

Description	Units	Unit Price	Approximate Cost
70-ton steel-underframe gondola cars	200	\$2,683	\$536,610
70-ton steel-underframe gondola cars	200	2,683	536,710
70-ton steel-underframe gondola cars	100	2,691	269,177
70-ton all-steel side-dump cars	100	2,848	284,830
70-ton all-steel side-dump cars	200	2,846	569,232
Mikado locomotives	1		66,201
Mikado locomotives	4	57,301	229,205
Mikado locomotives	5	57,551	287,757
Mikado locomotives	5	56,823	284,119

Total \$3,063,842

Dated July 1 1923. U. S. Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$125,000, registered, without coupons, each of such bonds to be convertible into 125 bonds in the denom. of \$1,000 each. The bonds are to bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum from July 1 1923, payable semi-annually (J. & J.), and will mature in amounts of \$125,000 at successive yearly intervals on July 1 in each of the years 1926 to 1941, incl. The bonds representing the deferred installments of rent are to be delivered by the company to the trust company and sold by it at not less than par and int. From the proceeds of the sale of the bonds and the advance rentals, the trustee will pay to the builders the cost of the equipment.—V. 117, p. 85.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Earnings (Incl. Subs.)—
(Inter-company items eliminated.)

Period—	6 Mos. end. June 30—1923.	6 Mos. end. June 30—1922.	12 Mos. end. June 30—1923.	12 Mos. end. June 30—1922.
Gross earnings	\$2,781,314	\$2,553,174	\$5,301,458	\$4,966,928
Oper., adm. exp. & taxes	1,699,198	1,687,412	3,329,404	3,346,035
Interest and discount	397,961	331,104	747,896	660,834
Prof. stock dividends			87,071	84,141
Cent. Ark. Ry. & Lt. Co.			59,328	52,573
Spring. Ry. & Lt. Co.				
Balance after charges	\$684,155	\$534,658	\$1,077,759	\$823,345

Great Northern Ry.—Effect of Increased Taxes and Rate Reductions on Company's Income for 1922.

See "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 117, p. 206

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Earnings of System Under Plan.

Period—	Month of June 1923.	12 mos. end. June 30 '23.
Total revenue	\$4,579,158	\$56,133,286
Oper. exp., taxes & rentals paid city for the old sub	3,159,059	39,638,854
Income available for all purposes	\$1,420,099	\$16,494,431
Less—Int. on I. R. T. 1st Mtge. 5s	\$669,665	\$5,032,090
Int. on Manhattan Ry. bonds	150,687	1,808,240
Int. on I. R. T. 7% Secured notes	184,137	2,303,076
Int. on I. R. T. 6% 10-Year notes	13,250	65,146
Int. on Equip. Trust certificates	390	396
Miscellaneous income deductions	45,226	571,233
Earnings without deducting the sinking fund on the I. R. T. 1st Mtge. 5s (\$179,603 for month of June and \$2,136,051 for the 12 months), which under the plan, does not become operative until July 1 1926, but which must be deducted from earnings of system before arriving at the sum available for divs. on Manhattan stock	\$356,745	\$3,714,256
Dividend on \$60,000,000 Manhattan stock	60,000	1,710,000
Balance	\$296,745	\$2,004,256
x Reconciliation With Report to Transit Commission. June 1923.	12 Mos. June 1923.	12 Mos. def \$131,795
Net corporate income as reported to Transit Comm	\$117,142	2,136,051
Deferred sinking fund (accrued but not paid)	179,603	
Equals above balance	\$296,745	\$2,004,256

The report to the Transit Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30 1923 shows a deficit in net corporate income amounting to \$131,795. That deficit results from the deduction of \$2,136,051 accrued sinking fund on Interborough bonds for the same period. Payment of this sum is postponed until 1926, but the money thus saved must be reserved in the meantime for capital expenditures and not used for operating expenses. The deficit is due to the low earnings of last summer.—V. 117, p. 553.

Joplin & Pittsburgh Ry.—Wage Agreement Renewed.
For the third consecutive year the company and its employees renewed the wage contract originally drawn up by the Kansas Industrial Court in 1920 after an 80-day strike had shut down all operations. In 1921 the contract was slightly modified but has not been changed since then.—V. 116, p. 1411.

Kentucky Traction & Terminal Co.—Earnings.
The company and affiliated companies for the 12 months ended June 30 reports net earnings of \$645,297, an increase of \$35,127 as compared with the preceding year. After bond interest this leaves a surplus of \$372,244, an increase during the year of \$31,341.—V. 116, p. 2766.

Lehigh Traction Co., Hazleton, Pa.—Bond Issue.
The company, it is stated, is offering employees, patrons and the public \$350,000 1st Mtge. bonds at \$89 10.—V. 116, p. 1649.

Manchester Traction, Light & Power Co.—Tenders.
The American Trust Co., trustee, 50 State St., Boston, Mass., will until Aug. 20 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds, dated Aug. 1 1917, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$53,620.—V. 116, p. 1275.

Ohio Connecting Ry.—Tenders.
The Farmers Loan & Trust Co., N. Y. City, will until Aug. 31 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 4% gold bonds, dated Sept. 1 1903, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$18,320 at a price not exceeding par and int.—V. 109, p. 1180.

Portland & Rumford Falls Ry.—Tenders.
The Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., will until Aug. 13 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 4% Consol. gold bonds, due Nov. 2 1926, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$9,175.—V. 102, p. 713.

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.—Tenders.
The Fidelity Union Trust Co., trustee, 755 Broad St., Newark, N. J., will until Aug. 20 receive bids for the sale to it of Gen. Mtge. 5% 50-year sinking fund gold bonds, dated Oct. 1 1909, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$209,500.—V. 117, p. 554.

Public Service Ry. (N. J.)—Stock of Subsidiary Company
The New Jersey P. U. Commission has approved the issuance of \$250,000 capital stock by the Emergency Fleet Ry. Co. and the transfer thereof to the Public Service Ry. The Fleet Ry. was organized to construct street railway needed in the operation of the U. S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corp.—V. 117, p. 554.

Quebec Ry., Light, Heat & Power Co.—Offer to Bondholders and Stockholders—Description of Properties, &c.
See Quebec Power Co. below and V. 117, p. 555.

Rapid Transit in New York City.—Traction Situation.
Among the recent developments of the traction muddle in New York City came the possibility of having the unified control plan evolved by the Transit Commission resubmitted in the fall. It was also indicated that both the B.-M. T. and the I. R. T. may be willing to accept it. The plan was held in abeyance after its first presentation about a year ago, when it was rejected because of certain defects. However, the shifting of conditions during the year and the obvious necessity for subordinating everything to public service, may have altered the viewpoints of both sides.

Bus Versus Subway Controversy Continues.
Newly created "Committee of One Thousand" (formed by the Merchants' Association) requested immediate digging of new subways by means of petitions which were widely circulated throughout the city. Mayor Hylan refused to grant the request but called special meeting of the Board of Estimate, where he denounced the committee as the tool of "the interests" and started his own move to circulate petitions for a State bus law. On Aug. 3 the Board of Estimate voted to approve and adopt the routes for the Brooklyn crosstown and Washington Heights subways, and will seek consent of property owners along routes at once. In approving these routes the Board did not commit itself to either public or private ownership. Plans of operation will be worked out by the Transit Commission and the Board of Estimate, while the subways are being constructed, a process which is estimated will take 3½ years.—V. 117, p. 326.

Rockford & Interurban Ry.—Extension of Bonds.
The holders of deposit receipts for Rockford & Interurban Ry. First Mtge. 5% Gold Bonds, due Oct. 1 1922, are in receipt of a circular dated Aug. 3 and signed by the Rockford & Interurban Ry. and Rockford City Traction Co., advising them that these companies have executed an indenture dated as of Oct. 1 1922, to Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, as trustee, supplemental to the mortgage securing the above issue of bonds, in accordance with extension agreement dated Sept. 20 1922, which was declared definitive and effective. The supplemental mortgage varies in certain particulars from the form of supplemental mortgage attached to the extension agreement. The supplemental mortgage as executed provides as follows:

- (1) That the maturity of bonds, at the same rate of interest (i. e., 5%) and the mortgage securing the same, shall be extended to Oct. 1 1930.
- (2) That the sinking fund provisions shall be inoperative, and \$574,000 sinking fund bonds now held by the trustee shall be canceled and shall not be subject to reissue.
- (3) That the companies shall deposit with the trustee on or before March 1 each year all net earnings of the combined properties for the preceding calendar years after deducting all interest paid and the proportion of gross income required to be appropriated for sinking funds of divisional bonds; and such deposits shall be used to purchase, cancel and retire bonds or to pay for additions, extensions and improvements for which no bonds may be issued.
- (4) That the companies shall expend or set aside each year for current maintenance, renewals and repairs out of gross operating revenue for each year a sum equal to 20% of the gross operating revenue of the interurban lines and a sum equal to 18% of the gross operating revenue of the Rockford City lines; and against the amounts so set aside, all expenditures properly and ordinarily chargeable to current maintenance, renewals or repairs shall be charged, and any unexpended balance shall be applied to the purchase of bonds or for maintenance, renewals and repairs subsequently made in excess of the foregoing percentages.
- (5) That no dividends shall be paid so long as any of the bonds remain outstanding.
- (6) That \$83,675 Car Trust Notes shall be delivered to the trustee by the owner thereof and pledged as additional security.
- (7) That \$10,000 shall be expended for permanent additions, extensions and improvements for which no additional bonds may be issued.
- (8) That the \$740,500 remaining authorized amount of bonds issuable under the mortgage may be issued only for permanent additions, extensions and improvements upon which the bonds shall be a first lien as follows: \$180,000 to the extent of 60% of the next \$300,000 so expended; \$560,500 to the extent of 75% of the expenditures thereafter made.
- (9) That a bondholders committee, consisting of Robert W. Baird (First Wisconsin Co.), Arthur M. Hewitt (Second Ward Securities Co.), M. W. Hanford (A. B. Leach & Co.), Livingston E. Jones (Savings Fund Society of Germantown), and J. W. Hamer (Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co.) be appointed with broad powers, including supervision of capital expenditures and issuance of additional bonds.

Rockford & Freeport Electric Ry. First Mtge. Bonds are being extended to Oct. 1 1930 at the same rate of interest, i. e., 5%. \$346,000 of the \$490,000 of such bonds have already been extended.

Holders of deposit receipts are requested to forward them to the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., directing the trustee to extend their bonds as provided by the supplemental mortgage. All bondholders who have not heretofore deposited their bonds are invited to forward their bonds for extension.—V. 116, p. 2885.

Savannah & Southern RR.—Sale.
The sale of the road, which is operated between Lanier in Bryan County and Glennville in Tattnall County, Ga., to J. D. Bradley of Tattnall County for \$40,000 was authorized by Judge P. W. Meldrim of the Superior Court July 23, when he granted the petition of T. R. Bennett, Superintendent of Bonds, asking that the offer of Mr. Bradley be accepted. The sale is not authorized on any condition and the purchaser is at liberty to do with the road what he deems wise and profitable.

In the order handed down by Judge Meldrim it is required that \$10,000 of the purchase price must be paid in cash and that the remainder shall be paid in three notes for \$10,000 each in 30, 60 and 90 days after date.—(Savannah "News")—V. 116, p. 1761.

Schenectady (N. Y.) Ry.—Original Injunction in Effect.
Press reports state that the original injunction against the operation of jitneys has again become effective, Supreme Court Justice Borst having vacated the order of County Judge McMullen of Schenectady, who set aside the injunction issued by Supreme Court Justice Angell restraining jitney operation during the strike of employees.—V. 116, p. 2390.

Sixth Avenue RR.—Stockholders' Protective Committee.
The committee named below, owning and representing a large amount of the stock of the company, has been organized for the purpose of protecting the interest of the stockholders. A statement made by the committee says: "The property of the Sixth Avenue RR. is leased to the New York Railroads, the properties of which have been in the hands of a receiver since March 20 1919. Since that date the property of the Sixth Avenue RR. covered by the lease has been operated by the receiver, but no action has been taken by such receiver in regard to the affirmation or disaffirmance of the lease. On May 11 1922 a receiver of the property of the Sixth Avenue RR. was appointed."

"The situation in regard to the reorganization of the New York Railroads is such that in the judgment of the committee immediate and concerted action on the part of the stockholders of the Sixth Avenue RR. is necessary for the protection of their interests. Stockholders are requested to deposit their stock with the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, New York City, as depository under a deposit agreement dated Aug. 6 1923.

Committee.—James B. Mabon, Chairman, J. Y. G. Walker, Adrian H. Larkin, with Daniel A. Hohman, Sec., 80 Broadway, N. Y., and Henry V. Poor, counsel.—V. 116, p. 1051

United Gas & Electric Corp.—Exchange of Certificates.
The shareholders are requested to forward certificates of stock to the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, New York, or Fidelity Trust Co., Philadelphia, to be exchanged for shares of stock of the new United Gas & Electric Corp. This new corporation is the result of the consolidation of United Gas & Electric and the Berkshire Corp. (See plan in V. 116, p. 1761.)

The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for 240,464 shares of Common stock and 64,994 shares of Preferred stock of the company.—V. 117, p. 440.

United Railways Investment Co.—Listing—Earnings.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$4,423,000 First Lien Coll. Trust 20-Year Sinking Fund 5% Gold Bonds, Pittsburgh issue, stamped in accordance with the plan in V. 116, p. 1533, 1651, 1762. The stamped bonds are included in the \$18,150,000 bonds already listed.

Income Account, Six Months Ended June 30 1923.

Income from investments, &c.	\$508,163
Expenses	44,926
Interest	379,709
Net income	\$83,528
Surplus at beginning of year	342,627
Gross surplus	\$426,155
Discount on bonds purchased for sinking fund	292
Surplus June 30 1923.	\$425,862

General Balance Sheet as of June 30 1923.

Assets—	Liabilities
x Securities owned	Preferred stock
Sinking fund	Common stock
Cash on deposit	Accounts payable
Special deposit	Unpaid div. cts. called
Interest accrued	Federal tax
Suspense	Bond coupons due
Deferred charges	Interest accrued
	Surplus
Total	Total

* Includes Pittsburgh Utilities Corp., 240,000 shares Common stock (V. 116, p. 1533); California Ry. & Power Co. stock, 68,744 shares Preferred and 400,000 shares Common; and other securities.
 All Collateral Trust 5% Bonds outstanding in the hands of the public and all covenants relative thereto have been assumed by Pittsburgh Utilities Corp.—V. 117, p. 209.

Western Pacific RR. Corp.—Endorses Denver Plan.—

The stockholders have approved the plan for reorganization of Denver & Rio Grande Western Ry.—See also V. 117, p. 81, 89, 209.

Wyoming & Missouri River Ry.—Stock Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Aug. 2 authorized the company to issue 500 shares of capital stock (par \$100), said stock to be delivered to Mahlon S. Kemmerer in payment for the physical property of the W. & M. River RR.
 The W. & M. River RR. was incorp. in Wyoming in 1895. Its line extends from Aladdin, Wyo., to Belle Fourche, S. D., 18 miles. Mahlon S. Kemmerer held a judgment for \$348,000 against the carrier. On Sept. 21 1921 the property was sold in execution thereof by the U. S. Marshal for the District of Wyoming and purchased by Mr. Kemmerer at public auction for \$53,356. On July 15 1922 the W. & M. River RR. was incorp. in Wyoming with an authorized capital of \$100,000. Mr. Kemmerer has offered to sell the physical property to the railway company for \$50,000, and has agreed to take 500 shares of its stock (par \$100). The directors of the railway company on May 26 1923 accepted this offer.—V. 116, p. 1651.

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."

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.

Automobile Prices.—Dodge Bros. 1924 models of open cars remain at the same price level; two business models were increased \$55 each and regular type sedan reduced \$55. "Wall St. Journal" Aug. 7, p. 8.

Wage Increases.—National Glass Bottle Mfrs. Assn. of U. S. and Canada and the Glass Bottle Blowers' Assn. of U. S. and Canada concluded new wage agreement effective Sept. 1. Several increases were granted in the blow-ware departments. Concessions in this branch included an advance of 5% on toilet and cologne ware and a 25% increase on cut ware, cut on and the machine and stopper grinder departments are to remain the same for another year. "Times" Aug. 5, p. 27.

Plasterers' Wage in N. Y. City.—"Snowballing" has begun in the plastering trade. The demand for plasterers is now reaching its peak, and the mechanics, whose agreed wage is \$12 a day, are already receiving \$14, while demands have in some instances been made on employers to grant work Saturday afternoon and Sunday at double rate, bringing the pay of plasterers up to \$119 for a seven-day week. "Times" Aug. 5, Sec. 2, p. 1.

Paper Plants to Resume Operations.—American Writing Paper Co. announced an attempt would be made to open the Holyoke (Mass.) plants firemen for wage increase. "Times" Aug. 9, p. 15.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Aug. 4.—(a) Flour production in June falls off over a million barrels, p. 490. (b) Shrinkage in building material orders, p. 490. (c) Consumption of gas and gas appliances the largest in history, p. 490. (d) Electrical record year—central stations of country set new mark in expenditures for extending service, p. 490. (e) Employment in selected industries in June 1923, p. 491. (f) The over-production of petroleum, p. 492. (g) Output of malleable castings reduced, p. 493. (h) American Woolen Co. spring prices on Women's wear fabrics show small advances; opening of men's fancy fabrics, p. 496. (i) Union Loses strike in the Buffalo clothing market, p. 496. (j) Julius H. Barnes on wheat situation; says remedy lies not in price-fixing, improved markets the need; plans of Wheat Committee of U. S. Chamber of Commerce, p. 505. (k) Eugene G. Grace says modification of immigration laws would help speedy adoption of eight-hour day in the steel industry, p. 516. (l) Elimination of twelve-hour day in steel industry to begin at once, Judge Gary announces, p. 517. (m) Steel workers in Sydney, N. S., call off strike, p. 517. (n) Nova Scotia miners vote to call off strike, p. 517. (o) Anthracite shipments to New England running ahead of previous years, p. 517.

All America Cables, Inc.—New Cable Planned.—

It is stated that work on a new Atlantic cable to connect New York with the West Indies and the East coast of South America will be started soon. The new line, it is said, is to be 5,000 miles long and have a capacity of 1,800 messages a day and is to cost approximately \$5,500,000.—V. 117, p. 328.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.—Unfilled Orders.—

Incoming business has dropped off slightly within recent weeks, but with unfilled orders of \$13,130,000 on hand June 30 1923 compared with monthly billings of over \$2,000,000, the management expects to keep the plants busy throughout the remainder of the year. (Official.) See also V. 117, p. 5, 6.

Ajax Rubber Co., Inc.—Balance Sheet June 30.—

Assets—	1923.	1922.	Liabilities—	1923.	1922.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Land, bldgs., &c.	4,333,060	4,351,611	Capital	9,623,519	9,373,798
Cash	888,478	603,355	1st Mtge. bonds	2,773,000	2,925,000
Accts. & notes rec.	3,322,781	3,211,420	Notes payable	1,600,000	800,000
Inventories	3,584,571	2,875,261	Accounts payable	861,857	341,914
Miscell. accts. & notes receivable	23,658	131,453	Accrued liabilities	120,552	120,565
Investments	609,421				
Good-will & pat'ts	1,874,875	1,874,875			
Deferred charges	342,115	513,303			
			Total (each side)	14,978,958	13,561,278

x Capital, represented by 500,000 shares of no par value, of which 425,000 shares have been issued; stated value of capital, \$10,000,000; capital, as per balance sheet at Dec. 31 1922, \$9,208,799; add profit for 6 mos. of 1923, \$414,720; total, \$9,623,519.
 The usual comparative income account was given in V. 117, p. 442.

American Bank Note Co.—Balance Sheet June 30.—

Assets—	1923.	1922.	Liabilities—	1923.	1922.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.	10,038,710	10,302,976	Pref. stock & scrip	4,495,775	4,495,781
Cash	1,446,215	1,204,217	Com. stock & scrip	4,945,395	4,495,831
Cash & secur. for special reserve	187,019	169,199	Accounts payable	977,122	1,441,590
Inventories	2,266,229	2,009,864	Pref. div. payable		
Accts. receivable	1,219,466	2,169,496	July 2	67,435	67,435
Marketable invest.	1,328,063	554,878	Insur., &c., res'ves	574,118	570,085
Com. stk. for empl.	84,260	162,550	Surplus	5,610,115	5,651,694
Deferred & unad-justed charges	99,998	149,235			
			Tot. (each side)	16,669,961	16,722,416

* Incl. reserves for taxes and for exchange losses, and advance payments. The comparative income account for six months ending June 30 1923 was given in V. 117, p. 442.

American Chiclo Co.—Notes Called.—

B. A. Tompkins, Chairman of the Noteholders' Committee, announces that the company has called for redemption on Oct. 1 the \$171,000 of five-year 6% notes. Under the terms of a trust agreement the notes to be redeemed have been drawn by lot. The reduction in the company's note indebtedness is accompanied by a pro rata reduction in its bank indebtedness, and both are pointed to as evidence of the improved condition in the company since the committee's plan of readjustment was consummated. (See plan in V. 115, p. 1212.)—V. 116, p. 2010.

American Hide & Leather Co.—Quarterly Report.—

Results for Quarter and Six Months Ending June 30.

	1923—3 Mos.	1922—3 Mos.	1923—6 Mos.	1922—6 Mos.
* Net earnings	loss \$120,469	\$55,291	loss \$169,980	\$99,566
Depreciation	68,666	67,495	137,330	134,991
x Extraordinary income				Cr. 495,000
Balance	loss \$189,134	loss \$12,204	loss \$307,310	sur. \$459,575

* Results from operations after charging repairs, interest on loans and reserves for taxes. x Extraordinary income from use and occupancy insurance on plant destroyed by fire.—V. 116, p. 2010.

American International Corp.—Subsidiary Operations.

President Harry Arthur, of G. Amsinck & Co., Inc., the largest of American International's proprietary companies, has sent to officers, agents, employees and clients a letter outlining changes in the company's field of activities. The Amsinck company has been doing a general export and import business with all Latin-American countries, but it is now decided to confine exports principally to Brazil and Colombia, while the import business is to be handed over to a newly organized subsidiary, the G. Amsinck Import Corporation (incorp. in Delaware Aug. 3 1923 with an authorized capital of \$2,000,000).

The Rosin & Turpentine Export Co., a subsidiary of the American International Corp., has completed the liquidation of its stocks and will cease to function under its present ownership on Aug. 15.—V. 117, p. 442.

American Locomotive Co.—Dividend Increased.—

A quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the new no-par-value Common stock has been declared payable Sept. 29 to holders of record Sept. 13, thus placing the stock on a \$6 per ann. basis. This compares with a quarterly div. of 2 1/2% paid in June 1923 and 1 1/2% paid quarterly from Sept. 30 1919 to Mar. 31 1923 on the old stock of \$100 par value. In June last the company readjusted the stock by changing the \$25,000,000 Common (par \$100) to 500,000 shares no par value and exchanging two new shares for each old share of \$100 par.—V. 117, p. 551.

American Metal Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quarters Ended—	6 Mos. End.	
	June 30 '23.	Mar. 31 '23.	June 30 '23.
Net earnings	\$577,045	\$1,006,323	\$1,583,368

—V. 117, p. 91.

American Power & Light Co.—Acquisition.—

It is reported that arrangements have been made for the acquisition of the power transmission system known as the General Light & Power Co., which serves Cloquet, Minn., and towns north and south as far as Floodwood and Sandstone, Minn.—V. 117, p. 328.

American Radiator Co.—Bids for Plant.—

The company has submitted a bid of \$765,000 for the Curtiss-Elwood airplane plant at Buffalo, N. Y., to the Quartermaster's Department of the Army.—V. 116, p. 2770.

Associated Almond Growers of Paso Robles (Calif.).

—Bonds Offered.—Wm. R. Staats Co., San Francisco, are offering at 100 and int. \$500,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 6 1/2% bonds. A circular shows:

Dated June 1 1923. Due June 1 1932. Subject to call by lot, all or part, at 102 and interest on any interest date. Interest payable J. & D. at County National Bank & Trust Co., trustee, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Los Angeles, and Anglo & London Paris National Bank, San Francisco. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Tax exempt in California. Company agrees to pay normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%.

This issue of bonds is secured by a direct first mortgage, and by depositing 6% first mortgages and contracts of sale with the trustee, on approximately 11,710 acres of land in Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties, Calif. of which 9,700 acres are in growing almond and prune orchards, from one to four years old. These orchards have been sold in 10 (or more) acre tracts to about 700 buyers for a total of approximately \$4,579,120. The buyers have paid on account of their purchases approximately \$2,048,575, leaving a balance due the company of approximately \$2,530,545, an amount in excess of five times the first mortgage debt.

The company assigns to the trustee the entire amount due as above, viz.: approximately \$2,530,545, and so long as the conditions of the trust deed are carried out may receive from the trustee portions of certain collections for operating and maintenance expenses. The total aggregate, however, of such amounts released will not reduce the securities in the hands of the trustee to less than \$2,200,000. Otherwise all collections will be used to retire bonds.

The purpose of this issue is to clear off all land purchase obligations.

Associated Oil Co.—Listing.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$39,755,724 capital stock (auth. \$60,000,000), par \$25 per share, on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding shares of capital stock, par \$100. Pacific Oil Co. owns \$23,032,000, or 57.93% of total Common stock now outstanding.—V. 117, p. 329.

Augusta Knitting Co., Utica, N. Y.—Pref. Stk. Offered.

Mohawk Valley Investment Corp., Utica, N. Y., is offering at 100 and div. \$150,000 7% Cum. Pref. (a. & d.) stock. Divs. payable Q.-J. Red. as a whole at 115 on 30 days' notice.

Capitalization (No Bonds)— Authorized, \$750,000. Outstanding, \$620,100. Preferred stock 7% Cumulative, 750,000. 506,550. Common stock.

Data from Letter of Rodney Wilco Jones, President of Company.—Business was established in Utica, N. Y., in 1905. In April 1919 the Sherburne Knitting Corp. and the Bath Knitting Corp. were merged to form the present corporation. Company manufactures the well-known brands of knitted underwear sold under the trade names of Augusta, Peter Pan, Wonderwear, Princess May, Web Weave, Seneca, Genesee and Sherburne Knit, which are manufactured in cotton, merino, worsted, silk and their various mixtures for men's, women's and children's use. In addition, sweaters and bathing suits are manufactured, and a department specializing in knitted fabrics is operated.

Earnings.—Earnings during each of the past 8 years have been sufficient to pay dividends on both the Pref. and Common stock, the average earnings approximating 4½ times the Pref. stock dividend. During 1920, a period of depression, the Pref. stock dividend was earned three times over.

Balance Sheet as of December 31 1922.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash	\$42,059	Preferred stock	\$620,100
Accounts receivable	373,454	Common stock	506,550
Merchandise and materials	648,483	Accounts payable	104,057
Prepayments	8,445	Bills payable	355,000
Buildings, land & machinery	728,342	Reserve for taxes	15,000
Trade marks	1	Accrued accounts	19,402
		Reserve for depreciation	113,531
		Surplus	67,146
Total (each side)	\$1,800,786		

—V. 115, p. 1841.

Auto Body Co.—New Contract.

The company, it is stated, has closed a new contract with the Durant Motors, Inc., for all bodies for open model cars to be built at the Lansing plant of the latter company. It is reported that under the contract the Auto company will supply the Durant plant at Lansing during this and next year, and that it is estimated that 150,000 bodies will be used.—V. 115, p. 77.

Batchelder & Snyder Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1922.

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$98,068	Notes payable	\$250,000
Notes & accounts receivable	620,099	Accounts payable	128,093
Inventory	639,421	Accrued charges	1,271
Life insurance (cash val.)	35,928	Preferred stock 8%	800,000
Fixtures & equip., less dep	289,856	Res. for Pref. dividend	11,071
Investments	7,118	Res. for Federal taxes	21,442
Prepaid charges	36,158	Other reserves	3,234
Real estate	22,005	Surplus	\$526,776
Miscellaneous assets	3,234		
Total	\$1,751,888	Total	\$1,751,888

x Company has 12,202 shares of no par value Common stock outstanding.—V. 112, p. 2193.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.—Earnings First 6 Mos. of 1923.

Telephone oper. rev.	\$20,422,475	Non-oper. rev., net	\$865,866
Telephone oper. exp.	15,536,376	Total gross income	4,833,665
		Rent & miscellaneous deductions	355,416
Net telep. oper. rev.	\$4,886,099	Interest	1,495,587
Uncoll. oper. revenues	103,000	Dividends	2,400,000
Taxes (incl. Federal)	815,300		
Operating income	\$3,967,799	Balance, surplus	\$582,661

—V. 117, p. 92.

Bergougnan Rubber Corp., Trenton, N. J.—Receiver.

Federal Judge Runyon in Newark has appointed Charles E. Stokes (Pres. New Jersey Rubber Manufacturers' Association), and Gaston Tisme, equity receivers. Assets are stated to be \$1,800,000 and liabilities \$1,400,000, owed mostly to a French company which controls the Trenton concern—Societe Generale Des Etablissements Bergougnan. Receivership is established to enable the company to reorganize, it is said.

Bernheimer-Leader Stores, Inc., Baltimore.—Bonds Sold.

Alex. Brown & Sons, Frank B. Cahn & Co. and Fidelity Trust Co., Baltimore, have sold at 100 and int. \$1,200,000 Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series A. A circular shows:

Dated Aug. 15 1923, due Aug. 15 1943. Int. payable F. & A. without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2% at Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 each. Red. as a whole on any int. date upon 60 days notice, or callable by lot for sinking fund purposes at 105 and int. prior to Aug. 15 1938, the premium thereafter decreasing 1% per annum or fraction thereof. Fidelity Trust Co., Baltimore, trustee. Company will be incorporated in Maryland by consolidation of Bernheimer's and the Cahn, Coblens Co. trading as The Leader, two of the most important retail department stores in Baltimore. Bernheimer's have been in business 35 years, and The Leader 18 years. The new company will be under the same management. Herman Bernheimer being Chairman; Leon C. Coblens, Pres., and Isadore I. Wolf and Maurice U. Cahn, V.-Pres.

Earnings.—Average annual net income of the combined businesses for the 5 years ended Jan. 31 1923, before depreciation and Federal taxes, but after deducting all other estimated operating charges expected to result from the proposed incorporation of the company, was, according to reports submitted by Haskins & Sells, \$391,596, or more than 4½ times all interest charges on the bonds about to be issued. In none of these 5 years was such net income less than 2½ times such interest charges. Estimated net earnings for the 6 months ended July 31 1923 are materially in excess of those for the corresponding period in 1922.

Tentative General Balance Sheet Jan. 31 1923 (After Financing).

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$665,693	7% Mtge. bonds	\$1,200,000
Accounts receivable	272,337	Capital stk. (auth., 50,000 shares without par val.; outstanding, 45,000 shs)	2,599,776
Inventories	1,058,706		
Insurance deposits	1,083		
Deferred charges	10,182		
Investment	320,000		
Real estate, &c.	1,471,775		
Good-will	1		
Total (each side)	\$3,799,776		

—V. 117, p. 556.

Bethlehem Steel Corporation.—Listing.

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$25,000,000 Consol. Mtge. 30-Year S. F. 5½% Gold bonds, Series B, dated Feb. 1 1923, due Feb. 1 1953, making the aggregate amount of Consol. bonds authorized for the list Series A, \$68,377,000; Series B, \$25,000,000. The proceeds of Series B bonds have been used in part for the payment of \$10,862,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds of Lackawanna Steel Co., which matured April 1 1923, and in part for the payment of \$2,890,000 Secured Serial 7% Gold notes, Series E, which matured July 15 1923, and the balance for additional working capital and other corporate purposes.—V. 117, p. 443.

Booth Fisheries Co.—New Directors.

J. C. Markley and A. K. Carrol have been elected directors, succeeding P. R. Shumway and C. Hull Ewing, resigned.—V. 117, p. 443.

Borg & Beck Co. (of Illinois).—Earnings.

The company reports net income of \$321,144 after all charges for the 6 months ended June 30 1923. Surplus after dividends amounted to \$171,144. Total profit and loss surplus as of June 30 1923 was \$926,819.—V. 117, p. 329.

Braden Copper Mines Co.—Tenders.

The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 10 Wall Street, New York City, will until Aug. 21 receive bids for the sale to it of 15-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1916, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$667,363 at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 116, p. 2011.

British Empire Steel Co.—Coal Output (Tons).

1923	July	1922	July	7 Months	1922
136,594	423,498	2,959,426		2,185,186	

Reduction in the monthly production is due to a strike at the properties.—V. 117, p. 329.

Burton-Dixie Corporation, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Illinois Merchants Trust Co. and Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Inc., are offering, at prices ranging from 100 and int. to 100¾ and interest, according to maturity, \$800,000 First Mtge. 6½% Serial Gold Bonds.

Dated May 1 1923. Due serially Nov. 1 1924 to May 1 1938. Interest payable M. & N. at Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 each. Redeemable, all or part, on 30 days' notice on any interest date at par and interest, plus a premium of ½ of 1% for each year or part thereof between such redemption date and the date of maturity.

Data from Letter of Oliver M. Burton, President of Corporation.

Earnings.—Without taking into account the business of the Robinson-Rodgers Co. to be acquired, net earnings for 1922 were \$199,123 and for the past 7½ years averaged over \$135,000 as compared with a maximum interest requirement of \$52,000 on the present issue of bonds.

Purpose.—To provide funds for the purchase of the feather business of the Robinson-Rodgers Co., and to supply working capital. **Company.**—Has been in existence 38 years. Recently acquired Robinson-Rodgers Co. The (consolidated) company is engaged in the manufacture of fabricated cotton, cotton felt, feather and Kapok products and sagless springs, which are sold under the advertised trade names of "Burton," "Burton Bedding," "Rest Well" and "Way Sagless Springs," most of which are used in the production of upholstered furniture, mattresses, box springs, pillows, cushions, automobile tops and bodies. Plants located at Chicago, Ill.; Little Rock, Ark.; Kansas City, Mo.; Newark, N. J.; and Brooklyn, N. Y.

Balance Sheet December 31 1922 (After Present Financing).

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$255,098	Accounts payable	\$315,655
Inventories	841,917	Notes payable—trade	10,500
Accounts receivable	333,121	Accruals	16,655
Notes receivable	14,573	Res've for Fed'l taxes, &c.	46,154
Investment securities	6,000	First Mtge. 6½% bonds	800,000
Deferred charges	19,217	Preferred stock	53,158
Fixed assets, less deprec'n.	1,440,880	Com. (15,000 shs., no par)	1,559,229
Patents, less depreciation	17,677	Surplus	367,424
Goodwill	240,289		
Total	\$3,168,776	Total	\$3,168,776

Butte & Superior Mining Co.—Quarterly Report.

The 35th quarterly report, covering the second quarter of 1923, shows: 2d Quar.—1923-1st Quar. 2d Quar.—1922-1st Quar.

Zinc Operations—			
Dry tons of ore mill	89,172	102,829	80,048
Avg. silver content (oz.)	4.205	4.650	5.000
Avg. zinc content (%)	12.042	12.26	15.17
Zinc conc'ns prod. (tons)	17,916	20,183	20,664
Avg. silver content (oz.)	17,534	19.74	16.90
Avg. zinc content (%)	55.976	54.83	54.20
Total zinc in conc. (lbs.)	20,058,072	22,135,017	22,400,039
Copper Operations (1923)			
Dry tons of ore produced			13,351
Average silver content (%)			6.059
Average copper content (%)			4.217
Total copper in ore produced (lbs.)			1,126,023

Development work during the period consisted of 4,000 ft. of drifting and cross-cutting, 1,333 ft. of raises and 125 ft. of station cutting and shaft raises, or a total of 5,458 ft. Development work on the various levels of the copper vein continued with satisfactory results.

Financial Results (by Quarters) for the First Six Months of 1923.

	2d Quar.	1st Quar.	6 Mos.
Net value of metals in zinc concen.	\$747,176	\$970,631	\$1,717,806
Net value of metals in lead concen.	18,913	13,610	32,522
Net value of metals in cop. ore shipped.	132,904	93,941	226,844
Miscellaneous income	20,042	19,963	40,004

Total income \$919,035 \$1,098,145 \$2,017,180

Operating costs 919,120 925,487 1,844,607

Depreciation and reserve for taxes 60,000 69,840 129,840

Net to surplus def\$60,085 \$102,827 \$42,741

The average metal prices used in estimating income are as follows:

Zinc Operations—		
Silver per oz.	2d Quar.	1st Quar.
	\$8.183c.	99.625c.
Zinc, per lb.	6.502c.	7.34c.
Lead, per lb.	7.376c.	8.12c.

Copper Operations—

Silver, per oz.	82.339c.	99.625c.
Copper, per lb.	15.251c.	15.454c.

Income from operations during the second quarter was reduced by the decline in the prices of zinc and lead and suspension of the Pittman Act price for silver. Costs were increased by an advance in wages of 50 cents per shift for all classes of labor, which became effective on March 15.

Aside from the wage increase both milling and mining costs for the quarter were unusually high, due to extraordinary expense and delays on account of shaft repairs and the cost of investigation of improved metallurgical processes. These additional costs were partly offset by returns from increased copper shipments which allowed the company to practically break even before setting up depreciation charges for which there was no cash expenditure.

Prices for zinc declined to a low of 5.7c. per pound on June 26, but have since increased to a price of 6.3c. per pound to-day. With the improvement in metal prices together with operating economies now effected, it is believed that the results for the third quarter will show a considerable improvement over the second quarter.

A distribution of 50 cents per share was made on June 30 to holders of record on June 15. [Signed by President D. C. Jackling, Aug. 1.]—V. 116, p. 2770, 2260.

Calumet & Hecla Consol. Copper Co.—Merger.

See Calumet & Hecla Mining Co. below and in V. 117, p. 556.

Calumet & Hecla Mining Co.—To Vote on Merger.

The stockholders of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Co., Ahmeek, Allouez, Osceola and Continental Copper Mining Cos. will vote Sept. 7 on approving the merger of the five companies into a new company, the *Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper Co.* (to be formed under the laws of Michigan), per plan in V. 117, p. 556.

Campau-Trowbridge Building, Hamtramck, Mich.—Bonds Offered.

Hayden, Van Atter & Co., Detroit, are offering, at 100 and int., \$200,000 First Mtge. 6½% Serial Gold Bonds. Dated July 1 1923. Due serially July 1 1929 to 1938. A circular shows:

Interest payable J. & J. at Security Trust Co., Detroit. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Redeemable, all or part, on any interest date upon 30 days' notice at 105 and interest up to and including July 1 1933; thereafter at 105 and interest less ½ of 1% for each half-year period, or fraction thereof, remaining between July 1 1933 and date of redemption. Free from normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%.

These bonds are secured by a first closed mortgage on the Campau-Trowbridge Building, comprising 7 stores, 28 offices and a theatre with a seating capacity of 1,500 people. The mortgaged property has been appraised at \$403,600.

Stores and offices are being leased for a period of three years at a gross rental of \$26,700 for the first year and \$31,200 for the remaining years, and the theatre is to be leased at an annual rental of \$30,000, with an estimated total net rental of \$49,000, or nearly four times the interest requirements on this bond issue.

Central Jersey Power & Light Co.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding First Mtge. 5% sinking fund gold bonds of the Morris & Somerset Electric Co., due Oct. 1 1940, have been called for redemption Oct. 1 1923 at 105 and interest, at the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co., trustee, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 116, p. 2135.

Century Ribbon Mills, Inc.—Earnings.

Sales of the company, it is announced, are continuing to show most satisfactory comparative monthly gains. In July the corporation's sales of ribbons were 44% greater than in July 1922.—V. 117, p. 329.

Chattanooga Gas Co.—Fights Rate Cut.—

The company has applied to the Federal court at Chattanooga for an order restraining the Tennessee RR. and P. U. Commission from putting its recent rate ruling into effect on the ground of confiscation of property. The former rate of \$1.65 per 1,000 cu. ft. was reduced by the Commission to \$1.25.—V. 117, p. 329.

Cities Service Co.—Acquisition.—

The Citizens' Light & Power Co. and the Lenawee Gas & Electric Co. of Adrian, Mich., have been purchased by representatives of the Cities Service Co. The new properties, it is stated, will be linked with the Adrian Street Ry. and the Toledo & Western RR.—V. 117, p. 329.

Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.—Prof. Stock Offered.—

W. H. Fillmore & Co., Cincinnati, are offering at par and div. (subject to prior right of stockholders and subject to the approval of the issue by the Ohio P. U. Commission) \$10,000,000 Cumulative 6% Non-Voting Preferred stock, Series 1923. The stockholders on Aug. 7 voted to change the stock as outlined in V. 117, p. 210.

Callable as a whole or in part on any div. date upon 30 days' notice at 110 and divs. Preferred as to dividends over the Common stock and in case of liquidation entitled to \$110 and divs before any payment is made on the Common stock. Non-voting unless two quarterly dividends are in default, when this stock has the same voting privileges as the other voting stock of the company until such dividends are paid. Dividends payable Q-M.

The purpose of this issue of \$10,000,000 6% Preferred stock, Series 1923, is to enable the company to meet the growing demands for power and service. A sufficient amount of the new stock will be used to redeem on Sept. 1 1923 an issue of \$3,960,600 8% Pref. stock now outstanding and called for redemption.

The company furnishes light and power to a population of over one million in the City of Cleveland and its suburbs. Company has no corporate affiliations with the other public utility companies of Cleveland. Franchises are satisfactory and unlimited as to time. All of the outstanding 8% Pref. stock authorized Oct. 30 1920 has been called for redemption Sept. 1 at 110 and divs. at the office of the company, Illuminating Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio. The regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on the 8% Pref. stock for the three months ending Aug. 31 1923 has been declared payable on or before Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15. Compare V. 117, p. 210, 557.

Coast Tire & Rubber Co.—Receiver.—

Superior Judge T. W. Harris, according to a press report from Oakland, Calif., has appointed J. B. Lanktree temporary receiver. The directors of the corporation, it is stated, were recently indicted by a grand jury in San Francisco on charges growing out of the management of the company.

Columbian Carbon Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	3 Months Ended—		6 Mos. End.
	June 30 '23.	Mar. 31 '23.	June 30 '23.
Net earnings after expenses	\$1,608,896	\$1,419,007	\$3,037,903
Depletion and depreciation	279,464	285,132	564,596
Federal tax reserve	168,000	140,000	308,000
Dividends paid	(\$1)402,131	(\$1)402,131	(\$2)804,262
Balance, surplus	\$759,301	\$591,745	\$1,351,046

—V. 116, p. 2641.

Consolidation Coal Co.—Tenders.—

The United States Mortgage & Trust Co., trustee, 55 Cedar St., N. Y. City, will until Aug. 20 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% Sinking Fund bonds of the Fairmont Coal Co., dated July 1 1901, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$14,477 at a price not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 117, p. 92.

Continental Can Co.—Additional Plant Facilities.—

The company, it is stated, will erect a new building to cost approximately \$500,000, which will increase the capacity of the Jersey City (N. J.) plant 100%. All the company's plants, it is announced, are at present operating to capacity and are booked up to the end of the year. Earnings, it is understood, are running at the rate of more than \$10 a share on the Common stock.—V. 117, p. 211.

Cosden & Co.—Listing—Earnings.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 125,000 additional shares of Common stock of no par value (auth. 3,000,000 shares), on official notice of issuance, making the total amount applied for 1,451,226 shares. The stock applied for has been authorized by the directors and will be issued in consideration of the transfer to the company of producing and non-producing leases located in Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Consolidated Income Account 3 Months Ending March 31 1923.

Gross sales from refining and production and income from transportation, \$9,093,870; int. on bonds of and loans to sub. cos., \$280,250; miscellaneous income, \$10,838	\$9,384,960
Cost of refining, production and transportation, \$5,523,385; general and administrative expense, \$336,845; interest and discount, \$66,020; interest on bonds owned by and loans from Cosden & Co. of Del., \$280,250	6,206,501
Earnings	\$3,178,458
Dividends paid	1,353,257
Net earnings	\$1,825,201

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 31 1923.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Property account	\$73,264,216	7% Cum. Pref. stock	\$6,997,160
Investments in affil. co's	789,567	Common stock	335,809,235
Cash deposit for red. of bonds	157,175	Minority shares of sub. co's	108,103
Deferred charges	347,109	Bonds (called for red.)	157,175
Cash	1,632,083	Notes payable	1,061,342
Crude oil (at cost)	2,745,546	Accounts payable	3,152,521
Refined oil (at cost)	5,278,401	Accrued interest, &c.	541,482
Material and supplies (at cost)	2,253,466	Preferred dividends accrued	40,828
Notes receivable	474,880	Common dividend payable	1,230,778
Accounts receivable	3,289,283	Lease purchase obligations	556,886
Adv. payments for crude oil	8,171	Items in suspense (net)	300,096
		Reserve for depreciation, &c.	14,748,988
		Surplus arising from appreciation in value of oil res.	9,356,613
Total (each side)	\$90,239,811	Surplus arising fr. operations	16,178,602

x Represented by 1,231,864 1-5 shares of no par value.—V. 116, p. 2642.

Counties Gas & Electric Co.—Stock, &c.—

The stockholders on July 9 increased the authorized capital stock from \$13,200,000 (divided into \$7,500,000 Pref. stock and \$5,700,000 Common stock, par \$50) to \$22,500,000, of which \$7,500,000 is Pref. stock and \$15,000,000 Common stock.

The stockholders of record July 9 were given the right to subscribe at par (\$50) on or before Aug. 1 for 48,000 shares of the Common stock (amounting to \$2,400,000). The stockholders on July 9 also approved an increase of the indebtedness of the company from nothing to \$15,000,000, and authorized the issuance of \$6,600,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. gold bonds, 6%, Series of 1923. See offering in V. 116, p. 2012.

Dome Mines Co., Ltd.—Production.—

Month of—	July 1923.	June 1923.	May 1923.	April 1923.
Gold production (value)	\$425,547	\$421,779	\$355,532	\$160,111

—V. 117, p. 444, 93.

Duquesne Light Co.—Dividend No. 2.—

A quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the First Pref. Stock, 7% Cumulative, Series A, has been declared, payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Aug. 15 1923.—V. 117, p. 330.

Eagle Lock Co., Terryville, Conn.—Extra Div.—

An extra dividend of 5% was paid Aug. 10 to holders of record Aug. 3 on the outstanding \$2,000,000 capital stock. This with the regular divi-

dends of the fiscal year plus two other extra dividends of 2% each, makes a total of 19% in dividends during the year.

Company reports total assets of \$4,267,230, as compared with \$2,466,969 in 1918; current liabilities were \$61,000. (Boston "Transcript.")—V. 112, p. 66.

Eastman Kodak Co.—Regular Dividend Declared.—

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the outstanding, no par value, Common stock and \$1.50 per share on the outstanding Pref. stock have been declared, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Aug. 31. An extra dividend of 75 cents per share was paid July 2 on the Common stock. (See V. 116, p. 2135).—V. 116, p. 2642.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co., Boston.—Sells Note Issue.—

The company has sold \$4,000,000 6-months 5 1/2% notes to Goldman, Sachs & Co. to pay off maturing notes. No public offering will be made, the notes having been placed privately.—V. 116, p. 2519, 2394.

Electric Bond & Share Co.—Capital Increased.—

The stockholders on Aug. 3 increased the authorized capital stock from \$40,000,000 (consisting of \$20,000,000 8% Pref. stock and \$20,000,000 Common stock) to \$50,000,000, par \$100, to consist of \$25,000,000 Pref. stock and \$25,000,000 Common stock.—V. 117, p. 330.

Emerson Shoe Stores Co.—Stock Offered.—

Emerson E. Smith, Inc., Boston, are offering at \$22.50 per share 50,000 shares Class A Common stock (participating to \$3.50 per sh.) Dividends payable Q-J. First National Bank, Boston, transfer agent. Application will be made to list on Boston Stock Exchange. Stock is preferred as to assets and dividends. Callable at \$35 per share. Holders of Class A stock shall have the privilege of subscribing in advance of the public offering for any shares of Class A issued in excess of the 50,000 shares now authorized.

	Authorized.	Issued.
Class A Common stock (no par value)	50,000 shares	50,000 shares
Class B Common stock (no par value)	50,000 shares	50,000 shares

Company.—Owns the entire Common stock of the Emerson Shoe Co., established in 1879. The Emerson Shoe Corp. was a pioneer in distributing shoes direct from the factory to the wearer. The new company takes over the entire chain system of 40 stores, including its interest in the New York building.

Dividends.—The first \$1.75 paid out of earnings goes to the Class A stock. The second \$1.75 goes to the Class B stock, and then the two classes share equally up to \$3.50 per share.

Earnings.—Net earnings average for each year of the last five years (war taxes arbitrarily divided) \$179,298.

Management.—Officers and directors are: Herbert T. Drake, Pres.; F. E. Drake, V.-Pres.; H. M. Drake; Charles O. Emerson, Treas.; Walter J. Packard, Sec.; T. P. Smith; Warren A. Reed.

English Sewing Cotton Co., Ltd.—Report.—

Year ending March 31—	1922-23.	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.
Trading profits	£725,328	£414,915	£254,242	£794,136
Dep. and deb. interest	72,530	66,754	64,497	64,012
Net profit	£652,798	£348,161	£189,745	£730,124
Brought forward	196,514	198,353	*358,608	193,563
Amount available	£849,312	£546,514	£548,353	£923,687
Preference dividend	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Ordinary dividend	400,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
do rate paid	(20%)	(15%)	(15%)	(15%)
Reserves, &c.	211,907			415,307
Carried forward	187,405	196,514	198,353	158,608

* Includes £200,000 transferred from stock contingencies reserve.—V. 115, p. 764.

Fairbanks, Morse & Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quarters Ended—		6 Months Ended—	
	June 30 '23.	June 30 '22.	June 30 '23.	June 30 '22.
Net profits, after deprec.	\$1,057,537	\$474,226	\$1,446,859	\$474,395

—V. 116, p. 3000.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp.—Earnings.—

Three Months Ended March 31— 1923. \$1,018,100
1922. \$1,210,251
President Adolph Zukor says that the rumors that the company is contemplating new financing are entirely untrue.—V. 116, p. 3000.

Fleischmann Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	—Three Mos. Ended—		6 Mos. End.
	June 30 '23	Mar. 31 '23	June 30 '23
Sales	\$9,984,944	Not available	
Net operating income	\$2,024,709	\$2,038,573	\$4,063,282
Other income	156,522	263,673	420,195
Gross income	\$2,181,231	\$2,302,246	\$4,483,477
Charges and Federal taxes	298,175	283,530	581,705
Gen. insur. fund & pref. stock premium	30,674	132,063	162,737
Preferred dividends	20,685	21,161	41,846
Common dividends	1,500,000	750,000	2,250,000
Profit and loss credits	19,074	9,311	28,385
Balance, surplus	\$350,771	\$1,124,803	\$1,475,574

—V. 117, p. 558.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—Foreign Sales.—

The number of cars and trucks exported for the first six months of 1923 amounted to 95,087, against 48,707 for the same period in 1922.—V. 117, p. 330.

Framerican Industrial Development Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$10,000,000 20-Year 7 1/2% Guaranteed Bonds.—V. 114, p. 1291.

Freeport Texas Company.—Earnings.—

6 Mos. ending May 31—	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.
Gross sales	\$2,884,947	\$2,190,859	\$1,606,364	\$2,225,375
Cost of sales	1,748,669	1,569,984	931,054	1,011,362
Gross profit	\$1,136,278	\$620,875	\$675,309	\$1,214,013
General expenses, &c.	387,949	449,099	356,528	480,045
Net profit	\$748,329	\$171,776	\$318,781	\$733,968
Other income	23,024	31,572	7,920	4,525
Net income	\$771,353	\$203,348	\$326,701	\$738,493
Interest		87,649	107,836	
Balance, surplus	\$771,353	\$115,699	\$218,865	\$738,493

Consolidated Balance Sheet May 31.

	1923.		1922.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—				
Real estate, bldgs., machinery, &c.	6,790,099	4,831,401	7,323,021	4,158,561
Floating equip't.	3,902,267	3,901,341	306,732	60,165
Sulphur deposits	19,803,876	21,363,107	33,478	62,956
Investments	136,652	114,083	1,599	1,223
Furn. & fixtures	53,493	38,765		
Cash	470,999	416,395	19,803,876	21,363,107
Call loans		1,750,000		
Accounts receivable		604,270		
Mdse. & supplies	2,947,798	1,972,944		
Deferred assets	1,491,476	1,005,310		
Total (each side)	35,596,664	35,997,166	5,010,585	4,634,067
Liabilities—				
Capital stock			7,323,021	4,158,561
Vouchers payable			306,732	60,165
Accounts payable			33,478	62,956
Meter deposits			1,599	1,223
Accr. value of sulphur deposits			19,803,876	21,363,107
Bonded indebtedness				
Interest accrued				3,315,028
Reserve for taxes			131,195	39,744
Deprec'n reserve			2,300,623	1,879,382
Other reserves			545,248	425,161
Surplus			5,010,585	4,634,067

General Motors Corp.—Semi-Annual Report.—The following statement accompanied the semi-annual report for

the six months ended June 30 1922, which was given in V. 117, p. 549, 564.

During the first six months of 1923 the corporation sold 397,318 cars and trucks. Net sales (value of all products) were \$362,819,353. Sales in both units and value were the largest in the corporation's history.

After all charges, surplus available for dividends was \$41,585,600. The regular quarterly dividends on the Debenture and Preferred stocks, requiring \$3,406,096 were paid, after which there remained for the Common stock \$35,179,504. Two quarterly dividends each of 30 cents a share on the Common stock were paid, totalling \$12,272,076, leaving a balance of \$25,907,428 carried to surplus account from earnings.

The corporation's statement of earnings reflects the earnings of Fisher Body Corp. only to the extent of dividends received. If the General Motors proportion (60% of \$5,889,808) of the undivided profits of Fisher Body Corp. were included, the net amount earned on the Common stock of General Motors would be \$4,069,312. This is equivalent to \$2 13 per share in the first six months on the 20,646,327 shares of no par value Common stock outstanding.

The corporation is in excellent financial position. Cash in banks was \$56,055,248, sight drafts \$10,220,439 and inventories \$114,725,627. The corporation has no bank loans. Current liabilities, including accounts payable of \$30,657,255, amounted to \$55,200,542, leaving an excess of current assets over current liabilities of \$150,196,212, as compared with \$126,476,237 at Dec. 31 1922.

As of May 1 1923 the corporation exercised its right to subscribe to 60,080 shares of Common stock of the Fisher Body Corp., paying therefor \$4,506,000 in cash. On May 31 the corporation anticipated payment of the remaining Fisher Body purchase money note of \$1,000,000 due Aug. 1 1923, thus completing the payment of the \$23,840,000 purchase money notes issued in September 1919, in part payment of the original purchase of 60% of the stock of the Fisher Body Corp.

Sales of General Motors Cars.

Preliminary combined sales of the American and Canadian passenger and commercial car manufacturing divisions of General Motors in July totaled 52,000 cars and trucks; this compares as follows with previous months:

Table with columns: Month of, 1923, 1922, Number of Trucks and Cars Sold. Rows: January, February, March.

* This preliminary figure includes Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Oakland, Oldsmobile passenger and commercial cars and GMC trucks.—V. 117, p. 549.

General Railway Signal Co.—Balance Sheet June 30 1923 Compared with Dec. 31 1922.—

Balance sheet table with columns: 1923, 1922, Assets, Liabilities. Rows: Mach'y. fixtures, Pats., good-will, Cash, Accts. & bills receiv., Royalties accrued, Senior N. E. Mutuals, Ins. deposit etc., Securities owned, Inventory, Bond discount & tax, Prepaid items.

The income account for the first six months of 1923 was published in V. 117, p. 445.

(B. F.) Goodrich Co.—Acquisition.

The company has acquired the tire business of the Brunswick Tire Co. of Muskegon, a subsidiary of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co. The tire production will be transferred to the Goodrich Akron plant at once and the Brunswick Muskegon plant devoted to talking machines.—V. 117, p. 434.

Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.—Sale Ordered by Court.

The U. S. District Court ordered the property and business of the company to be sold at public auction.—V. 117, p. 212.

Habirshaw Electric Cable Co.—Over 75% of Creditors Approve Plan—Time Extended to Aug. 15.—The reorganization committee (Malcolm D. Whitman, Chairman) for the Habirshaw Electric Cable Co., Habirshaw Electric Cable Co., Inc., Electric Cable Co. and Bare Wire Co., Inc., has issued a statement to creditors of these various companies announcing that more than 75% of the creditors in amount have already approved of the plan of reorganization of the Habirshaw properties.

The committee feels that this plan must be put through promptly or the properties will be liquidated by the receiver. Announcement is made that the time for the filing of assents to the plan by the creditors has been extended until Aug. 15 next.

The committee makes the following announcement:

The bank, bond and merchandise creditors have compromised their differences on the basis of this plan; it has been accepted and adopted by the great body of creditors who have the most at stake and has been underwritten by a strong banking group, which assures the financial support necessary for the consummation of any plan. The new management has been selected with great care and combines proven executive ability, independent resources and adequate connections to secure additional business.

It is essential that these companies, after more than two years of receivership, be placed in a position to start upon a progressive business policy. The financial structure of the reorganization is the one most desirable in industrial concerns, namely, no bond issues or fixed obligations, but all of the capital represented by shares of stock. This enables the company to secure proper credit to operate to the best advantage. The advantage to the creditor will come from the stability and earning power of the new corporation which will make the creditors' stock intrinsically valuable and salable.—V. 117, p. 558, 445.

Hartman Corporation, Chicago.—July Sales.—

Table with columns: 1923-July-1922, Increase, 1923-7 Mos.-1922, Increase. Rows: \$947,480, \$720,525, \$226,955, \$10,547,259, \$7,384,556, \$3,162,703.

—V. 117, p. 94.

Haynes Automobile Co., Kokomo, Ind.—July Output.

Alton G. Seiberling, V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr. of the company, which is to constitute one of the units of the Consolidated Motors Corp., announces that the July business of the Haynes Automobile Co. broke all previous sales records. In making this announcement Mr. Seiberling says:

"More cars were expressed, shipped by freight and driven overland in July than in any other month this year. In addition to this, July 20 was the biggest day of the year for Haynes shipments. Precedent was broken when June's business established a high-water mark for 1923, and now for shipments to reach an even higher mark in July is remarkable and demonstrates beyond all doubt that the motoring public is first and last concerned with the car and not with the season. Haynes shipments, however, have by no means reached their peak, and new records are expected in August. This prediction is based on the bulk of unfilled orders we now have on file, with a great number of orders still coming in daily."

[The stockholders of the Haynes Automobile Co., the Dorr Motor Car Co. of St. Louis and the Winton Co. of Cleveland recently voted to merge under the name of the Consolidated Motors Corp.]—V. 116, p. 2520.

Heidenkamp Plate Glass Corp.—Earnings.—

Net income, applicable to bond interest for the first 6 mos. of 1923, amounted to \$388,154.—V. 117, p. 332.

Himler Coal Co.—Bonds Called.—

Certain 1st Mtg. 7% bonds, aggregating \$25,000, have been called for redemption Sept. 1 at 102 and int. at the Huntington National Bank, trustee, Columbus, O.—V. 115, p. 2274.

Holeproof Hosiery Co., Milwaukee.—Complaint.—

The company is charged in a complaint recently issued by the Federal Trade Commission with employing a system of standard re-sale prices, through active co-operation with its distributors and agents, at which its products shall be resold. According to the Commission's complaint, the respondent's acts have the tendency to constrain dealers in the handling of respondent's products and to suppress competition among such dealers in the sale of holeproof hosiery. The respondents have 30 days in which to answer.—V. 113, p. 2726.

Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd.—Development.

President Noah A. Timmins announces that the contract for the dam and power house at the Island Portage on the Abitibi River has been awarded to Sir Wm. Arrell, Ltd., of St. Catharines, Ont., and London, Eng. Present plans call for the installment of equipment with a productive capacity of 25,000 h. p. Some 20,000 n. p. will be delivered at the mines for the use of the company, and a further 2,000 h. p. will be at the disposal of the municipalities in the immediate neighborhood. It is anticipated that the development will be completed and power available for distribution by the fall of 1924.—V. 115, p. 2163.

Houston Oil Co. (of Texas)—Earnings.—

Earnings table with columns: Period, 3 Mos. End. June 30-1923, 6 Mos. End. June 30-1922, Gross earnings from oil, Oper. & gen. exp. (incl. tax), Net earns. bef. depr. & depl.

Humphreys Oil Co.—New Officer.—

A. H. Eubanks, Mexia, Tex., has been elected Secretary & Asst. Treasurer succeeding William Reed, resigned.—V. 116, p. 2771.

Hurley Machine Co.—New Vice-President.—

Raymond J. Hurley has been elected a Vice-President.—V. 116, p. 3002.

Illinois Brick Co., Chicago.—Earnings, &c.—

President William Schlage says in substance: Earnings since the first of the current year have established a high record. The plants of the company are operating at capacity, turning out between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 bricks daily. We are far behind our booked orders, the fulfillment of which will necessitate the operation of our plants for three months even if we were not to receive another order.

The 7% annual requirement on the \$4,700,000 Common stock outstanding was more than earned during the first six months. The company was never in a better financial position than it is at present. Although we were forced to grant a raise of 12% in wages to the men, we did not take advantage of the situation by raising the cost of bricks. The sale of bricks outside of Chicago ranges from \$7 to \$10 more than our products, while in the East it is sold on the market at \$27 per 1,000 bricks, an increase of \$15 over the Chicago market.

The company recently closed several large contracts, among which was a contract for 15,000,000 bricks for the new Union Station.—V. 116, p. 943.

International Combustion Engineering Corp.—To Increase Capital from 250,000 Shares to 450,000 Shares, of which 100,000 to be Issued for Acquisitions and 50,000 to be Offered to Stockholders—Operations.—

The stockholders will vote Sept. 7 on increasing the authorized Capital stock from 250,000 shares (no par) to 450,000 shares (no par). Of the proposed additional shares, 100,000 shares will be issued for the acquisition of the entire Capital stock of Raymond Brothers Impact Pulverizer Co. and its affiliated companies, and to furnish additional working capital, approximately 50,000 shares will be offered to the stockholders for subscription, at a price to be determined by the directors.

Pres. George E. Learnard in a letter to the stockholders Aug. 8 says:

Company reports an unusually large increase in business during the first 6 months of 1923. Total orders taken during this period amounted to \$5,207,603, and company now has on hand orders aggregating \$7,218,565, which is approximately 50% more than has ever been shipped or produced by the company in any 12 months' period.

Heretofore the principal business of the company has been the manufacture of automatic stokers, every known type of which is produced by the company. The volume of business in this department has increased so that during the first 6 months of this year the rate of the orders received has been more than 30% in excess of the business taken in any preceding year.

In addition to this stoker business, the company has been engaged in the development of a system of burning coal in pulverized form, and having perfected this system so that it is now recognized as the most efficient and economical means of burning coal, numerous installations have been made in large central power stations. Orders for large installations of this system have been received from important companies both in this country, Europe and Japan.

A large item in these installations consists of equipment for pulverizing the coal. Heretofore company has purchased pulverizers from other companies and installed them at cost. Experience has shown that the best pulverizer for this purpose is that manufactured by the Raymond Brothers Impact Pulverizer Co. of Chicago, and this pulverizer has been installed with most of the pulverized coal installations made by the company. It has been deemed advisable by the directors, therefore, to acquire this pulverizer and the company has entered into a contract for the purchase of the entire Capital stock of the Raymond Brothers Impact Pulverizer Co. Such purchase will enable the company to furnish complete equipment of its own manufacture and add the profit from this important part of pulverized fuel installations. The Raymond company owns the entire Capital stock of the Raymond Brothers Engineering Co., which has developed a system for burning coal in pulverized form particularly adapted to other than large central power station installations and which supplements the system already developed by the company. In addition the Raymond company has built up over the past 20 years a large business in pulverizers utilized for other purposes.

In view of the large increase in the business of the company, which the directors expect will continue, and the acquisition of the pulverizing business, the earnings of the company should increase materially.—V. 116, p. 2772.

International Nickel Co.—Balance Sheet.—

Balance sheet table with columns: June 30'23, Mar. 31'23, Assets, Liabilities. Rows: Property, Investments, Inventories, Advances, Govt. securities, Loans on call, Cash, Total.

The usual comparative income account for the quarter ended June 30 was published in V. 117, p. 559.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Earnings (Including Subsidiary Companies).—

Earnings table with columns: Period, 3 Mos. end. June 30-1923, 6 Mos. end. June 30-1922, Operating revenues, Non-oper. revenues, Total revenues, Operating expenses, Interest deductions, Depreciation, Pref. divs. & min. int. in sur. net inc. of subs., Balance, surplus.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and sub-columns for June 30 '23, Dec. 31 '22, and June 30 '23, Dec. 31 '22. Assets include Plant & prop., Franchises, Inv. in affil. int's., etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Pref. stk., Minority stock, etc.

The item of franchises, concessions, good-will, &c., is largely offset by appraisals in excess of book values of the subsidiary companies...

Negotiating to Take Over Phones in Europe.

The company, it is announced, is negotiating for the telephone systems of France and other European countries, and has outlined its plan for taking over these lines.

"It is the purpose of the International corporation, in general, to own and operate its international long-distance telephone system and to hold all, or a controlling interest in, the Common stock of each subsidiary company."

"In addition, it will maintain for these companies a consolidated purchasing and supply organization, thus securing substantial economies in the cost of supplies and equipment."

Should the negotiations for the French or other systems be successful, the plan of operation, as outlined by the company, would be as follows:

"The policy of the International corporation, in both existing and proposed operations, has been to organize each subsidiary telephone system on a thoroughly national basis, with local directorates and operating officials, of which a large majority shall be citizens of the countries in which service is rendered."

Interstate Electric Corporation.—Earnings.

Table showing earnings for Interstate Electric Corporation for 12 months ended Dec. 31 '22 and May 31 '23. Includes Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, etc.

Iron Cap Copper Co.—Earnings, &c.

Table showing production and earnings for Iron Cap Copper Co. for 2d Quarter, 1st Quarter, and Six Months. Includes Copper (lbs.), Silver (oz.), Gold (oz.), Income, Expenses, Profit.

Kaministiquia Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.—Final Distribution.

The bondholders of the company, now in liquidation, are being advised that a final distribution of assets equivalent to 9.15% of the face value of the bonds is being arranged...

(M. W.) Kellogg Co.—Definitive Certificates Ready.

Definitive 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund 6% Series "A" gold bonds are now being delivered by the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, New York.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—July Sales.

Table showing July sales for S. S. Kresge Co. for 1923 and 1922, with increase percentages.

Kresge Department Stores, Inc.—Directors.

It is announced that in addition to S. S. Kresge, L. S. Plaut and C. E. Merrill, the board of directors will include C. B. Van Dusen, now V.-Pres., and Gen. Mgr.; R. R. Williams, now V.-Pres. in charge of the merchandising and buying departments, and P. T. Evans, now V.-Pres. in charge of store managers and personnel of the S. S. Kresge Co.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—July Sales.

Table showing July sales for S. H. Kress & Co. for 1923 and 1922, with increase percentages.

Lanston Monotype Machine Co.—Earnings.

An official of the company is quoted as follows: "Gross volume of business for the first 3 months of 1923 was about \$209,000 in excess of the same time last year, despite some falling off in foreign sales."

Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.—Sale of Stock to Reynolds Syndicate Approved by Federal Court.

The sale of the company's stock by the Central R. R. of New Jersey to the Reynolds syndicate has been approved by the U. S. District Court at Philadelphia.

The Court dismissed the objections of Isaac T. and Mary T. W. Starr that the stock was sold to the Reynolds syndicate for an inadequate price and in violation of the dissolution order because there had been an agreement between the director and Reynolds that the coal tonnage would be continued over the Jersey Central.

Judge Davis, who wrote the opinion, said in part: "Fraud has not been proved and the price was not so inadequate, if inadequate at all, as to be a badge of fraud."

We are satisfied that in the opinion of the committee and the directors of the railroad company, they sold the property for its fair market value at the time and under the circumstances to the highest and most satisfactory bidder.

[Plaintiffs in the case have six months in which to appeal from the decision of the Federal Court. It was intimated that such an appeal may be taken.]—V. 116, p. 3003, 1185.

Lion Collars & Shirts, Inc.—Merger.

This company and the William Barker Co., both manufacturers of collars and shirts, it is said, have arranged to consolidate. The business of the Barker company, it is said, will be continued by its working and managing force as at present, but in conjunction with the Lion company.

Lockwood, Greene & Co.—Acquisitions.

According to a dispatch from Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 8, the company has purchased the Pelcher Manufacturing Co.'s four mills at Pelcher, S. C., for a sum said to be \$9,000,000, the purchasers paying approximately \$300 a share for the Pelcher stock.

The same dispatch states that the company on Aug. 6 purchased the Tucahu mills near Spartanburg with 65,000 spindles, the consideration being more than \$3,000,000.

[The company recently offered to purchase the Common stock of the Victor Monaghan Co. at \$148 a share, but this offer was declined by the directors as inadequate.]—V. 116, p. 1185.

Lowell Bleachery, Inc.—Balance Sheet June 2.

Table showing assets and liabilities for Lowell Bleachery, Inc. for 1923 and 1922. Assets include Rl. est. & mach'y, Merchandise, Furn., fixtures, Autos, trucks, etc.

Mack Trucks, Inc.—Report.

Table showing net earnings for Mack Trucks, Inc. for 1923 and 1922. Net earnings for 1923: \$1,570,632; for 1922: \$1,570,632.

Net earnings, after maint. reserves, deprec. repairs and est. Fed'l taxes. After allowing for dividends on the 1st and 2d Preferred stocks for the second quarter of 1923, which amounted to \$284,436, there is available for Common \$7.89 a share on 283,108 shares of Common stock outstanding.

Balance Sheet June 30.

Table showing assets and liabilities for Mack Trucks, Inc. for 1923 and 1922. Assets include Cash, Accts. & notes rec., Inventories, Plants & equip't, Deferred assets, Good-will.

—V. 117, p. 95.

Manhattan Electrical Supply Co.—Earnings.

Table showing earnings for Manhattan Electrical Supply Co. for six months ended June 30, 1923 and 1922. Includes Sales, Cost of sales, Gross profits, Total income, etc.

Maracaibo Oil Exploration Co.—Listing, &c.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 250,000 (authorized 400,000) shares of stock without par value, with authority to add 80,000 shares on official notice of issuance in conversion of the outstanding \$800,000 2-Year 7% Gold debentures, dated Feb. 1 1923.

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30 1923 (Subject to Adjustment).

Table showing assets and liabilities for Maracaibo Oil Exploration Co. for April 30, 1923. Assets include Cash, Accounts receivable, Materials and supplies, etc.

Due to property revaluation, \$1,104,900; due to bank interest, \$88,480 due to exchange, \$7,315; due to farm earnings, \$60; total, \$1,200,755; less expenses of trip of launch "Perija" from New York to Maracaibo, also loss sale of boat, \$16,529. 20,000 shares of Bishop Oil Corp., which were sold on July 10 1923 for \$45,813, and proceeds deposited with other funds of the corporation.—V. 117, p. 213.

Maxwell Motor Corp. (& Subs.).—Summary of Class B Stock Equity Account.

Table showing summary of Class B stock equity account for Maxwell Motor Corp. for 1923. Balance Jan. 1 1923: \$30,033,429. Adjustments: To adjust Class A to amount outstanding: 44,000.

Profit and loss first half of calendar year 1923: \$29,989,429. Class B stock equity June 30 1923: \$33,061,961.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table comparing assets and liabilities for Maxwell Motor Corp. for June 30 '23 and Dec. 31 '22. Assets include Plants, bldgs., machinery, Goodwill, Cash, etc.

—V. 117, p. 560, 213.

Merchants' Heat & Light Co.—New Officer.

A. C. Babson has been appointed V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr., succeeding Charles O'Brien Murphy, who resigned.—V. 117, p. 333.

Metropolitan Edison Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$1,000,000 First & Ref. Mtge. 5% Gold Bonds, Series C, due Jan. 1 1953, making the total amount of First & Ref. Mtge. Gold Bonds applied for as follows: Series B 6%, \$4,555,000; Series C 5%, \$1,000,000.—V. 117, p. 560.

Mexican Metallurgical Co.—Sale Confirmed.

An order of court, Judge Winslow presiding, has been issued confirming the sale of the company and its subsidiary companies under the plan of reorganization of which Spencer Trask & Co. are the managers. See V. 116, p. 2773; V. 117, p. 213.

Mid-Co Petroleum Co.—Sale Ordered.—
The Federal District Court for the Western District of Arkansas has ordered the foreclosure and order of sale of the properties of the company.—V. 115, p. 2589.

Middle West Power Co.—Proposed Merger.—
See Central Illinois Public Service Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 116, p. 1904.

Modern Glass Co., Toledo.—Sale, &c.—
The property was sold July 31 by Special Masters Frank P. Kennison and J. W. Lyons at Toledo to Judge James Austin, special trustee representing the stockholders for \$150,000. The plant will be turned over to the Kauffman Metal Products Co. of Bellefontaine, O.

Only 500 of the 4,500 stockholders of the glass company participated in the actual purchase. A reorganization plan proposes that each participating stockholder pay \$100 cash and get in return a full share of Preferred stock, carrying dividends up to 10%, and a 1/2 share of Common stock of no par value. Stockholders not participating in the reorganization will lose their entire investment.

Creditors will get 42 cents on the dollar. The allowed claims total \$287,000. No stock will be sold to the public until Sept. 1. Other stockholders will be permitted to participate in the purchase on the same basis as those who bought the plant by putting up \$100 cash and receiving new stock in return.

In order to allow any stockholders to subscribe, who for any reason were unable to subscribe up to this time, the protective committees and the Kauffman Metal Products Co. will not offer any stock for sale to the public or solicit any subscriptions from the public before Sept. 1. Judge Austin, as special trustee, will have an office at 839 Ohio Bldg., where subscriptions will be received.—V. 117, p. 96.

Moline Plow Co., Inc.—Interest.—
The company, which defaulted the March 1 interest payment on its 7% Debenture bonds, will again fail to meet interest which falls due Sept. 15. ("Wall Street Journal.")—V. 116, p. 1059.

Montana Power Co.—Tenders.—
The United States Mortgage & Trust Co., 55 Cedar St., N. Y. City, will until Aug. 17 receive bids for the sale to it of Montana Power Transmission Co. 1st Mtge. bonds, dated Aug. 1 1903, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$11,200 at a price not to exceed 105 and int.—V. 117, p. 447.

Mother Lode Coalition Mines Co.—Copper Output (Lbs.).
July 1923 June 1923 May 1923 Apr. 1923 Mar. 1923 Feb. 1923
2,980,678 2,957,612 2,670,916 2,649,971 2,576,219 2,109,144

The company in July produced 1,300 dry tons of high-grade ore, assaying 65.06% copper, giving 1,675,125 lbs. and 12,210 dry tons of milling ore, assaying 6.35% copper, giving 1,305,553 lbs., a total net production of 2,980,678 lbs.—V. 117, p. 214.

Mountain Producers Corp.—Balance Sheet June 30 1923.
Assets—
Furniture and fixtures... \$8,267
Stock of other companies 18,281,220
Cash 745,809
Accounts receivable 57,350
Liabilities—
Capital stock... \$16,821,820
Accounts payable 3,250
Dividends payable 505,182
Surplus 1,762,393

Total... \$19,092,645

The company now owns the entire capital stock (\$17,951,937 outstanding June 30 1923) of the Wyoming Associated Oil Corp. The balance sheet as of June 30 1923 of the latter company shows a surplus of \$5,349,419 on that date.—V. 116, p. 2644.

Mullins Body Corp.—Balance Sheet June 30.
Assets—
Real estate, &c., less deprec. \$2,779,282
Patents & goodwill 85,210
Invest'ts (at cost) 125,015
Cash 302,935
Accts'ts & notes rec. 534,679
Inv't's (less res.) 908,072
Officers' & employ' stock subscrip's 149,923
Pr. stk. stk. fund. 4,400
Deferred charges. 6,895

Liabilities—
8% Cum. Pf. stock \$970,000
Com. stk. (no par.) 500,000
Notes payable. 900,000
Accts. pay. & acer. 390,915
Accrued taxes. 1,869
Due to officers. 101,800
Disc. res. for Pf. stk. 3,355
Surplus. 2,028,473

x Includes real estate, plant and equipment (less reserve for depreciation), \$2,453,324, and plant betterments in process, \$325,958.
y Common stock, no par value, 100,000 shares declared in accordance with the laws of New York State at \$5 per share.
The usual six months income account was published in V. 117, p. 560.

National Cloak & Suit Co.—Sale, &c.—
Sales for the six months ended June 28 1923, it is announced, were the largest on record for a similar period, being 10% in excess of the previous high point reached in 1920, when merchandise values were very much higher than they are to-day. Comparison with the past three years follows:

Period	Orders	Net Sales
1923	4,486,177	\$23,306,096
1922	3,713,903	19,540,385
1921	2,872,106	18,570,649
1920	3,106,739	21,129,933

It is understood that net profits for the first six months of this year were very nearly equal to the highest record ever made for a similar period. The company, it is stated, is in a very strong cash position, and it is understood that the ratio of current assets to current liabilities on June 28 was in excess of three to one.

The gain in volume of sales shown for the first half-year is fully maintained for the period from July 1 to date.—V. 116, p. 2265.

National Department Stores, Inc.—Net Sales.
Period— 1923. 1922.
Month of July \$2,220,348 \$2,039,231
Six months ending July 31 17,874,075 15,088,465

Nevada Consol. Copper Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
(Nevada Consolidated Copper Co. and Nevada Northern Ry. Co.)

Assets—	1922.	1921.	Liabilities—	1922.	1921.
Prop., equip., &c.	\$8,295,120	\$8,531,546	Capital stock	\$9,997,255	\$9,997,285
Investment	58,599	58,599	Surplus (from capital stock and securities sold in excess of par val. or cost)	7,071,850	7,071,850
Deferred charges	5,691,376	5,448,867	Accounts payable	807,506	456,650
Corp. Exp. Assn.	409,867	524,794	Unpaid treatment on metals	363,547	343,172
Bond dept. acct.	75,000	—	Deferred accounts.	82,647	73,744
Materials, &c.	1,619,571	1,567,069	Surplus from oper.	4,417,756	5,677,214
Accts. & notes coll.	332,643	656,855			
Deferred accounts.	599,948	532,512			
Metals on hand & in transit.	2,476,335	2,644,689			
Marketable secur.	235,534	235,534			
Cash	2,946,593	3,419,452			
Total	22,740,586	23,619,916	Total	22,740,586	23,619,916

The usual income account was published in V. 116, p. 1770.—V. 116, p. 2396.

New Jersey Power & Light Co.—Connection.—
Connection of the Metropolitan Edison Co. with the Pennsylvania Edison Co. and the New Jersey Power & Light Co. for the interchange of electricity was effected July 1. This system now extends continuously from York, Pa., through York Haven, Middletown, Lebanon, Reading, Easton and Dover, N. J., nearly to the New York State line.—V. 116, p. 1284.

Nunnally Company, Atlanta, Ga.—Earnings.—
Earnings for the six months ended June 30 1923 total \$58,034 before current depreciation charges and income taxes. This compares with an income of \$20,340 after depreciation of \$33,126 in the corresponding period of 1922.

Comparative Balance Sheet.
Assets— June 30 '23. Dec. 31 '22. **Liabilities—** June 30 '23. Dec. 31 '22.
Property account \$970,126 \$946,871
Trade-marks and good-will 1,448,948 1,448,903
Leaseholds and organization exp. 91,348 66,822
Current assets 582,457 662,290
Total (each side) \$3,092,880 \$3,124,887

Ohio Copper Co. of Utah.—Production.—
The following is a brief resume of operations for the 6 months period ending June 30 1923.

Month	Copper Production (Lbs.)	Operating Profits	Average Per Lb. Per Lb. Realized	Avg. Price
January*	88,097	\$4,927	9.03 cts.	14.625 cts.
February	155,934	14,115	7.32 cts.	16.375 cts.
March	238,304	23,348	6.93 cts.	16.736 cts.
April*	156,701	11,455	8.752 cts.	16.0625 cts.
May	257,613	19,049	7.175 cts.	14.578 cts.
June	332,786	26,021	6.444 cts.	14.263 cts.
Total	1,229,435	\$98,915	7.28 cts.	15.33 cts.

* Plant pumped approximately two-third of capacity during Jan. and April.—V. 116, p. 447.

Ontario Steel Products Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.
Years end. June 30— 1922-23. 1921-22. 1920-21. 1919-20.

Profit for year	\$189,888	\$141,083	\$223,446	\$315,900
Depreciation	60,466	59,802	30,000	30,000
Bond interest	29,070	30,222	31,332	32,292
Sinking fund	18,930	17,778	16,668	15,708
Preferred dividend	(7%)52,500	(7%)52,500	(7%)52,500	(9%)67,500
Common dividends	(x)	(5%)37,500	(8%)60,000	—
Additional depreciation	—	44,269	—	—
Inventory reserve	—	50,000	—	—

Balance, surplus \$28,922 def \$150,987 \$32,946 \$170,400
x No dividends paid on Common during fiscal year ended June 30 1923, but directors on July 20 declared a div. of 1% on the Common stock, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 31.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30.
1923. 1922. 1923. 1922.

Assets—	1923.	1922.	Liabilities—	1923.	1922.
Real estate, plant, power rights and good-will	\$2,207,411	\$2,192,765	7% cum. Pref. stock	750,000	750,000
Cash	60,340	190,329	Ordinary stock	750,000	750,000
Bills & acct's rec'd	253,037	175,039	1st Mt. 6% bonds	464,000	484,500
Inventories	459,224	271,903	Bills & acct's pay'le	154,506	163,169
Securities	96,954	168,865	Rec.-Gen. of Canada for income tax	14,817	8,346
Deferred charges	25,171	27,712	Bond interest	14,355	15,111

Total (each side) 3,102,138 3,026,614
—V. 117, p. 447.

Oswego Falls Corp.—Tenders.—
The Equitable Trust Co., trustee, 37 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Aug. 16 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 8% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1942, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$87,836 at a price not exceeding 109 and interest.—V. 114, p. 529.

Otis Steel Co. ((Cleveland, Ohio).—Earnings.
Period— Quarter Ended— 6 Mo. Ended June 30—
June 30 '23. Mar. 31 '23. 1923. 1922.

Manufacturing profit	\$926,551	\$631,942	\$1,558,493	loss \$229,252
Other income	70,017	29,456	99,473	58,618
Gross profit.	\$996,568	\$661,398	\$1,657,966	loss \$170,634
General exp., taxes, &c.	248,446	241,487	489,933	—
Interest, discount, &c.	185,353	147,776	333,129	446,591
Subsidiary cos. reserves.	1,915	23,176	25,091	—
Net profit before dep.	\$560,854	\$248,959	\$809,813	loss \$617,225

—V. 117, p. 335.
Ottawa & Hull Power Co., Ltd.—Pref. Stock Offered.—
Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at 99 (carrying a bonus of 25% Common stock) \$1,500,000 7% Cumul. Pref. a & d stock. A circular shows:

Divs. payable Q.-M. Divs. will accrue from Sept. 1 1923. Transfer agent, Eastern Trust Co., Montreal; registrar, Montreal Trust Co., Montreal.

Capitalization— Authorized. Issued.
1st Mtge. 6% bonds, due 1948 \$5,000,000 \$2,500,000
Cumul. 7% Preferred stock (this issue) 1,500,000 1,500,000
Common (shares of no par value) 25,000 shs. 25,000 shs.

Company.—Is being formed for the purpose of acquiring the Ottawa & Hull Power & Manufacturing Co., Ltd., and to provide funds for the extension of the properties. The power requirements of the territory served are constantly increasing, making necessary the further development of the company's properties. Company will own 2 hydro-electric plants situated on the Ottawa River at Chaudiere Falls, which lies between the city of Ottawa and the city of Hull, Que. One of these plants has an installed capacity of approximately 13,500 h.p. The second plant is equipped with 2 units of 9,000 h.p. each, while a third unit of the same size is now being installed, making 27,000 h.p. or a total of 40,000 h.p. installed capacity in the two plants.

Through stock ownership company will control the Ottawa River Power Co., Ltd., which owns and is now developing a water power situated on the Ottawa River at Bryson, P.Q., about 50 miles above Ottawa. The ultimate capacity of this development will be over 60,000 h.p. All the company's water powers are owned in fee simple, and, together with the plants, are located in the Province of Quebec.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the manufacturing company for the year ended Dec. 31 1922, available for interest and dividends, amounted to \$238,739. As this financing provides for the installation of a third unit of 9,000 h.p., which will be disposed of through contracts already signed, net earnings of the company should show a material increase.

Park & Tilford, Inc.—Organized, &c.—
Park & Tilford, Inc., has been incorporated in Delaware with authorized capital of 200,000 shares of capital stock of no par value. The company will be a holding company formed to acquire the Park & Tilford stock acquired by the Schulte Retail Stores Corp. Of the 200,000 shares, 100,000 shares will be sold to David A. Schulte and associates at \$25 a share. Of the remaining 100,000 shares, 40,000 will go to the Schulte Retail Store Corp., 40,000 will be turned into the treasury of the original Park & Tilford and 20,000 are to be offered for sale to the officers and employees of Park & Tilford. In addition to the \$2,500,000 raised through the sale of stock to David A. Schulte and his associates, an additional \$2,000,000 in cash is to be supplied by David A. Schulte personally to supply necessary working capital for the opening up of new stores.

The advisory committee includes Frank Tilford, Chairman; David A. Schulte, J. A. Badenoch, Gordon A. Stewart, C. E. Hotchkiss and Edwin H. Koehler. The following have been elected officers: David A. Schulte, Pres. & Chairman; John A. Badenoch, V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.; Gordon Stewart, V.-Pres.; Edwin H. Koehler, V.-Pres. & Treas.; Udo M. Reinach, Secretary.—V. 117, p. 561.

Peavy-Moore Lumber Co., Inc.—Certificates Offered.—
Caldwell & Co., Interstate Trust & Banking Co. and Securities Sales Co. of Louisiana, Inc., are offering at prices to yield 6 1/2% for 1924 maturities and 6 1/2% for 1925 and 1926 maturities, \$458,500 1st Mtge. Vendor's Lien 6% Participating certificates. A circular shows:

Dated July 1 1923; due serially August 1924 to 1926. Denom. \$1,000 and \$750. Interest payable F. & A. at office of Interstate Trust & Banking Co., trustee, New Orleans, La.

The vendors' lien covers approximately 25,000 acres of land, 119,000,000 ft. of pine and 37,000,000 ft. of hardwood timber, and three mill properties together with complete equipment; all of which is located in Newton, Jasper and Orange counties, Texas, and Calcasieu and Beauregard parishes, La. A Cruise of timber was made by C. L. Linscome for the receivers of the Miller-Link Lumber Co., from whom the Peavy-Moore Lumber Co., Inc., bought the property. These notes are a part of a series of notes amounting to \$687,500, of which amount \$125,000 becomes due on Aug. 4 1923, and which were expected to be paid on that date. The company has a capital and surplus of over \$1,000,000.

Officers are: A. J. Peavy, Pres.; R. T. Moore, V.-Pres., and S. G. Sample, V.-Pres.

Pennok Oil Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 3 Months Ended (June 30 '23, Mar. 31 '23, June 30 '24) and 6 Mos. End. (June 30 '23, Dec. 31 '22). Rows include Net production (bbbls.), Gross income from oil sales, Direct oper. & general expense, Net income from oil sales, Net income from gas & miscell. sales, Profits on investment, int., disc., &c., Gross earnings, Loss on abandoned leases, etc., Depletion & depreciation (est.), Dividends paid, Balance before Federal taxes, Comparative Balance Sheet, Assets, Fixed assets, Current assets, Insurance fund, Deferred charges, Liabilities, Capital stk., Current liabilities, Reserves, Surplus, Net earnings 1st & 2d quar. att. divs.

x Does not include \$75,000 reserved for payment of dividends declared for third quarter.—V. 116, p. 2266.

Phillips Petroleum Co.—Consol. Income for 6 Mos. Ending June 30 1923.—

Table with columns for 1923 and 1922. Rows include Oil earns., Operating expense, Interest expense & ad valorem taxes, Reserved for Federal taxes & annual inventory adjustments, Earnings before depletion & depreciation.

Pittsburgh Oil & Gas Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1923 and 1922. Row includes Net income after deprec., depletion, taxes & other charges.

Pittsburgh Steel Co.—Obituary.—

President Willis F. McCook died Aug. 5.—V. 116, p. 2018.

Professional Building Co., Los Angeles.—Bonds Offered.—Hunter, Dulin & Co., Los Angeles, are offering at price to yield 6.60%, according to maturity, \$525,000 1st Mtge. 6 1/2% Serial Gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated June 1 1923. Due serially 1924 to 1936 incl. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Callable on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. during first five years, at 104 during next five years, and at 103 thereafter. Int. payable J. & D. at Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, Los Angeles, or Wells Fargo Nevada National Bank, San Francisco, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%.

These bonds will be secured by a closed first mortgage on valuable real property, at the southwest corner of Sixth and St. Paul Sts., Los Angeles, to be improved with an 8-story Class "A" reinforced concrete store and office building, now under construction, designed particularly for doctors, surgeons and dentists. The land is valued at \$144,133, and the cost of constructing the building, including carrying charges, is estimated at \$734,500, giving a total security value of \$878,633.

Public Service Corp. of Quebec.—New Name, &c.—

See Quebec Power Co. below.—V. 116, p. 2646.

Quebec Power Co.—Offer—Description of Properties, &c.

Mention was made in V. 117, p. 554, of the offer to the Common shareholders and Income bondholders of the Quebec Ry., Light, Heat & Power Co. by the above company to exchange and purchase their holdings. President Julian C. Smith in a letter July 26 to the Railway security holders gives a general survey of the properties and the financial position of Quebec Ry., Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd. Stated briefly the properties of the Railway Co. consist of the following:

(a) Water Powers and Central Stations.—(1) A property vested in the Canadian Electric Light Co., situated on the Chaudiere River, with an installed generator capacity of 3,300 h. p., operating under a head of 114 ft. (2) A property vested in the Quebec Jacques-Cartier Electric Co., situated on the Jacques-Cartier River, with an installed generator capacity of 2,000 h. p., operating under a head of 31 ft. (3) A property vested in the Quebec Railway, Light & Power Co., situated on the Montmorency River, with an installed alternating current generator capacity of 2,700 h. p. and 800 h. p. of direct current generator capacity (for railway purposes) operating under a head of 198 ft. (4) A property vested in the Quebec Railway, Light & Power Co., situated on the Montmorency River, with an installed generator capacity of 2,000 h. p., operating under a head of 62 ft. The company has a contract with the Laurentian Power Co., Ltd., which is located on the St. Anne River, providing for a supply of 10,000 h. p. of electric energy delivered at Montmorency Station.

(b) Traction and Railway Property.—(1) There is operated in the City of Quebec and suburbs 29 miles of street railway. (2) A line of standard-gauge single-track railway extending from the terminal in Quebec City to St. Joachim, a distance of 32 miles, passing through St. Anne de Beaupre, together with an additional 5 miles of road extending to Cape Tourmente (which latter section is leased to the Canadian National Rys.), connecting with the Quebec & Saguenay Ry. These properties are vested in the Quebec Railway, Light & Power Co.

(c) Gas Property.—A producing and refining water-gas plant located within the city limits, having a total production of 1,000,000 cu. ft. of gas per day. This property is vested in the Frontenac Gas Co.

Condition of Properties.—Speaking generally, the above-mentioned properties are in fair physical condition. Considerable expenditures, however, are required in the immediate future in order to provide for the necessary repairs and improvements. If these repairs and improvements are made, and if adequate maintenance is thereafter provided, for, it would appear that the earning power of the properties is capable of substantial expansion.

Sources of Future Supply of Power.—Company is presently using substantially all of the power available from its own sources of supply, and it is not in a position to add materially to its earnings from the sale of power unless new developments are undertaken or unless satisfactory contracts can be made with some outside company for a further supply of power. By reason of losses sustained through certain enterprises and developments undertaken by the company, its resources have been inadequate to meet ordinary operation, maintenance and replacement expense and requirements for depreciation, nor have the necessary funds been available to provide for additions to the producing and distributing equipment of the company.

Financial Needs.—The current liabilities include the claims of many creditors who are pressing for payment, and financial arrangements must be made in the near future to provide the funds necessary to meet these claims. It is also obvious that further large amounts should be expended in the immediate future to make repairs which are urgently required and to make the necessary extensions in the railroad division, the gas property and the street railway system.

It does not seem advisable to attempt to obtain these additional moneys on the credit of the company alone, nor is it possible to obtain these moneys on any satisfactory terms resulting from the sale of additional securities even if such issue of further securities was advisable. If an effective consolidation of the interests of the company and of Quebec Power Co. can be brought about, it is anticipated that the latter company, on its own credit or through its affiliations, can supply the funds necessary for the above mentioned purposes.

Company's Balance Sheet.—A detailed balance sheet as of May 31 1923 contains the following information:

Table with columns for (a) Fixed Assets and (c) Current Liabilities. Rows include Investments, stocks, bonds and interest in other corporations, General construction, Advances to controlled companies, Value of additional bonds of sub. cos. acquired June 1, Add'l bonds of sub. cos. to be acquired upon maturity, Current assets (cash, accounts and bills receivable and stores and supplies).

Against this there is shown in the liabilities an apparent surplus of \$19,237,911.

The item "Advances to controlled companies" consists of advances to Quebec Gas Co., Frontenac Gas Co., Canadian Electric Light Co., Quebec Jacques-Cartier Electric Co. and Quebec Ry., Light & Power Co.

No means are provided by which the above subsidiary companies can either issue securities or dispose of shares in order to liquidate their indebtedness to the parent company, and as a consequence it results that the above amount of \$2,176,432 is properly included as an item of "Fixed assets" and that the same cannot be considered in any way as "Current assets."

(b) Current Assets.—Current assets of May 31 1923, consisting of cash, accounts and bills receivable and stores and supplies, amount to \$540,216.

(c) Current Liabilities consist of: Bills and accounts payable, \$524,623; sundry loans, \$59,810; accrued charges, \$411,933.— 996,366.

Deficit as between current assets and current liabilities \$456,150. x Increased since May 31 by further loans of \$750,000 from Quebec Power Co.

Consolidated Mortgage Bonds.—Referring to the inability of the Railway Co. to obtain these additional amounts on its own credit, the attention of the shareholders is directed to the fact that the company's \$10,000,000 5% Consol. Mtge. bonds have been entirely sold with the exception of an amount of \$911,000, which is held in escrow to retire outstanding bonds of subsidiary companies. No sinking fund has been provided with respect to either the underlying bonds of subsidiary companies or the Consol. Mtge. bonds. To provide a sinking fund at the present date sufficient to provide for the payment of such outstanding bonds at maturity, an annual payment of \$422,000 is necessary.

Income Bonds.—The conditions under which these Income bonds were issued and secured were given in V. 117, p. 554. The bonds were issued in part satisfaction of the company's liability upon the 5% French Currency bonds which were issued to finance the construction of the Quebec & Saguenay Ry., the proceeds of the sale of the road having proven insufficient to meet more than a portion of such liability. The company is in possession of no real asset in respect of these outstanding bonds. The principal amount of such bonds is \$3,307,200.

The loss resulting from the construction of the Quebec & Saguenay Ry., together with certain sums representing bond discount, &c., were carried in the balance sheet under the item "Investment adjustment and bond discount" at \$4,100,932.

It was evidently intended to write off this amount and reduce the nominal or book value of the Common stock accordingly, and to that end at a meeting held on April 14 1922 the shareholders authorized that application be made for supplementary letters patent converting the outstanding stock into 100,000 shares without nominal or par value.

Further bond discount has since been added arising from the sale of bonds sold on June 1 to retire subsidiary bonds, this sum amounting to \$500,000.

Depreciation.—No depreciation has been set up in the books of the company with the exception of a nominal amount reserved from the earnings of the past year.

Fair Value of Fixed Assets.—A survey of the properties would indicate that under no proper method of appraisal or valuation can the properties be considered as having a value exceeding \$14,000,000. It is apparent, therefore, that an effective reduction in the book value of the company's assets to an amount of \$5,214,068 should be made as soon as possible.

In addition to this writing down of fixed assets, there should also be a further writing down of such assets to an amount of \$4,600,932, representing the aggregate of the items included under the headings of "Investment adjustment and bond discount" and "discount on bonds sold June 1 to retire subsidiary bonds." These three items aggregate a total of \$9,815,000.

Effect on Balance Sheet.—If such a writing down of fixed assets takes place, it will be necessary to do two things:—

- (1) Write down the book value of the Common shares from \$10,000,000 to \$2,500,000, resulting in a reduction of \$7,500,000.
(2) Write down the book value of Income bonds from \$3,307,200 to \$992,160, resulting in a reduction of \$2,315,000.

Total write-down \$9,815,000.

Table showing the balance sheet of the Railway Company with approximately: Assets—Investments, stocks, bonds and interest in other corps. \$14,023,843; Liabilities—5% 30-Year Consol. Mtge. bonds, due 1939, \$10,000,000; 5% 30-year Income bonds, due 1951, reduced from \$3,307,200 to \$992,160; Common shares (value written down from \$10,000,000) 2,500,000; Advances from Quebec Power Co. to meet deficit as between current liabilities and current assets 456,150; Reserve for contingencies 75,533.

Total \$14,023,843.

Company's Net Earnings.—Net earnings of Ry. Co. for the year ended Dec. 31 1922 amounted to \$289,830 (after payment of percentage of City of Quebec of \$42,697, and after payment of interest on miscellaneous debt of \$22,184).

The net earnings for the five months ended May 31 amounted to \$76,426, but on June 1 became subject to a greater annual interest charge owing to discount on bonds sold.

Balance Sheet, Quebec Power Co., June 1 1923.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Plant and property \$2,304,469; Current assets 127,063; Advances to Quebec Ry., Lt., Heat & Pow. Co. 750,000; Total each side \$3,181,532. Liabilities include Common shares \$1,600,000; 7% Preference shares \$1,250,000; Current liabilities 58,495; Surplus (after div. and ded'n for int. on bonds now retired) 273,037. X Since increased to \$1,410,000.

Since the date of the balance sheet the capital of Quebec Power Co. has been increased to \$10,000,000, of which \$4,000,000 are to be issued in the form of 7% Cumulative Pref. shares and \$6,000,000 are to be issued in the form of Common shares. Company has also authorized an issue of 1st Mtge. Gold bonds not exceeding an amount at any time outstanding in excess of the sum of \$20,000,000. Of the bonds so authorized it is proposed to issue in the immediate future, and as a Series "A," an amount of approximately \$4,000,000.

Part of the proceeds will be used for the purchase of \$2,500,000 of 5% Consolidated Mortgage bonds of Quebec Ry., Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd. Earnings Quebec Power Co.—Net earnings of Quebec Power Co. for the year ended Dec. 31 1922 amounted to \$148,456. Net earnings for the five months ended May 31 1923 amounted to \$82,151.

Conclusions.—From the above it would appear that the offer of exchange made to the Income bondholders and to the holders of Common shares of the Railway Co. is a reasonable and a fair offer under the circumstances. It would appear that in the present situation of the Railway Co. no interest can be paid to the Income bondholder for many years to come, and that such interest must first be paid before any return can be made to the holder of Common shares. It would appear that the Railway Co. has no facilities for future financing, and that it would accordingly be impossible to carry out effectively any plans for extension and development. It would appear that some scheme must be devised for co-ordination in policy and in operation between the two companies in order that the power resources and financial resources of Quebec Power Co. should be made available to produce a proper return for shareholders and in order that the necessary economies in operation and in administration be effected. It is anticipated that Quebec Power Co. will have earnings amply sufficient to pay the dividends on all Pref. shares which may at any time be issued within the limits authorized.

It is considered that the first issue of bonds, Series "A," amounting to \$4,000,000, of Quebec Power Co., will be sufficient to provide the funds necessary for the company's immediate purposes.

[The shareholders of the Public Service Corp. of Quebec recently changed the name to that of the Quebec Power Co. It is the intention of the latter company to take over the power properties of the Quebec Railway, Light, Heat & Power Co. and to transfer to the Quebec Gas & Tramways Co. (a new company) the gas and tramway properties. The capital stock of the latter company will be all owned by the Quebec Power Co.]

10% Quebec Power Co. Dividend.

The company, according to Montreal advices, has declared a dividend of 10% on the Common stock, payable in 7% Cumulative Preferred stock, on Aug. 1 to holders of record July 25. See also V. 117, p. 554.

Regan Forge & Engineering Co.—Bonds Offered.

Banks, Huntley & Co., Los Angeles, are offering at 100 and int. \$200,000 1st (closed) Mtge. Convert. 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1923. Due May 1 1933. Interest payable M. & N. at Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif., trustee. Callable upon any int. date at 105 and int. Normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2% paid by the company. Denomination \$1,000. Entire issue payable through the operation of a sinking fund commencing May 1 1924 at 105 and int. if not obtainable in the open market at a lower price.

Data from Letter of Pres. Jos. M. Regan, Los Angeles, July 2 1923.

Company—Incorp. in 1918 in California. Business was started 15 years ago by Jos. M. Regan and James J. Regan, with a small capital of \$3,000. To-day company is one of the largest manufacturers of its kind on the Pacific Coast. Company does a general forge and engineering business, which includes the manufacture of oil well tools and supplies and the repairing and replacing of general ships' parts.

Earnings.—Net earnings are reported as follows:

1918	\$18,190	1920	\$58,205	1922	\$155,300
1919	44,115	1921	61,019	1923 (5 mos.)	118,146

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire purchase money obligations and to provide additional working capital.

General Balance Sheet May 31 1923 (After Present Financing).

Assets		Liabilities	
Total fixed assets	\$602,586	First Mortgage 7s	\$200,000
Cash	55,613	Capital stock	500,000
Accounts & notes receiv.	215,879	Surplus	167,549
Liberty bonds	1,000	Accounts payable	133,195
Inventories	125,666		
Total	\$1,000,745	Total	\$1,000,745

Conversion.—Convertible at 105 into any interest date upon 30 days' notice.

Savannah (Ga.) Gas Co.—Bonds Offered.—Citizens & Southern Co., Savannah, are offering at 99 and int., to yield about 6.05%, \$600,000 1st Mtge. 6% 30-Year Gold Bonds, Series "A." A circular shows:

Dated Sept. 1 1923, due Sept. 1 1953. Company pays Federal normal IWWH tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Int. payable M. & S. at National City Bank, New York, the office of the company in Phila., or at offices in Savannah, Augusta, Macon, and Atlanta, of Citizens & Southern Bank, trustee.

Company.—Is engaged in the manufacture and sale of carburetted water gas under a perpetual franchise and serves a population of approximately 100,000, delivering gas to more than 9,900 customers. Sale of gas for 1922 was about 365,000,000 cu. ft. The water gas plant has a daily maximum capacity of about 3,200,000 cu. ft. Total holder capacity is 1,013,000 cu. ft. Property now owned is appraised at \$2,500,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in connection with retirement of the present bonded debt of \$1,615,000, which matures on Sept. 1 1923. Redemption & Sinking Fund.—Entire issue callable on any int. date upon 30 days' notice on or after Sept. 1 1923 and on or before Sept. 1 1943 at 105; after Sept. 1 1943 and on or before Sept. 1 1948 at 102½, and thereafter at ½ of 1% less for each year until March 1 1953, when they shall be callable at par—in all cases together with accrued interest.

Company will pay to the trustee in semi-annual installments a sinking fund of 1% of the amount of bonds outstanding at the time of such payment.

Earnings.—During the past 8 years, ending June 30 1923, net earnings applicable to interest charges have averaged 3.35 times the requirements of this issue, and for the past 5 years the average has been 3.72 times requirements.

Capitalization Upon Completion of the Proposed Financing.

First Mortgage 6% bonds (this issue)	\$600,000
Preferred stock	450,000
Common Capital stock	1,400,000
Total	\$2,450,000

Savoy Oil Co.—Annual Report.

Income Account for Calendar Year 1922.

Gross income from production, \$149,332; cost of production, \$80,434; gross profit	\$68,898
Miscellaneous earnings	33,318
Total gross profit	\$102,216
Expenses, \$83,614; gen'l office & executive exps., \$17,581	101,095
Depletion and depreciation	65,481
Loss for year	\$64,360
Previous surplus	1,078,754
Deduct—Abandoned property, \$64,045; charging off intangible assets, \$475,000; reduction in property valuation, \$402,569; total	941,614
Surplus Dec. 31 1922	\$72,779

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets		Liabilities	
1922	1921	1922	1921
Prop'ty & equip. x	797,145	1,725,212	
Cash	16,918	42,510	
Accounts receivable	19,852	15,212	
Inventories	23,885	22,382	
Deferred items	32,915	478,608	
Total	889,815	2,283,924	

x Property and equipment, \$1,213,201; less reserve for depreciation, \$416,057.—V. 116, p. 1906.

Seneca Copper Corp.—Bonds.

It is announced that the stockholders, who recently received the right to subscribe to 10-Year 1st Mtge. 7% Convertible bonds, have taken a substantial amount of the issue and the unsold portion will shortly be offered to the public. See V. 117, p. 216.

(S. B.) Sexton Stove & Mfg. Corp., Baltimore.—Bonds.

Baltimore Trust Co. and Baker, Watts & Co., Baltimore, are offering at par and int. \$175,000 1st Mtge. & Coll. Trust 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds dated May 1 1923, due May 1 1943. Int. payable M. & N. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, trustee.

The corporation has been incorporated in Maryland and has acquired the business, good-will, trade marks, &c., of the S. B. Sexton Stove & Manufacturing Co., which business was established in 1839. Manufactures ranges and furnaces of all descriptions and also specializes in equipping hotels, restaurants and vessels with all modern appliances for the cooking and serving of foods.

The financial statement as of Dec. 31 1922, after giving effect to this financing, shows net tangible assets applicable to these bonds of \$577,572, of \$3,243 for each \$1,000 bond. Net earnings from Feb. 1 1917 to Dec. 31 1922, after deducting Federal taxes at 1923 rates, but before depreciation, have averaged more than twice the interest requirements on this issue of bonds.

The purpose of this financing is to reimburse the company's treasury for capital expenditures in acquiring the stove business of the Bartlett-

Hayward Co., in the purchase of the controlling interest in the Isaac A. Sheppard Co. of Maryland, in making improvements, &c.

Shaffer Oil & Refining Co.—Notes Called.

Certain Conv. 8% Serial Gold notes, maturing May 1 1924, have been called for redemption Nov. 1 at 105 and int. at the First National Bank, New York, or Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.—V. 116, p. 2892.

Shane Bros. & Wilson Co., Philadelphia.—Receiver.

Federal Judge Dickinson at Philadelphia has made permanent the appointment of David H. Birr as receiver. The court granted authority to the receiver to borrow \$30,000 on receiver's certificates to meet the company's pay-roll and to purchase materials required in the manufacture of flour.—V. 117, p. 336.

Simmons Co.—Earnings Six Months Ended May 31 1923.

Net sales to trade, \$15,109,707; deductions, \$10,634,406; operating profits	\$4,475,301
Advertising, selling and other expenses	2,646,277
Trading profits	\$1,829,024
Other income	159,823
Total income	\$1,988,947
Deductions	408,013
Net profits	\$1,580,934

Southern California Edison Co.—To Increase Stock & Debt.

The stockholders will vote Sept. 7 on increasing the authorized Capital stock from \$100,000,000 (consisting of \$4,000,000 5% Cumul. Original Pref. stock, \$36,000,000 Pref. stock and \$60,000,000 Common stock) to the total aggregate amount of \$250,000,000, to consist of \$4,000,000 Original Pref. stock, \$121,000,000 Pref. stock and \$125,000,000 Common stock.

The Preferred stock shall be divided into 3 classes, as follows: Series A, formerly designated simply "Preferred" stock, 600,000 shares (of which 71,084 shares have heretofore been issued as fully paid); Series B, 400,000 shares; Series C, 210,000 shares. The holders of the Preferred stock shall be entitled to receive, after the payment of the cumulative dividends upon the Original Preferred stock, yearly dividends at the following rates: holders of Preferred stock, Series A 7% and no more; holders of Preferred stock, Series B, 6% and no more; holders of Preferred stock, Series C, 5% and no more. Except as to dividend rate, no distinction or preference shall exist among the 3 series of Preferred stock. Dividends on the Preferred stock shall also be cumulative, and shall be payable before any dividends on the Common stock shall be paid or set apart.

The stockholders will also vote (1) on cancelling \$100,000,000 authorized bonded indebtedness, created April 5 1916, and all except \$3,000,000 of the \$136,000,000 authorized bonded indebtedness created May 31 1918 (the \$3,000,000 being the face amount of all bonds or debentures issued under such authorization), thereby reducing all outstanding authorized bonded indebtedness to \$138,000,000, and (2) on increasing the authorized bonded indebtedness beyond the sum of \$138,000,000 to the total sum of \$388,000,000; by the authorization of an additional or increased bonded indebtedness in the amount of \$250,000,000, payable in United States gold coin, to be used for any lawful corporate purpose or purposes, including the refunding, replacing, redeeming, purchasing or acquiring of any now or hereafter outstanding bonds or obligations or indebtedness, which the company is now, or may hereafter be, obligated, directly, or by assumption, to pay.

Rights to Stockholders.

All stockholders of record July 31 1923, both Preferred and Common, have the right to subscribe (at par, \$100) for \$5,000,000 additional 7% Pref. stock, at the rate of 1 share of new Pref. stock for each 10 shares of stock owned. No fractional shares will be issued, but any stockholder entitled to a fractional share on the basis stated, will be permitted to subscribe for a full share for such fractional share. Stockholder's rights expire Aug. 15. The proceeds derived from the sale of the stock will be used for new plant facilities now being constructed to provide for the increased demand for electric service in the territory covered by the company's operations. See also V. 117, p. 336.

Southern States Oil Co.—Gets Big Gas Well.

The company has brought in a 7,500,000-foot gas well in the Robertson field, Garvin County, Okla. The Lone Star Gas Co. is connecting up with the well to take the gas under its contract with Southern States.—V. 117, p. 2778.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., St. Louis.—New Financing Proposed.

The company has asked the Missouri P. S. Commission for permission to issue \$50,000,000 30-year 4% Mtge. bonds. The proceeds will be used to retire advances of \$17,974,761 made by American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and to finance additional equipment. The bonds, it is said, will not be issued at this time, this being merely an initial step to look after financing at some future period.—V. 116, p. 2398.

Spicer Mfg. Co.—Preliminary Earnings (Incl. Sub. Cos.)—

Six Months Ended June 30—	x1923.	1922.
Net sales	\$7,875,916	\$4,459,876
Less cost of sales	6,394,069	3,395,672
Gross profit	\$1,484,846	\$1,064,205
Miscellaneous income	67,105	27,455
Total gross profit	\$1,551,951	\$1,091,660
Less administrative, selling & general expense	352,521	230,468
Less interest and discount	168,468	176,190

Net profit.—\$1,030,962 \$685,002
After deducting Federal taxes at rate now in effect, and dividends on the Preferred stock for the period, balance available for the 313,750 shares of no par value Common stock outstanding was equivalent to \$2.49 per share, as against \$1.52 per share in the corresponding period in 1922.
x Subject to adjustment at end of year.—V. 116, p. 2647.

Steel & Tube Co. of America.—Pref. Stock Called.

The company announces that the stockholders on Aug. 7 1923 having voted to reduce the issued capital stock and retire the outstanding Pref. stock, in accordance with the provisions of the certificate of incorporation, the funds necessary for such retirement have been duly set aside and the Wilmington (Del.) Trust Co. has been appointed the agent for the purpose of the retirement of the Preferred stock.

The holders of Pref. shares will receive \$110 per share and an additional amount equal to a dividend at the rate of 7% from the last dividend date to the date of payment, upon surrender on or after Aug. 7 1923, at the office of the Wilmington Trust Co. (See adv. pages.)—V. 117, p. 562.

Superior Oil Corp.—Earnings.—The report for the quarter ended June 30 1923 is given in the advertising pages of this issue.

Period—	3 Months Ended—	6 Mos. End.
	June 30 '23. Mar. 31 '23.	June 30 '23.
Gross earnings	\$302,727	\$513,640
Operating expenses	121,887	134,984
General and administrative expenses	69,765	50,910
Depreciation of plant & equipment	118,118	123,997
Depletion of oil reserves	209,830	231,911
Net loss	\$216,873	\$28,162

—V. 116, p. 2019.

The Shovel Co., Lorain, O.—Bonds Sold.—The Cleveland (O.) Trust Co. announces the sale at 99½ and int., to yield over 6.55%, of \$600,000 10-Year 6½% Sinking Fund debentures (see advertising pages).

Dated July 1 1923, due July 1 1933. Int. payable J. & J. at Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax u

to 2%. Company will remit Penn. 4 mill tax. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*.

Data from Letter of F. A. Smythe, President of the Company.
Company.—Is one of the largest manufacturers in the U. S. of excavating machinery.

Earnings.—Net earnings after interest and depreciation, but before Federal taxes, for the 7 years and 5 months ended May 31 1923, have averaged \$235,102 per annum, which is more than 6 times maximum interest requirements on this issue.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. 6 1/2% Sinking Fund Debenture bonds (this issue) \$600,000 \$600,000 Preferred stock, 7% cumulative 1,000,000 753,900 Common stock (declared value \$25) 15,000 shs. 15,000 shs.

Underwood Typewriter Co.—Earnings.
Six Months Ended June 30—

Union Natural Gas Corp.—Earnings.
Six Mos. end. June 30—

Union Tank Car Co.—Tenders.
The Equitable Trust Co., trustee, 37 Wall Street, N. Y., will until Aug. 23 receive bids for the sale to it of Equipment Trust 7% Gold notes, Series A, dated Aug. 2 1920, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$625,000 at a price not exceeding par and int.—V. 116, p. 3008.

Union Twist Drill Co.—Earnings.
Net profits, after deducting reserves for depreciation, Federal taxes and interest charges, for the six months ended June 30 1923, are reported as \$342,910.—V. 114, p. 2250.

United Alloy Steel Co.—Earnings.
6 Mos. Ended June 30—

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

United States Hoffman Machinery Corp.—Sales, &c.
The sales of machines for the first six months of 1923 amounted to 5,378, against 5,065 for the same months in 1922.

United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.
See under "Trade and Traffic Movements" above.—V. 117, p. 549, 218.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Production.
Month of—

Waldorf System, Inc.—Sales.
1923—July—1922. Increase.

Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co.—Contracts—Orders—Listing.
The company, it is stated, has been awarded contracts aggregating \$1,000,000 for electrical equipment, including locomotives, for the Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR. and a contract approximating \$250,000 for sub-station equipment for the New York Edison Co.

Wolverine Copper Mining Co.—Earnings.
Years end. June 30—

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—July Sales.
1923—July—1922. Increase.

Yawkey-Bissell Lumber Co.—Bonds Offered.
First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 1st Mtg. 6% Serial Gold bonds, Series "A."

The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 299,250 additional shares (par \$50) of Common stock.—V. 117, p. 563, 453.

Western Power Corp.—Earnings (Incl. Sub. Cos.).
Calendar Years—

Wheeling Steel Corp.—Earnings (Incl. Subsidiaries).
Period—

Wolverine Copper Mining Co.—Earnings.
Years end. June 30—

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—July Sales.
1923—July—1922. Increase.

Yawkey-Bissell Lumber Co.—Bonds Offered.
First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 1st Mtg. 6% Serial Gold bonds, Series "A."

Data from Letter of W. H. Bissell, President of the Company.
Company.—Incorp. in Wisconsin July 13 1916 primarily for purpose of buying and selling timber and timber lands and conducting a general logging and lumber business.

Releasing Clause.—The mortgage provides that company shall pay to the trustee on Feb. 1 each year \$5 for each 1,000 ft. of timber cut or sold and \$3 for each acre of land sold during the preceding calendar year (25,000,000 ft. of timber are exempt from this provision).

Earnings.—Average annual earnings available for int. from Jan. 1 1918 (first year mill was in full operation) to May 31 1923 were \$196,896. These earnings were shown after appropriating \$400,000 for depletion of capital assets and charging off full depreciation on plant and equipment.

Balance Sheet as of May 31 1923 (After Present Financing).
Assets.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—Listing.
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$40,000,000 20-Year 6% Debenture Gold Coupon Bonds, due July 1 1943.

Consolidated Earnings Statement for First Six Months of 1923.
[Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., Brier Hill Steel Co. and Steel & Tube Co. of America.]

Surplus for period before providing for Federal taxes.

In connection with the acquisition of the Steel & Tube Co. of America, the Youngstown Co. recently sold \$40,000,000 6% Debenture Bonds so that the interest requirements of the consolidated companies are now \$2,256,500 semi-annually.

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, Aug. 10 1923.

COFFEE on the spot has latterly been rather quiet. Rio No. 7, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 11c.; Santos No. 4, 14 to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Futures have been firmer, partly owing to higher Brazilian cables. Shorts, it is recalled, have at times recently found it hard to cover. Consumers, too, in various countries, have had to raise their bids, especially on Brazilian grades. Invisible supplies, it is suspected, are down to an unusually low stage. For several months the deliveries have been small. That meant, presumably, that reserves were being reduced. Also the visible supply, counting the quantity afloat, for the United States, is down to a suggestively low total. It has recently been 997,000 bags, or in other words, less than a million bags. This represents the consumption of a very short time. New York has only 271,000 bags, against 467,165 last year or some 200,000 bags less than in 1922. And to make matters worse it appears that recently only about one-tenth of the Brazilian coffee held here was of high grade Rio and hard-drinking Santos. and that was taken on July contracts. New York prices are regarded by some as fully 100 points too low, in contrast with cost and freight quotations. Spot months on Rio and Santos term markets have been commanding premiums over the later months, owing to the recent smallness of the receipts there, which fell even below the Government limits. Much of this coffee too, it appears, was shipped to the River Plate section, to the west coast of South America, and to South Africa. Some are wondering whether Brazilian exporters will find such an extremely easy matter to cover their contracts for shipment on August and September. However that may be, the supply of the higher grades in Santos has recently been anything but generous. There may possibly be interesting developments ahead. That remains to be seen. On Thursday prices advanced 5 to 9 points, with traders covering and cables in the main higher. For the week there is an advance of 12 to 19 points. The Exchange was closed to-day out of respect to the memory of the late President Harding. Thursday's closing quotations were as follows:

Spot (unoff.) 8.65@ 8.66 | December - 7.74@ 7.75 | May-----37.24@ 7.25
September 8.65@ 8.66 | March-----7.39@ 7.40

SUGAR advanced $\frac{1}{8}$ c. on Aug. 1, Cuba selling for August shipment at 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. Yet Paris cabled that the French market was weak owing to the arrival of Java sugars and the seizures of some 20,000 tons of German sugars. It seems that 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. was obtained for 17,500 bags here. Porto Rico recently cabled that despite the severe drop in price "holders are not weakening. All are optimistic and holding for higher prices and if necessary will hold until September-October." On the 7th inst. Cuba was quoted here at 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. Futures one time on that day were 6 to 10 points higher, but they reacted later. Refined was 7.90 to 8c. In some cases prices are guaranteed to date of delivery. The recent decline of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. was due largely, it is declared, to overproduction and offerings in New York of Java, Brazil and Peru sugar. The Federal company points out that the 181 Cuban centrals which have completed grinding show an outturn of 3,580,017 tons as compared with the original estimate of 4,059,000 tons. On the 6th inst. Western brokers and trade interests were the principal buyers of sugar futures. Spot sugar was quiet at that time at 47-16 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. c.&f. The receipts at Cuban ports last week were 18,086 tons, against 10,883 in the previous week, 52,627 in 1922 and 26,422 in 1921; exports, 42,435 tons, against 27,599 in the previous week, 103,011 in 1922 and 64,703 in 1921; stocks, 499,338, against 523,687 a week previous, 590,080 in 1922 and 1,372,605 in 1921. Centrals grinding, 1 against 1 in the previous week, 10 in 1922 and 4 in 1921. Havana cabled that rain was wanted in some quarters. The destination of exports was 25,382 tons to United States Atlantic ports, 12,317 to New Orleans, 1,521 to Galveston and 3,215 to Savannah. On Thursday there was an advance of 6 to 7 points. This showed a rise for the week of 5 to 13 points. The latest Cuban sales were at 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. Refined has latterly sold rather more readily at 7.90c. The Exchange was closed to-day. Thursday's prices follow.

September 4.45@ 4.46 | December - 4.05@ 4.06 | May-----3.52
March-----3.45@ 3.46

LARD was in fair demand and firm. Prime Western 11.35c.; refined Continent, 12c.; South American, 12.25c.; Brazilian, 13.25c. Futures declined somewhat early in the week and then rallied. But there were no big fluctuations. Prices did drop at one time, with a fall of 20 to 40 cents in hogs and on predictions of large receipts. But later there was a steadier tone with hogs higher, reports of a better ex-

port demand (though this was more particularly in hams) and some buying by commission houses. Offerings fell off. It is true there was some hedge selling by packers. Lard stocks decreased during July 11,730,000 lbs. The cut meats total on Aug. 1 was 338,495,000 lbs., a decrease in July of 16,668,000 lbs. On Thursday prices declined and the ending was unchanged for the week on September, with October up 3 points. The exchanges were closed to-day (Friday) out of respect to the memory of the late President Harding.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery-----	cts. 10.55	10.65	10.72	10.72	10.65	Holt
October delivery-----	10.65	10.77	10.85	10.82	10.80	day

PORK slow of sale. Mess \$24 50@ \$25; short clear \$22@ \$25 50. Beef quiet; mess \$15; packet \$13 50@ \$14; family \$16 @ \$16 50; extra India mess \$28; No. 1 canned roast beef \$2 35; No. 2, \$4 05; 6 lbs. \$15; pickled tongues \$55@ \$65 nominal. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 24 lbs., 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ @ 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Butter, creamery fresh seconds to high scoring, 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Cheese flats 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Eggs, fresh firsts to fancy, 26 to 36c.

OILS.—Linseed has latterly been quiet and rather weak. Consumers have been holding aloof for lower prices. They have taken only very small quantities. Spot oil in car lots, coopeage basis, is quoted at 99c. asked. August oil is obtainable at 98c. or less. Tanks 95@ 95c.; in less than carloads, \$1.05; less than 5 bbls., \$1 08; boiled, tanks 96@ 99c.; boiled, car loads, \$1 01@ \$1 04; five barrel lots, \$1 04@ \$1 07; less than 5 bbls., \$1.07@ \$1 10; refined, bbls., carlots, \$1 05@ \$1 06; varnish type, bbls., \$1 05@ \$1 10; Cocoanut Ceylon, bbls., 9@ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Cochin, bbls., 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; corn crude tanks, mills, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; spot New York 9@ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; refined, 100-bbl. lots, 10@ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; olive, \$1 15; cod, domestic, 60c.; Newfoundland, 63c.; Meukand tanks, plant, 40c. Lard, strained winter New York, 12c.; extra, 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Rosin, \$5 75@ \$7 25. Spirits of turpentine, 95c. Thursday's sales of cottonseed oil were 14,000 barrels, including switches. Crude S. E., nominal. Prices closed as follows:

Spot-----	9.50	October ---	9.21@ 9.23	January ---	8.53@ 8.57
August ---	9.90@ 10.00	November 8.61@	8.62	February -	8.55@ 8.65
September 9.55@ 9.60	December -	8.50@ 8.52	March ---	8.75@ 8.80	

PETROLEUM.—Northwestern Pennsylvania kerosene has been cut $\frac{1}{8}$ c., with supplies rapidly gaining and trade dull. Only a very little export business has been done, much to the disappointment of everybody. It looks as though there will be a further decline in bulk and wagon prices before long. The notion is spreading that 14c. is disproportionately high with 45-150 in tank cars ruling at only 6c. This idea is perhaps not surprising. Others think gasoline prices also have a downward tendency, as they are considered out of line with relatively low bulk prices. Navy in tank cars has been, it is said, as low this week as 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Beside such a price, the tank wagon quotation of 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. arouses criticism. It is rumored that cargo lots of Mexican gasoline have been obtainable at something like 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., curious as that sounds. Bunker oil has been quiet and rather weaker at \$1 60 f.o.b. New York Harbor refinery. Gas oil 36-40 is also rather depressed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c., refinery. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, 27.15c.; U. S. Navy specifications, bulk, per gallon, 13.50c.; export naphtha, cargo lots, 14.50c.; 63-66 deg., 16.50c.; 66-68 deg., 18.00c. Kerosene in cargo lots, cases, 15.40c.; Petroleum, refined, tanks, wagon to store, 14c.; motor gasoline, garages (steel barrels), 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; bulk, delivered, New York, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

The "Oil City Derrick" says that the receipts of petroleum from the wells by the pipe lines of Oklahoma and Kansas during the month of June were 18,261,672 barrels, a decrease of 174,835 from the May total. Deliveries by same lines were 15,967,391, increase 350,272 barrels. Stocks of crude oil held on last day of June by pipe lines of Oklahoma, Kansas, Illinois and those east of the Mississippi aggregated 113,016,914 barrels, increase 4,508,848 barrels.

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 was active and higher. First latex crepe spot, 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. August, with September 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ c., October 30c., October-December 30 $\frac{1}{4}$ c., January-March 31 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. In London on the 7th the tone was firm at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. London stocks were 49,420 tons, against 49,689 a week ago, 71,520 last year and 71,824 in 1921. In London on Aug. 8 there was a rise of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on a good trade at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Williamstown, Mass., wired Aug. 6 that Dr. H. N. Whitford of the Federal Department of Commerce recalled in a debate on raw materials that British control of 82% of the world's crude rubber supply had led to considerable apprehension on the part of the American manufacturing industry, but H. Stuart Hotchkiss of the United States Rubber Co., on the other

hand, expressed little concern. "Based upon our experience as owner of extensive plantations both in Malaya and Sumatra," said Mr. Hotchkiss, "we can see no reason other than military why we should not be perfectly safe in allowing the future to develop along logical economic lines as in the past."

HIDES have been steady with more demand, and the tone has improved at Chicago. The sales of frigorifico have attracted some attention Europe has been buying in rather large quantities. The sales at the River Plate have included 6,000 Swift La Plata steers at \$37, or 13 13-16c. cost and freight for 29½ kilo hides; 4,000, 27 kilo, La Blanca, at \$36 40, and 4,000 Armour La Plata at \$37. Later in the week there were sales to Europe of 2,000 Artiga frigorifico steers at \$37 26, or 14c. cost in freight; 3,000 Anglo-South American steers at \$36, or 13¾c. cost in freight, and 4,000 lightweight La Blanca at \$34 50, or 12¾c. c. & f. Country hides were dull. City packer were quiet. Packers were asking 11½c. for kosher July bulls and 18c. for June-July spreadies. July butt brands were offered at 13c.; Colorado 12c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS were quiet and depressed.

Charters included grain, Montreal to United Kingdom basis 3s. one port with options, prompt; round trip in West Indies trade, \$1 05 prompt; pig iron, Immingham to Philadelphia, 11s prompt; coal, Atlantic range to Amsterdam or Rotterdam, \$2 10 late August; general cargo, Philadelphia to Danzig, \$8,500 August; coal, Atlantic range to Santos, \$3 70 August; one round trip in the West India trade, said to be \$1 10 August; another grain, Gulf of Antwerp at 15c., Aug. 20; coal, Atlantic range to Rio de Janeiro, \$3 30; Welsh form, August; or to Wabana to Port Talbot at 8s prompt; pit props, New Foundland to Bristol Channel, basis 37s. 6d. prompt; Deals Bay Chaleur to west coast of Britain or east coast of Ireland, 62s. 6d. August; Deals Miramichi to west coast of Britain, 61s. 3d. August; grain, Portland, Ore., to United Kingdom, 36s. 3d. October; grain, North Pacific to United Kingdom, 36s. 3d. August; another, same terms September; oil, Port Arthur to Japan, oil, basis 26c. one port, September; another same terms; coal to West Italy, \$2 90 August; Deals Bathurst to London, 65s. August; West India, one round trip at \$1 10; sublet Hampton Roads to Kingston, Jamaica coal, \$2 85 prompt; lumber, Restigouche to Buenos Aires at or about \$14, it was claimed; option Rosario, \$16 September; 70,000 barrels crude oil, Gulf to Providence, 33¾c. August.

TOBACCO has been for the most part quiet, or at best the business has only been moderate. Manufacturers were said to be looking around rather more, it is true. But actual business is another matter. A pretty good demand, however, is reported for Porto Rico. It appears that the crop there is being sold with a certain readiness. Indeed it may all be contracted for at a comparatively early date. Judging from the talk heard in the trade, at any rate, that is not unlikely to happen. In other words, the market is considered in pretty good shape on the eve of a revival of business, which is expected to occur late in August or at all events some time in September.

COAL was tending upward early in the week for hard and soft. Retail anthracite was then reported at \$13 50 to \$14; No. 1 buckwheat \$3 50; barley scarce; birds-eye, \$1 30 to \$1 60; high-grade nut washery, \$11; pea, \$7 25. Steam sizes of anthracite were in smaller supply later. Independents quoted \$12 to \$13 and higher for spot delivery. The contract price was said to be as low in some cases as \$9 25. In New England there was a good demand for Welsh anthracite; that is, in and around Boston. Pool 1 coal was offered, it is said, in Boston \$6 75 on the cars. Others asked \$6 85. Welsh cobbles were offered at \$14 24 per gross ton alongside Boston.

COPPER has been rather steadier of late after a somewhat easier market. There are indications of a better inquiry and in some cases of an increase of actual business. The sales were generally, it is stated, at 14¾c. Some business for export has been done at 14.35c. f.a.s. New York. But London on the 8th fell 2s.6d. for future delivery, touching £65 7s. 6d. Standard on the spot was £64 17s. 6d. Electrolytic dropped 5s. to £71 on the spot and £71 10s. for futures.

TIN advanced partly in response to a rise in London of \$2 15s., with sales of 230 tons. New York really set the pace on Tuesday. Some 50 tons of August-September Straits shipments sold on Wednesday at 38¾ to 38¾c. Straits therefore advanced fully ¼c. Some quoted 39c. Ninety per cent tin was quoted at 38¼c.

LEAD has been lower at the West at 6.50c. at East St. Louis, with little business and mostly in car lots. New York was 6.50c. London was up to £24 2s. 6d. on the spot, a rise on Wednesday of 2s. 6d.

ZINC has been quiet and easier at 6.15 to 6.20c. at East St. Louis. Latterly the market has been steady, though the output is increasing in the Tri-State district, with labor more plentiful with wheat harvesting ending.

STEEL has sold somewhat more freely. August thus far, at least, it is said, is making a better showing than July. And July business exceeded that of June. Oil companies and builders have been buying. Railroads and automobile makers are expected to buy more freely before long. Finished steel as a rule is unchanged, though hot rolled flats and cold rolled strips have declined somewhat. Wire mills, too, are trying to get more business and it is supposed are offering price inducements to stimulate trade. In the next two months railroads are expected to enter the market for next year's supply of rails. At Chicago there are said to be inquiries for 60,000 tons. One Western railroad has just bought 13,000 tons. Buying of railroad cars is small. Chicago reports steel demand in general increasing, however, and adds that production is running behind consumption. Some independent companies say the increase in business re-

cently has been 10%. Some contend that this means about 80% of capacity. And there is a pressure for deliveries, so that there is only a moderate improvement in this respect. That is no bad sign. There is no little optimistic talk about the prospects for the trade. Steel ingot output in July fell off 2½%, the total reaching, it is estimated, 3,515,966 tons.

PIG IRON has been active at the East and also at the West, but the business had to be done at generally lower prices. Some 35,000 tons of basic iron, it appears, have been sold at \$25, delivered. Central western basic fell to \$24 at furnace. Of foundry iron in the New York district 20,000 tons have been sold. In St. Louis 18,000 tons of Southern pipe iron, it appears, was sold at \$23. Pessimistic forecasts are heard as regards Southern iron. Some would not be surprised if it went to \$22 or even to \$20. That remains to be seen. No. 2 plain iron Northern has been offered, it is said, at \$24 to \$25. It is also stated that the output of coke and pig iron continue to decrease. In the last few months, on the other hand, consumers stocks to all appearances have fallen off. It is of interest in the meantime to notice that the July movement of Lake Superior ore was 10,411,248 gross tons and excelled all records apart from the 10,659,206 tons of July 1918, and this is only the fourth time in Lake ore history that shipments have exceeded 10,000,000 tons in a month. The total to Aug. 1 was 26,596,731 tons, nearly 54% gain over the same period in 1922.

WOOL has been dull and more or less depressed. Mills still held aloof. The question of prices and business, it is felt, depends in the long run largely on the state of trade in spring piece goods. This seems just now to very many to be none too promising. It has certainly been disappointing. That is one of the outstanding features of the situation. A certain success undoubtedly attended the opening of the woman's wear lines, but it had no effect on the wool market, as mostly fine wools are used in making such goods. The state of the men's wear goods trade is something far more to the point. And that plainly lags. Clothing and knitting wools have been neglected. Some business, it is true, has been done in short cape wools and noils. Felt mills have bought. Fine Australian wool, too, has net with some demand from dress goods mills. All this business, however, was at a decline recently of 5 to 10c. Meanwhile the big auctions abroad are about a month off. Liverpool's sale, it is understood, will begin early in September. South American markets will open before long. Foreign markets in the meantime are higher than American. Purely nominal prices here are 57 to 60c. for Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine, 52 to 54c. for XX, 55 to 56c. for half-blood; with Territory fine medium staple \$1 35; clothing \$1 35; half-blood \$1 20; Texas fine 12 months \$1 35; 10 months \$1 25. In Boston, Ohio and Pennsylvania delaine unwashed 55 to 56c.; fine 48 to 50c.; half-blood combing 55 to 56c.; Michigan and New York delaine unwashed 53c.; fine 48c.; Texas fine 12 months \$1 30 to \$1 35.

Australian sales will be arranged as follows: In September, 33,300 bales at Sydney, 40,000 at Brisbane and 10,000 at Victoria; total, 108,000; in October, 118,000 at Sydney, 40,000 at Brisbane and 60,000 at Victoria; total, 253,000; in November, 124,700 at Sydney, none at Brisbane, 79,000 at Victoria; total, 248,000; in December, 58,000 at Sydney, 40,000 at Brisbane, 60,000 at Victoria; total, 200,000. That is to say, based on estimated offerings in Australia of 1,610,000 bales, it has been agreed to offer 810,000 before Christmas and the rest later. South Australia has been allowed 25,000 bales in each month this fall and winter; West Australia 10,000 in October, 40,000 in November and 17,000 in December. It was agreed that offerings for the rest of the season will be announced in November.

COTTON.

Friday Night, August 10 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 27,067 bales, against 27,686 bales last week and 22,226 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August, 1923, 34,165 bales, against 34,815 bales for the same period of 1922, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1923 of 650 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	2,346	2,230	4,119	3,674	2,709	---	15,078
Houston	---	---	---	3,650	---	---	3,650
New Orleans	393	594	498	373	516	1,183	3,557
Mobile	51	28	---	---	50	25	154
Savannah	202	661	13	99	2	---	977
Charleston	85	156	23	1	1,098	689	2,052
Wilmington	132	133	61	42	101	---	469
Norfolk	24	401	49	26	100	---	600
Boston	---	---	---	50	---	---	50
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	480	---	480
Totals this week.	3,233	4,203	4,763	7,915	5,056	1,897	27,067

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1923 and stocks to-night, compared with last year.

Receipts to Aug. 10.	1923.		1922.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1923.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1922.	1923.	1922.
Galveston	15,078	18,652	14,410	18,938	30,451	77,719
Texas City					4	369
Houston	3,650	3,650				
New Orleans	3,557	4,740	5,699	8,662	44,971	67,452
Mobile	154	154	304	351	653	783
Jacksonville			10	65	2,614	1,433
Savannah	977	2,738	1,600	2,713	11,253	41,700
Brunswick			75	250	161	1,275
Charleston	2,052	2,107	332	727	25,952	51,809
Wilmington	469	606	310	361	2,986	12,150
Norfolk	600	745	859	1,728	17,192	34,177
New York					23,492	91,137
Boston	50	79	75	157	5,254	9,697
Baltimore		214	174	699	1,150	1,791
Philadelphia	480	480	164	164	4,373	4,517
Port Townsend					2	
San Pedro					2656	
Totals	27,067	34,165	24,012	34,815	173,164	396,009

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	15,078	14,410	36,222	10,932	20,567	18,449
Houston, &c.	3,650		9,156	564	680	137
New Orleans	3,557	5,699	12,872	9,630	12,781	8,831
Mobile	154	304	2,189	424	989	1,411
Savannah	977	1,600	6,037	1,597	15,613	6,396
Brunswick		75		300	10,000	300
Charleston	2,052	332	905		3,387	648
Wilmington	469	310	1,069	1	1,448	1
Norfolk	600	859	3,707	1,749	1,871	705
N'port N., &c.			26	26	27	128
All others	530	423	2,711	2,376	5,741	2,068
Total this wk.	27,067	24,012	74,894	32,599	72,104	39,074
Since Aug. 1	34,165	34,815	127,491	50,719	144,774	81,347

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 33,330 bales, of which 11,900 were to Great Britain, 4,158 to France and 17,272 to other destinations. Below are the exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1923:

Exports from—	Week ending Aug. 10 1923.				From Aug. 1 1923 to Aug. 10 1923.			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston			7,090	7,090			7,090	7,090
Houston		3,650		3,650		3,650		3,650
New Orleans		396	3,000	3,396	570	396	3,899	4,865
Mobile			350	350			350	350
Savannah							377	377
Norfolk	3,600			3,600	3,600			3,600
New York	8,300	112	6,832	15,244	8,575	2,312	13,175	24,062
Total	11,900	4,158	17,272	33,330	12,745	6,358	24,891	43,994
Total 1922.	1,098	1,385	19,044	21,527	7,655	6,888	32,144	46,687
Total 1921.	8,795		56,749	65,544	14,550	2,409	117,070	134,029

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 193,438 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.

Aug. 10 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'nt.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	1,000	2,300	1,200	2,600	1,500	8,600
New Orleans	840	773	440	3,410		5,463
Savannah						11,253
Charleston						25,952
Mobile						653
Norfolk						17,192
Other ports*	2,300	100	1,500	400		4,300
Total 1923.	4,140	3,173	3,140	6,410	1,500	18,363
Total 1922.	13,166	5,147	9,167	16,602	3,159	47,241
Total 1921.	16,378	12,963	26,766	31,483	3,223	90,813

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on a fair scale at generally rising prices, mainly owing to drouth in Texas and Oklahoma. Wet weather east of the Mississippi River has also counted. The drouth in the Southwest has caused shedding. Leaf worms there have also done damage. East of the river there has been complaint of weevil. Not that the weevil as a rule has done any serious damage, but the infestation has been increased, it is believed, by prolonged wet weather in that section. Some private reports of late have put the condition of the belt as low as 66.1, which is a decline of about 4 points from reports from similar sources, although the Government report on August 1, it will be remembered, was 67.2. In Texas some private reports have insisted that the condition was down to 67, as against 76 a couple of weeks ago from the same sources. The Government put Texas on the 1st inst. at 71. Some reports recently went as high as 78. Other reports of

late have been 65 or even much under that. Some of these reports sound so pessimistic as to be received with skepticism, whether they ought to be or not. It will be recalled, too, that the Government stated the crop indication on August 1 at 11,516,000 bales. The carry-over from last season, it is thought, was approximately 2,500,000 bales. It is pointed out that at this rate the season's supply would be only about 14,000,000 bales, as against what looked like a world's consumption of American cotton last season of 12,600,000 bales. If these figures are at all right the carry-over into next season, i. e., that of 1924-25, would be even smaller than for August 1 1923. In fact, it would be under 1,500,000 bales. At the same time some have lately insisted that the crop, owing to bad weather recently, that is weather very similar to that of last August, which had such prejudicial effect on the crop, has cut the probable size of the United States crop to something like 11,000,000 bales. There are even estimates extant much lower than 11,000,000 bales. In other words, there are fears in some quarters that the crop this season may prove inadequate.

Also, there have been more favorable reports from Fall River of late. The demand there is said to be better for print cloths. And in Worth Street the cloth markets have at times shown more snap and activity. Prices, too, have been firmer as raw cotton prices rose. Last Monday there was an advance in raw cotton here of from 130 to 140 points from the "low" of the morning, owing to nothing less than Texas drouths, fears for the crop and heavy covering of shorts by Wall Street and uptown interests, not to mention others. At times, too, Liverpool and Japanese interests have bought on a considerable scale. At one time there were reports of a better spot demand. Prices advanced sharply. The basis in Texas has been reported stronger. New York exported in one day 11,300 bales, including 3,000 to Bremen. Alabama reported no pressure to sell. Spot people at Dallas, Texas, were reducing crop estimates. Liverpool reported a somewhat better spot demand. Not that the spot sales there were really large. But on one day they did rise to 7,000 bales, which was in noticeable contrast with 4,000 bales a day for some several weeks. And reverting to Texas spot interests for a moment, Houston advices have insisted there has been a rapid deterioration in the cotton crop prospect and there was an increasing demand from recent interior sellers who were trying to cover. And it is also contended that there is a large short interest among shippers in connection with forward engagements. The consensus is that there has been no pressure to sell spot cotton, even if as a rule there has been no very insistent demand for fall shipments. Yet, on the other hand, there are reports that in some cases shippers are doing a better business with Europe in the actual cotton than they were at this time last year.

On Thursday, however, there was a decline of some 50 to 55 points, owing to rains in different parts of Texas. At Alice, in the Southwest, there was a rainfall officially reported of 3.04 inches and there were small or moderate rains elsewhere in that State. To be sure, there were heavy rains in Georgia and the Carolinas which were unfavorable, but the idea that the Texas drouth might be broken between Thursday and Monday next was uppermost in the minds of very many members of the trade and there was heavy liquidation. Wall Street did a good deal of it. It is supposed that selling from this quarter, possibly for both sides of the account, amounted to some 40,000 bales or more, in large part for long account. The South was also selling. It has been selling very steadily during the week. The effect in connection with rains and the fear of what might happen over the legal holiday to-day, when the Exchange will be closed and also over Saturday and Sunday, induced a good many to clear off their accounts. Besides, other circumstances were inimical to the price. Liverpool was less active and was noticeably more depressed. The news from Bremen was considered unfavorable. The German Cabinet, it is understood, refuses to change its attitude of passive resistance in the Ruhr. Francs have been down to the lowest ever known in French history. Belgian francs have also reached a new low. Stocks, moreover, were declining. There are fears of liberal receipts at Texas points before long. This would be natural, owing to premature opening. Also, there are fears in some quarters of rather heavy hedge selling in the near future, coincident with the increasing crop move-

ment. In a word, there was a general disposition to sell. There had recently been an advance of 300 points. That had weakened the technical position. There was less pressure to cover. Even some of the firmest friends of cotton held aloof. Many who believe that ultimately it must go higher simply looked on. There was a lack, therefore, of sustaining power, although now and then buying that looked like support appeared. But on the whole the market on Thursday was left mainly to itself and with the fear of what might happen, as already intimated, over the holidays just ahead, including the half holiday on Saturday, even some of the best friends of cotton deemed discretion the better part of valor. And very many here are looking for lower prices. They do not like the general condition of outside trade. They do not like the looks of international politics or the weakness of late of the stock market or the collapse of Continental exchange, including French francs. Yet futures show a rise since last Friday of 71 to 83 points. Spot cotton ended on Thursday at 24.25c., a rise for the week of 175 points.

To-day (Friday) the cotton exchanges were closed on account of the funeral of President Harding.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Aug. 8 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 Aug. 16 1923.

Table with columns for various cotton grades and their differences from middling. Includes items like Middling fair, Strict good middling, Good middling, etc.

* 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:

Small table showing cotton prices for Aug. 3 to Aug. 10, with columns for days of the week and prices.

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.

Large table showing cotton supply from various regions including Great Britain, Hamburg, Bremen, Havre, Rotterdam, Barcelona, Genoa, Ghent, Antwerp, European stocks, and U.S. exports.

Total visible supply 1,908,527 3,469,735 5,919,249 4,751,086

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

Table showing American and other descriptions of cotton supply, including Liverpool stock, Manchester stock, etc.

Table showing Total American supply, including East Indian, Brazil, etc., and Total East India supply.

Table showing Total visible supply breakdown by region: Middling Uplands, Middling uplands, etc.

Table showing movement into sight in previous years, including weekly and since Aug. 1 data for 1921-1923.

Continental imports for past week have been 50,000 bales. The above figures for 1923 show a decrease from last week of 95,475 bales, a loss of 1,465,733 from 1922, a decline of 3,915,247 bales from 1921 and a falling off of 2,747,084 bales from 1920.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Large table showing movement to Aug. 10 1923 and Aug. 11 1922 for various towns, including receipts, shipments, and stocks.

Total, 41 towns 21,116 32,235 26,707,264,363 34,251 61,478 41,020,345,726

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 5,870 bales and are to-night 81,363 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 13,135 bales less more than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table showing overland movement for August 10, 1923 and 1922, including shipped and deduct shipments.

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 11,848 bales, against 13,078 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 8,485 bales.

Table showing In Sight and Spinners' Takings for August 10, 1923 and 1922.

* Decrease. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Table showing movement into sight in previous years, including weekly and since Aug. 1 data for 1921-1923.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table of futures prices for August through January, listing range, closing, and price changes for various days of the week.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table showing closing quotations for middling cotton at various markets (Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, etc.) for the week ending Aug. 10.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Aug. 10 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table listing cotton quotations for New York from 1923 back to 1916, showing price per pound.

* Thursday, Aug. 9. Cotton Exchange closed Friday, Aug. 10, on account of funeral of President Harding.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table showing market status (Steady, Firm, Quiet) and sales figures (Spot, Contr'l, Total) for each day of the week.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table of contract market data for New Orleans, including spot and options prices for various days of the week.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening denote that in the western sections of the cotton belt progress has

been retarded by the continued heat and drouth, while in the more southern portion of the eastern cotton States too much rain has been detrimental. In the northern section of the belt, however, conditions have been favorable and generally good progress has been made.

Texas.—Generally the days have been hot and dry, with excessive sunshine. Hot, dry weather is causing shedding and premature opening. Weevil damage is slight, but in the southern part of the State there has been some leaf worm damage. Picking is making excellent progress.

Mobile.—There has been very little rain in the interior during the week and laying by of cotton has made good progress. There are some reports of weevil damage and a few localities speak of the presence of the army worm. There has also been excessive shedding in some localities. Picking of early cotton is well under way.

Charlotte, N. C.—Cotton has made excellent progress. Charleston, S. C.—The outlook for cotton the last week has brightened considerably.

Table with columns for location, Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer readings for various cities including Galveston, Abilene, Brenham, Brownsville, 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 in feet at various points (New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, etc.) for Aug. 10 1923 and Aug. 11 1922.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table showing receipts from plantations at ports and interior towns for the years 1923, 1922, and 1921.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1923 are 27,707 bales; in 1922 were 14,579 bales, and in 1921 were 84,418 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the

past week were 27,067 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 21,197 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 5,870 bales during the week.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR JUNE.

The Bureau of Statistics at Washington has issued the statement of the country's foreign trade for June, and from it and previous statements we have prepared the following:

Totals for merchandise, gold and silver for June: FOREIGN TRADE MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. (In the following tables three figures are in all cases omitted.)

Table with columns for Merchandise, Gold, and Silver, subdivided into Exports and Imports. Values in millions of dollars for 1923, 1922, 1921, and 1917.

f Excess of imports.

Total for twelve months ended June 30:

Table similar to the one above, but for twelve months ended June 30. Includes 1923, 1922, 1921, and 1917 data.

Excess of imports.

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 showing Cotton Takings, Week and Season, for 1923 and 1922. Includes Visible supply Aug. 3, American in sight to Aug. 10, and Total supply.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 163,000 bales in 1922-23 and 3,163,000 bales in 1921-22—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 187,003 bales in 1922-23 and 374,456 bales in 1921-22, of which 776,203 bales and 247,906 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—

The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table showing Receipts at Bombay (1923, 1922, 1921) and Exports (1923, 1922, 1921) categorized by destination (Great Britain, Japan & China, Total).

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 11,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 5,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 3,550 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 showing Alexandria, Egypt, Aug. 9, 1923, 1922, and 1921 data for Receipts (cantars) and Exports (bales).

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Aug. 9 were 4,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 3,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—

Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is quiet. Demand for cloth is good, but for yarn poor. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table showing Manchester Market prices for 1922-23 and 1921-22, listing various cotton grades and their prices in cents.

SHIPPING NEWS.—

As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 33,330 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table listing shipping news from various ports: NEW YORK, GALVESTON, NEW ORLEANS, HOUSTON, MOBILE, NORFOLK. Includes destinations like Gothenburg, Liverpool, and Bremen.

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 showing cotton freight rates for various destinations: Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Ghent, Rotterdam, Genoa, Christiania, Stockholm, Trieste, Flume, Lisbon, Oporto, Barcelona, Japan, Shanghai.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table with 4 columns: July 20, July 27, Aug. 3, Aug. 10. Rows include Sales of the week, Of which American, Actual export, Forwarded, Total stock, Of which American, Total imports, Of which American, Amount afloat, Of which American.

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 7 columns: Spot, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include Market, Mid. Upl'ds, Sales, Futures Market opened, Market.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table with 7 columns: Aug. 4 to Aug. 10, Sqt., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows include August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June, July.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Aug. 10 1923.

Flour early in the week was in somewhat better demand, though it was far from large. Indeed, the buying has still for the most part been confined to small lots, merely to supply present wants. The tone has nevertheless at times been more cheerful, even though contracts for new flour are not up to the normal at this stage of the season.

Wheat fluctuated within comparatively narrow limits for a time up to the receipt of the Government report. This caused an advance. It stated the condition on Aug. 1 of spring wheat at 69.6, against 82.4 on July 1, 80.4 on Aug. 1 last year, 66.6 in 1921, 73.4 in 1920, 53.9 in 1919, 79.6 in 1918 and 68.7 in 1917.

west of the Rocky Mountains. The crop east of the Rocky Mountains is 669,000,000, against 758,000,000 last year; less durum wheat, 50,000,000, against 78,000,000 last year; crop of milling wheat east of the Rocky Mountains, 619,000,000 bushels, compared with 680,000,000 last year.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: No. 2 red, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Closed.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: September delivery, December delivery, May delivery, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Closed.

Indian corn declined at one time, owing to reports of copious rains in the leading States. This was early in the week. The rains were undoubtedly beneficial. Yet prices did not break badly. In fact September showed not a little steadiness even then, in spite of predictions of larger receipts.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: No. 2 yellow, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Closed.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: September delivery, December delivery, May delivery, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Closed.

Oats fluctuated within narrow limits early in the week, but later on advanced. Still there was a lack of new and striking features. Now and then, to be sure, covering of shorts had a steadying effect and as a matter of fact prices closed higher for the week on Thursday.

The Government put the condition in its Aug. 7 report at 81.9 against 83.5 in July and 75.6 in August last year; acreage, 40,768,000, against 41,882,000 last year. The crop indication is 1,316,000,000 bushels, compared with 1,284,000,000 last month and 1,251,000,000 last year.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: Sept. delivery in elevator, December delivery in elevator, May delivery in elevator, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Holiday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: No. 2 white, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Closed.

Rye declined slightly for a time, as did other grain, later rising. But export demand was still small. So was the domestic trade. Buyers look at the big visible supply in the United States and fear a free movement of the crop before long. And they hesitate. The visible supply in the United States decreased last week 356,000 bushels, against an increase last year in the same week of 471,000 bushels. Under different circumstances this might have told favorably on the price, but the total supply in the United States is still no less than 12,726,000 bushels, against only 1,764,000 a year ago. An increase of practically 11,000,000 bushels over last year is considered a rather serious handicap with trade so slow. But on Thursday prices advanced with other grain. Rye is apt to follow wheat. On the 9th inst. rye advanced 3/4c. The net rise for the week was 3/4 to 1/2c. advance.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns for dates (September, December, May) and prices for various grades of oats.

The following are closing quotations:

WHEAT, Oats, Corn, Rye, FLOUR, Barley goods, Oats goods, Spot delivery. Table listing various grain products and their prices.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON CEREALS, &C.—The regular monthly report of the Agricultural Department showing the condition of the grain crops on Aug. 1 was to have been given out on Wednesday, Aug. 8, but as that had been fixed as the date for President Harding's funeral services at Washington, when all the Government Departments were to be closed, a brief summary of the report was issued after the close of business on Tuesday, Aug. 7. This summary we present below. The complete report will be printed by us next week.

The condition of corn on Aug. 1 at 84.0, against 84.9 on July 1 1923. 85.6 on Aug. 1 1922 and 80.1 the Aug. 1 ten-year average. The indicated production of corn this year is 2,982,000,000 bushels, compared with the July forecast of 2,877,000,000 bushels and the final estimate in 1922 of 2,890,712,000.

The condition of spring wheat on Aug. 1 was 69.6, compared with 82.4 on July 1 last, 80.4 on Aug. 1 1922 and 77.9 the Aug. 1 ten-year average. The indicated yield of the spring wheat this year is 225,000,000 bushels, as against the July forecast of 235,000,000 bushels and the final estimate in 1922 of 270,007,000 bushels.

The Aug. 1 preliminary estimate of this year's production of winter wheat is 568,000,000 bushels, against the July forecast of 586,000,000 bushels and the final estimate in 1922 of 586,204,000 bushels.

The indicated production of all wheat this year is 793,000,000 bushels, compared with the July forecast of 821,000,000 bushels and the final estimate in 1922 of 856,211,000 bushels.

The condition of oats on Aug. 1 last was 81.9, as against 83.5 on July 1 1922, 75.6 on Aug. 1 1922 and 80.0 the Aug. 1 ten-year average. The indicated production of oats this year is 1,316,000,000 bushels, against the July forecast of 1,284,000,000 bushels, and the final estimate in 1922 of 1,251,000,000 bushels.

The Aug. 1 preliminary estimate of this year's production of rye is 64,800,000 bushels, compared with the July forecast of 68,700,000 bushels and the final estimate in 1922 of 95,500,000 bushels.

The condition of barley on Aug. 1 last was placed at 82.6, against 86.1 on July 1 last, 82.0 on Aug. 1 1922 and 80.6 the Aug. 1 ten-year average. The indicated production of barley this year is 202,000,000 bushels, against the July forecast of 198,000,000 bushels, and the final estimate in 1922 of 186,000,000 bushels.

The following table gives a comparison of the condition of the crops: Table with columns for crops (Spring wheat, All wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye) and rows for Aug. 1 1923, July 1 1923, Aug. 1 1922, and Aug. 1 10-yr. av.

The following table gives the indicated production, in bushels: Table with columns for crops (Winter wheat, Spring wheat, All wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye) and rows for August Forecast, July Forecast, December Estimate, and 1917-1921 Average.

Following is a table of the yield per acre, in bushels: Table with columns for crops (Winter wheat, Spring wheat, All wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye) and rows for Forecast 1923, 1922 Dec. Est., and 1917-1921 Average.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUG. 7.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending Aug. 7, is as follows:

The week ended Aug. 7 was mainly warm, cloudy and rainy throughout many of the central and eastern districts. It continued unseasonably warm with excessive sunshine over the southern Plains and adjacent regions, the day temperatures rising frequently above 100 degrees, and reaching a maximum of 106 degrees at points in Oklahoma and western Arkansas. Over portions of Oklahoma, the centre of the heated area, the average temperature for the week was 10 degrees above normal, and adjacent portions of Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and New Mexico had weekly averages from 6 degrees to 9 degrees above. The week was also warm over all dis-

tricts to eastward of the Mississippi River save in the extreme Southeast and along the immediate North Atlantic coast, where the weather during the early part of the week was sufficiently cool to overcome the warmth near the close.

While unseasonable warmth persisted in the Southern Plains and thence northeastward to the Great Lakes, the northwestern districts had mainly cool weather, the weekly averages ranging from 10 degrees to 12 degrees daily below the normal over the greater part of Montana and to only a slightly less extent over large portions of adjacent States, with light frost in a few exposed localities. In California the week was moderately cool and sunshine almost or quite 100% of the possible.

Beneficial rains occurred over nearly all the Great Plains from and including western and northern Kansas and central Missouri to the Dakotas and Minnesota. East of the Mississippi River beneficial rains occurred over the most important agricultural districts, although there was little rain in northern New York and over most of New England, also the upper Lake regions had much too little for crop needs, and the northern portions of the Gulf States had mainly but little. West of the lower Mississippi there was almost an entire absence of beneficial rains, the southern portions of Kansas and Missouri, western Arkansas, the greater part of Louisiana and nearly the whole of Oklahoma and Texas being particularly dry, which, with almost constant sunshine and excessive heat, made growing conditions probably the worst of the season so far. Some beneficial rains were reported from the Rocky Mountain States.

SMALL GRAINS.—Winter wheat harvest progressed under favorable conditions in the far Northwest and in the elevated portions of the Mountain States, and is generally completed elsewhere. Damage to late spring wheat by rust continued in North Dakota and to some extent in Minnesota, and much is being cut. Elsewhere the crop is in good condition, the ripening being delayed in Montana and some other sections by cool weather.

Threshing of winter wheat in the fields made good progress, save in portions of Iowa and surrounding States and locally in the East, where some delay was caused by frequent rains and cloudy weather. Threshing of spring wheat progressed satisfactorily in all sections where cutting is completed. Harvesting of other small grains made good progress and it is nearing completion in most sections.

Grain sorghums are doing fairly well in portions of Kansas, but elsewhere in the Southern Great Plains they are fast deteriorating on account of severe heat and drought.

Rice showed general improvement and harvest is beginning in Texas.

CORN.—Good rains over the greater part of the principal corn-growing area benefited that crop, and it is now in good condition save in portions of the Southern Plains. Late corn deteriorated in Texas and the crop was burned beyond recovery in Oklahoma, while the early crop in the latter State is only poor to fair. Rains over the northern half of Kansas were just right for corn, and it made fine progress, but severe drought prevailed in the south-central and southeastern portions, which seriously injured the crop.

Although corn is still backward and uneven in Nebraska, it was much improved by rains, and there is abundant moisture for present needs. In Minnesota the corn crop was generally fair, though poor in many places where drought prevailed. Rains were of great benefit in Iowa, but drought in the north-central portions of this State has permanently injured the crop; heavy rains and wind flattened corn in places in the south and west.

Warm, humid weather, with timely, beneficial rains in Missouri resulted in excellent progress and condition. It was too hot and dry in western Arkansas, but elsewhere in this State good progress was made. Although corn is still fitting in a few places in Illinois, the recent rains were of great benefit and good progress resulted where moisture was ample; winds blew down considerable corn. In other Ohio Valley States the progress and condition of corn were good to excellent generally, though only fair in western Kentucky.

In all Atlantic Coast and Gulf States, and also in Pennsylvania and New York, corn made good progress and is mostly in fairly good condition. Some injury was done in a few places in West Virginia by wind and rain. In the Lake region the progress and condition were fair to good, except in drought areas. Rain was of great benefit in South Dakota, and rapid improvement was made in North Dakota. Cool weather was unfavorable for corn in Montana and more sunshine is needed for best growth in Wyoming, while in Colorado the moisture would be of benefit.

COTTON.—The week as a whole was generally unfavorable for the best progress of cotton; continued heat and drought retarding its progress in the western sections, while too much rain was again detrimental in the more southern portions of the eastern cotton States. In the northern portions, however, conditions were more favorable and the crop made generally good progress.

The important details regarding the progress of this crop by States follows: Texas, excessive heat, sunshine and severe drought continued; cotton deteriorated and its condition is generally poor to fair; drought and heat causing shedding and premature opening; weevil and other insects doing slight damage; progress of picking excellent and first bales reported in several north-central counties.

Oklahoma, marked deterioration of all crops except cotton; progress of this crop very poor to fair, condition poor to very good; weevil inactive.

Arkansas, heat and dry weather favored cotton and checked weevil except in some southern and central localities, where insect damage increased; crop generally improving.

Tennessee, cotton advanced steadily, condition fair to very good; weevil damage heavy in places.

North Carolina, cotton maintaining good progress with some improvement in the west, though a tendency to too much rain in the east.

South Carolina, condition of cotton fair, progress very good; wet weather caused some shedding; weevil numerous, but doing little damage as yet.

Georgia, progress of cotton fair in central and northern sections, where it is fruiting well, but deteriorated in the southern parts with much shedding, due to frequent showers; opening in the south and first bale marketed on the 4th; weevil damage increasing.

Florida, cotton deteriorated and its condition very poor, owing to heavy rains, rust and weevil; much dying; crop could hardly be poorer.

Alabama, progress of cotton in the north fair; condition fair to good; shedding badly in many sections; weevil numerous and very damaging locally in the southern and central portions.

Mississippi, cotton progress fair in northeast and mostly poor elsewhere with rank growth and shedding; weevil numerous and damage considerable in portions.

Louisiana, frequent rains damaged crops in southeast; progress of cotton generally poor, with deterioration in some localities; general conditions poor to fair; weevil and other insect damage increasing, becoming serious in places.

The statements of the movements of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Table showing receipts of Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Rye at various ports (Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph) from Aug. 1 to Aug. 22, 1923, compared with 1922 and 1921.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday Aug. 4 1923 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
New York	170,000	552,000	101,000	246,000	303,000	49,000
Philadelphia	43,000	507,000	12,000	20,000	---	1,000
Baltimore	33,000	529,000	6,000	12,000	---	28,000
Newport News	4,000	---	---	---	---	---
Norfolk	---	40,000	---	---	---	---
New Orleans*	---	872,000	---	---	---	---
Galveston	72,000	498,000	124,000	9,000	---	---
Boston	19,000	338,000	1,000	18,000	---	---
Total wk. '23	341,000	3,336,000	244,000	305,000	303,000	78,000
Since Jan. 1 '23	14,080,000	144,006,000	33,367,000	24,389,000	7,542,000	22,688,000
Week 1922	401,000	8,053,000	2,307,000	768,000	141,000	408,000
Since Jan. 1 '22	13,998,000	124,543,000	102,090,000	42,569,000	10,132,000	18,950,000

* 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, Aug. 4 1923, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
New York	523,843	---	63,778	---	318,701	65,233	---
Boston	96,000	---	---	---	99,000	---	---
Philadelphia	264,000	---	14,000	---	---	---	---
Baltimore	344,000	76,000	12,000	20,000	9,000	---	---
Norfolk	40,000	---	---	---	---	---	---
Newport News	---	4,000	---	---	---	---	---
New Orleans	202,000	17,000	37,000	1,000	15,000	---	---
Montreal	2,490,000	---	112,000	425,000	99,000	173,000	---
Total week 1923	3,959,843	93,000	242,779	446,000	540,701	238,233	---
Week 1922	6,742,822	2,907,343	190,658	1,057,407	280,457	352,949	---

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1923 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Aug. 4. 1923.	Since July 1 1923.	Week Aug. 4. 1923.	Since July 1 1923.	Week Aug. 4. 1923.	Since July 1 1923.
United Kingdom	101,720	448,199	2,267,714	10,336,066	---	597,351
Continent	104,808	509,083	1,692,129	11,763,436	76,000	262,000
So. & Cent. Amer.	7,000	27,000	---	56,000	---	---
West Indies	15,000	88,000	---	4,000	17,000	151,000
Brit. No. Am. Colonies	---	---	---	---	---	10,000
Other countries	14,250	50,545	---	67,000	---	6,000
Total 1923	242,778	1,122,827	39,59,843	22,226,502	93,000	1,026,351
Total 1922	190,658	815,052	6,742,822	28,993,362	2,967,343	12,770,530

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Aug. 3, and since July 1 1923 and 1922, are shown in the following:

	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1923.		1922.	1923.		1922.
	Week Aug. 3.	Since July 1.	Since Aug. 1.	Week Aug. 3.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	6,716,000	31,977,000	34,458,000	32,000	802,000	4,125,000
Russ. & Dan.	---	400,000	688,000	383,000	893,000	285,000
Argentina	1,824,000	11,228,000	16,087,000	4,744,000	21,032,000	2,588,000
Australia	296,000	3,248,000	3,776,000	---	---	---
India	384,000	6,432,000	---	---	---	---
Oth. countr's	---	---	---	---	43,000	105,000
Total	9,220,000	53,285,000	55,009,000	5,159,000	23,170,000	7,103,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Aug. 4, was as follows:

	GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Other.
United States—						
New York	292,000	17,000	247,000	93,000	3,000	---
Boston	2,000	1,000	28,000	1,000	---	---
Philadelphia	618,000	2,000	367,000	39,000	3,000	---
Baltimore	910,000	23,000	72,000	111,000	1,000	---
New Orleans	731,000	105,000	45,000	83,000	---	---
Galveston	2,958,000	---	---	101,000	---	---
Buffalo	1,738,000	159,000	532,000	1,606,000	304,000	---
afloat	127,000	---	---	159,000	---	---
Toledo	343,000	99,000	340,000	---	---	---
Detroit	20,000	77,000	51,000	14,000	---	---
Chicago	8,490,000	1,077,000	2,092,000	1,130,000	116,000	---
Milwaukee	64,000	78,000	108,000	114,000	29,000	---
Duluth	1,313,000	32,000	15,000	3,406,000	83,000	---
afloat	800,000	70,000	37,000	---	2,000	---
Minneapolis	9,497,000	16,000	994,000	4,593,000	314,000	---
St. Louis	1,334,000	53,000	35,000	5,000	---	---
Kansas City	3,682,000	116,000	87,000	68,000	1,000	---
Sioux City	215,000	105,000	55,000	3,000	---	---
Peoria	33,000	27,000	15,000	---	---	---
Indianapolis	347,000	276,000	19,000	---	---	---
Omaha	1,550,000	139,000	260,000	26,000	3,000	---
On Lakes	1,090,000	---	---	347,000	---	---
On Canal and River	538,000	---	8,000	827,000	---	---
Total Aug. 4 1923	36,692,000	7,422,000	5,476,000	12,726,000	859,000	---
Total July 28 1923	28,848,000	1,929,000	5,711,000	13,082,000	828,000	---
Total Aug. 5 1922	2,243,300	13,653,000	37,038,000	1,764,000	725,000	---
<i>Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 35,000 bushels; Baltimore, 6,000; Duluth, 42,000; total, 83,000 bushels, against 194,000 bushels in 1922. Barley, New York, 70,000; Buffalo, afloat, 109,000; Duluth, 31,000; total, 210,000 bushels, against 19,000 bushels in 1922. Wheat, New York, 183,000 bushels; Boston, 449,000; Baltimore, 44,000; Buffalo, 278,000; Buffalo, afloat, 29,000; Duluth, 33,000; Toledo, 50,000; Chicago, 6,000; total, 1,077,000 bushels, against 2,203,000 bushels in 1922.</i>						
Canadian—						
Montreal	2,698,000	30,000	1,123,000	1,074,000	411,000	---
Ft. William & Ft. Arthur	4,802,000	---	1,725,000	65,000	1,849,000	---
Other Canadian	449,000	---	426,000	---	292,000	---
Total Aug. 4 1923	7,949,000	30,000	3,274,000	1,139,000	2,952,000	---
Total July 28 1923	9,345,000	90,000	3,409,000	2,221,000	3,699,000	---
Total Aug. 5 1922	10,185,000	1,518,000	3,474,000	256,000	743,000	---
Summary—						
American	36,692,000	2,422,000	5,476,000	12,726,000	859,000	---
Canadian	7,949,000	30,000	3,274,000	1,139,000	2,952,000	---
Total Aug. 4 1923	44,641,000	2,452,000	8,750,000	13,865,000	3,811,000	---
Total July 28 1923	38,196,000	2,019,000	9,120,000	16,303,000	4,527,000	---
Total Aug. 5 1922	32,618,000	15,171,000	40,512,000	2,020,000	1,468,000	---

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Friday Night, Aug. 10 1923.

The shock of President Harding's death stilled the markets for textiles during the past week. All business houses closed to-day and joined the rest of the nation in honoring the memory of the dead President. The pause in trading gave merchants an opportunity to reflect upon the direction the market is heading, and an under-current of optimism appears to prevail. No apprehension was expressed in the markets relative to the new President's policies. He had many friends in the trade before his spectacular action in the Boston police strike, and these friends were effective factors in bringing about his nomination for Vice-President, therefore they have confidence in the future of his Administration. During the week there has been considerable stabilizing of prices, particularly in the cotton goods division of the market. The speculative element of trading has been removed to a large extent, as prices have reached a level low enough to discourage speculative short selling. In many lines of cotton goods, quotations are now on a basis that are most likely to be maintained into the retail selling period. Buyers are arriving in the market in larger numbers, and are showing more of a disposition to place orders. An increase in the demand for export account has also been an encouraging feature. Curtailment of production continues, and is having the inevitable effect upon prices. Most merchants point out that the immediate curtailment is a result of unusual circumstances. Mills are unable to reduce labor, while there appears to be little prospect of their getting low-priced cotton this year. Hence they will assume an unmercantile risk if they accumulate stocks of cloths when values set by the needs of buyers are below the actual cost of production.

DOMESTIC COTTON CLOTHS: The immediate effect of the death of President Harding in markets for domestic cotton goods was the rush demand for fabrics suitable for mourning decorations, and the call was sufficient to clean up the limited spot stocks of jobbers and mill agents. Many rush orders were sent to dyeing establishments. The markets otherwise were quiet during the week. Prices, however, displayed a firmer undertone, and there were indications of a more active buying movement developing within the near future. The cotton cloth market has been knocked about from pillar to post for so long a time that a revival in trading and values appeals to traders with increased force. In most every division of the trade renewed courage has been stimulated by news that raw cotton growing conditions were not any too bright. As a consequence of this, buyers are beginning to give thought to the future and are already making inquiries for deferred deliveries. There has also been an active demand in some houses for any black styles of wash fabrics. In a number of directions all goods of this character were immediately sold. A tendency has been noticed all during the summer toward black and white dress goods in contrast with many of the high colors, and it is claimed that this trend will be increased during the fall months as a result of the death of the President. Print cloths ruled quiet. 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 6½c., and the 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6¼c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's, are quoted at 10½c. and the 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 11½c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Although the week has been a quiet one in markets for woollens and worsteds, confirmation of the large dress goods business booked was found in the announcement of the American Woolen Co. that all lines of women's wear were withdrawn from sale. Encouraging reports concerning the business offered on fancy worsteds for men's wear also give confidence to the wool goods situation. It is generally believed that sufficient business will come forward to take up the slack resulting from an extended fall trade and light initial staple business for the spring season. A number of the leading men's wear houses have shown comprehensive lines of top-coatings for next spring, and although the immediate outlook does not indicate a rush season, manufacturers declare that the top-coating business will be good for the coming spring.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: There has been no change in conditions surrounding the market for linens during the past week. Like other markets, it has ruled quiet. A number of retail buyers have been about, but their purchases for the most part have been small. There has been a quiet demand for household linens, and a few low cost damasks and napkins have moved at low prices. The dress goods season has come to an end, but houses having them find a ready market for their disposal. Despite the general inactivity, however, prices have ruled steady with those in the household division being exceptionally maintained. Burlaps failed to develop any activity, but prices have been steady in sympathy with firm advices from Calcutta. Light weights are quoted at 5.10c. to 5.15c. and heavies at 6.85c. to 6.90c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

Astoria, Ore.—State-Aid Law Declared Valid.—The law passed at the 1923 session of the Legislature, which in view of the \$11,000,000 fire loss suffered last year, allows the State to return to Astoria all taxes levied against assessable property in the city for a seven-year period, has been upheld by the State Supreme Court. A friendly suit to establish the validity of the law had been brought in the Marion County Circuit Court. That Court decided that the law was valid, and its decision has now been affirmed by the State Supreme Court. Justice Harris of the Supreme Court, in the opinion conceded that it would be unconstitutional for the Legislature to appropriate State taxes for municipal improvements where the municipality is in a normal condition, but holds that where a municipality is suffering from the effects of a calamity, as in the case with Astoria, the welfare of the State is involved and it is not unconstitutional for the State to extend aid by refunding taxes for improvements. The following Salem dispatch, dated July 31, is taken from the Portland "Oregonian" of Aug. 1:

The law enacted at the last session of the Legislature, authorizing the State of Oregon to remit to the City of Astoria taxes paid on property in that municipality for a period of seven years, starting with 1923, is valid and constitutional, according to an opinion written by Justice Harris and handed down by the Supreme Court to-day. The opinion affirms Judge George G. Bingham of the Marion County Circuit Court.

The suit to test the validity of the Act was instituted by Robert C. Kinney, who in the role of a taxpayer, urged the Court to restrain the Secretary of State from certifying to the return to the City of Astoria of taxes in the amount of approximately \$77,591.06, covering a part of the amount due the municipality under the law for the year 1922.

"It is not necessary to decide whether the Legislature can appropriate State taxes and deliver them to a city to be used in making municipal improvements when that city financially and otherwise is in a normal condition and not suffering from the effects of a calamity, such as the one that wrought so much destruction to Astoria.

"It seems to be generally conceded that State taxes cannot be appropriated for a purpose which is purely local to a city, and therefore, unless it can be said that the appropriation is to subserve the common interest and well-being of the people of the State it is not lawful.

"Astoria was not in a normal condition when the law was enacted. Property worth \$11,000,000, including public property valued at \$1,500,000, had been destroyed. The Legislature found the facts to be that the city had suffered a great loss and that it was impossible, because of the already contracted indebtedness, for the city to raise money placing additional liens upon its property.

"The Legislature, finding as it did that the welfare of the people of the entire State would be subserved, was authorized in behalf of the State to make provision for part of the funds necessary for replacing public property and to leave to the city the responsibility of raising the balance of the necessary funds.

The law giving relief to the City of Astoria was one of the most important subjects debated at the last session of the Legislature, and was the topic of several important public hearings. Four different relief bills were drafted, but it was not until late in the session that the law at issue was enacted.

The suit decided by the Court to-day was brought in a friendly spirit, to determine the validity of the law and thereby place the municipality in a position to dispose of its bonds. These bonds will be repaid out of tax funds returned to the municipality by the State.

Colorado (State of).—Gasoline Tax Law in Courts.—The validity of a gas tax law, increasing from one cent to two cents a gallon the tax levied on gasoline sales, which was passed at the 1923 legislative session and became effective July 29, is being attacked by the Navy Gasoline & Supply Co., which has filed a petition for an injunction restraining the enforcement of the Act on the ground that it is unconstitutional in that it authorizes the State to collect a tax for the counties. The Denver "Rocky Mountain News" of Aug. 1 said:

A test of Colorado's new gasoline tax law, passed by the last General Assembly, was instituted yesterday when the Navy Gasoline & Supply Co. made a request for a temporary injunction restraining State Oil Inspector James Duce, Attorney-General Russell Fleming and District Attorney Van Cise from the enforcement of the Act, which went into effect July 29.

Hearing on the case has been set for Tuesday in the District Court. The company attacks the validity of the new law on constitutional grounds in that part of the money raised by the increased tax is divided with the counties and the constitution provides that the Legislature can pass no laws raising taxes for counties and municipalities. The law is also questioned on grounds that it is discriminatory and unjust and not uniform in that it taxes gasoline but exempts other petroleum products.

The company also asserts that the law inflicts cruel and unusual punishment. At the time the gasoline tax was increased from 1 to 2 cents legislators decided to put teeth in the collection clauses and in consequence the Act provides that in the event a company does not pay its taxes the Attorney-General can request a receivership.

The old Colorado one-cent gasoline tax law was tested through to the Supreme Court of the United States and upheld.

The present 2-cent law was one of the last measures passed by the General Assembly and was bitterly contested. According to Riley Cloud, Deputy Attorney-General, preparations had been made in the office of the Attorney-General for beginning of enforcement of the Act Aug. 1.

Illinois (State of).—Dower Law Amended.—At the 1923 legislative session a law was enacted which gives to widows one-third of their husbands' property outright in lieu of the former dower interest.

Maine (State of).—Gasoline Tax Law Upheld by Courts.—The validity of a gasoline tax law, enacted at the 1923 session of the Legislature, has been upheld by the Supreme Court. The opinion was given at the request of the Legislature. The Boston "Herald" of Aug. 1 contained the following Augusta dispatch dated July 31:

The full Bench of the Supreme Judicial Court, in a unanimous opinion rendered to-day, declared the law passed by the last Legislature, placing a tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline as an excise tax is constitutional. The opinion was rendered at the request of the Legislature.

"If a property tax, it obviously offends the constitution of Maine," says the decision, "to single out any particular species of property, or any particular commodity, gasoline, internal combustion fuel, or what not, and impose a property tax on it unequal in comparison with the tax on other commodities would be void. The equal apportionment and assessment on all real and personal estate required by our organic law would be violated. This proposition is too plain for discussion.

"If, however, the proposed tax is an excise tax, then it would be authorized and valid. The vital words of this propounded question are a reasonable tax or charge per gallon upon all gasoline, &c., sold within the State, 'in other words, it is not the value of the gasoline and fuel as property owned which is the subject of taxation, but the sale of and dealing in the article whatever its value.'

"The tax is measured not by the worth of the commodities, but by the amount of business transacted in dealing with them computed on gallons, and this fits the definition of an excise tax which is a tax imposed on the performance of an act, the engaging in an occupation or the enjoyment of a privilege."

North Dakota (State of).—Debt Limit for School Districts Increased.—Four Acts were passed at the 1923 Legislative session, carrying into effect a constitutional amendment adopted in 1920 which allows school districts to issue, with the consent of a majority of the voters, bonds in an amount equal to 5% of the assessed valuation in addition to the 5% allowed under the old constitutional provision. Three of the Acts are amendatory to old statutes, which placed a 5% limitation on school district bond issues. The fourth, which affects common, special and independent districts, and embraces the amendments made in the other three, creates a new statute.

Bonds to Be Offered Publicly in Future.—An Act passed at the recent Legislative session requires that public officials, when issuing bonds or certificates of indebtedness, advertise for bids for the securities at least once in the official newspaper of the county not less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days from the date bids are to be received. Other requirements specified in the Act are that no bonds or certificates shall be sold at less than par, that all bids shall be accompanied by a certified check to the amount of not less than 5% of the bid, and that a copy of the notice of offering of the bonds or certificates shall be mailed to the Tax Commissioner at Bismarck not less than fifteen days before the date bids are to be received. These provisions are not to apply in cases where certificates can be sold at par to bear no more than 5½% interest, where the bonds or certificates are sold to the State Board of University and School Lands, or to other trust funds administered by public officials, where the bonds are issued by counties for the purpose of purchasing seed grain and feed, nor where the population of the city or school district is over 4,000.

New Income Tax Law.—The 1923 Legislature enacted a new Income Tax Law amendatory to Chapter 224, Laws of 1919, as amended by Chapter 60, Special Session of 1919, and Chapter 123, Laws of 1921.

The rates of taxation levied on incomes in the new Act differ somewhat from those levied in the original Act of 1919. The new law levies a graduated tax of 1% on all net incomes above exemptions and not in excess of \$2,000, and 1% additional on each additional \$2,000 of income, except that all incomes over \$10,000 are to be taxed at the uniform rate of 6%. The old law levied different rates upon "earned" income, or income from business or occupation, and "unearned" income, or income from investments. Unearned income was taxed at the rate of ½% for the first \$1,000 of income and ½% additional for each additional \$1,000 of income up to the tenth thousand, which was taxed at 5%; the income from \$10,000 to \$20,000 was taxed at 6%; incomes from \$20,000 to \$30,000 at 8%; income in excess of \$30,000 at 10%. Earned income was taxed at the rate of ¼% for the first \$1,000 of income, and ¼% additional for each additional \$1,000 of income up to the 20th \$1,000, which was taxed at 5%; the income from \$20,000 to \$30,000 was taxed at 6%; income from \$30,000 to \$40,000 at 8%, and income in excess of \$40,000 at 10%.

Personal exemptions are also affected by the amendment. These exemptions are fixed at \$1,000 for single persons, \$2,000 for the head of a family, and \$300 for each dependent other than husband or wife. The original law allowed the same exemptions, except that \$200 was allowed for each dependent.

Income received from bonds issued by the United States and its possessions, the State of North Dakota, or any political subdivision of North Dakota, is exempted under the new law, as it was under the amendment of 1921. Income from bonds of North Dakota political subdivisions was not specifically exempted in the original Act.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment.—A joint resolution proposing to amend Section 182, Article 12, of the State Constitution, so as to require that State bonds mature within thirty years from the date of the issuance of such bonds, instead of within thirty years from the date of the passage of the law authorizing their issuance, was passed at the recent session of the Legislature. This proposal must meet the approval of the next Legislature before it can be submitted to the voters for ratification.

Tax Levy Limitation.—Under an Act of the 1923 Legislature, tax limits are put on levies assessed by the various political subdivisions throughout the State. County levies are not to exceed 2½ mills on the dollar of the net taxable assessed valuation; city levies are limited to 14 mills; village levies to 10 mills; township levies to 5 mills; park districts to 2 mills, and school districts to 14 mills. There are, however, several exceptions to these limits. Counties may, under Chapter 231, Laws of 1919, which permits counties to levy taxes for road and bridge purposes, levy taxes not to exceed 3 mills on the dollar of the taxable assessed valuation. School districts which give two years of standard high school work and school districts maintaining a consolidated school may increase the levy to 16 mills on the dollar, and districts giving four years of standard high school work may increase the levy to 18 mills. A further provision for levying taxes in excess of the prescribed limits is made. The limits may be exceeded by 4% if the increase is approved

by a majority of the voters, and by 50% if approved by two-thirds of the voters.

The limits fixed in this Act are not applicable to irrigation or drainage districts, or to special assessments levied in cities and villages; or to levies made for the purpose of paying bonded indebtedness, or the county tuition levy provided for by Section 1224, Compiled Laws of 1913; or to levies made to combat the grasshopper and the gopher.

South Dakota (State of).—School Bond Laws Enacted at 1923 Session.—A law providing a method for the organization of county and central high school districts was enacted at the 1923 Legislative session. It empowers such districts to issue, in addition to other bonds of the county, bonds in an amount not to exceed 2% of the assessed valuation of property. Bonds so issued are to bear interest at no more than 7% and are to mature within 20 years.

Another law, amending Section 7609 Revised Code of 1919, as amended by Chapter 174 of the Laws of 1919, reduces from 7% to 5% of the assessed valuation of property the percentage of total bonded indebtedness that an independent school district may have outstanding at any one time. Section 7609, as amended, now reads:

Section 7609. Limit of Issue, Sinking Fund.—No Board of Education in any independent school district, or any consolidated school district shall issue bonds in the amount, which, with the outstanding indebtedness of the district, shall exceed 5% of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within such district, as fixed by the Tax Commission for the year preceding the issuing of such bonds, except when they are for funding or refunding purposes but the amount of such funding or refunding bonds with the debts not funded or refunded shall not exceed such limitation; and at or before the issuing of any bonds such board, by resolution, shall provide for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest and also the principal thereof when due for the entire term of years of which said bonds are to run; and all such levies when legally made shall be irrevocable until such debt shall be paid. The interest and sinking fund thus provided for shall be set apart by the treasurer of such corporation, and shall not be used for any other purpose.

The sinking fund shall be applied to the payment of the bonds at or below par; provided, that such Board may, in its discretion, purchase any of its outstanding bonds at or below par and pay for the same out of the sinking fund on hand in the treasury. Provided, the interest fund shall be applied to the payment of the interest coupons on any bonds whenever they become due. Provided, that when any such Board of Education has legally made such levies as provided, for the payment of interest and bonds when due, they shall cause to be filed in the office of the County Auditor, in the county in which such school district is situated, a certified copy of such yearly levies. The County Auditor shall have power to levy such tax from year to year to meet said interest and sinking fund when due, without further notice or demand from any such school district.

Gasoline Tax Law.—At the 1923 session of the Legislature there was enacted a law levying a tax of two cents a gallon on all fuel oils, including gasoline, benzine, naphtha and benzol, sold in the State. The funds raised by the tax are to be used in improving and maintaining the highways of the State.

Waynesboro-Basic City, Va.—Consolidation Voted.—At an election held Aug. 7 these two communities voted for consolidation into one municipality. The proposition to consolidate carried by six to one in Waynesboro and three to one in Basic City. The population of the two communities combined is estimated at 4,000.

Willard Village School District, Ohio.—Bond Sale Halted by Petition for Injunction.—According to the Toledo "Blade": "John M. Elder, taxpayer of Willard, has filed a petition asking that an injunction be granted to restrain the School Board of Willard from selling the \$185,000 school bonds bids for which were to have been received on July 20—V. 117, p. 119. He says the Board meeting, at which the issue bond election was authorized, was illegal because one of the members was not notified.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

this week have been as follows:

ADA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Boise), Idaho.—NO BIDS.—Our Western correspondent advises us in a special telegraphic dispatch that the \$210,000 4½% refunding bonds offered on June 30—V. 116, p. 2797—were not sold, as no bids were received.

ALAMOSA, Alamosa County, Colo.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$13,000 5½% judgment funding bonds purchased by Benwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver, as stated in V. 116, p. 2797, are described as follows: Denom. \$500 and \$100. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F.-A.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$500, 1924 to 1943 incl., and \$600, 1944 to 1948 incl.

ALBANY, Morgan County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 6% street-improvement bonds offered on March 23 (V. 116, p. 1210) were awarded to John B. Weakley, of Birmingham, at par and accrued interest. Date March 1 1923. Due March 1 1933.

ALDEN, Freeborn County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—Drake, Jones & Co. of St. Paul have purchased \$7,000 water works bonds as 5½s at a premium of \$36, equal to 100.51.

ALGER VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hardin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by W. B. Ramsdell, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. Aug. 20 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$45,000 5½% school impt. bonds, issued under authority of Sec. 7630-7631 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Apr. 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1924 and 1925; \$4,000 1926; \$3,000 1927 to 1931 incl.; \$4,000 1932; \$3,000 1933 to 1936 incl., and \$4,000 1937. Cert. check for 5% of the amount, payable to the above official, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within 10 days from award.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$128,000 5% road bonds offered on Aug. 6—V. 117, p. 347—have been awarded to the First National Bank of Fort Wayne for \$128,900, equal to 100.70, a basis of about 4.86%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$6,400 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

ALLENTOWN CONSOLIDATED SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2-B (P. O. Milton), Santa Rosa County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—R. B. Hobbs, County Superintendent of Schools, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 17 for \$2,000 6% coupon funding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1923. Interest M. & S. Due Sept. 1 1943. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to Board of Public Instruction, required.

ALTA, Buena Vista County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—By a count of 214 to 106 the voters approved the issuance of \$10,000 bonds for a city hall at a recent election.

ANN ARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ann Arbor), Washtenaw County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by G. J. Ray, City Manager, until 7:30 p. m. Aug. 14 for \$100,000 4½% public school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank of Ann Arbor. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$15,000 1941; \$43,000 1942 and \$42,000 1943. Cert. check for \$2,000 required. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Perry of Detroit.

ANDERSON, Madison County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 5% refunding bonds offered on Aug. 4—V. 117, p. 463—have been awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, which is now offering the issue to investors at prices to yield 4.70%. Coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due July 1 1943.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported).

Assessed valuation for taxation (1923).....	\$33,102,720
Total debt (this issue included).....	848,500
Less water debt.....	\$21,000
Net debt.....	827,500
Population, 1920 Census.....	29,767

ARBOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Bent County, Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 18 to vote on a proposition to issue \$12,000 drainage bonds.

ARCHER COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$15,000 6% 5-40-year bonds on Aug. 3.

ARKANSAS CITY, Cowley County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 2 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$59,885 32 5% refunding bonds and \$55,213 46 5% internal improvement bonds on July 25.

AYDEN, Pitt County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 6% coupon or registered funding bonds offered on Aug. 1—V. 117, p. 463—were awarded to George O. Feder of Cherryville at a premium of \$115, equal to 100.17—a basis of about 5.98%. Date July 1 1923. 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.

BADGER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Cando), Towner County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 14 by C. L. Harris, District Clerk, for \$15,000 certificates of indebtedness to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7% and to mature on or before twelve months from date of issue. Denom. \$1,000. Interest semi-annual. A certified check, payable to the District Treasurer, for 5% of bid, required.

BAR BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (P. O. Hanks), Williams County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 20 by Mrs. C. W. Johnson, District Clerk, for \$10,000 certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. Int. rate not to exceed 7%. Due in 18 months. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

BARNESVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Barnesville), Belmont County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Board of Education authorized the issuance of \$75,000 bonds for a new junior high school.

BAYLOR COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Seymour), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 25 to vote on the question of issuing \$25,000 5½% road bonds. Ernest Tibbets, County Judge.

BEAUFORT COUNTY (P. O. Beaufort), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 6% bridge bonds offered on Aug. 7 (V. 117, p. 235) have been awarded to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo. Due Sept. 1 1943.

BENTLEYVILLE, Washington County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held recently the voters passed a bond issue of \$70,000 for street improvements by a count of 159 "for" to 111 "against" the proposition.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,264 6% coupon "Harrington Ditch" bonds offered on Aug. 1 (V. 117, p. 348) were awarded to Edward O'Hara of Lafayette for \$13,310, equal to 100.34, a basis of about 5.90%. Date July 2 1923. Due \$1,326 40 yearly on Nov. 10 from 1924 to 1933 incl.

BERGHOLTZ VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bergholtz), Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. G. McBane, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. (Central standard time) Sept. 3 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued int. of \$50,000 5½% coupon school bonds issued under Sec. 7630-1 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. interest (A. & O.) payable at the Bergholtz State Bank of Bergholtz. Due \$1,000 each six months from Oct. 1 1924 to April 1 1949, incl. Certified check for \$500, payable to the Board of Education, required. Legality approved by Court.

BERKS COUNTY (P. O. Reading), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—J. P. Warner, County Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until Sept. 1 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$650,000 4% bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$23,000, 1931; \$24,000, 1932; \$25,000, 1933; \$26,000, 1934; \$27,000, 1935; \$28,000, 1936; \$29,000, 1937; \$30,000, 1938; \$29,000, 1939; \$83,000, 1940; \$88,000, 1941; \$92,000, 1942, and \$96,000, 1943. Certified check for \$6,500 must accompany each bid. The favorable opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia will be furnished. For further information address the County Commissioner.

BESSEMER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bessemer), Gogebic County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On July 21 an issue of \$80,000 5½% town hall bonds was awarded to Dr. L. O. Houghton of Ironwood at par. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Due \$10,000 yearly from 1925 to 1932 inclusive.

BETHANY HEIGHTS, Lancaster County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska purchased \$7,000 5% water bonds at par during the month of June. Date June 1 1923. Due June 1 1943, optional June 1 1928.

BETHANY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. York), York County, So. Caro.—BONDS VOTED—OFFERING.—At an election held on Aug. 1 the voters by a majority of 16 approved the issuance of \$12,000 6% school building and equipment bonds. Bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 15 for the above bonds by J. S. Brice, School Trustee. Int. J. & J. 15. Due 1943.

BETHEL, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals were received by Henry F. Kyle, Town Clerk, until 7 p. m. (standard time) Aug. 10 for \$75,000 4½% coupon consolidated bonds, issued in denomination of \$1,000 each, dated May 15 1923 and payable \$4,000 yearly on May 15 1924 to 1941 incl. and \$3,000 on May 15 1942. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Bethel National Bank, Bethel. 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 this issue will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about Aug. 13 at the First National Bank of Boston in Boston.

Financial Statement July 10 1923.

Refunding bonds 1951.....	\$30,000	Grand list 1922-23.....	\$2,359,118
Water debt.....	54,487	Population 1920.....	3,201
Floating debt.....	44,000		

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Birmingham), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$97,000 5% Baldwin high school addition bonds voted at an election held on July 15 (V. 117, p. 463) have been awarded to Caldwell, Mosser & Willamam of Chicago at par plus a premium of \$738 75, equal to 100.76. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Due serially until 1938.

BISBEE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Bisbee), Towner County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by I. K. Lund, District Clerk, until 2 p. m. Aug. 14 for the purchase of \$10,000 certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. Interest rate to be named by bidder, not to exceed 7%. Due in 12 months. A certified check for not less than 5% of bid, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

BLACKFOOT, Bingham County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 coupon water works bonds offered on July 31—V. 117, p. 348—were purchased by the Central Trust Co. of Salt Lake City. Date July 1 1923. Due July 1 1943; optional after 10 years.

BLACKTAL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bonetrail), Williams County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Peter Hanson, Township Clerk, will receive bids until 5 p. m. Aug. 14 for \$1,550 tax certificates to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7% and to mature in 18 months.

BLOSSOM, Lamar County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Aug. 20 by the City Secretary for \$25,000 5½% school bonds. Due as follows: \$3,000 in each of the years 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953 and 1958 and \$4,000, 1963.

BLUE EARTH, Faribault County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED—OFFERING.—At an election held on July 16 a proposition to issue \$25,000 bonds for installation of heat in public school, carried by a vote of 629 "for" to 153 "against." Bids will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 20 for the above bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 5½%.

BOARDMAN DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Cherry County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—During the month of July the State of Nebraska purchased \$25,000 6% drainage and improvement bonds at par. Date May 1 1923. Due serially on May 1 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive.

BOTTINEAU SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Bottineau), Bottineau County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Elmer Larson, Clerk of Education, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 17 for \$45,000 5% funding bonds. Date May 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.) payable at the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis. Due May 1 1943. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for \$2,500. Bonds will be printed and ready for delivery by the District at time of sale.

BOUNTIFUL, Davis County, Utah.—BONDS VOTED—BOND SALE.—At the election held on July 23—V. 117, p. 113—the following bond issues, aggregating \$53,000, were voted: \$5,000 city hall purchase bonds. \$10,000 street bonds. \$5,000 water supply bonds. 3,000 fire bonds.

The Ashton-Jenkins Co. of Bountiful has purchased the above bonds. Interest rate 5½%. Due serially for 20 years.

BOWMAN COUNTY (P. O. Bowman), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 15 by Anna M. Spire, County Auditor, for \$15,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 15 1923. Due April 1 1924. A certified check for 5% of bid, required.

BRADFORD COUNTY (P. O. Starke), Fla.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 6 Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo purchased the \$40,000 6% coupon funding bonds offered on the date (V. 116, p. 2798) at 100.12, a basis of about 5.98%. Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000 1924 to 1934 incl. and \$3,000 1935 to 1940 incl.

BRADY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Du Bois R. F. D. No. 1), Clearfield County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On July 1 the Du Bois National Bank of Du Bois purchased \$30,000 5% high school building bonds at par plus a premium of \$405, equal to 101.35. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1953.

BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wakeman), Huron County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On July 26 an issue of \$20,000 5½% emergency school building bonds was awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at par and accrued interest. Denom. \$510. Date June 1 1923. Int. A. & O.

BRONSON, Kittson County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Albert J. Higgin, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 14 for \$13,000 6% electric light bonds. Date July 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due July 1 1943, payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. A certified check for \$1,000 required.

BURKE, Gregory County, So. Dak.—BONDS NOT ISSUED—TO BE ISSUED NEXT YEAR.—In answer to our inquiry regarding the disposition of the \$10,000 5½% city hall bonds offered on March 9—V. 116, p. 966. Karl E. Zutz, City Auditor, says: "Bonds not issued. Will not be issued for another year."

BUTTE, Boyd County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,675 6% coupon intersection paving bonds offered on Feb. 5—V. 116, p. 538—were disposed of at par. Date Jan. 1 1923. Due Jan. 1 1943.

CADDO PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Shreveport), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 school bonds offered on July 27 (V. 117, p. 465), were awarded to the Interstate Trust & Banking Co. of New Orleans as 5½s at a premium of \$250, equal to 100.33. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Interest J. & J. Due 1933.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP (P. O. Gary), Lake County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 6% coupon school building bonds offered on July 30 (V. 117, p. 236) were awarded to Ringheim, Wheelock & Co. of Des Moines for \$5,035, equal to 100.70, a basis of about 5.625%. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due \$1,000 each six months from Sept. 1 1924 to Sept. 1 1926 incl.

CAMBRIDGE, Guernsey County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. E. Eaton, City Auditor, until 12 m. Aug. 15 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$20,165 5½% Bessy Ave. special assessment bonds issued under Sec. 3914 of Gen. Code, Denom. \$2,000, except the last bond for \$2,165 85. Dated not later than April 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due \$2,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1932 incl. and \$2,165 85 1933. Certified check for 5% of the amount, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within 10 days from time of award.

Sealed bids will be received by J. E. Eaton, City Auditor, until 12 m. Aug. 28 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following issues of 5½% bonds:

\$1,921 09 property owners' share, North Sixth St. paving assessment bonds. Denom. \$500, except the last bond for \$421 09. Date July 1 1923. Due \$500 yearly on July 1 from 1925 to 1928 inclusive, and \$421 09, 1928.
904 00 property owners' share, Woodworth Ave. sanitary sewer bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$404. Date May 1 1923. Due \$500 Sept. 1 1925, and \$404, Sept. 1 1926.
Int. M. & S. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award.

CAMDEN, Camden County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Sidney P. McCurd, City Comptroller, on Aug. 22 at 10 a. m. (daylight saving time) at the City Hall for the purchase of the following issues of bonds, the amount of the issue stated in each case being the authorized amount of bonds and the sum required, to be obtained at the sale of such issue, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue.
\$750,000 school bonds, maturing \$18,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years 1924 to 1933 incl., and \$19,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years 1934 to 1963 incl.

344,000 paving bonds, maturing \$18,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years 1924 to 1940 incl., and \$19,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years 1941 and 1942.
159,000 sewer bonds, maturing \$4,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years 1924 to 1929 incl., and \$5,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years 1930 to 1961 incl.

Said bonds will be dated Sept. 1 1923, will be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, will bear interest at the rate of 4½% payable semi-annually on March 1 and Sept. 1 in each year. Both prin. and int. of said bonds will be payable in gold coin of the United States of America or equal to the present standard of weight and fineness, at the office of the First National State Bank, Camden. The bonds will be coupon bonds, with the privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest. Any bidder may condition his bid on the award to him of two or more of said issues but in that case if there is a more favorable bidder for any one of the issues for which he bids, his bid will be rejected. All bidders are required to deposit a certified check payable to the order of the City of Camden for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mtge. & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of N. Y. City, that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the city.

CANEY, Montgomery County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 11 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$29,018 09 5% paving bonds.

CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Lewis S. Rosenstiel & Co. of Cincinnati purchased the \$33,000 5% Trunk Sewer District No. 1 bonds offered on Aug. 6—V. 117, p. 464—at par and interest plus

a premium of \$180, equal to 100.52, a basis of about 4.89%. Date March 1 1923. Due on March 1 as follows: \$3,800, 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.

CANTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Canton), Van Zandt County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 1 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$25,000 6% serial bonds.

CARPENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25, Rolette County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Elizabeth D. Noakes, District Clerk, will receive bids at the County Auditor's office in Rolla until 2 p. m. Aug. 18 for \$2,000 certificates of indebtedness to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$500. Int. ann. Of the above amount, one certificate for \$500 will be dated Aug. 18 1923 and the other three will be dated May 18 1923. Due May 18 1924. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

CARTERET COUNTY (P. O. Beaufort), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5½% road and bridge bonds offered on Aug. 6—V. 117, p. 236—were awarded to Stacy & Braun of Toledo at a premium of \$1,190, equal to 102.38, a basis of about 5.34%. Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1933 to 1942 inclusive, and \$2,000, 1943 to 1962 inclusive. Other bidders were: Geo. H. Burr & Co. \$50,445 Beaufort Bank & Trust Co. \$50,890 Southern Securities Co. 50,965 First National Trust Co. 50,025 Campbell & Co. 50,837 Prudden & Co. 51,000 Spitzer, Rorick & Co. 50,290

CHADRON, Dawes County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska purchased \$23,000 5½% intersection paving bonds at par during the month of June. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due Feb. 1 1925 to 1943 incl.

BONDS VOTED—BONDS NOT TO BE ISSUED THIS YEAR.—On July 24 by a count of 131 "for" to 116 "against" the \$25,000 6% Paving District No. 6 bonds were voted. The City Clerk says: "No bonds will be issued this year. No paving bids asked for until next February."

CHICOPEE, Hampton County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The city has awarded a temporary loan of \$200,000 to the Union Trust Co. of Springfield on a 4.26% discount basis. Date Aug. 3 1923. Due Nov. 26 1923.

CHISHOLM, St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—O. F. Weckerling, Village Recorder, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 22 for \$600,000 5½% or 6% coupon funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Due as follows: \$20,000, 1926 to 1929; \$30,000, 1930 and 1931; \$40,000, 1932; \$50,000, 1933; \$60,000, 1934 and 1935; \$70,000, 1936; \$80,000, 1937, and \$100,000, 1938. A certified check for 2%, payable to the Village, required.

CHOWAN COUNTY (P. O. Wadesboro), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 coupon or registered road and bridge bonds offered on Aug. 6 (V. 117, p. 236) were awarded to Kauffman-Smith-Emert & Co., Inc., of St. Louis as 5½s at 100.02, a basis of about 5.24%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Chase National Bank of New York in gold. Due on July 1 as follows: \$5,000 1926 to 1943 incl. and \$6,000 1944 to 1953 incl.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY (P. O. Tazewell), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$33,000 6% pike road bonds offered on Aug. 6—V. 117, p. 349 were awarded to I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson as 5½s. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due in 40 years.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Las Vegas), Nev.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Sept. 5 for the purchase of \$35,000 6% highway bonds. A certified check for 1% required.

CLARKS, Merrick County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—During the month of June the State of Nebraska purchased at par \$30,902 35 5% paving district bonds. Date May 1 1923. Due May 1 1943; optional any time.

CLARKSVILLE, Red River County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 27 to vote on the question of issuing \$40,000 5¼% sewer disposal bonds. Roy Goodman, City Clerk.

CLAY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, St. Joseph County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Joseph E. Mulligan Jr., trustee (P. O. South Bend R. R. No. 5), until 3 p. m. Aug. 25 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$15,000 5% "Construction of a schoolhouse in district No. 4" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1938 incl.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Frankfort), Ind.—NO BIDS.—The three issues of 4½% coupon road bonds aggregating \$26,150 offered on Aug. 4—V. 117, p. 349—were not sold, as no bids were received.

COFFEYVILLE, Montgomery County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 19 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$146,000 5% paving bonds.

COLLEGE VIEW, Lancaster County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska purchased \$42,970 45 6% sewer bonds at par during the month of June. Date May 15 1923. Due May 15 1924 to 1932 incl.

COLUMBUS, Platte County, Neb.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposed bond issue of \$75,000 for the erection of a new city hall, jail, auditorium and fireman's quarters (combined under one roof) was defeated at the election held on July 31—V. 117, p. 349.

COTTONWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Windom), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,800 public drainage ditch bonds offered on Aug. 1—V. 117, p. 349—were awarded to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis as 4½s at a premium of \$5 50, equal to a 100.03 basis of about 4.74%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1935; \$1,800, 1936; \$1,000, 1937 to 1942 incl., and \$2,000, 1943.

CRANE CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 145, Mountrail County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 18 by C. I. Sutherland, Clerk of the School Board (P. O. Stanley), for \$3,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

CRAWFORD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$20,000 5% school bonds on July 3.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,000 6% coupon special assessment Sewer District No. 1 improvement bonds offered on Aug. 1 (V. 117, p. 464) were awarded to Milliken & York, of Cleveland, at par plus a premium of \$280, equal to 104—a basis of about 5.32%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1937, inclusive.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALES.—The following issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$206,993 offered on Aug. 6—V. 117, p. 468—were awarded to Richards, Parish & Lamson of Cleveland for \$211,426, equal to 102.14, a basis of about 5.46%:

\$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.

Other bidders were:

	Price Bid.	Price Bid.	
Seasongood & Mayer	\$3,080 00	Canton Bond & Invest. Co. \$2,187 00	
Grau, Todd & Co.	4,243 40	Breed, Elliott & Harrison	
Prudden & Co.	2,930 75	Co. 3,333 00	
		W. L. Slayton	3,205 00

DANEVILLE TOWNSHIP, Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Johannes Johansen, Clerk Board of Supervisors, will receive bids at the County Auditor's office in Crosby until 10 a. m. Aug. 15

for \$3,000 7% certificates of indebtedness maturing \$1,000 in 6 months, 12 months and 18 months. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

DAVENPORT, Thayer County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—During the month of June the State of Nebraska purchased \$5,000 5% water-extension bonds at par. Date June 1 1923. Due June 1 1943, optional June 1 1933.

DAVISS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,050 5% Albert W. Stuckey et al. road bonds offered on Aug. 6—V. 117, p. 349—were awarded to the City Trust Co. of Indianapolis for \$22,107—equal to 100.25—a basis of about 4.95%. Denom. \$1,102.50. Date July 16 1923. Interest M. & N. Due \$1,102.50 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl.

DELAWARE (State of).—BOND SALE.—The \$600,000 4½% coupon highway bonds offered on Aug. 8—V. 117, p. 465—have been awarded to Barr Bros. & Co. of New York at 102.8178, a basis of about 4.35% if allowed to run until maturity. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Farmers' Bank of Dover. Due Jan. 1 1933; optional at 105 after one year. Other bidders were:

	Rate Bid.		Rate Bid.
Barr Bros. & Co.	102.8178	Guaranty Co. of N. Y. and	
Laird, Bissell & Meeds and		Remick, Hodges & Co.	100.52
Harris, Forbes & Co.	100.71	Eldredge & Co.	102.432
National City Co.	100.581	Estabrook & Co.	100.42
Dillon, Read & Co. and		Farmers' Bank	100.
Bankers Trust Co.	101.527		

DELAWARE, Delaware County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. D. King, City Auditor, until 12 m. Aug. 22 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following issues of 5½% coupon East William Street paving impt. bonds:

\$37,797 66 (Series "A"). Denom. 75 for \$797 66 and 74 for \$500. Date June 1 1923. Due \$797 66 Mar. 1 1924, \$5,000 Mar. 1 1925, and \$4,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1926 to 1933 incl.

43,207 84 (Series "B"). Denom. \$500 and one for \$207 84. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$2,707 84 Sept. 1 1924 and \$4,500 Sept. 1 1925 to 1933 incl.

Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the depository of the Sinking Fund in Delaware.

DE WITT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by John Porter, Clerk Board of Schol. Directors, at the County Auditor's office in Crosby, until 10 a. m. Aug. 15 for \$4,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$500 and \$100. Interest semi-annual. Due in twelve months. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

DRAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Drayton), Pembina County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—W. J. Buchanan, Clerk Board of Education, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 11 for the purchase of \$50,000 5½% school-building bonds. Date July 2 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis. Due July 2 1943. A certified check for \$5,000 required. Bonds will be printed and ready for delivery on day of sale.

BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5½% school building bonds offered on July 21 (V. 117, p. 349) were awarded to the Northern State Bank of Granville.

EAST CHICAGO SCHOOL CITY (P. O. East Chicago), Lake County, Ind.—NO BIDS.—The \$200,000 4½% Lincoln School construction bonds offered on July 31 (V. 117, p. 237) were not sold, as no bids were received.

EDDY COUNTY (P. O. New Rockford), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$10,000 certificates of indebtedness offered on July 28 (V. 117, p. 349) were awarded to the First National Bank of New Rockford as 7s at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 7 1923. Interest annual. Due in 18 months.

EDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Scranton), Bowman County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 18 by J. B. Loder, District Clerk, for \$1,000 6% certificates of indebtedness, maturing Feb. 1925. A certified check for 5% of bid, required.

EDWARDS COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 6 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$12,000 4¾% school bonds.

EGELAND SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Egeland), Towner County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 14 by W. W. Forney, District Clerk, for \$2,000 certificates of indebtedness. Bidder to name rate of interest. A certified check for not less than 5% of bid required.

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Atlantic City), Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William Hauenstein, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 14 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of an issue of 6% coupon school bonds, not to exceed \$14,000, no more bids to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$14,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of Pleasantville. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1925 to 1938, inclusive. Certified check for 2% of the amount, payable to the above Clerk, required. Legality approved by Thomas F. McCrane, Attorney-General.

ELLSWORTH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 9 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$40,000 4¾% school bonds.

ELMSFORD, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 fire bonds offered on Aug. 6 (V. 117, p. 579) were awarded as 5s to Barr Bros. & Co. of New York at 100.793, a basis of about 4.82%. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1933 incl.

EMMET COUNTY (P. O. Petoskey), Mich.—BOND SALE.—On July 25 the Emmet County State Savings Bank of Harbor Springs purchased \$75,000 5% road bonds for \$77,456, equal to 103.26. Date Nov. 1 1922.

EMPORIA, Lyon County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 10 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$45,000 5% storm sewer bonds and \$30,000 5% water works bonds.

ENSIGN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Mohall), Renville County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by M. W. Hunt, District Clerk, until 2 p. m. Aug. 18 for \$2,000 7% certificates of indebtedness maturing Sept. 1 1924. A certified check for 5% of bid required. A like amount of certificates was offered on Aug. 10—V. 117, p. 579.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Aug. 10 for the purchase of \$25,000 Haverhill bridge temporary renewal loan notes. Date Aug. 15 1923. Due May 1 1924.

EUREKA, Greenwood County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 11 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$7,889 16 5% sewer bonds and \$22,000 water works and \$44,205 97 paving 5% bonds on July 12.

FAIRPORT, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$325,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered on Aug. 6 (V. 117, p. 465) were awarded to Barr Bros. & Co. of New York as 4¼s at 100.097, a basis of about 4.49%. Date July 1 1923. Due \$13,000 yearly on July 1 from 1928 to 1952 incl.

FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The National City Co. of Boston purchased the following issues of bonds as 4¼s at 100.069 \$100,000 1 to 30-year bonds \$125,000 1 to 10-year bonds 125,000 1 to 5-year bonds

Other bids and bidders were as follows:

	\$100,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	Rate
	Int. Ra. e.	Int. Rate.	Int. Rate.	Bid.
Stacy & Braun	4¼%	4¼%	4¼%	100.066
Blodgett & Co.	4¼%	4¼%	4¼%	100.078
Edmunds Bros.	4¼%	4¼%	4¼%	100.310
Eldredge & Co.	4¼%	4¼%	4¼%	100.073
A. Perry & Co.	4¼%	4¼%	4¼%	100.078
R. L. Day & Co.	4¼%	4¼%	4¼%	100.569
Curtis & Sanger	4¼%	4¼%	4¼%	100.023
Estabrook & Co.	4¼%	4¼%	4¼%	100.160

FEDORA, Miner County, So. Dak.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the special election held on July 23 (V. 117, p. 350), the bond issue of \$6,000 for school purposes was defeated by a count of 52 "for" to 110 "against," with the result that no such improvements will be made this year nor for some years to come, it is averred.

FELICITY, Clermont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,130 6% deficiency bonds offered on April 23—V. 116, p. 1805—were awarded to the Citizens Bank of Felicity at par and accrued interest. Date Sept. 6 1919. Due yearly on Sept. 6 as follows: \$500, 1924 to 1930 inclusive, and \$630, 1931.

FILLMORE COUNTY (P. O. Preston), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 6% county road bonds offered on Aug. 3 (V. 117, p. 579) were awarded to the Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul as 4¼s at a premium of \$1,500, equal to 101.50—a basis of about 4.61%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$10,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1933 to 1942.

FILLMORE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Fillmore), Andrew County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—William Robertson, President Board of Aldermen, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 14 for \$25,000 5% school bonds. Date Aug. 15 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due on Aug. 15 as follows: \$6,000 1928; \$1,500 1929; \$11,500 1930; \$2,000 1931; \$1,500 1932; \$2,000 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$2,500 1936 and \$2,000 1937 and 1938.

FIRST FARMERS' ELECTRIC DISTRICT, Saunders County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—The Peters Trust Co. of Omaha purchased the \$30,000 5½% electric plant construction bonds offered on Jan. 12 (V. 116, p. 203) at par and accrued interest.

FLATHEAD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Columbia Falls, R. F. D. No. 2), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 6% school bonds offered on July 30 (V. 117, p. 350) were awarded to the State Board of Land Commissioners at par. Denom. \$300. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. J. & D. Due June 15 1933, optional on any int. paying date.

FLINT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Flint), Genesee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. J. Wildanger, Secretary, until 2 p. m. Aug. 14 for \$250,000 4¼% new school building improvement bonds, until 2 p. m. Aug. 14 for \$250,000 4¼% new school interest (M. & S.) payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due \$50,000 1944 to 1948, incl. The district will furnish the legal opinion of Wood & Oakley or Charles B. Wood approving the validity of bonds and will also defray the expenses of printing bonds. No bid will be considered calling for the opinion of any other attorneys. All bids shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$1,000, payable to the Union School District, city of Flint.

FORT PIERCE INLET DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Pierce), St. Lucie County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$220,000 6% coupon bonds offered on July 24 (V. 117, p. 237) were awarded to the Fort Pierce Bank & Trust Co. at par. Due serially, 1925 to 1948, inclusive.

FORT STOCKTON WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Fort Stockton), Pecos County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 6% bonds offered on April 15 (V. 116, p. 1212) were not sold on that day but were awarded on July 25 to J. W. Scargis & Co. at 90 as 8s. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Interest annual. Due on June 1 from 1930 to 1941, inclusive.

FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—H. B. Kumlmer, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 11 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$15,000 4¼% Obe Hainbaugh et al. road in Newcastle Twp. bonds. Denom. \$750. Date June 5 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$750 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

BOND SALE.—On July 26 A. E. Gast, a local contractor, purchased \$8,000 4¼% road-construction bonds at par and accrued interest. Denom. \$400. Date May 15 1923. Interest M. & N. Due on May 15 until 1934.

GALVESTON, Galveston County, Texas.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED ABOUT SEPT. 19.—The \$1,250,000 filling and grading, \$100,000 street-improvement and \$125,000 water-works at Alta Loma 5% bonds, voted on May 8 (V. 116, p. 2301), are to be offered, we are advised, by Robt. I. Cohen, Jr., City Treasurer, about Sept. 19.

GARDEN COUNTY (P. O. Oshkosh), Neb.—BOND SALE.—During the month of July the State of Nebraska purchased \$5,000 6% North River irrigation bonds at par. Date June 1 1922. Due on June 1 from 1933 to 1940, inclusive.

GARNET SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23, Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—M. M. Koppang, Clerk Board of Directors, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 22 at the County Auditor's office in Crosby for \$4,000 7% 18-months certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$500. A cert. check for 5% of bid required.

GASTONIA GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gastonia), Gaston County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The Lewis S. Rosenfield Co. of Cincinnati has purchased the \$100,000 coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only, or both principal and interest) school-building bonds offered on Aug. 2 (V. 117, p. 350) as 5¼s at a premium of \$710, equal to 100.71—a basis of about 4.93%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$4,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1925 to 1949, inclusive.

GAYLORD, Smith County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$32,000 5% water works bonds on July 9.

GENESSEE COUNTY (P. O. Flint), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank and the Genesee County Savs. Bank, both of Flint, have purchased the \$100,000 road impt. bonds offered on July 31—V. 117, p. 466. The banks bid for 5¼% bonds, offering to pay a premium of \$11 20 per \$1,000 for long term bonds and \$5 per \$1,000 for short term bonds, and 3% interest on deposits. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. M. & N. Due serially 1925 to 1933, incl.

GLEN ROSE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Glen Rose), Somerwell County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$30,000 6% serial bonds on Aug. 3.

GOULD WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Gould), Lincoln County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Aug. 17 by the Board of Water Commissioners for \$20,000 6% water impt. bonds. A good faith deposit of \$1,000 required.

GOVE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 9 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$80,000 5% school bonds.

GRACE SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Asheville), Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 28 by F. L. Wells, Secretary Board of Education, for \$75,000 5½% or 6% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1944, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1945 to 1951, inclusive. Legality approved by Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. A certified check for 2% of issue, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho County, Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$15,000 bonds for street paving was voted at a recent election.

GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—George B. Nottingham, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 9 a. m. Aug. 11 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$57,600 5% John Doty et al. Free Asphalt Road in Franklin Township bonds. Denom. \$2,880. Date Feb. 6 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$2,880 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

BONDS SOLD.—The two issues of 5% road impt. bonds, aggregating \$16,525, offered on Feb. 27 (V. 116, p. 849) have been sold.

BOND SALE.—J. F. Wild & Co., of Indianapolis, purchased the \$7,600 5% A. M. Curry et al. road bonds offered on Aug. 3 (V. 117, p. 466) at par plus a premium of \$7, equal to 100.09—a basis of about 4.97%. Date Dec. 5 1922. Due \$380 May 15 1924 and each six months until Nov. 15 1933.

GRASSY BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29 (P. O. Grassy Butte), McKenzie County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by (Mrs.) Nellie Cook, District Clerk, until Aug. 22 for \$2,500 certificates of indebtedness to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7% and maturing Mar. 1 1924. A cert. check for 5% of bid must accompany all bids.

GREELEY CENTER (P. O. Greeley), Greeley County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Burns-Brinker Co. of Omaha has purchased \$14,000 5 1/2% funding bonds at par plus \$50 expenses for printing bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 15 1923. Due 1943, optional 1933. Int. annually in July.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Waynesburg), Penna.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Sept. 18 to vote on the question of issuing \$2,000,000 bonds to build a system of highways.

GREENVILLE, Hunt County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—A proposition to issue \$325,000 water-works and reservoir bonds will be submitted to a vote of the people at an election to be held on Sept. 4. Walter Hicks, City Engineer.

GREENWOOD, Leflore County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Aug. 21 by P. B. Dennis, City Clerk, for \$168,000 5 1/2% general impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1924 to 1928 incl.; \$8,000 1929 to 1938 incl.; \$13,000 1939 to 1942 incl.; and \$16,000 1943. A cert. check for \$2,500 required. The official advertisement states: "No litigation is pending nor threatened affecting in any manner the issuance of the bonds. No previous bond issues in this city have ever been contested. City has never been in default in payment of principal nor interest on any previous issues."

GREENWOOD COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 25 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$60,000 5% school bonds.

GROVER VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Titusville), Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on Aug. 7—V. 117, p. 466—have been awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo for \$70,708—equal to 101.01—on a basis of about 5.39%. Date July 15 1923. Due on Sept. 15 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1945, incl., and \$2,000, 1946 and 1947.

HAMILTON, Greenwood County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$40,000 5% school bonds on July 5

HAMILTON, Ravalli County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—C. H. Raymond, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Sept. 10 for \$21,000 funding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due Jan. 1 1929, optional on any interest-paying date. A certified check for \$500, payable to the City Clerk, required.

HAMLET TOWNSHIP (P. O. Mohall), Renville County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Earl Johnson, Clerk Board of Supervisors, received sealed bids until 9 p. m. Aug. 9 for the purchase of \$2,000 certificates of indebtedness bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 7% maturing Aug. 1 1924.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Deane C. Jones, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 20 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$15,570 5 1/2% bridge expense payment bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$730. Date Aug. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,730 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive. Certified check on a Kenton bank for \$300, payable to the above official, required.

HARMONY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25, Benson County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by G. A. Gilbrison, County Auditor (P. O. Minnewaukun), until 2 p. m. Aug. 18 for \$15,000 5 3/4% funding bonds. Due in 20 years. A cert. check for 5% of bid, payable to the School District, must accompany all bids.

HARRIS COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$8,000 5% 20-40-year bonds on Aug. 4.

HARROLD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Harrold), Wilbarger County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 31 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$8,000 5% serial school bonds.

HARTFORD, Washington County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% street impt. bonds offered on Aug. 7—V. 117, p. 237—were awarded to Kuechle & Co. of Milwaukee at 100.71. Date March 1 1923.

HATTON, Traill County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—M. L. Breen, Clerk Board of Education, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. Aug. 21 for \$12,000 certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due in 12 months. Interest rate not to exceed 7%. A cert. check for 5% of bid required.

HAWKEYE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Geo. Jorgenson, District Clerk, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 15 at the County Auditor's office in Crosby for \$5,000 7% certificates of indebtedness, maturing \$1,000 in 6 months, \$2,000 in 12 months and \$2,000 in 18 months. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. A cert. check for 5% of bid required.

HAWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Haworth), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Westerfelt Mount, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) Aug. 16 for the purchase at not less than par of an issue of 5% school bonds not to exceed \$90,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$90,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Interest J. & J. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1925 to 1934, inclusive, and \$4,000, 1935 to 1949, inclusive. Certified check for 2% of the amount, payable to the Custodian of School Moneys, required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, Esq's., of New York.

HEARNE, Robertson County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on July 24 (V. 117, p. 114) the \$41,000 6% serial sewer-construction bonds were voted by a count of 157 to 11. Due serially.

HENDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Athens), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 14 an election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 5% 40-year county hospital bonds. Dan Cronwing, Co. Clerk.

HENDRICKS COUNTY (P. O. Danville), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$27,000 4 1/2% John N. Russell et al. road bonds offered on Aug. 4—V. 117, p. 466—were not sold.

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Va.—BOND OFFERING WITHDRAWN—NEW OFFERING AND SALE.—The offering of the \$60,000 4% coupon refunding bonds, maturing \$20,000 in each of the years 1933, 1943 and 1953, which was to have taken place on Feb. 26 (see V. 116, p. 435), was withdrawn. A new offering with the bonds bearing 5% interest and maturing serially in 1 to 10 years, was made and the bonds were awarded to the People's National Bank and the First National Bank of Martinsville at 100.08.

HERINGTON, Dickinson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$19,000 4 3/4% Board of Education bonds on July 24 and \$281,000 5% water works extension bonds on July 26.

HIGHLAND PARK (P. O. Dallas), Dallas County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 88 "for" to 63 "against" the voters approved the issuance of \$65,000 municipal building bonds at the election held on July 28 (V. 117, p. 114).

HOBOKEN, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$721,000 5% coupon (with privilege of registration as to prin. only or as to both prin. and int.) school bonds offered on Aug. 7 (V. 117, p. 466) have been awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York for \$721,250, equal to 100.034, on a basis of about 4.99%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$18,000 1925 to 1944 incl., and \$19,000 1945 to 1963 incl.

HOISINGTON, Barton County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 31 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$188,034 66 5% paving bonds.

HOLTON, Jackson County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 24 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$175,000 4 3/4% water and electric light bonds.

HOMER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Homer), Dakota County, Nebr.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$4,000 school building bonds were voted.

HOOD RIVER COUNTY (P. O. Hood River), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Kent Shoemaker, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 24 for \$60,000 road bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Nov. 1 1921. Int. M. & N. Due Nov. 1 1941. A cert. check for \$3,000 must accompany all bids.

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Aug. 16 by J. H. Figley at Sheffield for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$37,000 4 1/2% State free coupon school bonds (\$5,000 to refund indebtedness of district and \$32,000 for school building construction and equipment). Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Woodlawn Trust Co. of Woodlawn. Due on June 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1933 and 1938; \$15,000, 1943, and \$2,000, 1948. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the school district, required. These bonds are part of an issue of \$65,000 authorized by a public election held on May 22.

HOPKINS COUNTY (P. O. Sulphur Springs), Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election a proposition to issue \$50,000 road district bonds carried by a vote of 174 to 35.

HOPSON BAYOU DRAINAGE DISTRICT, SUB-DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Clarksdale), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 6% drainage bonds offered on Jan. 23—V. 116, p. 203—were awarded to the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Memphis. Due \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1928 to 1942 inclusive.

HOUSTON COUNTY (P. O. Caledonia), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5% road bonds offered on Aug. 2 (V. 117, p. 351) were awarded to the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis at 4 1/4% at a premium of \$1,200, equal to 101.20, on a basis of about 4.63%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$10,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl.

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Kokomo), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds offered on July 31—V. 117, p. 238—were sold at par: \$6,120 00 4 1/2% Chas. E. Leeson et al. road bonds to John W. Taten. Date June 15 1923. Due \$306 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 inclusive.

6,059 95 Clarence C. Smith drain bonds to Geo. W. Davis. Denom. nine for \$600 and one for \$659 95.
49,535 00 Geo. W. Charles et al. drain bonds to Geo. W. Davis. Denom. 90 for \$500 and 10 for \$453 50.
Int. M. & N. 15.

HURON COUNTY (P. O. Bad Axe), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$23,000 6% Assessment Road District No. 5 bonds offered on Aug. 1—V. 117, p. 466—were awarded to Keane, Higbie & Co. of Detroit at 102.50. Denom. \$1,000 and \$800. Date May 1 1923. Int. M. & N. Due for ten years.

IHLEN, Pipestone County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Joe Swenson, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 14 for \$3,375 6% refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$375. Date July 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1938. A cert. check for 5% of bid required.

IMLAY CITY, Lapeer County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit purchased the \$15,000 5% coupon paving bonds offered on Aug. 7 (V. 117, p. 580) for \$15,007, equal to 100.04. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923.

JAMESTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jamestown), Stutsman County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—John Bensch, Secretary Board of Education, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Aug. 22 for all or any part of \$50,000 certificates of indebtedness maturing in one year. Bidder to name rate of interest. A certified check, payable to the President Board of Education, for 5% of bid, required.

JACKSON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Poland), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Daniel W. Hassler, Township School Trustee, until 10 a. m. Aug. 17 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$3,500 5% coupon school construction and equipment bonds. Denom. \$350. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Spencer National Bank of Spencer. Due \$350 on July 1 from 1925 to 1934 incl.

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by George H. McLain, County Treasurer, until 1 p. m. Aug. 17 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued int. of \$11,000 5% Wm. Woodworth et al. road impt. No. 3638, in Hanging Grove Twp., bonds. Denom. \$550. Date July 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$550 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Wheatland), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election an issue of \$74,000 5% school-building bonds was voted. These bonds had been purchased by Benwell, Phillips & Co., and Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co., both of Denver, subject to being voted. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 116, p. 2551.

JENNINGS COUNTY (P. O. Vernon), Ind.—BOND SALE.—J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis purchased the following issues of 5% coupon Pike road bonds offered on July 31—V. 117, p. 467—at par plus a premium of \$5 89, equal to 100.015, on a basis of about 4.96%: \$15,000 Simeon Tobias et al. road in Matton Twp. bonds. Denom. \$750.
6,200 Howard Couchman et al. road in Center Township 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.

JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Cleburne), Texas.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on July 21—V. 116, p. 3028—the \$40,000 Venus Road Districts bonds were defeated.

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$10,000 5% school bonds on July 25.

JOPLIN, Jasper County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Maud E. Fones, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 4 for the purchase of \$250,000 5% memorial hall bonds maturing in 20 years and optional after five years.

JUANITA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Pierce County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$2,000 certificates of indebtedness offered on July 30—V. 117, p. 351—were awarded to the C. B. Enkeman Co. of Minneapolis as 7s at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. F. & A. Due Nov. 30 1924.

KANSAS (State of)—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas has registered the following bond issues:

Amount	Place	Int. Rate	Regis.	Purpose
\$3,000	Wilson Co. Sch. Dist. No. 39	5%	July 2	School
2,700	Sumner Co. Sch. Dist. No. 89	5%	July 3	"
3,500	Osborne Co. Sch. Dist. No. 60	5%	July 3	"
4,800	Brown Co. Sch. Dist. No. 54	5%	July 3	"
1,500	Jefferson Co. Sch. Dist. No. 88	5%	July 11	"
3,700	Sedgewick Co. Sch. Dist. No. 96	5%	July 12	"
1,500	Sedgewick Co. Sch. Dist. No. 170	5%	July 12	"
3,000	Edmons	6%	July 13	Funding
4,000	Atchison Co. Sch. Dist. No. 71	5%	July 20	School
3,000	Lyon Co. Sch. Dist. No. 57	5%	July 20	"
3,200	Ness Co. Sch. Dist. No. 84	5%	July 25	"
2,000	Phillips Co. Sch. Dist. No. 54	5%	July 25	"
4,000	Edwards Co. Sch. Dist. No. 12	5%	July 27	"

KANSAS CITY AND ROSEDALE, Wyandotte County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 25 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$10,000 5% military memorial bonds.

KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wyandotte County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$300,000 4 3/4% Board of Education bonds on July 30.

KATONAH FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Katonah), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York, purchased \$38,000 coupon fire district bonds as 5 1/2s at 100.08, on a basis of about 5.49%. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 10 1923. Int. M. & N. 10. Due on May 12 as follows: \$2,000, 1924, and \$4,000, 1925 to 1933 inclusive.

KENDALLVILLE, Noble County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Carl R. Ortstadt, City Clerk, until 12 m. Aug. 11 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$45,000 5% coupon electric light bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1930 to 1938 incl.

KENESAW, Adams County, Nebr.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 21 to vote on the question of issuing \$15,000 transmission line bonds. Asa Phillips, Village Clerk.

KENOSHA, Kenosha County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 23 by H. C. Laughlin, Director of Finance, for \$200,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1933, inclusive, and \$15,000, 1934 to 1943, inclusive. City will furnish lithographed bonds. Legal opinion of Chapman, Cutler & Parker, of Chicago, will also be furnished. A certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for \$1,500 required.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Vincennes), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. W. Donaldson, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 15 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$9,247.47 6% August Tilley et al. drainage bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$247.47. Date July 3 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office at the courthouse in Vincennes. Due \$1,000 yearly on June 1 from 1925 to 1933 incl. and \$247.47 1934.

LA PLATA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election an issue of \$5,000 6% school-building bonds was voted. These bonds were sold, subject to being voted, to Benwell, Phillips & Co., of Denver. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 117, p. 351.

LA RUE, Marion County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. F. Kniffin, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 25 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$4,000 6% fire apparatus equipment and purchase bonds, issued under Sec. 3939 of General Code. Denom. \$250. Date Aug. 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$500 yearly on Aug. 15 from 1924 to 1931 incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award.

LAS VEGAS, Clark County, Nev.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Aug. 27 for the purchase of \$30,000 6% highway bonds. Date July 1 1923. Due 1939; optional 1925.

LATROBE, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Council has authorized a bond issue of \$80,000 for street improvements.

LAUREL, Yellowstone County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on July 21—V. 117, p. 239—the proposition to issue \$40,000 6% water bonds carried.

These bonds, as reported in V. 117, p. 580, are to be offered on Sept. 4. An issue of \$15,000 6% water bonds was voted at the same time and will also be offered on Sept. 4.

LAWRENCE, Douglas County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$30,514.05 4 3/4% general impt. bonds on July 2.

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY (P. O. Leavenworth), Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 6 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$150,000 5% road impt. bonds.

LEETONIA, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 3 the \$350,000 5 1/2% coupon sewer and sewage disposal plant bonds offered on that date (V. 117, p. 351) were awarded to the Lewis S. Rosenthal Co. of Cincinnati at par and accrued interest plus a \$135 premium, equal to 100.38, a basis of about 5.42%. Date June 1 1923. Due \$3,500 yearly on June 1 from 1924 to 1933 incl.

LEHR, McIntosh County, No. Dak.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—The \$2,500 7% funding bonds offered on July 30—V. 117, p. 351—were not sold, as no bids were received. Due in 10 years.

LEWIS SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Clay County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,500 5% coupon school building purchase bonds offered on Aug. 1—V. 117, p. 467—were awarded to the Brazil Trust Co. of Brazil at par. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$700 each six months from July 10 1924 to July 10 1926 inclusive.

LExINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13, Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—V. E. Sparks, District Clerk, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 15 at the County Auditor's office in Crosby for the purchase of \$4,500 7% certificates of indebtedness maturing \$1,000 in six months, \$1,000 in 12 months and \$2,500 in 18 months from date of issue. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received at the same time and place (as above) by V. E. Sparks, District Clerk, for \$6,000 7% 10-year funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. A certified check for not less than 5% of bid required.

LIBERTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Oldham County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 school bonds declared valid by the Court of Appeals on March 24 (see V. 116, p. 1454) were sold on June 18 to Block, Fetter & Trost at par plus a premium. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1923. Int. rate 5 1/2%, payable M.-S.

LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lincoln), Lancaster County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—During the month of June the State of Nebraska purchased \$175,000 5% school bonds at par. Date Nov. 1 1921. Due Nov. 5 1951; optional on or after 3 years on any int. paying date.

BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$1,203,000 bonds offered on July 31—V. 117, p. 351—were rejected.

LITCHVILLE, Barnes County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—T. J. Kinnberg, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 16 for \$1,800 7% funding bonds. Date Aug. 15 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due in five years. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the Village, required.

CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—The above official will also receive bids at the same time for \$1,500 certificates of indebtedness. Date Aug. 15 1923. Bidder to name rate of interest. Due in six months. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

LITCHVILLE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (P. O. Litchville), Barnes County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. W. Nelson, County Auditor, at his office in Valley City until 2 p. m. Aug. 15 for \$5,000 certificates of indebtedness maturing April 1 1924. A certified check for 5% of amount bid required.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY (P. O. Howell), Mich.—BOND SALE.—Blanchet, Thornburgh & Vandersall of Toledo have purchased the \$50,000 road bonds offered on Aug. 8 (V. 117, p. 580) as 5s for \$50,735, equal to 101.47, a basis of about 4.85%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$5,000 1927 and \$45,000 1938.

LOGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska purchased \$10,000 5% school bonds at par during the month of July. Date June 15 1923. Due June 15 1924 to 1933 incl.; optional any interest paying date.

LOVELAND, Larimer County, Colo.—30-DAY OPTION TAKEN TO PURCHASE BONDS.—Bosworth, Chanute & Co. and Boetcher, Porter & Co., both of Denver, have jointly taken a 30-day option to purchase \$120,000 4 3/4% water bonds at 101.18.

LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 59, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$10,000 5% serial bonds on Aug. 2.

LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Texas registered \$8,000 5% serial bonds on Aug. 2.

McKEES MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Humboldt County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On May 15 J. A. Urquhart of Eureka purchased \$8,000 6% school bonds at a premium of \$425, equal to 105.31.

MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Granada), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on April 10—V. 116, p. 1454—were awarded to the Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis at par plus \$500 for legal expenses and bonds. Date April 1 1923. Due April 1 1938.

McKENZIE COUNTY (P. O. Schafer), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$25,000 7% certificates of indebtedness offered on July 21—V. 117, p. 352—were awarded to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis. Due Jan. 1 1925.

McKINNEY TOWNSHIP, Renville County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—John J. Norberg, Township Clerk, will receive bids at the

County Auditor's office in Mohall until 2 p. m. to-day (Aug. 11) for \$3,000 7% bonds. A certified check for 5% of bid required. A like amount of bonds was offered on Aug. 4—V. 117, p. 352.

MANCHESTER, Hartford County, Conn.—BONDS OFFERED.—G. H. Waddell, Town Treasurer, received sealed bids until 3 p. m. (standard time) Aug. 10 for \$54,000 4 1/2% coupon "Public Improvement" bonds. Issued in denom. of \$1,000 each, dated July 1 1923, and payable \$5,000 on July 1 in each of the years 1924 to 1932 incl., and \$9,000 July 1 1933. Both prin. and int. (J. & J. 15) payable at First Nat. Bank of Boston, in Boston. These bonds are said to be tax-exempt in Connecticut and are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with said bank, where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about Monday, Aug. 13 1923, at the First Nat. Bank of Boston, in Boston.

Debt Statement June 26 1923

Grand list Oct. 1 1922	\$33,799,165
Refunding bonds, Serial 1924 to 1931	120,000
Main Street improvement bonds, serial 1924 to 1932	90,000
\$ 210,000	

Population, 1920, 18,370.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by C. E. Rhoads, City Auditor, until 12 m. Aug. 23 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$66,450 5 1/2% (city's share) street impt. bonds issued under Sec. 3939 of Gen. Code. Denom. one for \$1,450 and 65 for \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$7,450 1924; \$7,000 1925 to 1930 incl., and \$6,000 1931 to 1935 incl. Cert. check for 2% of the amount, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—James N. Wright & Co. of Denver have purchased \$18,000 6% school bonds. Date July 15 1923. Int. J.-J. 15. Due in 20 years.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 6% highway bonds offered on Aug. 6—V. 117, p. 352—were disposed of. Date July 25 1923. Bonds mature \$25,000 in 10 years and \$25,000 in 15, 20 and 25 years.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Shoals), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,800 4 1/2% Oma Strange et al. road bonds, offered on Mar. 12 (V. 116, p. 1095), were awarded to the City Trust Co. of Indianapolis at par. Date Mar. 10 1923. Due \$640 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Fillmore), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. and the Minneapolis Trust Co., both of Minneapolis, have jointly purchased \$85,000 4 3/4% road bonds at par plus a premium of \$515, equal to 100.605.

MAUMEE, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 6% street bonds offered on Mar. 5 (V. 116, p. 745) were awarded to Campbell & Co. of Toledo:

\$27,970 Harrison Ave. improvement bonds. Denom. 1 for \$220, 16 for \$500, 1 for \$750 and 19 for \$1,000. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$1,970 1924; \$3,000 1925 to 1930 incl., and \$4,000 1931 and 1932.

19,520 Conant St. improvement bonds. Denom. 1 for \$450, 37 for \$500, 1 for \$570. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$2,020 1924; \$2,000 1925 to 1929 incl., and \$2,500 1930 to 1932 incl. Date Mar. 15 1923.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL NO. 10 (P. O. Charlotte), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 6% school bonds offered on Aug. 6—V. 117, p. 352—have been disposed of.

MEDINA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Medina), Medina County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. E. Aylard, Clerk Board of Ed., will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Aug. 15 for \$80,000 5% school bonds, issued under Sec. 7630-1 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$3,800 and one for \$4,000. Date June 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924, and \$3,800, 1925 to 1944 incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the Board of Education, required.

MENARD COUNTY (P. O. Menard), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held on Sept. 1 a proposition to issue \$60,000 road bonds will be submitted to a vote of the people.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Peru), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On June 26 the three issues of 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on that date (V. 116, p. 2802) were awarded as follows:

\$7,560 Julius Pritz et al. road in Allen Twp. bonds to the First National Bank of Peru at par. Denom. \$378.

15,100 Wm. E. Davies et al. road in Deer Creek Twp. bonds to the Farmers' State Bank of Miami at par. Denom. \$775.

3,100 Fred Rober et al. road in Tipton Twp. bonds to the Wabash Valley Trust Co. of Peru at par. Denom. \$155.

Date June 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. The \$6,960 D. A. Miller et al. bonds offered at the same time were not sold.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Troy), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—T. B. Radabaugh, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 15 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$6,200 5 1/2% coupon "Experiment Farm Road No. 36 Improvement bonds," issued under Secs. 6907 to 6927, inclusive, of the Gen. Code. Date April 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.), payable at the Court House at the County Treasury in Troy. The bonds are to be issued in Series A, B and C to pay the County, Townships and Landowners' portion of the cost and expenses of said improvement. Series A is to pay the portion of said improvement to be paid by the county, Series B is to pay the portion of said improvement to be paid by the township, and Series C is to pay the portion of said improvement to be paid by the landowners. Series "A": Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$370 1924 and \$200 thereafter on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1933, incl.; Series "B": Due \$370 Oct. 1 1924 and \$200 thereafter on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1933, inclusive; Series "C": Due \$60 Oct. 1 1924 and \$200 thereafter on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1933, incl. Certified check on some solvent bank for 5% of the amount, payable to the above Auditor. The bonds are to be delivered at the office of the County Treasurer at Troy, not later than 10 days from time of award.

Financial Condition.

True valuation	\$125,000,000
Assessed valuation	89,908,360
Total bonded debt	497,975
Population	48,480

MICHIGAN CITY, La Porte County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5% water works bonds offered on Aug. 1—V. 116, p. 3029—have been awarded to Thompson, Kent & Grace, Inc., of Chicago, at par plus a premium of \$31, equal to 100.07, a basis of about 4.99%. Date July 1 1923. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1928 inclusive, and \$3,000, 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (P. O. New Brunswick), N. J.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—The two issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$590,500, offered on Aug. 2 (V. 117, p. 352), were not sold, as no bids were received.

MILAN COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Cameron), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$32,000 5 1/2% bonds offered on Feb. 28—V. 116, p. 851—were purchased by the First Municipal Bond & Mtge. Co. of Dallas at 97.30. Date Jan. 12 1922.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that Dan C. Brown, will receive bids until Aug. 29 for the purchase of \$1,405,822 garbage disposal and general improvement bonds.

MODESTO, Stanislaus County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. A. Love, City Clerk, until 8 p. m. Aug. 22 for the purchase of the following two issues of 7% assessment bonds, aggregating \$63,696.38:

\$41,885.42 street improvement bonds.

\$21,810.96 street improvement bonds.

Date July 6 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Cert. check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the city, required.

MONTROSE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Paradox), Colo.—BOND SALE.—The United States National Co. of Denver has purchased \$4,000 6% funding bonds. Date May 1 1923.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Monroe), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$61,000 South Otter Creek Road District No. 33 bonds, offered on Aug. 2 (V. 117, p. 468) were awarded as 5 1/8 to Keane, Higbie & Co., of Detroit, at par plus a premium of \$237 90—equal to 100.37. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Interest M. & N. Due for ten years.

MONTEFIORE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF McLEAN COUNTY (Known also as the Board of Education of the City of Wilton), No. Dak.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—The \$25,000 5 1/4% school bonds offered on July 21—V. 117, p. 352—were not sold as no bids were received. Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000 1924 to 1938, inclusive, and \$3,000 1939 to 1943, inclusive.

MOORESVILLE, Iredell County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Geo. B. Burr & Co. and the Kauffman-Smith-Emert & Co., Inc., of St. Louis purchased the \$150,000 coupon (registerable as to principal only) street impt. bonds offered on Aug. 6 (V. 117, p. 468). Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable in gold in New York. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$10,000 1925 to 1934 incl. and \$5,000 1935 to 1944 incl.

MORAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Moran), Shackelford County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$45,000 6% serial bonds on Aug. 1.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. S. Whitaker, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Aug. 18 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$5,424 50 Arch Shilman et al., free gravel road in Washington Township, bonds. Denom. \$271 20. Date July 15 1923. Interest M. & N. 15. Due \$271 20 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. All payments are to be made at the County Treasurer's office.

MORGAN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Vandalia), Owen County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. H. Robertson, Township School Trustee until 10 a. m. Aug. 17 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$4,500 5% coupon school bldg. construction bonds. Denom. \$375. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Spencer National Bank of Spencer. Due \$375 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1936.

MT. AIRY, Surry County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 16 by F. M. Poore, Town Secretary-Treasurer, for the following 5 1/4% bonds: \$35,000 street impt. bonds. Due 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. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Town Treasurer, required. Bonds are offered subject to the approval of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. All expenses of printing bonds and attorneys' fees to be paid by the Board of Commissioners. These bonds were offered on July 31, but were not sold. See V. 117, p. 581.

NAPLES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Naples), Morris County, Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held July 31—V. 117, p. 353—the proposition to issue \$15,000 school bldg. bonds failed to carry by 40 votes.

NAVARRO COUNTY (P. O. Corsicana), Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on July 28 the proposition to issue \$4,750,000 road bonds failed to carry.

NELIGH, Antelope County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—During the month of June the State of Nebraska purchased \$9,000 7% district paving bonds at par. Date May 1 1922. Due May 1 1934 to 1936 incl.

NELSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67, McLean County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by Miss E. M. Lillehaugan, Clerk (P. O. Township 150 N. Range 81 W. Benedict), until 1:30 p. m. Aug. 15 for \$5,000 certificates of indebtedness. Bids should be addressed to the County Auditor at Washburn. A certificate check for 5% of bid required.

NEOSHO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$15,000 5% school bonds on July 25.

NEW BUNKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Marksville), Avoyelles Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—C. E. Laborde, Secretary of the Parish School Board, will receive sealed proposals until 10 a. m. Aug. 28 for \$150,000 school bonds. Date Aug. 1 1923. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. Due in 20 years. A certified check for \$3,000 on some national bank doing business in Louisiana, payable to the President of the School Board, must accompany all bids.

NEW CASTLE, Lawrence County, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Council has authorized the issuance of \$125,000 improvement bonds.

NEW LEIPZIG, Grant County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Orville Williams, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 17 for \$5,000 funding bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 10 years. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

NEW RICHMOND, Logan County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 5% refunding bonds offered on July 30—V. 117, p. 468—were awarded to the New Richmond National Bank of New Richmond at par from 1924 to 1927, incl.

NEW SMYRNA, Volusia County, Fla.—NO WARRANTS ISSUED.—In reply to our inquiry regarding the disposition of the \$25,000 6% coupon warrants offered on Feb. 1 (V. 116, p. 204), R. L. Madgett, City Auditor, says: "Warrants not issued and will not be unless needed. This was a provisional measure to pay for new engine, but will pay out of earnings of a light plant, if possible."

NEW WASHINGTON, Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. R. Shoup, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 8 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$16,484 86 6¢ special assessment Center Street improvement bonds, issued under Secs. 3914 et seq. and 2295-9 of Gen. Code. Denom. 20 for \$500, 6 for \$648 49 and 4 for \$648 49. Date July 1 1923. Interest semi-annually. Certified check for 1% of amount, payable to the Village Treasurer required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within 10 days from time of award.

NORTH DAKOTA (State of)—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the \$2,500,000 5% real estate series bonds offered unsuccessfully on July 18—V. 117, p. 468—\$1,600,000 were awarded as 5 1/8 to a syndicate composed of Stacy & Braun, of New York, and the Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis Trust Co., Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., and the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., all of Minneapolis, at a private sale. The bonds are dated July 1 1923 and mature on Jan. 1 as follows: \$100,000 1939, \$750,000 1944, \$500,000 1949 and \$250,000 1952. The bonds are now being offered to investors by the above syndicate at prices to yield 5%.

BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—The following two issues of bonds offered at the same time have not been sold as yet: \$700,000 5 1/4% milling series. Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$250,000 1928 and \$150,000 1931 to 1933, incl. 300,000 5 1/4% mill and elevator series. Due July 1 1937.

NORTH PLATTE, Lincoln County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska purchased \$90,000 5% intersection paving bonds at par during the month of July. Date April 1 1923. Due April 1 1943, optional April 1 1928.

NORTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 14 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$6,000 5% school bonds.

OAKLEY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Asheville), Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—F. L. Walls, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Aug. 28 for \$40,000 5 1/4% or 6% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1934, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1935 to 1949, inclusive. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. A certified check for 2% of issue, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

OMAHA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Omaha), Douglas County, Neb.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Aug. 20 by W. T. Bourke, Secretary Board of Education, for \$1,500,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) school notes. Denom. \$500 or multiples at option of purchaser. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due Aug. 1 1924. Prin. and interest payable at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City. Notes are to be furnished and printed by the purchaser. All proposals must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check on a national bank for \$25,000, payable to the School District required. The District will furnish the opinion of Wood & Oakley of Chicago, approving the validity of said notes and the legality of all proceedings leading up to their issuance.

ONAGA CITY, Pottawatomie County, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 27 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$5,000 4 1/4% refunding bonds.

OTTER TAIL COUNTY (P. O. Fergus Falls), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 2 p. m. Aug. 22 the County Auditor will receive sealed bids for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 6% road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. interest payable at some bank in Minnesota. Due Aug. 1 1926. Certified check for 2% of the amount, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

PEND OREILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Newport), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 school bonds offered on Aug. 3 (V. 117, p. 469) were awarded to the State of Washington as 6s at par.

PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pemberton), Shelby County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5 1/4% bonds offered on Aug. 2 (V. 117, p. 469) were awarded to Poor & Co. and the Lewis S. Rosenstiel Co. at par. Date Aug. 2 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1938, inclusive. There were no other bidders.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Government of)—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The syndicate (composed of Hallgarten & Co., White, Weld & Co., Blair & Co., Inc., and the Chase Securities Corp.), which purchased the \$2,000,000 4 1/2% coupon irrigation and permanent public works bonds, as stated in V. 117, p. 582, is now offering the bonds to investors at prices to yield 4.70% in an advertisement appearing on a previous page of this issue.

PIERCE COUNTY (P. O. Blackshear), Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 6% road bonds offered on March 26—V. 116, p. 1096—have been sold. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1939, incl., and \$2,000, 1940 to 1949, incl.

PLANO, Callin County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Aug. 7 to vote on the question of issuing \$65,000 school building bonds. This election was scheduled to take place on June 23, but, as stated in V. 117, p. 117, it was postponed.

POINTE COUPEE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. New Roads), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5 1/4% coupon school-erection bonds offered on July 31 (V. 116, p. 3030), were awarded to Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., of New Orleans, as 5 1/8, at a premium of \$1,459, equal to 101.45. Date July 1 1923. Due serially, 1 to 40 years.

POPLAR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bakersfield), Kern County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—F. E. Smith, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 27 for \$6,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1929, inclusive. A certified check for 10%, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, required.

PORT DEPOSIT, Cecil County, Md.—BOND OFFERING.—John F. Mohrlein, Corporation Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (standard time) Aug. 20 for \$8,000 5% coupon or registered "Port Deposit General Purpose Bonds." Denom. to suit purchaser not to exceed \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. The bonds will run from 15 to 30 years and may be callable, in whole or in part, by lot at any time, 15 years from date of issue.

PORTLAND, Ionia County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Local banks have purchased the \$12,500 5% coupon oil-burning engine bonds offered on Feb. 14 (V. 117, p. 54)—at a premium of \$60—equal to 100.48. Date March 1 1923. Due serially.

PORT LAVACA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Port Lavaca), Calhoun County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$6,000 5% 5-20-year school bonds on July 31.

POTTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pottsville), Schuylkill County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On June 13 the Schuylkill Trust Co. of Pottsville purchased \$55,000 4 1/2% school-building bonds at par. Date July 1 1923. Interest J. & J. Due July 1 1923.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election an issue of \$9,000 6% 20-30-year (opt.) building bonds was voted. These bonds had been sold, subject to being voted, to Joseph D. Grigsby & Co. of Pueblo. Notice of said election and sale was given in V. 116, p. 2678.

OUACHITA PARISH (P. O. Monroe), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 22 by W. A. O'Kelly, Clerk of the Police Jury, for \$400,000 5% court house and jail bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F.-A.), payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2 1/2% of issue, required.

QUITMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Quitman), Wood County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—By a majority of 2 the voters approved the issuance of \$8,000 6% school equipment and repair bonds at the election held on July 21—V. 117, p. 354.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Winchester), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$71,000 5% James H. Bailey et al. road in Wayne Township bonds offered on Aug. 6—V. 117, p. 582—have been awarded to the Merchants National Bank of Muncie at 100.214, a basis of about 4.96%. Denom. \$710. Int. M. & N. 15. Due for a period of ten years.

RAY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ray), La Moure County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by L. R. Aaralus, Clerk of the School Board, until 3 p. m. Aug. 15 for \$5,000 5 1/4% building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.), payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. Due April 1 1923. A certified check for not less than 5% of bid required.

RENNVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25, Bottineau County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by Myrtle Van Newkirk, District Clerk, at the County Auditor's office in Bottineau until Aug. 11 for \$8,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$3,000, Dec. 11 1923; \$2,000, March 11 1924, and \$3,000, Oct. 11 1924. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

RIDGEVILLE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ridgeville), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$160,000 5 1/4% coupon deficiency bonds offered on July 20—V. 117, p. 117—were awarded to Stacy & Braun and the Detroit Trust Co., both of Detroit, at par plus a premium of \$256—equal to 100.16, a basis of about 5.23%. Date May 1 1923. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000 in each of the even years from 1924 to 1938, incl.; \$7,000 in each of the odd years from 1925 to 1939, incl., and \$7,000 will also mature yearly from 1940 to 1947, incl.

RIPLEY COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,200 4 1/4% Robert Lawless et al. road in Otter Creek Twp. bonds offered on Aug. 6—V. 117, p. 469—were awarded to the Versailles Bank at par. Denom. \$310. Date Aug. 6 1923. Due \$310 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. There were no other bidders.

ROCHESTER, Beaver County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held recently the voters approved the issuance of bonds by the borough to the extent of \$77,000, \$45,000 to be used for refunding purposes and \$34,000 for street improvements.

ROLLING PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, Foster County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by James Potter, Clerk of the Township Board, until 8 p. m. Aug. 11 for \$1,200 7% funding bonds. Denom. \$200. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due Aug. 1 1928.

ROSEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Alamo), Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Until 10 a. m. Aug. 15 bids will be received by Mrs. Wm. Hasselstrom, District Clerk, at the

County Auditor's office in Crosby for the purchase of \$3,000 7% certificates of indebtedness maturing \$1,000 in 6 months, 12 months and 18 months from date of issue. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. A cert. check for 5% of issue required.

BOND OFFERING.—The above official will also receive bids at the same time and place for \$3,000 7% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Due in 10 years. A cert. check for 5% of bid required.

ROYAL OAK, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—Whiteley, McLean & Co., and Watling, Lerchen & Co., have purchased the following bonds at par plus a premium of \$1,224—equal to 100.29: Storm sewers, \$130,000; water main extensions and hydrants, \$100,000; sanitary sewer lines and sewage-disposal plant addition, \$260,000; city's share of pavements already authorized, \$50,000; settlement with Royal Oak Township, \$20,000. These bonds were voted at an election held on June 25 (V. 117 p. 241). Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Interest semi-annual.

RUNNELS COUNTY (P. O. Ballinger), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election an issue of \$10,000 Crews School District bonds and an issue of \$6,000 Mazeland School District were voted.

RUSH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 9 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$22,500 5% school bonds.

RUSH LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pierce County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. B. Shanbeck, District Clerk, at the County Auditor's office in Rugby until 2 p. m. Aug. 20 for \$1,500 certificates of indebtedness. Bidder to name rate of interest. A cert. check for 5% of bid, payable to Mrs. J. Wm. Steen, District Treasurer, required.

ST. MARYS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. St. Marys), Auglaize County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 2 the \$96,000 5% new school building bonds offered on that date (V. 117, p. 355) were awarded to the First National Bank of St. Marys at par and accrued interest. Date Aug. 2 1923. Due \$4,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1947, inclusive.

SABINE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$10,000 5½% serial bonds on July 31.

SABINE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 9, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 31 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$15,000 5½% serial bonds.

SABINE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 10, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 31 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$90,000 5½% serial bonds.

SADDLE BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Golden Valley County, No. Dak.—NO BONDS ISSUED—CERTIFICATES SOLD.—The \$1,500 funding bonds offered on April 7 (V. 116, p. 1322) were not issued. W. G. Conkley, County Treasurer, says: "This district decided not to issue bonds, and sold \$2,000 worth of certificates of indebtedness at 7% maturing in eighteen months."

SALINE AND OTTAWA COUNTIES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, Kan.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 25 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$5,000 5% school bonds.

SALISBURY, Rowan County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 coupon school bonds offered on Aug. 7—V. 117, p. 469—were awarded to the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis and the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at 5¼s at a premium of \$455, equal to 100.45, a basis of about 5.22%. Date July 1 1923. 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.

SAN ANGELO, Tom Green County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on July 31 a proposition to issue \$25,000 5% school bonds carried by a vote of 157 to 46.

SCHLEICHER COUNTY (P. O. Eldorado), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 31 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$60,000 5½% court house bonds.

SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Scottsburg), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 5% W. A. Wynman et al road in Vienna Township bonds offered on Aug. 1 (V. 117, p. 242) have been awarded to the Scottsburg State Bank of Scottsburg for \$12,035—equal to 100.27—a basis of about 4.95%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$60 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

SEDEGWICK COUNTY (P. O. Wichita), Kas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 16 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$200,000 4½% permanent road bonds.

SENECA, Oconee County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The Commissioner of Public Works of Seneca have purchased the \$25,000 5% coupon street and sidewalk bonds offered on Aug. 1 (V. 117, p. 355) at par. Date July 1 1923. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 in each of the years 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943 and 1948.

SHARON, Mercer County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—On Sept. 18 an election will be held on the proposition to increase the bonded indebtedness of the city \$200,000 to provide for a sewage disposal plant.

SHEBOYGAN FALLS, Sheboygan County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5% water-works bonds offered on Aug. 1 (V. 117, p. 242) were awarded to the State Bank of Sheboygan Falls at par plus a premium of \$150, equal to a basis of about 4.95%. Date Feb. 1 1923. Due \$1,500 yearly from 1924 to 1943, inclusive.

SHELBY, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Bert Fix, Director of Finance, until 12 m. Aug. 15 for \$16,000 6% street repair bonds, issued under Sec. 3939 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1932 incl. Cert. check for 2% of the amount, payable to the above official, required.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The City Trust Co. of Indianapolis has purchased the following two issues of 5% road construction bonds offered on Aug. 6 (V. 117, p. 583) for \$15,297, equal to 100.37, a basis of about 4.93%: \$13,360 J. P. Mahan et al in Hanover Twp. bonds. Denom. \$668. \$1,880 E. C. Wortman et al in Hanover Twp. bonds. Denom. \$594. Date July 30 1923. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933 incl.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Sidney), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Lewis S. Rosenstiel & Co. of Cincinnati, purchased \$30,000 5½% bridge bonds for \$30,005—equal to 100.016. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Interest J. & J. Due \$6,000 yearly from 1925 to 1929, inclusive.

SHERIDAN, Sheridan County, Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 27 by A. L. Heif, City Clerk, for \$4,500 negotiable coupon bonds.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Auditor of Kansas registered \$7,000 5% school bonds on July 6.

SHOEMAKERSVILLE, Berks County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—The Borough Secretary will receive bids until Aug. 7 for the purchase of \$10,000 borough bonds.

SHORT CREEK SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Columbus), No. Dak.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—The \$50,000 5% 20-year funding bonds offered on March 26 (V. 116, p. 1456) have not been sold as yet.

SOLVAY, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 5% public improvement bonds offered on Aug. 7—V. 117, p. 583—were awarded to H. L. Allen & Co. of New York for \$203,400—equal to 101.700—a basis of about 4.82%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$8,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1928 to 1952, incl. Other bidders were: Union National Corp. \$200,540; William R. Compton Co. \$202,375; Barr Brothers & Co. \$201,194; Sherwood & Merrifield. \$202,500; Clark Williams & Co. \$202,040; Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. \$202,620.

STONEVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32, Divide County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—O. Johnson, District Clerk, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Aug. 15 at the County Auditor's office in Crosby for \$7,000 10-year school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Interest rate not to exceed 7%. A cert. check for 5% of bid required.

CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—The above official will also receive bids at the same time and place for the purchase of \$5,000 7% certificates of indebtedness, maturing in 18 months. A cert. check for 5% of bid required.

SOUTHMONTH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lexington), Davidson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 6% coupon or registered school bonds offered on July 28 (V. 117, p. 355) have been disposed of at 103.92—a basis of about 5.55%. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due \$1,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1926 to 1945, inclusive.

STERLING, Rice County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 20 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$16,500 4½% street imp. bonds.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Hopkins County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that an issue of \$40,000 reservoir and \$10,000 street paving bonds has been awarded to a Chicago firm at par.

These bonds were registered by the State Comptroller of Texas on July 30.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo purchased an issue of \$26,000 5½% road imp. bonds for \$26,231.14—equal to 100.88. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Interest A. & O. Due 1924 to 1929.

SUMNER COUNTY (P. O. Wellington), Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 31 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$152,000 4¾% road imp. bonds.

SUMTER COUNTY (P. O. Sumter), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. Aug. 16 by J. J. Brennan, Secretary of the Permanent Road Commission, for all or any part of \$1,000,000 registerable as to principal, road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in New York. Int. rate 4½ or 5%. Due in 30 years. A certified check for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, upon a national bank in any locality, required. Bonds are to be prepared and printed by purchaser, who is also to procure legal opinion as to their validity, all costs and expenses connected with such preparation, printing and procuring legal opinion to be paid by purchaser.

SYLVANIA, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of 5½% refunding bonds offered on Aug. 3—V. 117, p. 355—have been awarded to the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Sylvania at par and accrued interest.

\$3,180 Erie Street bonds. Denom. 5 for \$500, 2 for \$250 and 1 for \$180. Due yearly as follows: \$500, 1924; \$680, 1925; \$500, 1926; \$750, 1927 and 1928. Certified check for \$300, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

10,112 Summit Street bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except bond No. 11 for \$112. Due yearly as follows: \$2,000, 1924 to 1927, incl., and \$2,112, 1928. Certified check for \$500, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Date Aug. 1 1923.

TEKAMAH, Burt County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—During the month of June the State of North Dakota purchased \$138,125 38 5% district paving bonds at par. Date June 15 1923. Due June 15 1943, optional any time.

TETON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Driggs), Ida.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5½% refunding bonds offered on July 30 (V. 117, p. 355) were purchased by James N. Stewart & Co. Denom. \$1,000. Interest J. & J. Due 1934, optional after ten years.

TEXAS (State of)—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following bonds have been registered by the State Comptroller of Texas:

Amount.	Place.	Due.	Int.	Date Reg.
\$2,000	Sabine Co. Road Dist. No. 8	serial	5½%	July 31
1,000	Crosgo Co. Com. S. D. No. 4	10-20-yrs.	5%	July 31
2,000	Bell Co. Com. S. D. No. 58	20 years	6%	July 31
1,500	Jones Co. Com. S. D. No. 17	5-20 yrs.	6%	July 31
1,500	McLennan Co. Com. S. D. No. 12	10-20 yrs.	6%	Aug. 1
2,000	McLennan Co. Com. S. D. No. 25	10-20 yrs.	6%	Aug. 1
3,500	Henderson & Kauffman Co. Com. S. D.			
	No. 59	20 years	5%	Aug. 1
1,275	Ellis Co. Com. S. D. No. 94	serial	5%	Aug. 2

THREE SPRINGS BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Three Springs), Huntington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of Education will receive bids until Aug. 7 for the purchase of \$8,000 new school building bonds.

TOMPKINS COUNTY (P. O. Ithaca), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Fred L. Clock, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, until 12 m. (standard time) Aug. 22 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$200,000 4½% coupon road imp. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (E. & A.) payable at the First National Bank of Ithaca. Due \$10,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1924 to 1943 incl. Certified check for 2% of the amount, payable to the County required.

Financial Statement.
Assessed valuation.....\$33,705,335
Present bonded indebtedness.....59,000

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 2 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$11,851.66 4¾% general imp. bonds.

TRAILL COUNTY (P. O. Hillsboro), No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—At the offering on Aug. 1, Paine Webber & Co. of Minneapolis purchased \$27,749.45 drainage bonds at 5¼s at a premium of \$200, equal to 100.72, a basis of about 5.68%. Date July 1 1923. Due July 1 1938. Bonds were offered in an amount not to exceed \$28,470.25.

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY (P. O. New Phila), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,500 5½% bridge bonds offered on Aug. 7—V. 117, p. 583—have been awarded to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati at par and accrued interest, plus a premium of \$17.55—equal to 100.382—a basis of about 5.40%. Date July 1 1923. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1927, incl., and \$1,500, 1928. The \$79,500 5½% J. C. H. No. 408, Sec. "L," imp. bonds offered on Aug. 7—V. 117, p. 470—were awarded to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$238.50—equal to 100.30—a basis of about 5.42%. Date July 1 1923. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1924 to 1927, incl., and \$15,500, 1928.

TWIN HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Towner County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Oliver Barnhart, District Clerk, until 4 p. m. Aug. 14 at the County Auditor's office in Cando for the purchase of \$2,000 certificates of indebtedness to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$500. Due in 12 months. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Liberty), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 5% coupon John E. Kauffman et al. road bonds offered on July 31—V. 117, p. 355—were awarded to the Union County National Bank of Liberty for \$28,051.75—equal to 100.18. Denom. \$700. Date June 4 1923.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Marysville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Lemuel P. Sherman, Auditor and Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Central standard time) Aug. 11 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following issues of 6% county road imp. bonds, issued under Sec. 6929 of Gen. Code: \$2,800 Bridgeport road bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$7,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1925 to 1928 incl.

12,500 Freshwater road bonds. Denom. \$500. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,500 1925 and \$3,000 1926 to 1928 incl.

11,800 Southardton road bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$300. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1925 to 1927 incl., and \$28,000 1928.

4,200 Maskill road bonds. Denom. \$500 and one for \$200. Due \$1,000 from Aug. 1 1925 to 1927 incl. and \$1,200 Aug. 1 1928.

Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Cert. check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the County Auditor, required. Bonds to be delivered at the said Auditor's office.

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Westfield), Emmons County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 20 by Andy Redenberg, District Clerk, for \$5,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. Date Aug. 20 1923. Int. annually. Due Aug. 20 1924.

UNIONTOWN, Fayette County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh on June 2 purchased \$300,000 4¾% street imp. bonds for \$305,585.85—equal to 101.861. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1923. Interest M. & N. Due \$50,000 every five years.

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on July 27 the voters defeated a bond issue of \$225,000 for a two-unit consolidated school district by a count of 222 "for" to 256 "against" the issue.

VERDE IRRIGATION POWER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, Ariz.—BONDS VOTED.—Our Western representative advises us in a special telegraphic dispatch that an issue of \$23,000,000 bonds has been voted by this district.

VERMILION PARISH SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Abbeville), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Sept. 8 by Rom. P. Le Blanc, Secretary of the Police Jury, for \$130,000 road bonds. A cert. check for \$2,600 required.

VERNON, Willbarger County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election an issue of \$110,000 5 1/2% school building bonds was voted by a count of 364 to 40. These bonds were offered and sold subject to being voted at said election. Notice of the sale was given in V. 116, p. 3032.

WALLACE SPECIAL TAX ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Milton), Santa Rosa County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—R. B. Hobbs, Supt. Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids for \$8,000 6% coupon bonds until 12 m. Aug. 17. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at a place of purchaser's choice. Due Sept. 1 1943. A cert. check for \$100 required.

WARD COUNTY (P. O. Minot), No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the Second National Bank, the Union National Bank and the Scandinavian American Bank, all of Minot, have jointly purchased \$250,000 5 1/2% 20-year county bonds.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Humboldt County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,000 6% school bonds offered on April 10—V. 116, p. 1575—were awarded to the Home Savings Bank of Eureka at a premium of \$400, equal to 105.71. Date March 20 1923. Due \$500 1925 to 1938 inclusive.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Milton), Wayne County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William H. Miller, School Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Aug. 31 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$72,000 5% new grade and high school construction bonds. Denom. \$500, except every fifth bond for \$400. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Washington Township Bank of Milton. Due \$2,400 each six months from July 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1937, and \$4,800, July 1 1937 to Jan. 1 1938 incl. Certified check for \$500, payable to the above official, required. A transcript of the proceedings of this issue will be furnished by the above Trustee.

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT, Md.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 6 the \$500,000 4 1/2% bonds offered on that date (V. 117, p. 470) were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., Stein Bros. & Boyce and Townsend, Scott & Son, all of Baltimore, at 95.29, a basis of about 4.80%, if called at optional date, and 4.75% if allowed to run for full maturity. Date July 1 1923. Due in 50 years, optional in 30 years.

WEBSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska purchased \$15,000 6% school bonds at par during the month of June. Date July 1 1922. Due July 1 1942; optional 10 years from date on any interest paying date.

WEST DE PERE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. West De Pere), Brown County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the State Bank of De Pere was awarded an issue of \$20,000 school bonds.

WEST HICKORY, Catawba County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 6% street bonds offered on Aug. 1—V. 117, p. 242—were awarded to Durfee, Niles & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$240, equal to 102, a basis of about 5.75%. Date July 1 1923. Due \$500, 1926 to 1937 inclusive, and \$1,000, 1938 to 1943 inclusive.

WEST PLAINS, Howell County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 6% 1-10-year (optional) water system bonds offered on Feb. 27—V. 116, p. 854—were awarded jointly to the West Plains Bank and the First National Bank, both of West Plains, each bank taking half at 102.

WHITMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (P. O. Colfax), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The State of Washington has purchased the \$3,500 school bonds offered on July 28—V. 117, p. 356—as 6s at par. Due as follows: \$400, 1924; \$500, 1925 to 1929, and \$600, 1930. Optional 1925.

WICHITA, Sedgewick County, Kans.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 30 the State Auditor of Kansas registered \$106,951 88 4/4% paving bonds.

WILLOUGHBY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Willoughby), Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 18 by the Clerk of Board of Education for the purchase of \$16,275 5% school bonds, issued under Sections 7625 and 7628 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$750 and one for \$525. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. interest (A. & O.) payable at the Cleveland Trust Co. of Willoughby. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$750, 1924 to 1944, incl., and \$525, 1945. Certified check for \$500, payable to the Clerk, required.

WILLIS TOWNSHIP (P. O. Sawyer), Ward County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by A. L. Simpkins, Township Clerk, until 1 p. m. Aug. 11 for \$1,000 certificates of indebtedness. A certified check for not less than 5% of bid required.

WORCESTER COUNTY (P. O. Worcester), Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Aug. 7 for the purchase at discount of a temporary revenue loan of \$100,000. Date Aug. 7 1923. Due Oct. 25 1923.

WRIGHTSVILLE, Johnson County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5 1/2% sewage bonds offered on Aug. 1 (V. 117, p. 356) were awarded to the Lowry Bank & Trust Co. of Georgia at 106.01. Due Dec. 1 1949.

WYANDOT COUNTY (P. O. Upper Sandusky), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Anthony Kraus, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids

until 11:30 a. m. Aug. 13 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$6,730 39 5/8% Ridge Twp. road impt. No. 115 construction bonds, issued under Sec. 6929 of the Gen. Code. Denom. \$800 except bond No. 1 for \$330 39. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. interest (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$330 39 Sept. 1 1924 and \$800 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1925 to 1932, incl. Certified check on some solvent bank for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the County Auditor, required.

YORK COUNTY (P. O. York), Pa.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Brown Bros. & Co., Harris, Small & Co. and Biddle & Henry, all of Philadelphia, have purchased an issue of \$1,000,000 4 1/4% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) tax-free road bonds at 100.78, a basis of about 4.20%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 5 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A. 15) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$50,000 yearly on Aug. 15 from 1934 to 1953 inclusive.

Assessed valuation 1923-----\$70,386,464 00
Actual value, estimated-----211,159,392 00
Net debt, including this issue-----2,290,045 43
Ratio of net debt to assessed valuation, 3.25%. Population, census of 1910, 136,405; census of 1920, 144,521.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ACTON-VALE, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—A block of \$25,000 5 1/2% debentures has been purchased by Rene T. Leclerc of Montreal, who is now offering the debentures to investors at par. Denoms. \$100 and \$500. Date Dec. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Acton-Vale. Due serially from Dec. 1 1925 to 1962.

ARNPRIOR, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The Municipal Bankers' Corp. has purchased \$43,000 5 1/2% 30-installment bonds at 101.092, a basis of about 5.40%.

BEAUHARNOIS, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Tenders will be received by L. C. Tasse, Secretary-Treasurer, until Aug. 13 for \$40,000 5 1/2% 40-year bonds. Interest semi-annually.

DARTMOUTH, N. S.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that the Eastern Securities Co. has purchased \$6,000 5% 20-year debentures at a price of 96.37, the money costing the town approximately 5.30%. Tenders were as follows: Eastern Securities Co.-----96.37 | W. F. Mahon & Co.-----95.27
Nova Scotia Trust Co.-----96.20 | J. C. Mackintosh & Co.-----95.07
Johnston & Ward.-----96.18

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Council passed a by-law authorizing the issuance of \$13,000 school bonds.

LEVIS, Que.—BOND SALE.—Reports state that J. B. Couture of Quebec has purchased \$55,000 5 1/2% 20-installment bonds at 99—a basis of about 5.62%. Tenders were as follows: J. B. Couture, 99; Versailles, Vidrecaire, Boulais, 98.51; Le Pret Municipal, 98.43; L. G. Beaubien & Co., 98.28; Credit Anglo-Francaise, 97.87; Municipal Debenture Corp., 97.59; and Credit Canadien, Inc., 97.50.

SASKATCHEWAN (Province of) —BOND AUTHORIZATIONS.—The "Monetary Times" of Aug. 3 reports the following as a list of authorizations granted by the local government board from July 14 to July 23: School Districts.—Clover Hill, \$1,000, not exceeding 7%, 10 years.

Frieden, \$4,000, not exceeding 7%, 15-installments. Raspberry Creek, \$2,000, not exceeding 8%, 15-installments. Green Meadow, \$1,000, not exceeding 8%, 10 years. Milestone, \$20,000, 6 1/2%, 20-installments. Zazula, \$2,500, not exceeding 8%, 15-installments. Meadow Dew, \$2,000, not exceeding 7%, 10 years. Wanganui, \$1,500, not exceeding 7%, 10 installments. Pronqua, \$700, not exceeding 7%, 10 installments. Raville, \$5,500, not exceeding 7%, 10 years. Carrot River, \$500, not exceeding 8%, 5 installments. Saskatoon, \$30,000, 6%, 30 installments. Rural Telephones.—15 years, not exceeding 8%: Connaught, \$1,200; Woodleigh, \$150.

Town of Tisdale, \$11,000, not exceeding 7%, 15 years. Village of Tompkins, \$5,000, not exceeding 8%, 15 installments. City of Moose Jaw, \$2,979, 5 1/2%, 15 years.

BOND SALES.—The same publication reports bond sales as follows: School Districts.—Leask, \$13,000, 6 1/2%, 20 years, to C. C. Cross & Co. Kincaid, \$20,000, 7%, 20 years, to C. C. Cross & Co. Dixie, \$1,500, 6 3/4%, 10 years, to C. Cr. Cross & Co. Baldock, \$1,750, 6 1/2%, 10 years, to Regina P. S. Sinking Fund. McNutt, \$2,000, 7%, 7 years, to Waterman-Waterbury Co. City of Moose Jaw, \$7,400, 6%, 10 years, and \$6,600, 5 1/2%, 15 years, to C. C. Cross & Co.

SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that Matthews & Co. were the successful bidders for the \$65,000 5 1/2% 30-annual installment school, and \$23,318 6 1/2% hydro debentures maturing serially from 1938 to 1941. The price was 104.691, making the yield approximately 5.35%. The bids were as follows: Matthews & Co.-----104.691 | A. E. Ames & Co.-----103.687
Wood, Gundy & Co.-----104.43 | McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.-----103.37
Gardner, Clarke & Co.-----104.11 | Macneill, Graham & Co.-----103.246
Dymont, Anderson & Co.-----104.06 | W. A. Mackenzie & Co.-----102.74
C. H. Burgess & Co.-----103.857
Murray & Co. submitted a bid of 101.58 for the 5 1/2% bonds.

TERREBONNE COUNTY, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Rene T. Leclerc of Montreal has purchased and is now offering to investors at 100.40, to yield 5.45%, an issue of \$51,000 5 1/2% debentures. Denoms. \$100 and \$500. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Bank of Montreal. Due June 1 1933.

THREE RIVERS, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 "A" and "B" bonds offered on Aug. 6 (V. 117, p. 471) were awarded to A. E. Ames & Co. of Montreal as 5 1/8 at 99.847. Denom. \$100 or multiples. Date May 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due May 1 1953.

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