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### Clearing House Returns.

Returns of Bank Clearings heretofore given on this page now appear in a subsequent part of the paper. They will be found to-day on pages 1206 and 1207.

### The Financial Situation.

This year's anthracite strike was brief (the miners resume work next week), being made so by surrender, upon a full "recognition" of about everything demanded, including the eight-hour day and the 10% wage increase which is on the split-the-difference or sham compromise manner. There have been some congratulations, and Governor Pinchot has received some applause for his successful intervention. But is it really successful, and does anybody (even the miners) really deserve congratulations?

The answer goes beyond the supply and cost of fuel in the next winter. Governor Pinchot has asked the executives of thirty States to do what they can to aid him in protecting consumers against higher prices for coal, and in a letter to the President he gives his idea of how to prevent profiteering. The legitimate increased cost by the settlement, he says, is about 60 cents a ton, and the operators (who could absorb the whole, he avers, and still have abundant profits) should properly take at least 10 cents, but in any event not more than 10 cents should ever reach the consumer. To make sure that it will not, he would come back upon the carriers. He suggests a real public advantage if the Inter-State Commerce Commission "would take up and consider anew the rates charged for anthracite transportation, with a view to reducing them if justification for such reduction should be found." On his own part, he adds, he

proposes to ask the Public Service Commission in his own State "to consider anew the reasonableness of all freight rates for anthracite within the borders of Pennsylvania."

That is, besides having to face increased costs of their own fuel, the roads are asked to cut their rates on coal in order to "absorb" the increased wage granted to the miners. Vice-President Williams of the Delaware & Hudson—certainly a good authority—says that Governor Pinchot should have looked up the record more carefully, which shows that although two advances on anthracite have been granted since 1916 there has been one cut which puts anthracite relatively on a lower level than at the time of the decision in that year. Executives of other anthracite carriers agree substantially with him and on Tuesday a preliminary meeting was held, to perfect an organization for combating any attempt to force a cut in anthracite rates. Collection of evidence to be laid before the Commission will begin immediately. The roads contend (and their contention is supported by all the circumstances and conditions at this time) that they cannot stand the burden of taking over the wage increase of the miners in this manner; that the bulk of the difference between cost at the mine and the consumer's bin is in the distribution after reaching tidewater, also that coal is comparatively an unprofitable freight for carriers.

The retailers are no more ready to stand pilloried as the bad profiteers; the National Retail Coal Merchants Association filed with the Coal Commission on Wednesday a rejoinder in which they call the Pinchot settlement "a gold brick" and say they bitterly resent his ignoring the real facts already on record; if price-regulating is to be enforced upon merchants the State will have to do the business "where the inducement is not attractive to private capital or brains."

The Coal Commission has made another report, containing several safe generalizations. The public welfare demands some fixed and effective code of settling industrial disputes. No contract (says the report) is binding in America unless freely and voluntarily made; the right of a man to work must be made safe from interference "and the State must furnish protection"; the public may rightfully demand that Government shall protect it from freezing "in the midst of an abundance of coal," and unless capital and labor adopt methods for a supply of fuel "an outraged public sentiment will furnish the supply by either the army or the penitentiary." The Commission, however, fails to find, "notwithstanding many unfortunate occurrences, unlawful acts,

and unwise statements," any evidence that the United Mine Workers intend to unionize all mining by whatever means required, or that non-union operators intend to destroy that organization.

Apparently, Mr. Lewis, with all his boasting and vainglory, has been somewhat fearful of "an outraged public sentiment," or else he has caught up the hint given him, in the Commission's reference to Herrin, that both union officials and public officials, though not looking for any tragedy, had thought that the "non-union miners would be kicked out of the country and this would end it," but, unfortunately, "there came into the equation an unknown quantity." For the miner workers' body has sent out, this week, several long tales of how the Bolsheviki and those terrible Russian Reds are boring within the ranks of union labor and plotting to overturn the Government and finish destroying the world. The effort is unquestionably going on. Mr. Gompers is correctly fearful of it, for his own control of unionism resembles that of a man upon the back of a horse which is running away with him. Once start the mob spirit, and the most inflammatory talk wins against the counsels of going more slowly and pausing to consider consequences. The Herrin massacre, this attempted apology tells us, was plotted by Lithuanian Communists and led by a score who were brought across for that especial example of warning. But Lewis himself sent the wire, two days before the massacre, that "representatives of our organization are justified in treating this crowd as an outlaw organization and in viewing its members in the same light as they do any other common strike-breakers." This, he now says, "was pounced upon by the Communist agents and distorted into an excuse for attack." But that excuse will not pass. After posting such a demonic notice, its author cannot slip out by pleading that somebody took it seriously instead of as a joke and acted upon it; the incendiary might as well say that the conflagration he started was not his fault but that of the fire, for he acted in a Pickwickian sense, but the fire "distorted" his act and took it seriously. It may also be recalled that after the Herrin trials had failed the head of the Illinois District of the Lewis organization uttered a paean of triumphant joy. "Once again (he cried) the enemies of labor have been defeated." "We had felt confident all along" of the innocence of the accused, but had been somewhat uneasy because of the vengeful propaganda "carried on by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and other interests unfriendly to organized labor."

No, this latest coal "settlement" is only the old surrender. A mere armistice which puts the ultimate clinch to a finish with the gouging miners' organization a little further along in time cannot be anything more. Peace is yet to be attained.

There is little in the August report of foreign trade, issued by the Department of Commerce at Washington on Thursday, to indicate any expansion in that direction. Merchandise exports during August were slightly larger in value than during the preceding month, but with that exception were somewhat less than in any month for a year. Merchandise imports, too, were smaller than in any month for more than a year. Exports in August were valued at \$313,000,000, these figures contrasting with \$303,030,404 for July and \$301,774,517 for August 1922. Imports of merchandise in August were \$275,-

000,000 contrasting with \$287,435,239 for the preceding month and \$281,376,403 for the corresponding month a year ago. A somewhat larger movement of merchandise, both as to imports and exports, had been noted during the closing months of 1922, particularly as to imports, culminating, as to the latter, with the imports of March this year, but in recent months the movement, both as to imports and exports, has shown considerable irregularity. Merchandise imports during four of the months this year, March to June inclusive, were in excess of the value of exports during each month, a very unusual condition, but for July and now again for August, the balance is once more on the export side, exports in August being \$38,000,000 in excess of imports; in August 1922 the excess of exports over imports was \$20,398,114. For the year to date, however, imports of merchandise exceed exports by \$88,525,396. Merchandise imports for the eight months this year are valued at \$2,650,200,610, as against only \$1,952,556,052 in the eight months of last year, an increase this year of \$697,644,568. The value of merchandise exports for the eight months this year is \$2,561,675,214, which contrasts with \$2,423,535,135 for the first eight months of 1922, the increase here being only \$138,140,079.

There was a little larger movement of gold into the United States during August than in July, or June either, gold imports in August having amounted to \$32,837,397, against \$27,929,447 during July and \$19,092,208 in August 1922. Exports of gold continue very small, during August having been \$2,200,961, these figures contrasting with \$955,853, the value of gold exports in August last year. For the eight months this year gold imports were \$192,699,304 and exports \$25,015,337. For the corresponding eight months of 1922 gold imports were \$185,091,630 and exports \$11,744,036. Silver imports during August were \$6,465,949, contrasting with \$4,943,762 in August 1922 and silver exports \$7,032,221, against \$3,861,180.

The Government grain crop report issued this week indicates another three-billion corn crop from this year's growth, the fourth in the records of the Agricultural Department. On the other hand, some injury to spring wheat during the past month will result in a smaller yield for that important grain and the crop of oats will be slightly less than was indicated a month ago. Rust and somewhat smaller thrashing results are the cause of the reduced yield of spring wheat. The condition on Sept. 1, as shown by the returns to the Department of Agriculture, was 65.1% of normal. This is 4.5 points lower than on Aug. 1 and contrasts with 80.1% on Sept. 1 1922 and a 10-year average of 69.5%. The yield per acre this year is placed at 11.9 bushels, the final estimate of yield for the 1922 crop of spring wheat was 14.1 bushels per acre. The indicated yield of spring wheat this year is now estimated at 221,000,000 bushels; a month ago the yield was placed at 225,000,000 bushels, while the final yield of the 1922 crop was 275,887,000 bushels. With a winter wheat crop of 568,000,000 bushels the total yield of wheat this year will be 789,000,000 bushels as against 862,091,000 bushels, the final estimate of yield for 1922, the crop of wheat this year being less than for any year since 1917—in fact during the past ten years there have been only two years, 1916 and 1917, when the total yield of wheat was smaller than the figure

at which it is now put for 1923. The loss in condition in spring wheat during the past month has been almost entirely in North Dakota, where the average on Sept. 1 was 49% of normal, seven points below that of Aug. 1 this year and contrasting with 87% for the corresponding period of 1922. In Minnesota there was an improvement during August this year in the condition of the spring wheat crop, likewise in Washington. In South Dakota the condition this year was the same on both dates.

The condition of the corn crop on Sept. 1 was practically the same as a month earlier—83.3%, contrasting with 84% on the earlier date; a year ago the condition was 78.6%. The indicated yield this year is 3,076,000,000 bushels. The largest crop of corn ever raised in the United States was 3,208,584,000 bushels in 1920. The indications now are that this year's crop will be second to that and 185,000,000 bushels larger than the yield of last year. There was produced in 1922 28.2 bushels per acre; this year the production per acre is estimated at 29.8 bushels—in 1920 it was 31.5 bushels. Some slight deterioration is noted in oats during August, the Sept. 1 condition being 80.3% of normal in contrast with 81.9% a month earlier, and 74.9% on Sept. 1 1922. The yield is now estimated at 1,312,000,000 bushels, a decrease of 4,000,000, compared with Aug. 1; in 1922 the crop was 1,201,000,000 bushels. Barley also promises a slightly smaller yield than a month ago, although the crop will exceed that of 1922, 199,000,000 bushels for this year, contrasting with 186,118,000 bushels in 1922. As to buckwheat the yield this year is now put at 13,500,000 bushels in contrast with 15,050,000 bushels last year and the flaxseed crop is estimated at 19,400,000 bushels, against only 12,238,000 bushels for 1922. There has been a considerable falling off in the indicated yield of hay during the past month, in fact, of over 15,000,000 tons, the production of all hay for the current year being now placed at 81,900,000 tons, which contrasts with a yield last year of 112,791,000 tons. The potato crop this year will also be much smaller than last year, 390,000,000 bushels, contrasting with 451,185,000 bushels, the final estimate of yield for 1922. Tobacco promises a yield of 1,551,000,000 pounds this year; in 1922 the yield was 1,353,000,000 pounds.

Political developments in Europe have been no less numerous, striking and varied than in preceding weeks. Definite rumors were in circulation for several days that direct negotiations between Germany and France with respect to the Ruhr had begun, or were about to start. Chancellor Stresemann of Germany made a speech on Wednesday to a group of editors in which he outlined the policy of Germany in the matter of guarantees and reparations. It seemed to be pretty favorably received in Paris, but was regarded as not going far enough. The Greco-Italian situation appears to be working out in a rational way, but Italy has become involved in still another political problem by the alleged determination of Premier Mussolini to annex Fiume. Japan has begun the work of reconstruction. While the loss of property may not prove to be as large as at first estimated, the loss of life has been even larger in some centres. Money for relief work continues to pour in from all sections of the United States. The grand total already exceeds \$7,000,000. A revolt of the military in Spain against the Ministry has developed and may prove serious. Yesterday announce-

ment was made of the resignation of the Spanish Cabinet, and that King Alfonso had "asked Captain-General Primo Rivera, head of the military movement against the Alhucemas Cabinet, to form a Government." According to an Associated Press dispatch last evening, "it was announced by Captain-General Munoz Cobo of Madrid, who is charged with the maintenance of public order, that a proclamation of martial law was necessary."

The European cable advices over the week-end contained increasingly definite reports of the probability of Germany and France entering into direct negotiations in the near future over the Ruhr controversy. On Monday London heard through a telegraphic dispatch from the Berlin correspondent of the Central News that "the populations in the occupied areas of Germany have been ordered to discontinue their passive resistance to the French and Belgian authorities." The correspondent added, "I learn that the German capitalists have decided to send a representative to Paris with the object of ascertaining to what extent France is prepared to make concessions to Germany. Direct negotiations between the two Governments are believed in political circles here [in Berlin] to be imminent." In an Associated Press cablegram direct from Berlin Wilhelm Sollmann, Minister of the Interior, was quoted as stating to a deputation of the International Women's League for Peace and Liberty that "Germany must reach an understanding with France within a very short time, otherwise the whole of Central Europe will be endangered." In the same dispatch the Minister was further quoted as saying that "we are ready to enter into any agreement with the Entente, especially with France, which gives security that the Ruhr and Rhineland territories will shortly again be under full control of the German authorities. We are ready for great economic sacrifices, but will not agree to conditions which mean the dismemberment of the Reich."

Premier Poincare, in an address on Sunday at the dedication of a war memorial at the village of Dammvillers, "confirmed the news Paris is ready to open negotiations with the Reich industrialists as soon as they evince a definite move toward France's views," according to a Paris dispatch to the New York "Tribune." The "Tribune" representative added that, "to the suggestion in Chancellor Stresemann's last address that collaboration between the complementary industries of France and Germany would be a fine preface to a reparations settlement, M. Poincare replied: 'The Chancellor is putting the cart before the horse.'" The Premier was quoted as admitting in the course of his address that "the formation of economic treaties between the two nations would be advantageous, and he recalled that ex-Chancellor Cuno made similar proposals last December." Going a little more into detail relative to the attitude of France, M. Poincare was quoted as saying that "it is true that Frenchmen on the whole are most interested in these economic parleys, but the great French industrialists understand that first they must let the Government obtain certainties and results in the reparations problem. The question which dominates all others, and which needs our first consideration, is that of the renewal of the health of the devastated provinces. When we see that Germany is sincerely resolved to help in this, and to give for our security other things than promises, we may look

ahead to the possibility of concluding economic treaties."

Announcement was made in a Berlin cablegram which became available here Tuesday morning that "Chancellor Stresemann in a public speech Wednesday evening will answer Premier Poincare's Sunday speeches. Dr. Stresemann is expected to dwell particularly on that passage of M. Poincare's asserting that Germany had offered France nothing which France did not already enjoy under the Versailles Treaty. He will point out that under the treaty the Allies have a reparations lien and first call on all German State assets, but that this does not apply to private wealth, but that Germany in her last proposal to France offered 'part of all the German economy' as a productive guarantee, meaning that the German State would place a blanket lien or mortgage on all German wealth, and that in offering this as a productive guarantee the Government had gone far further than the Versailles Treaty or any previous German offers." The New York "Times" correspondent in Berlin added that "Dr. Stresemann is expected to announce that a new law will be shortly laid by the Government before the Reichstag providing for partial pledging of all private wealth with the State as beneficiary, the same to form the basis for the enlarged guaranty offer to France. The Chancellor is further expected to formulate more definitely his conditions for breaking off passive resistance, to wit, a guarantee of Germany's unimpaired sovereignty over the Rhineland and Ruhr and a guarantee that the Ruhr will be completely evacuated within reasonable foreseeable time." He also asserted that "if Dr. Stresemann, after Wednesday's speech, gets any sort of encouragement from Paris, a new German Ambassador will be immediately sent to Paris and a new Minister to Brussels to commence formal negotiations."

In advance of the Chancellor's address word came from Paris through an Associated Press cablegram that "conversations that are taking place between Jacquin de Margerie, French Ambassador to Germany, and Chancellor Stresemann in Berlin are considered by the French Government as leading towards a settlement of the reparations question, although it is stated that the German Chancellor has not yet made a definite offer either respecting the cessation of resistance in the Ruhr or what could be proposed afterward." It was added that "the conference between M. de Margerie and Chancellor Stresemann will be continued." According to the dispatch also, "any proposition received by France from Chancellor Stresemann will be communicated immediately to the British and other Allied Governments." The following morning the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "it is believed in Paris that it is a matter of only a few days, perhaps hours, before the German Government will make a new reparations proposition to the French and Belgian Governments. This opinion is based on talks the French Ambassador in Berlin has had with Chancellor Stresemann this week. Carrying out the instructions of M. Poincare, Ambassador de Margerie told Dr. Stresemann that France would give no consideration to any offers not prefaced by cancellation of Berlin's Ruhr resistance orders, and the fact that the German Chancellor went to the French Embassy yesterday to sound out the French spokesman is taken here to mean that he intends to

rescind the resistance decrees." An official communique was issued on Tuesday embodying the foregoing ideas and assertions. The representative in Paris of the New York "Tribune" was even more specific in his statement of the situation. He asserted that "the 'Tribune' has received authentic confirmation that Chancellor Stresemann actually has made definite proposals which lead to cessation of passive resistance in the Ruhr, and that these proposals are satisfactory to Premier Poincare. Due to the internal political condition of Germany Dr. Stresemann is not willing to make a formal pronouncement that the Ruhr resistance has ceased, it is understood. At the same time he has assured M. Poincare that Berlin unofficially agrees to re-establish normal conditions in the occupied areas."

A report was published in the New York "Times" on Wednesday that "a billion dollar loan to save Germany from an economic collapse will be one of the first considerations of international bankers in case of a settlement in the Ruhr and an agreement with the Allies, it was learned in the financial district yesterday. One-quarter of the loan, or \$250,000,000, probably will be offered in the United States." It also was claimed that "the industrial assets of Germany and the guarantees of other European nations will be the security for the \$1,000,000,000 which bankers believe is necessary to restore Germany. According to the present plans, the entire undertaking will be handled through the League of Nations, which functioned successfully in the recent Austrian bond issue." In the New York "Evening Post" of the same date, however, it was stated that "reports that international bankers are considering a billion dollar loan to Germany as a first step in her economic rehabilitation, in case of a settlement in the Ruhr, were said by bankers to-day to be apparently without foundation and based entirely on surmise. It was suggested that "although there is a possibility of a loan to Germany at some future time, an adequate settlement of the reparations question would have to be carried out before such a loan could be considered. While an agreement, furthermore, seems probable, it will likely be quite some time before the reparations situation will admit of serious consideration of financial resistance to Germany by means of a loan in this country." The same view of the situation was taken by the New York "Times" the following morning. In a Washington dispatch yesterday it was claimed that while American bankers are said to be averse to giving serious consideration at the moment to participation in a large international loan to Germany, State Department officials have had a big Government loan under advisement, as a part of America's contribution to the rehabilitation of Germany.

Chancellor Stresemann made his expected speech last Wednesday "to a gathering of editors." The Berlin correspondent of the Associated Press asserted that he "tacitly admitted that the Ruhr fight had been lost and that there could be no prospect of the internal reconstruction of Germany until the foreign conflict had been adjusted." He declared also that "a solution of the Ruhr dispute could not be achieved solely by continuance of passive resistance nor could the question be settled by a policy of force." Continuing, the Chancellor said: "For us, the question of the sovereignty of the Rhineland and regaining the freedom of the Ruhr territory is decisive. For if we are ready to give real guarantees, M. Poin-

care in a recent speech said he preferred the positive securities which France had in hand to the finest theoretical rights. He did not intend to exchange pledges for general guarantees and emphasized further that the guarantees suggested belong to the mortgages which the Treaty of Versailles gave to the Allies on the entire possessions of the Reich. This conception of the French Premier I must describe as erroneous. According to the Versailles Treaty the property of the Reich and individual States is a pledge for Germany's obligations. What I suggested referred to the direct enlistment of private property and thus goes beyond the Treaty. This enlistment is, moreover, a realizable pledge, while the securities of the Versailles Treaty are at present not so. If mortgages in favor of the Reich were entered into on property of a State and on private property of economic organizations as a pledge to the extent of a percentage of this property, then these mortgages could be transferred to a trusteeship as a real negotiable asset. In the administration of this trusteeship the reparations creditors would actively participate. The proceeds accruing from these mortgages would be paid to the trustees, who would then be in a position to issue bonds. Thus France would come into immediate possession of large sums of money, and the interest on these payments would be guaranteed. Surely such an accomplishment is not merely a piece of theory or a general guarantee, but constitutes something real and free of all vagueness. Such guarantees will give France cash and will meet the conditions under which France was willing to evacuate the Ruhr. Before these guarantees can be obtained Germany must be permitted the right to administer the Ruhr and recover her sovereignty in the Rhineland. These guarantees are capable of solving the question of passive resistance, provided assurance is given us that on the basis of such an understanding the Ruhr will be evacuated and the Rhineland will be accorded its former rights. If assurance is given that every one whose home is in the Rhineland or the Ruhr will be restored to his home, there is no reason why this once prosperous and productive area should not regain its former zest for work. I trust such a settlement will be possible. France, through her Premier, has repeatedly declared that she does not contemplate annexation and does not intend to remain in the Ruhr. Great Britain certainly concurs in this attitude. Belgium would undoubtedly welcome the restoration of normal economic conditions, and we are convinced that Italy shares the same views. The question for us is whether the German economic organism will be able to carry the burden expected of it. We know in what difficult times we live, but can state with satisfaction that the present Government has been assured by the leading representatives of industry and finance that they would take their share of the obligations in connection with the scheme of guarantees proposed by Germany, which will render payments possible."

The first impression in Paris relative to Chancellor Stresemann's speech apparently was favorable, according to an Associated Press dispatch from that centre Thursday afternoon. The correspondent said that "Chancellor Stresemann's reply to Premier Poincaré's last speech has made a not unfavorable impression here, although in the absence of a fuller report extended comment is reserved." In a cable dispatch yesterday morning the Paris correspondent

of the New York "Times" said that "the German Chancellor's much advertised speech of last night was received in Paris with disappointment. His softer tone, the French figure, did not make negotiations any more difficult, but his failure to declare that the Reich Government was ready to end passive resistance is not felt to have brought negotiations much nearer." He added that "there is no weakening whatsoever in the French position that Ruhr resistance must cease before negotiations, and if Dr. Stresemann does not see fit to make that move, the French say, his good-will will break on the rock of M. Poincaré's determination." The report was in circulation in Paris Wednesday evening that "the interview between Premiers Baldwin and Poincaré has been definitely set for Sept. 21 at the Quai d'Orsay." The Berlin representative of the New York "Herald," in a cablegram yesterday morning, said that "Germany is in a state of expectancy, in which optimism distilled by the Governmental press, strives to keep the upper hand. The newspapers generally acclaim Chancellor Stresemann's program, describing it as a formal farewell to passive resistance and an invitation for negotiations that Paris receives favorably. Popular feeling, however, cannot be gauged accurately by editorial comment, because, with the exception of Nationalist and Communist organs, virtually the entire press is affiliated with one or another political party supporting the Stresemann Cabinet. The man in the street is hopeful of some settlement with France at the price of complete surrender in the Ruhr, but he is much less hopeful of the Government's ability to restore normal economic conditions in the Reich, and to stave off the upheaval with which the country has been threatened. According to the representative in the German capital of the New York "Tribune," "while every shade of political and economic belief in Germany is speculating upon the outcome of the proposals Chancellor Stresemann has made to Paris for settling the Ruhr issue, Ambassador de Margerie, of France, it became known here to-day, has directed four rather blunt and pertinent questions to the Chancellor as to how Germany proposed to make effective its offer. These questions are: First—What is the amount of the mortgage on private industry that Germany proposes as a productive guaranty for reparations payments? Second—What portion of the interest on this mortgage will go to the Allies, particularly to France? Third—How does Germany propose to determine the exact capital of private industry on which the mortgage will be given? Fourth—What will be the exact role of the Reparations Commission in the administration of a trust company to be formed for administering the scheme which Germany proposes?" The correspondent also stated that, "anticipating these questions, three members of the Cabinet are formulating answers to the queries, and at the same time are working out full details of the German offer. They are Vice-Chancellor Schmidt, Minister of Finance Hilferding and Minister of Economics Raumer."

Wilhelm Cuno, former Chancellor of Germany, who arrived in New York yesterday as a "private citizen and shipping man," issued a formal statement in which he said that "the Germans realize that Germany lost the war. Therefore Germany must pay for the war. Germany is willing to pay to the limit of her capacity."

As regards the Italo-Greco controversy even early in the week apparently rather rapid progress was being made toward a settlement of the dispute. In the cable advices on Monday the impression was conveyed that the crisis had been passed. Cable advices from Athens, Rome and London made public here Sunday morning indicated that both Greece and Italy were satisfied with the settlement terms that had been proposed. The Council of Ambassadors was in session in Paris practically all day on Sept. 7, not adjourning until 7 o'clock in the evening. The Paris representative of the New York "Times" cabled that the Ambassadors "finally came to an agreement regarding the terms of the note to be addressed to Greece and the League of Nations concerning the Greco-Italo dispute. The text of this note was immediately telegraphed to the diplomatic representatives at Athens for transmission to the Greek Government. In order to lay special stress upon the close union existing between the conference of Ambassadors and the League of Nations, the note was telegraphed to Geneva according to a communique issued this evening at the Quai d'Orsay." Outlining the terms the "Times" representative said that "it is learned that these reparations consist of two kinds, the first being of a moral nature, due immediately; the second being of a material nature, due conditionally." The note was made public in Paris a week ago this morning. It contains the following demands: "(1) Formal regrets will be presented by the highest Greek military authority to the representatives of the three Allied Powers in Athens. (2) A funeral service will be celebrated in honor of the slain Italian commissioners in the Catholic Cathedral in Athens, with the members of the Greek Government in attendance. (3) Warships of the three Allied nations, led by an Italian naval division, will steam into Piraeus Roads the morning of the funeral service, and the Greek fleet shall salute the Italian, British and French flags with twenty-one guns, which salute shall be returned by the Allied warships immediately after the conclusion of the funeral service. The flags of the Greek fleet and the Allied warships will fly at half mast throughout the ceremonies. (4) Military honors will be rendered by a Greek military unit with a flag at Preveza while the bodies of the victims are embarked. (5) The Greek Government will undertake to insure all possible speed in the arrest and exemplary punishment of the guilty parties. (6) A special commission composed of French, British, Italian and Japanese delegates, presided over by the latter, will control the inquiry or investigation instituted for that purpose by the Greek Government, which inquiry must be concluded not later than Sept. 27. (7) The Greek Government undertakes to pay the Italian Government an indemnity, the amount of which will be fixed in summary proceedings by the Permanent International Court of Justice at The Hague, Greece depositing 50,000,000 lire with the Swiss National Bank as security." The Associated Press correspondent at Paris said that the note concludes as follows: "The Conference, noting confirmation by the Italian Government that its undertaking of the occupation of Corfu and other islands was solely for the purpose of obtaining satisfaction for demands presented to the Hellenic Government and that such above conditions, approved unanimously by the Conference, invite the Hellenic Government to make known simultaneously and separately to each diplomatic representative of the three Allied Powers

in Athens its integral acceptance of the preceding conditions." He explained that "the note sent by the Ambassadors to the Council of the League of Nations is a mere covering letter, transmitting a copy of the document sent to the Athens Government, and thanking the League Council for having furnished the Ambassadors with the report of its sessions of Sept. 6. Appreciation is expressed for the information contained in that report." He added that "the Ambassador's note, it is believed here, will settle the Greco-Italo dispute with little delay. Commentators point out that the communication is a masterpiece of tact, and they do not see how it can fail to satisfy all the parties concerned." Commenting upon the terms, the New York "Times" correspondent said that "these conditions, elaborated by the Conference of Ambassadors, practically give full satisfaction to Mussolini's main demands. It is also important to note that they correspond closely to the suggestions made at Geneva, the moral reparations noted above coinciding with those put forward by Count Quiñones de Leon."

Word came from Geneva a week ago this morning that "there was an air of relief in Geneva this evening at the news from Paris that the Ambassadors had accepted the 'unofficial' suggestions of the League Council for the settlement of the Greco-Italian dispute which the Italian representative on the Council and M. Gabriel Hanotaux of France last evening prevented from being made official." In a special Athens cablegram to the New York "Times," dated Sept. 8, it was stated that "the note of the Ambassadors' Conference was presented to the Foreign Office this afternoon. The terms are considered acceptable by Government circles as they alter widely Italian demands and do not materially differ from the Greek counter-proposals." He also said that "the Greek reply will be delivered in time for the consideration of Monday's session of the League at Geneva." According to an Associated Press dispatch from Rome of the same date, "Italy accepts the terms of the Council of Ambassadors and agrees to evacuate Corfu and adjacent islands when Greece has satisfied all of Italy's demands for reparations." The New York "Times" representative at the Italian capital observed that "the decision of the Conference of Ambassadors is considered a great step forward in the solution of the Italo-Greek incident. If Italy accepts the verdict of the Conference of Ambassadors as fully satisfying her honor—and from present indications it appears likely that she will—then the whole incident will be closed and the discussion as to the competence of the League of Nations to interfere in the question will lose all but a purely abstract interest." The Paris representative of the same paper cabled on the evening of Sept. 8 that "it is the opinion of the French Government that the Italo-Greek crisis may be regarded as almost over. Proposals of the Conference of Ambassadors signed by the Italian Ambassador are judged, of course, acceptable to Rome, and there is little doubt here that Greece will agree, for the Greek note to the Conference of Ambassadors indicated willingness to accept the decision of that body."

Still more definite advices relative to the attitude of Greece toward the Ambassadors' note were made available here Sunday morning. The Athens representative of the New York "Times," in a wireless dispatch, said that "the Greek Government this after-

noon [Sept. 8] announced to the French Minister its unreserved acceptance of the terms of the Conference of Ambassadors for the settlement of the dispute with Italy. It suggested that in view of this acceptance there was no longer reason for the continuation of the Italian occupation of Corfu." In a special cablegram to the "Times" under the same date it was indicated that an equally hopeful sentiment did not prevail in League of Nations circles at Geneva. It was asserted that "if by Sept. 27 the Greek Government has fulfilled the terms of apology and reparations prescribed by the Conference of Ambassadors and Italy has not evacuated Corfu there will be no possibility of preventing a public debate and a definite decision on the action the League should take. That being so, it is fully realized here that the danger period is far from being over."

Word came from Paris Tuesday morning that "the Conference of Ambassadors to-day [Sept. 10] received the Greek Government's formal acceptance of the conditions of settlement of the Italo-Greek dispute and immediately set about arranging the details of the settlement. Complete assurance is felt here that there is no longer danger of war in the situation." It was made clear in the Greek reply that prompt evacuation of Corfu by the Italians was imperative to a complete settlement of the entire situation. The New York "Times" correspondent at Paris cabled that "the Greek attitude on this, the only point which still gives promise of difficulties, is stated as follows: 'The Royal Government takes note of the fact stated in the communication of the Conference of Ambassadors that the Italian Government has declared that the occupation of Corfu had as its only object to obtain satisfaction of the demands presented the Hellenic Government, and that these demands are covered by the conditions laid down by the Conference. These conditions being accepted entirely by the Royal Government, it is entirely opportune for the latter to insist upon its request, addressed to the Conference of Ambassadors, that the evacuation of the island shall be assured as soon as possible.'" From Geneva came word that "at two meetings the Council of the League of Nations to-day [Sept. 10] discussed the question of how and when it could most effectively intervene in the Corfu dispute so as to preserve the letter as well as the spirit of the covenant and at the same time run no risk of aggravating a situation which was or ought to be clearing up. At one of the meetings it asked for the attendance of Nicholas Politis of Greece, so as to urge upon him the desirability of his Government using all dispatch to fulfill the terms of settlement laid down by the Conference of Ambassadors. M. Politis assured them that to-morrow the money demanded for the guarantee would be paid into the Swiss Federal Bank, and that all the other matters were being pushed forward with the greatest possible expedition." It was added that, "satisfied with that, the Council then decided that separately each of its members should try to exercise what control he could over his immediate friends and associates to prevent them from bringing either the matter of the competency of the Council or the actual situation in Corfu for public discussion before the Assembly. Behind this policy there are well-considered reasons. It is felt by the whole Council that, whatever her errors, Italy should have a chance for one or two days more at least to fulfill her promise to withdraw from Corfu in compliance with the Ambassadors' suggestions.

It is believed that in the meantime any public discussion of the rights or wrongs of the occupation would only serve to aggravate public feeling in Italy at the moment when it is most important that it should be quieted."

In a cablegram under date of Sept. 10 the London correspondent of the New York "Herald" observed that, "in the absence of any statement from Italy that she means to withdraw from Corfu soon there is still considerable apprehension here. It is understood that both Great Britain and France conveyed to Mussolini informally an intimation that they would like to see Corfu evacuated soon. France is no more satisfied than Great Britain with the protracted Italian occupation." From Rome came the positive assertion Wednesday afternoon, in an Associated Press cablegram, that "Italy will evacuate the Island of Corfu when she has obtained the entire fulfillment of the reparations she has demanded from Greece, it was stated at the meeting of the Council of Ambassadors to-day, when the Council met under the presidency of Premier Mussolini and heard his report on how the situation stood at present." According to the dispatch also, "Corfu, it was set forth, is regarded as a mere pledge for the carrying out of the punishment to which Greece must submit for the crime of Janina, and Italy will leave the island when her demands are entirely complied with, thus proving once more the frank loyalty of this country and its Government and of Premier Mussolini personally." In a Paris cablegram to the New York "Times" yesterday morning it was stated that "the date for the evacuation of Corfu by Italy was, to all appearance, definitely settled this [Thursday] afternoon by the Council of Ambassadors, the Italians agreeing to leave the Greek islands on a fixed date before the first day of October, which is understood to be Sept. 27." The following further details of the agreement were given also: "Under the settlement arrived at to-night the Italians leave the Greek islands on the fixed date, and, if the Allied Commission appointed to supervise the Greek investigation of the Janina assassination announces that Greece has fulfilled all her obligations in the search for the slayers of the Italian members of the Greco-Albanian Boundary Commission, the question of indemnity for the families of the victims will be regulated by The Hague Court, as had been previously decided. On the other hand, if the Greek attitude is not satisfactory, Italy will demand, over and above the sums designed as indemnity for the victims' families, the costs of the occupation and an indemnity of 50,000,000 Italian lire (\$2,160,000)."

The Italian Government has had not only the affair with Greece on its hands, but has been compelled to give attention also to Fiume, about which little or nothing had appeared in the European cable advices for a long time. Under date of Sept. 7 the Rome representative of the New York "Times" sent a wireless dispatch in which he said that "while the League of Nations in Geneva has all its attention fixed on the more imminent problem of the Italo-Greek incident, signs are not wanting that another danger of a more serious nature threatens the peaceful relations of Italy and the Balkans." He added that "news was received in Rome to-day to the effect that it appears to be almost certain that the Yugoslav Government will not accept the decisions arrived at by direct ne-

negotiations between Yugoslav and Italian delegations in Rome for a solution of the Fiume problem. If this is so, Premier Mussolini probably will be confronted with another crisis next week, as he gave the Belgrade Government fifteen days' time, beginning the first of this month, for their definite answer." The most recent developments in this situation were sketched as follows in the dispatch: "The fate of Fiume was decided by Count Sforza, Foreign Minister in the last Giolitti Cabinet, when he signed the Treaty of Rapallo and the agreement of Santa Margherita, after direct negotiations with the Belgrade Government. Details of application of these two treaties were entrusted to a mixed commission of Italians and Yugoslavs. The mixed commission sat for almost nine months without reaching any understanding when Signor Mussolini, on Aug. 8, suddenly sent a letter to the Yugoslav delegation warning them that unless a settlement was reached by the end of the month he would consider himself free to resume his full liberty of action. His letter had its intended effect, and late on Aug. 31 the Belgrade delegation agreed to a proposal whereby the city of Fiume and all the contested territory should be administered by a mixed commission, on which Italy, Yugoslavia and the Free State of Fiume should be represented. In order to be valid, this agreement needed the approval of the Yugoslav Government, and Signor Mussolini gave Belgrade fifteen days' time to make up its mind. It appears that Yugoslavia has decided not to give the settlement its support. If a negative answer is received from Belgrade Signor Mussolini, considering himself free from all ties assumed by the former Governments, probably will move to settle the question by himself. It is even possible that he may attempt a coup-de-main on Fiume." Commenting upon the standing of Premier Mussolini, largely as a result of the Greco-Italian incident, the Rome representative of the New York "Herald" cabled that "Benito Mussolini has reached a new pinnacle of popularity among his countrymen, many of whom doubted his ability to hold his own again as a world statesman. The success of his Grecian policy undoubtedly will stiffen the Premier in dealing with the ripening Fiume crisis. Whatever the League may do now is declared here to have purely an academic interest to Italy, which maintains the attitude that if the League tries to intervene she withdraws. The solution is significant of a victory of the old diplomacy over the League, for unless the Ambassadors' Council had forestalled the League's decisions the crisis would still have been unsolved." Cabling from Geneva, a special correspondent commented in part as follows upon the situation arising out of Mussolini's seemingly complete victory over the League of Nations: "The anti-League reaction in Italy itself and the complete triumph of Premier Mussolini over the society of nations are being stressed in a manner by no means pleasant to the British. Completely oblivious to the League now, the Italian Premier is turning his attention to Italy's dispute over Fiume with Yugoslavia, also a League member, and the indications are that he will bring to bear the energetic attitude which he has just evinced toward Greece." The New York "Tribune" representative at Geneva, in his account of proceedings on Sept. 10, said that "while the Assembly of the League of Nations was admitting the Irish Free State to membership and electing Senor Pitacio de Silva Pessoa, of Brazil, to the vacant place on the bench of the World Court, the Coun-

cil to-day held a secret session. It was devoted to the strained relations between Italy and Yugoslavia as a result of the Fiume situation. The League expects to intervene in this situation."

That the Italian Government intended to pursue an aggressive policy with respect to Fiume was indicated in cable dispatches from Paris and Rome on Tuesday afternoon. The Associated Press correspondent at the former centre said that "it is understood from information gathered in reliable sources that Premier Mussolini will proclaim the annexation of Fiume to Italy within a week, probably about Sept. 15." It was added that "the Government of Yugoslavia is represented as being aware of Mussolini's intention and as intending to make no serious protest provided Porto Barros and Sussak, adjacent, are not directly affected." According to an Associated Press cablegram from Rome, "it was announced in a semi-official statement to-day [Tuesday] that Italy is not prepared to consider any mediation or arbitration of her differences with Yugoslavia with regard to the status of Fiume, since the question is held to be one for direct settlement between the two countries." The aggressive attitude of the Italian Government toward the Fiume situation was outlined still further by the Rome correspondent of the New York "Times" in a wireless dispatch dated Sept. 11. He said in part that "Premier Mussolini is taking no chances in regard to his pending dispute with Yugoslavia. Large bodies of troops are being concentrated around Trieste ostensibly for general manoeuvres but in reality to be ready in case of complications with that country." He also declared that "the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Signor Mussolini himself are very reserved about the Fiume question; they distinctly give the impression that negotiations of some sort are still going on and that they do not wish to commit themselves to any statement until they are sure of their ground. It is declared that Italy will resent and resist any attempt at foreign interference in the case, but as a matter of fact it is known that both Dr. Benes of Czechoslovakia and Premier Poincare are exerting their influence for an amicable settlement of this thorny problem. In official circles the belief prevails that Yugoslavia will accept the compromise which has already been declared satisfactory by her delegation." The Rome correspondent of the New York "Herald" was even more positive in his statements relative to Mussolini's position. He asserted that "Mussolini's second ultimatum, that to Yugoslavia regarding the future of Fiume, will come to a head Saturday [to-day]. Italy will not submit her differences over the status of Fiume to arbitration or mediation, it was announced to-day [Tuesday] in a semi-official statement, as she takes the position that this is a matter for direct negotiation between Italy and Yugoslavia." Yugoslavia's position was set forth in a special cablegram from Geneva to the New York "Tribune." It was stated that "Foreign Minister Nintchich of Yugoslavia categorically denied to-day his country has any intention of referring its dispute with Italy over Fiume to the League of Nations. Thus the Yugoslav statesman effectively disposed of the League's red herring, which has been drawn across the trail here daily to keep some of the smaller nations quiet on the distressful subject of the way in which the League Council acquitted itself in the matter of the Greco-Italian dispute last week." In an Associated



Press cablegram from Paris last evening it was said that "when Premier Mussolini declares the annexation of Fiume to Italy he will announce the withdrawal of the Italian troops from Porto Barros, the adjoining harbor, it is learned here from an authoritative quarter. He will thus give up any claim to that port, to Sussak and to the delta there, which will be left to Yugoslavia." It was added that "this, it is stated, is the result of direct negotiations now going on between Premier Mussolini and the Yugoslav Government which are reported at about the point of completion, Yugoslavia being satisfied to have a free hand in the development of the ports left to it."

It is quite evident that Premier Mussolini does not intend to allow any other Power to settle Italy's most recent problems. According to a cablegram Thursday evening from the Geneva representative of the Associated Press, "Italy has notified Switzerland that she cannot accept the designation of the Swiss President as arbitrator of her dispute with Yugoslavia over Fiume, believing that such a step might unfavorably affect the pleasant relations between Italy and the Swiss Confederation. Inasmuch as the Yugoslav leaders say they have no intention of submitting the controversy to the League, the impression here is that it must be settled by direct negotiations."

Japan already has begun the work of reconstruction. A thirty-day moratorium has been declared "on payments falling due from Sept. 1 to Sept. 30 for the area affected by the earthquake." On Sept. 8 the Japanese Government appropriated \$265,000,000 for relief work. According to a dispatch from Osaka, "this decision by the Cabinet represents the greatest relief measure in the history of world disaster. The approval of the Privy Council and the Prince Regent is all that is necessary to permit the carrying out of the project of reorganizing the devastated areas and rehabilitating millions of homeless and unemployed people. Indications are that for the whole devastated area the death roll exceeds 200,000. Although the loss of life and property was great the original figures in each instance have not been cut down materially in the later advices. A week ago Secretary of Commerce Hoover was quoted in Washington dispatches as saying that "material losses in Japan have been over-estimated greatly." He characterized "estimates of a five-billion dollar loss as absurd. He pointed out that industrial Japan was largely outside the devastated area and had been affected but little as far as actual damage was concerned." On Sept. 9 Mr. Hoover and John Barton Payne, National Chairman of the American Red Cross, issued a joint statement on the Japanese disaster in which it was stated that "the estimate, based on reports to the Government and the Red Cross, puts the dead at between 200,000 and 300,000, the injured at from 300,000 to 500,000 and those rendered destitute and homeless at about 2,500,000." It was set forth that "the joint statement represents a careful survey of the situation." According to an official announcement, "twenty-three thousand persons were killed and 40,000 injured at Yokohama in the earthquake disaster. Seventy-one per cent of the city of Tokio was destroyed. The dead here have been estimated at 35,000 and the injured at 40,000. About 350,000 houses have been destroyed. In the Hakone district, where many of the summer resorts are, the deaths are estimated at 10,000."

The reports from the leading Japanese centres from day to day told of further progress toward reconstruction. In a wireless dispatch from Osaka to the New York "Times" under date of Sept. 11 the following information was given: "Representatives of twenty-seven Japanese life insurance companies have met and decided to pay claims in respect of the earthquake victims in full, and to pay them as soon as possible. It is believed the Finance Department is contemplating certain tax exemptions and is making investigations with this end in view. The authorities, it is also understood, intend to give even to those who are able to pay one year's grace to allow them to adjust their accounts. The Vice-President of the Bank of Japan has stated that assistance to be given by the bank will be on broad lines, and not hampered by too exacting conditions. Not only regular mortgages, but local bonds, debentures, shares, bills, merchandise or any documentary securities may be offered. The Bank of Japan has opened its doors to all reliable banks for the raising of capital."

It was reported on Tuesday that "several Wall Street banks with connections in Japan, and Japanese banks with agencies in New York, have received cabled advices which lead them to believe that the Japanese Government will not ask a moratorium on interest payments on bonds listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and that even the City of Tokio will not ask a postponement of its interest payments." It was suggested that "to carry out this plan will require financing of the highest order, and for the moral effect on international affairs of finance, it was stated, such an achievement would stand out in history, ranking close to the performance of insurance companies following the San Francisco disaster, when American and British companies decided to pay in full although the major German insurance companies wilted under the prospect." Attention was called to the fact that "there are listed on the New York Stock Exchange approximately \$250,000,000 face value Japanese Government and City of Tokio bonds. These comprise the Japanese Government 4½% bonds, the second series 4½s and the Japanese 4s. The City of Tokio bonds bear a 5% premium."

It will be some little time yet before the most accurate figures possible as to the loss of life and property from the Japanese disaster will be forthcoming. Cabling from Osaka on Sept. 12 the Associated Press representative at that centre said that "what is reported to be an official compilation of the earthquake casualties estimates the dead, injured and missing at 1,356,749. It is also estimated that a total of 315,824 houses were destroyed." He further stated that "it is reported that the Government has decided to expend all of the budget surpluses up to 1925, amounting to 360,000,000 yen (\$180,000,000), for relief and reconstruction work. Minister of Finance Inouye is quoted as saying no decision has been reached by the Government as to the flotation of a foreign loan for reconstruction purposes. It is believed there is no possibility of raising loans in the home markets for the time being." In a cablegram from American Ambassador Woods, made public by the State Department in Washington on Wednesday, it was stated that the situation in Tokio was "thoroughly in hand." Up to Thursday night the subscriptions to Japanese relief received at headquarters in Washington totaled \$6,285,000. Last evening they were given as \$7,121,000. New York City's con-

tributions have passed \$2,000,000 and are expected to reach \$4,000,000.

Political trouble has occurred in still another European country. On Thursday it became known here that "army officers at Barcelona have revolted, and martial law has been declared." It was added that "the Council of Ministers held a special meeting at 3 o'clock this [Thursday] morning to consider the situation at Barcelona. The rank and file of the army have joined in the revolt, but the navy personnel is quiet. Conditions in Madrid present a normal aspect, no especial agitation on the part of the people being noticed. The Cabinet is remaining in session, and the Government expresses confidence in its ability to stamp out the revolt movement." The Associated Press correspondent announced that "King Alfonso returned to Madrid on the Southern Express at 11 o'clock this morning. The station was surrounded by troops and every precaution was taken to prevent any unauthorized persons having access to the vicinity." The London correspondent of "The Sun and The Globe" cabled Thursday afternoon that "the movement is regarded seriously here where, it is pointed out, that the military of Spain has attempted again and again to secure new privileges which would lead them to domination of the Government, either as Fascisti or in a purely military regime, and apparently the time has come when it is going to assert its strength. How far the Barcelona officers will find support in the main body of the army is unknown and until this is made clear it will remain impossible to estimate the strength of the movement."

Word came from Madrid yesterday forenoon that the Cabinet had resigned, "owing to King Alfonso's refusal to grant the Government facilities for punishing the military revolters at Barcelona and elsewhere." It was explained in another message from Madrid that "at the head of the revolutionary movement is the Captain-General of Barcelona, Primo Rivera, a man of strong influence and powerful associations. Behind him are the officers of the army, who have been chafing for many months under the ignominy of the Moroccan campaign, and with the officers are the rank and file, who seem ready to follow their leaders to the end." Through an Associated Press cablegram last evening it became known that the King had asked the Captain-General "to form a Government."

If becoming a member of the League of Nations will bring peace to Ireland the creation of that body would seem to have been justified, if no other reason for its existence could be found. In describing the event the Geneva representative of the Associated Press, in a cablegram dated Sept. 8, said: "An impressive demonstration of welcome and friendship for the Irish Free State featured this evening's meeting of the League of Nations when, by the unanimous vote of the membership commission, Ireland was recommended for admission. On Monday she will become a formal part of the League by the action of the Assembly." He added that "there was a warm feeling to-night in the hearts of the Irish delegation, President William T. Cosgrave and Desmond Fitzgerald, Foreign Minister, and all the others, for many nations joined in a spontaneous manifestation of good-will and cheery best wishes for Ireland and her future prosperity and happiness. England, France, China, Persia and the spokesmen for other lands

participated in the demonstration of friendliness." In his account of the formal admission of Ireland to the League on Sept. 10 the Associated Press correspondent said that "the enthusiasm with which the Irish Free State was unanimously admitted to the League of Nations to-day was the dominating topic of discussion here to-night. At the session of the Assembly President Cosgrave began his salutatory address in Gaelic, but quickly changed to English. 'Our country is, perhaps, the most scarred of any in the world,' he began. 'Eighty years ago we had a population of eight and a half million; to-day we have four and a quarter.'" Cosgrave also declared that "Ireland's first act was to join the League because it had the objective which Irishmen believed in. Ireland rejoiced that her reception demonstrated that she takes her place 'among the nations of the earth,' as Robert Emmet had said, without an enemy, because her election was unanimous." It was added that "the report of the sub-committee which recommended the entrance of Ireland was read by former Premier Meirovitz of Latvia. He paid high tribute to 'the noble Irish nation,' and likewise to England, 'which had never remained deaf,' he said, 'to the aspirations of the Irish people for liberty.'"

The British Board of Trade statement for August showed an increase of £606,000 in exports of British products compared with July of this year. Total exports fell off £2,183,000, while imports increased £11,922,000. The net result was an increase in the excess of imports of £14,005,000. Compared with August of last year there was an increase of £67,000 in exports of British products, a decrease of £1,316,000 in total exports, an increase in imports of £6,079,000, and an increase in the excess of imports of £7,395,000. The following are the figures for August compared with the corresponding month of last year:

	August 1923.	August 1922.
Exports, British products.....	£60,100,000	£60,032,237
Re-exports, foreign goods.....	6,120,000	7,503,925
Total exports.....	£66,220,000	£67,536,162
Imports.....	88,740,000	82,661,405
Excess of imports.....	£22,520,000	£15,125,243

Cable advices from London under date of Sept. 13 state that the Bank of Portugal has raised its discount rate from 8% to 9%. The former level had been in effect since May 1 last. Yesterday word was received from the same centre that the Bank of Finland had raised its discount rate from 8% to 10%. Aside from these changes, official discounts at leading European centres remained the same as in recent weeks; that is, 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. The open market discount rate in London has again been advanced and short bills are now quoted at 3½@3¼%, against 3⅜%, and three months' bills 3¼@3 5 16%, as compared with 3 3-16@3¼% a week ago. Call money in London was likewise firmer and finished at 2⅜%, against 2½%. At Paris and Switzerland open market discounts have not been changed from 5% and 2½%, respectively.

The Bank of Ergland this week reported a small loss in gold, namely, £1,653, but a gain in reserve of £792,000, the latter being the result of curtailment in note circulation amounting to £794,000. The pro-

portion of reserves to liabilities advanced to 19.06%, in comparison with 18.14% last week. At this time a year ago the ratio stood at 19.22 and in 1921 at 14.97%. Public deposits increased £1,623,000; but other deposits showed a falling off of £3,507,000. In loans on Government securities a reduction of £2,806,000 was recorded, although loans on other securities expanded £135,000. Threadneedle Street's stock of gold is £127,648,292, against £127,421,141 in 1922 and £128,410,714 a year earlier. Reserve aggregates £23,307,000, which compares with £23,809,071 a year ago and £21,653,159 in 1921. Note circulation amounts to £124,090,000, in comparison with £122,062,070 last year and £125,207,555 a year earlier, while loans stand at £70,165,000 against £71,466,338 and £79,809,956 one and two years ago, respectively. No change has been made in the Bank's official discount rate from 4%. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £598,586,000, as contrasted with £678,491,000 last week and £603,379,000 a year ago. We append herewith comparisons for a series of years of the Bank of England returns:

**BANK OF ENGLAND'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

	1923. Sept. 12.	1922. Sept. 13.	1921. Sept. 14.	1920. Sept. 15.	1919. Sept. 17.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	124,090,000	122,062,070	125,207,555	125,164,800	80,901,885
Public deposits.....	15,751,000	10,404,619	15,052,601	15,201,579	20,128,399
Other deposits.....	106,509,000	113,436,470	129,547,614	122,575,386	91,821,859
Govt. securities.....	47,040,000	46,752,645	61,241,744	56,103,129	19,522,956
Other securities.....	70,165,000	71,466,338	79,809,956	83,390,829	84,722,497
Reserve notes & coin	23,307,000	23,809,071	21,653,159	16,378,570	25,791,302
Coin and bullion.....	127,648,292	127,421,141	128,410,714	123,093,370	88,213,187
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	19.06%	19.22%	14.97%	11.88%	23.03%
Bank rate.....	4%	3%	5½%	7%	5%

The Bank of France in its weekly statement shows a further small gain of 57,925 francs in the gold item. The Bank's total gold holdings are thus brought up to 5,538,160,600 francs, comparing with 5,532,223,066 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 5,522,750,774 francs the year previous. The foregoing amounts include 1,864,344,927 francs held abroad in 1923 and 1,948,367,056 francs in both 1922 and 1921. During the week silver gained 107,000 francs, bills discounted increased 60,536,000 francs and advances were augmented by 8,714,000 francs. Treasury deposits, on the other hand, fell off 9,522,000 francs, while general deposits were reduced 7,682,000 francs. Note circulation took a favorable turn, a contraction of 295,127,000 francs being registered. This brings the total of notes in circulation down to 37,703,655,000 francs, contrasting with 36,607,125,570 francs at this time last year and with 37,127,908,905 francs in 1921. Just prior to the outbreak of war in 1914 the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1922 and 1921 are as follows:

**BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.**

	Changes for Week. Francs.	Status as of		
		Sept. 13 1923.	Sep. 14 1922.	Sept. 15 1921.
		Francs	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....Inc.	57,925	3,673,815.673	3,583,856.009	3,574,383.718
Abroad.....	No change	1,864,344,927	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056
Total.....Inc.	57,925	5,538,160,600	5,532,223,066	5,522,750,774
Silver.....Inc.	107,000	294,647,000	286,404,131	277,101,016
Bills discounted.....Inc.	60,536,000	1,969,236,000	1,887,326,673	2,402,916,370
Advances.....Inc.	8,714,000	2,147,484,000	2,133,448,782	2,213,819,355
Note circulation Dec.	295,127,000	37,703,655,000	36,607,125,570	37,127,908,905
Treasury deposits.....Dec.	9,522,000	25,378,000	22,137,361	41,636,704
General deposits.....Dec.	7,682,000	1,927,467,000	2,130,115,210	2,437,333,318

Changes shown in the statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany, issued for the week of Aug. 31, are as fantastic as ever, including increases running into hundreds of trillions of marks. The additional

note circulation reached a total of 389,293,643,-456,000 marks. Discount and Treasury bills increased 480,338,722,602,000 marks. In deposits there was an expansion of 264,842,595,830,000 marks. Relatively smaller increases were 1,157,-536,916,000 marks in Treasury and loan association notes; bills of exchange and checks 7,494,798,723,000 marks and other liabilities 20,850,061,899,000 marks. Investments were reduced 131,729,876,000 marks. Total coin and bullion (which now includes aluminum, iron and nickel coins) fell 1,102,519,000 marks, while there was a further reduction in gold of 1,626,-000 marks. The Bank's outstanding circulation has attained the grotesquely large figure of 663,000,014,-000,000 marks, which compares with 237,762,000,000 marks last year and 80,072,000,000 marks in 1921. Gold holdings are down to 510,486,000 marks, as against 1,004,859,000 marks in 1922 and 1,023,-708,000 marks the year before.

The Federal Reserve Bank statement issued Thursday afternoon was featured by increased gold reserves and a small shrinkage in bill holdings. For the System there was a gain in gold of \$8,000,000. Rediscounting of Government secured paper fell \$10,000,000, but there were small increases in discounts of "all other" and in bills purchased in the open market; the net result was a reduction in total bills on hand of \$4,000,000. Earning assets fell \$3,000,000. Deposits, however, increased \$34,000,000 and the total of Federal Reserve notes in circulation rose \$5,000,000. At New York the same general tendencies were displayed. Rediscounts of Government secured paper declined \$8,500,000. In "all other" an expansion of \$4,400,000 was shown, but as open market purchases fell \$4,400,000, total bill holdings were reduced \$8,500,000. Here also there was a contraction in earning assets, namely \$10,000,000. There was also a contraction of \$5,000,000 in note circulation. Deposits expanded \$26,000,000. Member bank reserve accounts revealed important increases, nationally \$29,000,000 and locally \$15,000,000. In consequence of these changes the reserve ratio for the combined System declined to 75.9%, from 76.4% last week, but advanced at New York .6%, to 81.3%.

A return to normal conditions was shown by the changes in last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies, following the recent month-end strain. Loans decreased \$16,660,000, while at the same time net demand deposits fell \$26,476,000, to \$3,600,319,000. This total is exclusive of \$21,307,000 in Government deposits. Time deposits, on the other hand, were larger—being \$472,482,000, an increase of \$2,978,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank increased \$4,056,000, to \$49,745,000 (not counted as reserve). Reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies increased \$476,000, and there was an increase also of \$276,000 in reserves kept in other depositories by State banks and trust companies. There was another reduction in the reserve of member banks at the Federal Reserve Bank, amounting to \$8,571,000, so that excess reserves fell \$4,402,610, and the total of excess reserves now stands at \$4,332,-890, as compared with more than \$22,000,000 two weeks earlier. The above figures for surplus are on the basis of reserves above legal requirements of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve System,

but do not include cash in own vaults amounting to \$49,745,000 held by these member banks on Saturday last.

Money in the local market has been distinctly firmer. This tendency became specially apparent on Thursday, when call funds advanced to 6% in the afternoon and time loans were quoted at 5 3/4% for the shorter periods, with no offerings for the longer ones. On new loans 5 1/2% was strongly bid. Approximately \$10,000,000 was wanted on call early Thursday afternoon at 5 1/2%. In banking circles the firmer tendency this week was attributed largely to preparations for income tax collections and the meeting of Government maturities on Sept. 15. The effect of these operations is expected to be short-lived. As soon as the preparations are completed by the banks for the payments and the disbursements made, there should be at least a short interval of easier money. This theory was borne out by a drop to 4 1/2% for call money yesterday afternoon. The offering of \$200,000,000 4 1/4% U. S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness was smaller than anticipated. Already they have been oversubscribed and the books closed. Yesterday the total subscriptions were given as \$550,000,000. The size of the issue was at once taken as conclusive evidence that the Government was not in urgent need of a particularly large amount of money. There have been rumors of a forthcoming one billion dollar international loan to Germany, of which probably \$250,000,000 would be offered in the United States. Apparently, while something of this kind may be done when once the reparations problem is settled, there is no prospect of immediate financing in this country for Germany or any other European Power. Still, it was stated in a Washington dispatch yesterday that State Department officials were seriously considering being asked to approve a loan to Germany, notwithstanding the rather unfavorable attitude of American bankers at the moment. Aside from the purposes mentioned, seemingly the demand for money has not increased specially, except perhaps or crop-moving purposes.

Dealing with specific rates for money, call loans covered a range of 4 1/2% to 6% during the week, which compares with 4 1/2% to 5 1/4% a week ago. On Monday the high was 5%, and this was the renewal basis, with 4 3/4% the low. Tuesday and Wednesday there was no range, a single rate of 5% being quoted. Thursday the call market stiffened perceptibly, mainly on account of the approaching income tax payments, and a maximum quotation of 6% was touched, although renewals were still put through at 5%, the minimum. Call funds renewed at 5 1/2% on Friday, the high for the day; although before the close there was a decline to 4 1/2%. The figures here given apply to both mixed collateral and all-industrial money alike. For fixed date maturities also a firmer undertone was noted, and toward the latter part of the week four, five and six months' money advanced to 5 1/2% to 5 3/4%, against 5 1/2% last week. The shorter periods—sixty and ninety days—remained at 5 1/2%, unchanged. Offerings were very light and bidders generally were asking the outside figure, with very little business done.

Mercantile paper likewise advanced, and sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character are now quoted at 5 1/4%,

against 5@5 1/4%, with names not so well known at 5 1/2%, comparing with 5 1/4@5 1/2% the preceding week. Country banks were in the market for moderate amounts and a slight increase in activity reported.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were quiet, especially in the latter part of the week, when the firmness in the call market caused a falling off in the inquiry and the turnover was light. Most of the limited business passing was for account of out-of-town institutions. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council has not been changed from 4 1/2%. 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 and 90 days, 4 3/8% bid and 4 1/8% asked for bills running 120 days, and 4 3/4% bid and 4 1/2% asked for bills running 150 days. Open market quotations were as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prime eligible bills.....	4 1/4 @ 4 1/8	4 1/4 @ 4 1/8	4 1/4 @ 4 1/8
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	4 1/2 bld		
Eligible non-member banks.....	4 1/2 bld		

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT 8 PT. 14 1923.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.	Paper Maturity—					
	Within 90 Days.				After 90 Days, but Within 6 Months.	After 6 but Within 9 Months.
	Com'rcial & L'cestr' Paper. n.e.s.	Secur. by U. S. Govt. Obligations.	Bankers' Acceptances.	Trade Acceptances.	Agricul.* and Livestock Paper.	Agricul. and Livestock 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 market for sterling exchange reflected betterment in the European outlook and while dealings generally were somewhat reduced in volume, an upward tendency developed practically from the start. After opening around 4 53, news that the Berlin Government was inclined to abandon "passive resistance" in the Ruhr that has so long been the chief obstacle in the way of a peaceful settlement of this troublesome problem, had a favorable effect and rates promptly moved up to 4 55 9-16 for demand. Operators who had been counting on further decline hurriedly rushed to cover, and this, coupled with the receipt of substantially higher cable quotations from London, aided in the advance. Later on, profit-taking sales for speculative account caused some reaction and prices sagged off several points. A certain amount of feverish activity marked trading in the forepart of the week, but after a while the market relapsed into dulness. The French Premier's uncompromising refusal to consider negotiations until all German resistance in the occupied area has ceased, had a slightly dampening effect,

and it began to look as if hopes of an early settlement had been premature. Fresh talk was heard of lengthy diplomatic discussions and interchanges, and dealers once more settled down to await developments.

Among the important events of the week which contributed to the better feeling in sterling exchange circles were the lessening of strain over the Greek-Italian incident and intimations that financial losses from the Japanese earthquake disaster would be less than at first feared. Offerings of cotton and grain bills were fairly liberal, but thus was accompanied by increased buying power. Moreover, selling of sterling by London was less in evidence. In the late dealings uneasiness was shown over the further collapse in mark quotations, while threats of serious friction between Italy and the principal Balkan States concerning annexation of Fiume, and the outbreak of revolutionary conditions in Spain also had a depressing effect on market sentiment and the close was under the best. Bankers are not expecting any important changes in price levels in the immediate future, though it is believed that unless the Bank of England raises its discount rate there may be a lowering in sterling values in the course of the next week or so.

Referring to quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday last was easier and there was a fractional recession to 4 53 @ 4 53 5-16 for demand, to 4 53 $\frac{1}{4}$  @ 4 53 9-16% for cable transfers and to 4 50 $\frac{3}{4}$  @ 4 51 1-16 for sixty days; the volume of transactions was small. On Monday, after a weak opening, the market turned firm and demand bills ranged between 4 52 11-16 @ 4 54 $\frac{1}{8}$ , cable transfers between 4 52 15-16 @ 4 54 $\frac{3}{8}$  and sixty days between 4 50 7-16 @ 4 51 $\frac{7}{8}$ ; the improved tone was attributed to a broadening demand. Better foreign news sent prices up abruptly on Tuesday and there was an advance to 4 54 $\frac{1}{8}$  @ 4 55 9-16 for demand, to 4 54 $\frac{3}{8}$  @ 4 55 13-16 for cable transfers and to 4 51 $\frac{7}{8}$  @ 4 53 5-16 for sixty days. Wednesday's market was slightly easier and demand declined to 4 54 $\frac{1}{4}$  @ 4 54 $\frac{7}{8}$ , cable transfers to 4 54 $\frac{1}{2}$  @ 4 55 $\frac{1}{8}$  and sixty days to 4 52 @ 4 52 $\frac{5}{8}$ ; trading was quiet and the reaction was more or less a natural one after so sharp a rise. Possibilities of Balkan troubles, also the political upheaval in Spain, exercised a depressing influence on sterling on Thursday and increased weakness developed, with the range 4 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 54 $\frac{1}{4}$  for demand, 4 54@4 54 $\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers and 4 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4 52 for sixty days. On Friday the undertone was nervous and irregular; quotations ranged between 4 53 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4 54 $\frac{1}{2}$  for demand, 4 53 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4 54 $\frac{3}{4}$  for cable transfers and 4 51 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 52 $\frac{1}{4}$  for sixty days. Closing quotations were 4 57 $\frac{3}{4}$  for sixty days, 4 54 for demand and 4 54 $\frac{1}{4}$  for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 53 $\frac{7}{8}$ , sixty days at 4 51 $\frac{5}{8}$ , ninety days at 4 49 $\frac{7}{8}$ , documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 51 $\frac{1}{2}$  and seven-day grain bills at 4 53 $\frac{3}{8}$ . Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 53 $\frac{7}{8}$ .

The gold movement continues light, actual receipts being limited to a shipment valued at £467,700 on the Homeric and 56 boxes of gold (value not given) on the Mauretania, both from England. The latter vessel also carried 14 boxes of silver. The Majestic is on its way from Southampton with \$283,000 in gold.

Movements in the Continental exchanges were nervous and irregular, although the general tendency was upward, except in the case of marks, which manifested unabated weakness. French currency was benefited by what looked like an early resumption of negotiations looking to settlement of the reparations wrangle and franc quotations shot up from 5.55 to 5.84 $\frac{1}{2}$ , a gain of 29 $\frac{1}{2}$  points, although on comparatively limited trading. Antwerp francs followed suit. Reichsmarks, however, not only failed to share in the improvement, but sank to new depths of devaluation. Following recovery at the end of last week to 0.000003, renewed rumors that the German Government is planning to form a new bank of issue which will circulate currency based on gold reserves, and probably utterly repudiate the present mark, had a disastrous effect on values and brought about a sharp slump which carried rates down to the microscopic figure of 0.00000075, or approximately 88,000,000 marks to the dollar. At the extreme close there was a recovery to 0.00000090. Continued unloading of marks by German interests and still another huge expansion in the output of note circulation all combined to force down prices. According to most authorities, marks are to all intents and purposes disbarred from dealings in the local market. A few months ago several important institutions ceased dealings, but in recent weeks practically all banks and trust companies have suspended business in Reichsmarks. There is, of course, no commercial demand for them and little if any speculative inquiry. Whatever business is passing is for account of one or two houses who are accepting orders for the transmission of marks to Germany or who are willing to sell mark credits for customers.

Lire exchange, which had been maintained in the face of a threatened clash between Italy and Greece, rose from 4.31 to 4.52 on improvement in diplomatic relations of the two countries, but subsequently lost nearly all the gain as a result of the imminence of "trouble in the Balkans." Possibility of serious friction between the Mussolini Government and the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes over the annexation of Fiume was not liked. Greek exchange was firm for the most part, rising at one time to as high as 1.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ , but later dropping back to 1.84. In the minor currencies also, changes have taken place. Polish marks suffered in sympathy with Reichsmarks, establishing a new low of 0.0003 $\frac{3}{4}$ , while Finmarks, which have been steady for months at around 2.76, dropped to 2.68, largely on unfavorable crop returns. It is reported that the Polish Bourse has been closed to prevent further depreciation of the mark there.

In the final dealings some of the losses were regained as a result of a lessening in the European political tension.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 77.80, against 81.60 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 5.83, against 5.55 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; cable transfers at 5.84, against 5.56 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; commercial sight at 5.82, against 5.54 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and commercial sixty days at 5.76 $\frac{3}{4}$ , against 5.49 last week. Final quotations on Antwerp francs were 4.80 $\frac{1}{2}$  for checks and 4.84 $\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers, in comparison with 4.57 and 4.58 the previous week. Reichsmarks closed at 0.00000090, against 0.000003 $\frac{1}{8}$  for both checks and cable transfers last week. Austrian kronen still rule at 0.0014 $\frac{1}{8}$ , unchanged. Lire

finished the week at 4.44 for bankers' sight bills and 4.45 for cable transfers, as against 4.31½ and 4.32½ a week earlier. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 3.00, against 2.98½; on Bucharest at 0.46½, against 0.45¾; on Poland at 0.0003¾, and on Finland at 2.62, against 2.76½ the preceding week. Greek drachma finished at 1.87½ for checks and 1.88 for cable transfers, in contrast with 1.84½ and 1.85 last week.

In the neutral exchanges, formerly so-called, trading was dull and narrow and rate fluctuations in the main reflected those of the larger Continental currencies. Guilders were firmly held until the latter part of the week, then reacted slightly, and the same is true of Swiss francs. Scandinavian currency was irregular, but not materially changed. Pesetas suffered another setback as a result of the breaking out of political dissension at Madrid and quotations sold off to 13.30, though later recovering to 13.33.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 39.30, against 39.25½; cable transfers at 39.34, against 39.29½; commercial sight at 39.34, against 39.19½, and commercial sixty days at 38.88, against 38.83½ a week ago. Swiss francs closed at 17.76 for bankers' sight bills and 17.77 for cable remittances, in comparison with 17.99 and 18.00 the previous week. Copenhagen checks finished at 17.94 and cable transfers at 17.98, against 18.11 and 18.15. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.52½ and cable transfers at 26.56½, against 26.59 and 26.63, while checks on Norway finished at 16.06 and cable transfers at 16.10, against 16.18 and 16.22 the week previous. Spanish pesetas finished the week at 13.33 for checks and 13.37 for cable transfers. This compares with 13.40½ and 13.44½ last week.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, SEPT. 8 1923 TO SEPT. 14 1923, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Sept. 8.	Sept. 10.	Sept. 11.	Sept. 12.	Sept. 13.	Sept. 14.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>EUROPE—</b>						
Austria, krone.....	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014	.000014
Belgium, franc.....	.0457	.0466	.0481	.0478	.0474	.0483
Bulgaria, lev.....	.009471	.009493	.009471	.009857	.009664	.009483
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029893	.029902	.029906	.029964	.029945	.029989
Denmark, krone.....	.1821	.1817	.1808	.1810	.1809	.1796
England, pound sterling.....	4.5349	4.5308	4.5529	4.5479	4.5422	4.5420
Finland, markka.....	.027581	.027261	.027044	.026439	.026772	.026633
France, franc.....	.0557	.0567	.0580	.0578	.0574	.0583
Germany, reichsmark.....	.00000289	.00000253	.00000163	.00000995	.00000111	.0000000956
Greece, drachma.....	.018025	.018500	.018450	.018278	.018472	.01869
Holland, guilder.....	.3929	.3927	.3928	.3928	.3934	.3931
Hungary, krone.....	.000056	.000056	.000056	.000056	.000055	.000055
Italy, lira.....	.0432	.0441	.0449	.0438	.0440	.0445
Norway, krone.....	.1621	.1617	.1611	.1610	.1612	.1608
Poland, mark.....	.00000441	.00000440	.0000039	.0000039	.0000038	.0000036
Portugal, escudo.....	.0421	.0425	.0422	.0416	.0412	.0409
Rumania, leu.....	.004539	.004544	.004692	.004714	.004669	.004644
Spain, peseta.....	.1345	.1343	.1348	.1347	.1335	.1335
Sweden, krona.....	.2660	.2657	.2659	.2658	.2655	.2654
Switzerland, franc.....	.1800	.1798	.1795	.1787	.1780	.1776
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.010710	.010760	.010755	.010743	.010765	.010883
<b>ASIA—</b>						
<b>China—</b>						
Chefoo tael.....	.7183	.7225	.7250	.7254	.7263	.7258
Hankow tael.....	.7171	.7213	.7204	.7208	.7217	.7213
Shanghai tael.....	.7042	.7073	.7063	.7072	.7073	.7080
Tientsin tael.....	.7275	.7317	.7308	.7313	.7321	.7317
Hongkong dollar.....	.5227	.5233	.5239	.5247	.5246	.5252
Mexican dollar.....	.5096	.5111	.5111	.5118	.5120	.5118
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	.5104	.5108	.5108	.5113	.5138	.5113
Yuan dollar.....	.5121	.5108	.5125	.5129	.5104	.5121
India, rupee.....	.3041	.3045	.3051	.3057	.3052	.3056
Japan, yen.....	.4854	.4850	.4854	.4850	.4848	.4843
Singapore (S. S.) dollar.....	.5313	.5317	.5317	.5321	.5325	.5321
<b>NORTH AMER.—</b>						
Canada, dollar.....	.975499	.975406	.975623	.976068	.976399	.976263
Cuba, peso.....	.998875	.998875	.998813	.998750	.998875	.998750
Mexico, peso.....	.486458	.486250	.486250	.486250	.486167	.486333
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.972656	.972969	.973125	.973672	.974141	.973750
<b>SOUTH AMER.—</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.7411	.7420	.7449	.7444	.7449	.7444
Brazil, milreis.....	.0945	.0970	.0983	.0991	.0988	.0977
Chile, peso (paper).....	.1221	.1234	.1234	.1240	.1248	.1253
Uruguay, peso.....	.7389	.7399	.7419	.7480	.7469	.7463

With regard to South American exchange, improvement was noted and Argentine rates recovered to 33 for checks and 33⅓ for cable transfers, then closed at 32.90 and 33.00, against 32.65 and 32.75, while Brazilian milreis, after touching 10.00, finished at 9.80 for checks and 9.85 for cable remittances, com-

paring with 9.75 and 9.80 a week ago. Chilean exchange was also a shade firmer and finished at 12⅝, against 12.40, but Peru was easier, closing at 4 05, against 4 12 the previous quotation.

Far Eastern exchange was firm; that is, the Chinese currencies, reflecting rumors of formation of a silver export association to regulate the production and marketing of that metal in this country. Japanese yen are now being quoted nominally. Other exchanges on the Far East were not materially altered. Hong Kong finished at 52½@52¾ (unchanged); Shanghai, 71¼@71½, against 70½@70¾; Yokohama, 48½@48¾; Manila, 49⅜@49⅝ (unchanged); Singapore, 53¼@53½ (unchanged); Bombay, 30¾@31 (unchanged), and Calcutta, 30⅞@31½, against 30⅞@31¼.

The New York Clearing House banks in their operations with interior banking institutions have gained \$4,763,071 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ended Sept. 13. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$5,846,201, while the shipments have reached \$1,083,130, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending Sept. 13.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$5,846,201	\$1,083,130	Gain \$4,763,071

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

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

Saturday, Sept. 8.	Monday, Sept. 10.	Tuesday, Sept. 11.	Wednesday, Sept. 12.	Thursday, Sept. 13.	Friday, Sept. 14.	Aggregate for Week.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
55,000,000	63,000,000	51,000,000	68,000,000	61,000,000	67,000,000	Cr. 368,000,000

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

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

Banks of—	Sept. 13 1923.			Sept. 14 1922.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£ 127,648,292	£ 127,648,292	£ 127,421,141	£ 127,421,141	£ 127,421,141	£ 127,421,141
France.....	146,932,627	11,760,000	158,712,627	143,354,741	11,440,000	154,794,741
Germany.....	29,355,200	63,475,400	32,830,600	50,111,480	1,009,050	51,120,530
Aus-Hun.....	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain.....	101,032,000	26,618,000	127,650,000	100,935,000	26,018,000	126,953,000
Italy.....	35,623,000	3,022,000	38,645,000	34,598,000	3,043,000	37,641,000
Netherl'ds.....	48,483,000	866,000	49,349,000	50,496,000	730,000	51,226,000
Nat. Belg.....	10,789,000	2,415,000	13,204,000	10,664,000	1,748,000	12,412,000
Switzerl'd.....	21,063,000	4,016,000	25,079,000	20,332,000	4,603,000	24,935,000
Sweden.....	15,152,000	-----	15,152,000	15,210,000	-----	15,210,000
Denmark.....	11,648,000	244,000	11,892,000	12,683,000	230,000	12,913,000
Norway.....	8,182,000	-----	8,182,000	8,183,000	-----	8,183,000
Total week.....	566,872,119	54,785,400	621,657,519	584,932,362	51,100,050	636,122,412
Prev. week.....	567,022,305	54,750,400	621,772,705	584,973,994	51,006,750	635,980,744

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £74,673,797 held abroad. b It is no longer possible to tell the amount of silver held by the Bank of Germany. On March 15 1923 the Reichsbank began including in its "Metal Reserve" not only gold and silver but aluminum, nickel and iron coin as well. The Bank still gives the gold holdings as a separate item, but as under the new practice the remainder of the metal reserve can no longer be considered as being silver, there is now no way of arriving at the Bank's stock of silver, and we therefore carry it along at the figure computed March 7 1923.

Protecting the Small Investor.

How much is annually taken from the savings of credulous persons by schemes having barely a grain of real substance or of honesty it is impossible to know accurately, but the total waste in the last ten years must mount up into hundreds of millions. Not

all journals are scrupulous and watchful as to their advertising columns, and the fool-fisher has little difficulty in getting publicity, while the withholding of his mail by the postal fraud order cannot halt him until he has had a considerable run; then he changes his name and takes a variant of his game. It is said that "sucker lists" are purchasable, and the person who has been caught on one hook seems ready to be caught by another a little differently baited. "Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird," said the writer of the roll of Proverbs. In his day this may have been true, but it is not true now if the bird be featherless; the net is not seen, but only the bait. Whether that is the promise of a 10% monthly dividend or modestly offers great value in return for a quarter or a dime, the responses seem to never end. The "Herald" is recounting a number of well-worn petty swindles, ranging from the handsome young widow of an affectionate disposition who seeks a husband down to the sharper who sends a postage stamp in reply to a dollar inclosed for a fine steel engraving of Washington or the still more cute sharper who makes no response at all. It is an old story, and it seems to be endless in the re-telling.

Whoever holds his eyes shut will encounter bumps, and for those who believe everything told them by a stranger and never profit by even their own experience there is no possible bulwark in statute; where the instinct of self-preservation is lacking no external power can quite protect. Yet publicity is the only check upon the pestilent business, and it is also a recognized duty. Approximately a million is annually expended by investment bankers, brokers and business men generally, according to a recent estimate by the "Times," in the work of protecting the small investor, about \$125,000 of this being contributed by members of the Stock Exchange and other financial concerns to the Better Business Bureau, while a committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs spends about \$300,000.

The work is necessarily educational, through publicity. Firms which become members of the Bureau are entitled to an "information" service without other charge than their regular membership subscriptions, and a like advisory service is available to small investors through savings banks and mercantile houses. The Bureau's motto, "before you invest investigate," puts into four words that are full of meaning and readily fasten themselves in memory the real pith of the cautionary teaching, for the person who believes without a question the tale sent him and sends his money without pausing to make any sort of inquiry is the kind of victim sought and the kind of victim caught.

An important part of educational work is to obtain the aid of institutions and persons that could never become direct sufferers by this robbery. The savings bank, the commercial bank, the prosperous merchant, the educated professional man—these are not likely to be victimized, but they have a duty towards and a personal interest in the thousands who are less able to guard their own savings. For the whole community is interested in saving and in savings; this swindling undermines confidence, discourages thrift, and by wasting what might otherwise be expended profitably is a plain injury to all legitimate business. In helping to shield others, business men generally can help themselves. Why should not the bank (for almost without exception, unless among the most ignorant, a bank is considered

"safe") try to shield its depositors and to make new ones by warning the public, and why should not employers offer a kindly caution to their employees about investigating carefully before parting with any money? To impress this is a part of the educational campaign which should have especial emphasis.

This is well understood in the Stock Exchange, and its director of publicity says that one crook can undermine the reputation of a community faster than a hundred honest dealers can build it up; by the nesting of financial vultures in the Wall Street section there have been enormous money losses, and (what is even worse) "Wall Street has lost a part of its most valuable business asset, good-will and confidence in buyers." This is correct, for people do not discriminate; the crooked dealer first gets some aid through the general credit of Wall Street and then makes the Street share his own discredit when he is found out.

The Exchange is aroused to the necessity of attending to both public duty and self-protection, as Mr. Cromwell has repeatedly shown. It has its own plans, and an illustration of them was given when an Monday morning movie cameras came upon the premises and "took" everything in range, including the members "in action." The views obtained show the members executing orders and also the workings of the much-talked-of tickers. The governing board is determined to have publicity, and this unprecedented picturing is meant to give the public everywhere ocular evidence of how this place which many unsophisticated deem a den of thieves looks and how its work is done. The difference between a bucket shop and the greatest of the necessary public trading marts where investment dealings are carried on and market prices are made and published will thus be shown, so far as the screen can show it.

#### *The Catastrophe in Japan—What We Ought to Learn from It.*

So much has been written about the effect of the earthquake, fire and tidal wave, on the future commerce and finance of the Empire of Japan that the calamity has been magnified, we think, many times, in this phase. We must not try to minimize the effect of these losses upon the lives of the people. They are sore and grievous. The property but not the life *can* be replaced. Yet not a few cities to-day are enjoying a better life and a brisker trade because of conflagrations—harsh as the statement may seem. *Japan* is not destroyed, and will come again—no doubt soothed because of the sympathy hurried to her in her misfortune from many parts of the world. The old familiar saying of "Phoenix-like from her ashes" will soon apply to this great loss.

The genius which has so advanced this people in the last half century will not fail her in this new crisis, and enable her to meet the situation heroically and with industry and ability. But as we speculate upon this feature of the story, and while deep sympathy everywhere runs across seas with material help, and, finer still, a spiritual good-will, we wonder if it is wisdom to attempt anew to build these cities upon the ruins of the old, granting that there are less exposed sites upon which the reconstruction might take place. And is there not a lesson to all mankind in this when linked up with war-waste?

There was a time when cynics said earthquakes, plagues and wars were blessings in disguise—that they depopulated the earth and made place for on-

coming generations that otherwise would have to work harder and even fight for existence. But we do not say this now. We may murmur at the ways of Providence that we do not understand—but we know that the earth has been pre-empted in a haphazard way, that population has distributed itself in a thoughtless manner, and that we already know what world-crowding means. Immigration and emigration in this light become vastly greater factors in world-economics than “union labor,” for example, would have us believe by excluding all foreign competition.

If Tokio and Yokohama are rebuilt will it not be because of dire necessity for land upon which to live and work? The question seems idle though it is not. Once there was an outcry from a certain voice in California over what was called “a conspiracy of silence” to keep the world in ignorance of earthquakes. It was advocated that the Government should make a survey, locate the “faults” and publish the result. What good would this do, was the answer, while cities are already built over them? Here is the thought that awakens: passing this by—since war is more destructive than fire and flood—ought not economics and commerce, looking to the future, try to prevent it—that civilization may live on?

As we reflect upon the terrors of this fearful visitation, as we realize that the heart of humanity melts into sympathy over the awful suffering that falls upon the innocent, the “inscrutable ways” are beyond our poor comprehension. But surely, since man is so powerless in the midst of earth’s unfeeling elements, we must know that the divine law of love and labor requires that we conserve the spiritual results which follow the generations that come and go; and that we live kindly and wisely, avoiding the physical dangers that beset us, and cleaving fast to the powers that transcend the material, spending ourselves in commerce and culture, that none shall die or suffer through selfishness, or greed, or hate.

Vast as is the field of speculation that opens before the mind, we can anchor our faith only in the infinitude of Purpose—that somehow, somewhere, there is compensation and recompense to those who live within and by the superior law. If we can banish the evils we create for ourselves then may we not accept that wholesome religion conveyed in the thought “I accept”? For these forces that sometimes destroy are the ones that continuously preserve. In the inventive field in which we use them to multiply our happiness they become our willing servants. And man has adventured far, accomplished much, yet finds so much more to do that all his energies seem but paltry things, however presently potential. Perhaps it is too big a task to talk of a more orderly distribution of population, of a more mutual opening of safe and fertile lands, yet much *can* be done when peoples and Governments formulate constructive policies of good-will.

One generation *could* provide a single language for European States—that would bring better understanding and lessen the probabilities of war. All countries *could* more freely interchange products and let commerce be the binding tie through which all might build a higher spiritual existence. In the long lapse of time disasters such as has just come to Japan constitute little bar to progress compared to war. And it is a poor philosophy that blames God for earthquake and flood and invokes death, poison and pestilence for selfishness and hate. Atoms that

we are, how much more we know than we employ in conserving helpfulness! True, these thoughts are remote, seem callous, in the presence of immediate duties so generously and courageously undertaken under the supervision of the Red Cross, but they may be indulged in without harm if the relief work be not neglected.

One more circumstance may be reflected upon—the “humane” overleaps all racial differences in the face of catastrophe, may not all peoples cultivate tolerance and good-will without ultra-altruism, without sacrifice of position, power, or prestige, without obliterating the pride of accomplishment, without yielding to others for no good reason at all the lands, democracy and government, already rightfully possessed? If we are to have peace in the world, the time will come when world-crowding must be resolved by philosophic contemplation and scientific control. That time approaches—is even now here. Man is given infinite natural resources and forces as his to command and use. He must have individual title to that which he utilizes and partially creates. To acquisition, innate, he is given the propensity to trade. The former should not prevent reasonable liberty of life and movement. The latter, rightly used, equalizes many differences in the former not otherwise removable.

#### *Secretary Hughes and the Monroe Doctrine.*

The fact that so important a public officer as Secretary Hughes, addressing so influential a body as the American Bar Association, should make the Monroe Doctrine his theme is significant. It may be assumed that in his selecting it in preference to any one of the great questions which are occupying the public mind he recognizes its significance in the actual situation occasioned by it to-day.

That situation may be described as a condition of disturbing sensitiveness in the Central and South American States, which very definitely affects their intercourse with us; and, on the other hand, a surprised and incredulous state of mind on our part, in view of our highly sentimental and firmly held adhesion to the historic Doctrine. The task of interpreting and adjusting these opposing conditions is the problem before the nation. The similar position of both North and South America with reference to the rest of the world, the duties and the dangers, and the rapidly growing importance of both sections, make oneness of sentiment as well as of conduct highly desirable.

The first step toward adjustment is to state the facts. It is just a hundred years since President Monroe in his annual message of Dec. 2 1823 made his famous declaration. Following Waterloo the matter of alliance among the great nations was under constant discussion. Many treaties were made and more suggested until the Congress of Verona in 1822, of which the immediate purpose was the arrest of the spread of republicanism in Europe by the subduing and return to Spain of her American colonies.\* England was disturbed by that Congress, from which she had withdrawn. Lord Castlereigh took up the matter; it was widely discussed in America; Canning, having Castlereigh’s draft in hand, opened communication with Dr. Rush, the American Minister, who reported to President Monroe. Monroe conferred among others with ex-Presidents Madison

\*The story is told in detail in “The Cambridge History of Foreign Policy,” Vol. II, 1815-66, just issued by Macmillan.



and John Quincy Adams, and the latter seems to have made the last draft of the action which was proposed and finally given expression by the President.

The object was primarily self-protection, both of England and America, against what at any time might become hostile combinations. The declaration that any attempt of a European nation to assume possession of American territory would be regarded as a hostile act by the United States was not a "doctrine"; it was not announced as the result of a study of principles or intended for teaching. Mr. Hughes speaks of it rightly as a "policy." The Covenant of the League of Nations, Article XXI, terms it a "regional understanding," and, in fact, that is what it was intended to announce. It never was presented to other nations for formal acceptance and indeed it was never so passed upon by us. When a few years ago a ponderous volume was published in Berlin calling attention to this fact and ridiculing the declaration as unworthy of attention in the Chancelleries of Europe, it received no notice here.

Mr. Hughes truthfully says "the Monroe Doctrine is not a policy of aggression; it is a policy of self-defense. It was asserted at a time when the danger of foreign aggression in this hemisphere was very real, when the new American States had not yet established a firm basis of independent national life, and we were menaced by threats of Old World powers directed against republican institutions. It remains an assertion of the principle of national security. As such it is obviously not exclusive." He quotes President Wilson as having observed, "the Monroe Doctrine was proclaimed by the United States on her own authority. It has been maintained and always will be maintained upon her own responsibility." He adds: "This implies neither suspicion nor estrangement. It simply means that the United States is asserting a separate national right of self-defense, and that in the exercise of this right it must have an unhampered discretion."

While the Secretary's statement that "the achievements of the century have not altered the scope of the Doctrine" is a trifle broad, it was inevitable that unforeseen occurrences would arise which would demand its application in ways that would require adjustment, and in fact "corollaries" have developed, which are now attached. These began under President Polk, declaring that even "peaceful acquisition of American territory by European Powers" would be opposed; and, later, that the same view would be held of transfer of territory between adjacent States; and, still more recently, the same was said of various tentative applications of the Doctrine in questions of "paramount interest," from the Venezuela case and the controversy over the Canal, to that over various island and Magdalena Bay.

But Mr. Hughes's declaration will stand that "The policy of the Monroe Doctrine does not infringe upon the independence and sovereignty of other American States; nor does it imply a claim on our part to superintend the affairs of our sister republics, to assert an overlordship, or to make our power the test of right in this hemisphere." When, reviewing later proceedings in relation to the Doctrine, he says, they "simply indicate that new occasions require new applications of an old principle which remains completely effective," he may be regarded as reaching the point where the misunderstandings which he elsewhere recognizes have arisen.

This brings us to the crux of the situation to-day. We have in an earlier article referred to the unfortunate but very definite change of feeling in recent times in South America toward the United States. It is publicly expressed in many inexact provocative statements in regard to our action, and that in cases where the facts were already well known or were easily ascertainable. But there are times and conditions in which when strong feeling is involved correction of misunderstanding is well-nigh impossible. Where good-will and common interests exist, it is important to avoid appearance of evil and to give every opportunity for establishing respect and confidence. This is pre-eminently the hour for that. As the old Puritan said: "When two traveling the same road fall out, they may journey far together if they will keep off hard words."

The Government may be counted upon to do its best to make its good-will convincing. The animadversion, especially in Buenos Aires, arising from the presence of some of our naval officers in Rio Janeiro aiding Brazil in the reorganization of her navy, was due to an entire misconception. They were there by special request of that Government for a particular duty, and they left when that was accomplished. The statements in regard to our relations to the Santiago Conference were also mistaken. The Conference was not our suggestion, nor did we take any steps toward its possible control. Similar things may be said of almost every other alleged grievance.

It may be hoped that our final recognition of Mexico, now happily completed, will relieve President Obregon from his "anxiety, that, if his country should yield to the economic pressure of her northern neighbor, which has already overwhelmed Central America and the West Indies, the doom of the countries farther south will be at hand." That, we trust, he will now be able to dismiss as a discredited spectre. So far as the Administration is concerned entire confidence may be placed in Mr. Hughes's affirmations. It will interpret the Monroe Doctrine only as affording "the necessary foundation for Pan-American co-operation in the independence and security of American States."

It remains for the American people to keep so well informed as to insure that Congress will know the solidity of their purpose to have the desired end achieved and to avoid every public action or utterance which may prove a stumbling block or hindrance. Our business men have the ever-present task of cultivating right understanding and the early establishing of methods of commercial intercourse which are appreciative of local customs and needs. The bond between the States and the peoples of both sections will then be surely such as to make all alike proud of being American.

#### *Railroad Gross and Net Earnings for July.*

The earnings of United States railroads treated as a whole continue to show substantial improvement as compared with a year ago, both in gross and net results, and in that sense make a satisfactory exhibit. But any review of the figures would be superficial that did not make note of the fact that the improvement is far less general and far less pronounced than it was only a few months back, when it was supposed that the steam carriers after their long travail had at length turned the corner and that a new and very much brighter era was opening up before them.

Careful analysis discloses much smaller gains, even for the roads collectively, especially in the matter of net, than seemed definitely a trend last May, while not a few roads and groups of roads form exceptions to the rule of improvement, and instead of recording increases in the net actually register losses. In other words, there are some roads and some sections of the country which are doing quite poorly in the face of the general improvement. And, as it happens, the companies and systems whose net revenues are shrinking at a time when the carriers, as a whole, are supposed to be enjoying unwonted prosperity, are the very ones that are being besieged with clamor from the communities they serve for reduced transportation charges. We allude particularly to the transcontinental systems running through the grain-carrying districts of the Northwest, though in addition some of the Southwestern systems find themselves in a similar predicament.

Generally speaking a sharp distinction must be made between the roads east of the Mississippi River and those west of the Mississippi. And the distinction seems logical and natural, considering the differing circumstances existing in these great geographical divisions of the country. No group of roads can be prosperous unless the people in the territory which it serves and drains are also prosperous. And the situation is that the roads west of the Mississippi River serve almost exclusively farming communities, and the farmer has been badly hit by the great shrinkage which has occurred in the prices of agricultural products at a time when there has been no corresponding shrinkage in commodity prices. He therefore finds himself with his purchasing power greatly curtailed, and the things he needs largely beyond his means. Western roads in their traffic and revenues naturally suffer by reason of this unfortunate situation of the communities upon which they are dependent. The matter is made worse by the fact that the main items in their operating costs, namely labor and fuel, are maintained at high levels, precluding the cutting down of expenses that might otherwise be possible. On the other hand, east of the Mississippi River, both north and south of the Ohio, extraordinarily favorable trade and business conditions exist which naturally redound to the advantage of the rail carriers within the respective geographical groups. The States east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio comprise the great manufacturing districts of the country in which unparalleled activity has prevailed for some time so that the railroads are in enjoyment of the largest volume of traffic they have had in their entire history. Some of the dominant systems in this territory are as a consequence seeing their earnings swell in such a way as to suggest that they may become veritable gold mines should present tonnage be continued indefinitely, which, of course, it will not be. South of the Ohio River the advantages are not so striking or so pronounced, but that part of the country is also greatly favored at the moment, two main circumstances contributing to that end, namely (1) the high price prevailing for cotton, the money crop of the South, putting the Southern farmer in totally different position from that occupied by the Western farmer, and (2) the activity and prosperity of the iron trade which has been working wonders in the Southern iron districts of Alabama, Tennessee and adjoining territory.

Our compilations to-day cover the month of July. Dealing first with the general totals we find in the

gross earnings an increase of \$91,678,979, or 20.70%, but in the net an increase of only \$18,392,282, or 17.92%. This is better than the showing for the month of June, when gross increased only \$66,903,501, or 14.14%, and net increased \$14,427,896, or 13.16%, but contrasts unfavorably with the results for the month of May, when our tables showed \$97,510,054 gain in gross, or 21.77%, and \$32,573,715 gain in net, or 34.79%, and with the figures for April which showed \$105,578,442 gain in gross, or 25.39%, and \$38,240,343 gain in net, or 47.56%. The following is the July comparison:

Month of July (192 roads)	1923.	1922.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)
Miles of road.....	235,477	235,813	-336 0.14%
Gross earnings.....	\$534,634,552	\$442,955,873	+\$91,678,679 20.70%
Operating expenses.....	413,589,777	340,303,380	+73,286,397 21.53%
Net earnings.....	\$121,044,775	\$102,652,493	+\$18,392,282 17.92%

One other circumstance tends still further to minimize the importance of the July gains as here shown. We refer to the fact that we are comparing with poor results last year which was not the case in the months preceding. Our tabulations for July 1922 actually showed a decrease of \$19,960,589 in the gross, though in the net at that time there was a small increase, namely \$1,964,485, or 1.95%. The reason for the poor showing last year was that the strike at the unionized coal mines of the country, which had been such a disturbing factor in the months preceding, not only continued, but that its adverse effects were greatly emphasized by the fact that on July 1 the railroad shopmen also went on strike and that this led to acts of violence on the part of the men who quit work, or their sympathizers, to prevent others from taking the abandoned jobs, with the result of interrupting railroad operations and in some instances even preventing the movement of coal from the non-union mines. It should not be forgotten, either, that it was on July 1 last year that the 10% horizontal reduction in freight rates promulgated by the Inter-State Commerce Commission went into effect. There was at the same time a reduction of about 7@8% in the wages of the shopcrafts employees and the maintenance of way men, but any benefits that might have accrued from this was, of course, vitiated by the shopmen's strike, which increased expenses rather than decreased them. The previous year there had been a reduction in wages of 12% effective July 1 1921, but this in turn followed 20% increase in wages put in effect by the Labor Board on July 1 1920 immediately after its advent to power.

Not only does this year's gain of \$91,678,679 in gross earnings follow \$19,960,589 loss in July last year, but this latter in turn followed an antecedent loss of no less than \$66,407,116 in July 1921, as compared with July 1920. On the other hand, however, the loss in 1921 was attended by a prodigious saving in expenses, with the result of bringing a gain of \$84,615,721 in the net at that time. The contraction in expenses amounted to no less than \$151,022,837, and while due in part to the shrinkage in the volume of traffic owing to the intense business depression prevailing, it was in no small degree the outgrowth of dire necessity, the railroads being obliged to practice the utmost saving and economy to avert bankruptcy after the enormous additions to expenses forced upon them in the years preceding during the period of Government control. The truth is, prior to 1921 expenses had been mounting up in such a prodigious way that in 1920 net earnings had got down to a point where some of the best managed proper-

ties were barely able to meet ordinary running expenses, not to mention taxes and fixed charges. And it was these inflated expense accounts that furnished the basis for the savings and economies effected in 1921 and 1922. As an indication of how expenses kept rising in 1920 and prior years, we may note that in July 1920, though our tables showed \$65,975,059 gain in gross, they registered \$69,121,669 decrease in net, while in July 1919 there was a falling off in both gross and net—\$14,658,220 in the former and \$55,352,408 in the latter. In the following we furnish the July comparisons back to 1906. For 1910, 1909 and 1908 we use the Inter-State Commerce Commission's totals, since in those years they included all the minor roads and were more comprehensive than our own figures, but for preceding years (before the Commerce Commission began to require returns) we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being then 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. (-).
July.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1906	129,386,440	114,556,367	+14,380,073	42,808,250	36,718,416	+6,089,834
1907	137,212,522	118,666,092	+18,546,430	41,891,837	39,448,771	+2,443,066
1908	195,246,134	228,672,250	-33,426,116	67,194,321	75,679,805	-8,485,484
1909	219,964,739	195,245,655	+24,719,084	78,350,772	67,267,352	+11,083,420
1910	230,615,776	217,803,354	+12,812,422	73,157,547	77,643,305	-4,485,758
1911	224,751,083	226,306,735	-1,555,652	72,423,469	72,392,058	+31,411
1912	245,595,532	222,587,872	+23,007,660	79,427,565	70,536,977	+8,890,588
1913	235,849,764	223,813,526	+12,036,238	64,354,370	67,620,157	-3,265,787
1914	252,231,248	251,803,011	+428,237	75,349,466	76,358,377	-998,911
1915	262,948,115	260,624,000	+2,324,115	87,684,955	77,853,745	+9,831,210
1916	308,040,911	263,944,649	+44,096,262	108,709,496	88,421,559	+20,287,937
1917	353,219,982	306,891,957	+46,328,025	111,424,542	108,293,945	+3,130,597
1918	433,584,172	346,022,857	+87,561,315	144,348,682	109,882,551	+34,466,131
1919	454,588,513	469,246,733	-14,658,220	96,727,014	152,079,422	-55,352,408
1920	467,351,544	401,376,485	+65,975,059	18,827,733	87,949,402	-69,121,669
1921	460,989,697	527,396,813	-66,407,116	99,807,935	15,192,214	+84,615,721
1922	442,736,397	462,696,986	-19,960,589	102,258,414	100,293,929	+1,964,485
1923	534,634,552	442,955,873	+91,678,679	121,044,775	102,652,493	+18,392,282

Note.—In 1906 the number of roads included for the month of July was 90; in 1907, 82; in 1908 the returns were based on 231,536 miles of road; in 1909, 234,500; in 1910, 238,169; in 1911, 230,076; in 1912, 230,712; in 1913, 206,084; in 1914, 235,407; in 1915, 243,042; in 1916, 244,249; in 1917, 245,699; in 1918, 231,700; in 1919, 226,6154 in 1920, 220,459; in 1921, 230,991; in 1922, 235,082; in 1923, 235,477.

From what has been said it will be seen that even as far as the general totals are concerned the significance of this year's July improvement is greatly diminished by reason of the antecedent heavy losses in the years preceding. Pursuing our analysis a step further and arranging the roads in groups or geographical divisions, according to their location, we immediately light upon the distinction in the character of the results between roads east of the Mississippi and those west of that river. In the gross there is improvement as compared with last year in the case of every one of the geographical divisions, but the ratio for the groups east of the Mississippi is over twice that of the roads west of the river. Thus for Group 2, comprising the roads in the Eastern and Middle States, the gain in gross is 34.61%, for Group 3, made up of the roads in the Middle Western States, it is 27.98%, and for Groups 4 and 5, composed of Southern roads, it is 21.70%, while in the case of the Northwestern Group, the Southwestern Group and the Pacific Group the ratio in no instance is much above 10% and in one instance is slightly below 10%. In like manner when we turn to the net we find very heavy ratios of increase for the roads east of the Mississippi except in the case of the New England Group, but actual losses in net for the Northwestern Groups and also losses for the Southwestern Groups—the first mentioned having fallen behind in the net \$6,041,768, or 20.60%, and the last mentioned \$3,307,598, or 17.35%. It is not at all singular that there should be large improvement in the

net of the Eastern roads, since these roads suffered so severely last year by reason of the coal miners' strike, some of them at that time having failed to earn bare operating expenses. The following is our summary by groups:

SUMMARY BY GROUPS.

Section or Group.	Gross Earnings.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
	1923.	1922.	\$	%
July—	\$	\$	\$	%
Group 1 (9 roads), New England.	23,174,348	20,605,572	+2,568,776	12.47
Group 2 (34 roads), East Middle.	180,976,355	134,448,834	+46,527,521	34.61
Group 3 (26 roads), Middle West.	48,284,369	37,729,233	+10,555,136	27.98
Groups 4 & 5 (34 roads), Southern.	69,969,339	57,495,568	+12,473,771	21.70
Groups 6 & 7 (29 roads), Northw.	107,477,665	97,760,688	+9,716,977	9.93
Groups 8 & 9 (48 roads), Southw.	75,383,193	68,240,505	+7,142,688	10.47
Group 10 (12 roads), Pacific Coast	29,369,253	26,675,473	+2,693,780	10.10
Total (192 roads)	534,634,552	442,955,873	+91,678,679	20.70

  

Section or Group.	Miles.		Net Earnings.			
	1923.	1922.	\$	%		
Group 1	7,472	7,480	4,377,503	4,207,441	+170,062	4.04
Group 2	34,531	34,635	41,278,394	19,764,914	+21,513,480	108.85
Group 3	15,774	15,736	13,506,545	9,200,271	+4,306,274	46.80
Groups 4 & 5	39,061	39,016	14,825,241	13,097,664	+1,727,577	13.19
Groups 6 & 7	66,977	66,860	23,285,339	29,327,107	-6,041,768	20.60
Groups 8 & 9	54,732	55,250	15,754,679	19,062,277	-3,307,598	17.35
Group 10	16,930	16,836	8,017,074	7,992,819	+24,255	0.30
Total	235,477	235,813	121,044,775	102,652,493	+18,392,282	17.92

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.

In the case of the separate roads the distinction already referred to also finds very strong emphasis. For while there is a long list of increases in the gross, some for very heavy amounts, with only two or three roads forming exceptions to the rule by showing decreases of any size, on the other hand not an insignificant number of roads have suffered decreases in net. Moreover, these decreases in net are found mainly on roads west of the Mississippi River, although there are also a few Eastern roads that fall within the same category. Thus the Burlington & Quincy reports for the month \$1,654,738 loss in net; the Chicago & North Western \$1,494,794 loss; the Atchison \$1,304,161 loss; the Northern Pacific \$1,297,087; the Rock Island \$994,931; the Denver & Rio Grande \$944,301; the Milwaukee & St. Paul \$709,638; the Union Pacific \$500,963; the "Soo" \$495,835, the St. Paul & Omaha \$438,400, etc., etc. In sharp contrast with these losses on Western roads Eastern roads report very striking gains in the net—in most cases, however, following heavy losses last year. This is particularly true of the anthracite coal carriers, whose present gains represent mostly recovery of what was lost last year when the movement of anthracite was absolutely nil, though on the other hand both the Erie and the Reading report increases in net which run far in excess of last year's losses. As far as concerns those two great trunk line systems, namely the Pennsylvania and the New York Central, the Central reports \$6,664,289 addition to gross and \$4,390,556 addition to net. This is for the Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads we get \$11,402,517 gain in gross and \$6,939,452 gain in net. Last year in July the result for the New York Central System had been \$1,885,150 gain in gross, but \$724,127 loss in net. The Pennsylvania Railroad the present year on the lines directly operated reports \$13,392,995 gain in gross and \$4,999,146 gain in net, and for the whole Pennsylvania System \$13,649,120 gain in gross and \$4,915,-

\$51 gain in net. Last year the Pennsylvania System in July showed \$108,344 gain in gross with \$1,672,730 loss 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:

as against 76,647,000 bushels for the four weeks of 1922. The details of the Western grain movement in our usual form are set out in the table we now introduce:

Table with 3 columns: Road Name, Increase (or Decrease), and Gross Earnings for July. Includes roads like Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, New York Central, etc.

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.

Table with 3 columns: Road Name, Increase (or Decrease), and Net Earnings for July. Includes roads like Pennsylvania, New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio, etc.

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 \$13,392,995 increase. For the entire Pennsylvania System, including all roads owned and controlled, the result is an increase in gross of \$13,649,120.

Besides the other drawbacks enumerated, Western roads had to contend with a diminished grain traffic the present year. For the four weeks ending July 28 the receipts of wheat at the Western primary markets were only 28,740,000 bushels, as against 35,617,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks last year, and the receipts of corn only 15,450,000 bushels against 22,939,000 bushels. Adding oats, barley and rye, the receipts of the five cereals combined foot up only 60,506,000 bushels for the four weeks of 1923,

Table titled 'WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.' with columns for Flour (obbls.), Wheat (bush.), Corn (bush.), Oats (bush.), Barley (bush.), and Rye (bush.). Rows list various cities and weeks ending July 28, 1922 and 1923.

Table titled 'RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN JULY AND FROM JAN. 1 TO JULY 31 1923, 1922 AND 1921.' with columns for Ports, July (1923, 1922, 1921), and Since Jan. 1 (1923, 1922, 1921). Rows list ports like Galveston, Texas City, New Orleans, etc.

On the other hand, Western roads had the advantage of a larger live stock movement. At Chicago the receipts of live stock comprised 26,199 carloads in July 1923, against 21,194 cars in July 1922; at Kansas City 11,783 cars, against 9,561, and at Omaha 10,759 cars, against 10,374.

In the case of Southern roads the cotton movement was of diminutive proportions. The shipments overland for July 1923 were 41,627 bales, against 82,682 bales in 1922; 161,383 bales in July 1921, 98,231 bales in July 1920, and 114,489 bales in July 1919. At the Southern outports the receipts were only 91,581 bales in July 1923 against 180,821 bales in 1922 and 419,221 bales in 1921, as will be seen by the following:

Table titled 'RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN JULY AND FROM JAN. 1 TO JULY 31 1923, 1922 AND 1921.' with columns for Ports, July (1923, 1922, 1921), and Since Jan. 1 (1923, 1922, 1921). Rows list ports like Galveston, Texas City, New Orleans, etc.

## Indications of Business Activity

### THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

*Friday Night, Sept. 14 1923.*

Colder weather is helping general trade. Throughout the West there have been heavy frosts with flurries of snow in Minnesota, Michigan and Illinois. Yet it is not believed that much damage has been done to the corn crop. And it is significant that the price is one to two cents per bushel lower than a week ago. The corn crop will be the largest for some years past. Autumnal purchases are on a larger scale, both jobbing and retail. The West and the South are having the best trade. Southern trade is vivified by a rise in cotton of some \$35 a bale in six weeks and about \$20 within ten days. Yet the indications of late have pointed to a somewhat larger crop than at one time seemed probable, namely something like 11,300,000 bales, according to one estimate this week, in contrast with recent forebodings pointing to a yield of only about 10,000,000 bales, or in other words, only about 300,000 bales more than last year. It is feared that the crop will be inadequate, however, even as it is. At the same time the East Indian crop, which recently pointed to an increase of some 500,000 bales, now seems likely to be no larger than that of last year, following excessive rains in the Bombay district. In this country farmers show a disposition to market cotton on the whole promptly and this is certainly a wise policy considering the fact that prices are far higher than in pre-war times. They are fully 7 cents per pound higher than a year ago. The grain markets are all lower. Wheat has fallen 3 to 4 cents within a week and September wheat dropped again below the dollar mark, largely because the Canadian crop estimates have latterly been increased about 100,000,000 bushels, and it is beginning to be marketed freely, while in this country there is not much export demand. The total American wheat crop, according to present appearances, will be 67,000,000 bushels smaller than that of last year. It is evident that the wheat farmer must reduce his acreage, as the European farmer is gradually getting on his feet and raising larger crops. One indication of this is that the French crop this year is so large that the price of bread has latterly been reduced in Paris. We have a large supply of rye and a poor sale for it in Europe. But when the Ruhr and reparations troubles are ended it is highly probable that Germany will renew its purchases on something like the old liberal scale. Meanwhile our exports of cotton, though larger than last year, have latterly lagged, although Manchester's trade is improving and it has recently been buying cotton more freely in Liverpool. Liverpool has been buying cotton not only in Texas, but in the Atlantic markets. With European political disturbances settled there seems no doubt that the exports of cotton from this country later on will increase. It is a striking fact that England for a year past has been consuming foreign growths of cotton on a far larger scale than usual, taking, for instance, Peruvian, East Indian and African cotton as it seldom or never has before. But it is pointed out that if Lancashire's trade revives and the margin of profit permits it, British mills will go back to American cotton, which is more uniform in grade than cotton from other parts of the world, so that it pays better to spin it. And one outcome of the Japanese earthquake and the disruption, for a time at least, of its textile business will be, it is believed, a considerable increase in the consumption of higher grades of cotton goods in this country and elsewhere in the world. Meanwhile silk goods have been advancing. Cotton goods, moreover, have met with quite a good demand. Fall River's sales of print cloths for the week are estimated at 175,000 pieces. As for Manchester, it is selling goods freely just now to Calcutta, and is also having a better demand than recently from China. This has naturally encouraged the British cotton trade not a little.

Meanwhile in this country some reflection of the actual state of trade, even though improvement is not uniform but on the contrary rather uneven, is to be found in the remarkably large totals of car loadings, something which transcends anything ever before seen in this country. Perhaps this is not surprising, with an area in continental United States of some 3,000,000 square miles and a population of approximately 110,000,000 people not at all lacking in courage, initiative and all around enterprise. The production of auto-

mobiles is the largest for some three months past. This is not without significance. Neither is the fact that the jewelry manufacturing trade is active. The buying power of a large section of the people is large. Labor is getting high wages. The South is getting high prices for its cotton. Stocks of merchandise throughout the country have fallen within recent months to a low level, and must be replenished. The production of oil has again exceeded all records and gasoline has declined. In steel there has been some buying for Japanese account, though not on as large a scale as no doubt it will be later on. Even as it is, however, there has been a fair business in various steel products for export to the Island Empire. Copper, tin and lead have all advanced under the spur of a better demand. Bituminous coal and coke have declined owing to the settlement of the anthracite strike. And Chicago is looking for still lower prices. Woolen and worsted goods have been quiet. There has been some demand for lumber from Japan.

Meanwhile European politics have had a more or less disturbing effect. London has naturally watched with a certain gravity the outbreak of the troops at Barcelona, Spain, and the demand on the part of Italy for possession of Fiume. And to-day it was announced that the King of Spain has accepted a rule by a Directorate proposed by the rebels, and the new body to govern without a Parliament. The old Cabinet has resigned and the whole affair looks a good deal like the Fascista movement in Italy. Meanwhile martial law has been extended to the whole of Spain with the King's acquiescence. The indications point to gradual progress towards a settlement of the Ruhr question, though the German Cabinet probably feels the necessity of proceeding with a certain circumspection and gradually preparing the German people for a rapprochement with France and a settlement of the whole vexatious question along business-like lines. This is probably the truth, whatever the skepticism in London and Paris, especially in London, as to the immediate outlook. London is said to be awaiting practical details of the plan looking to a settlement. The vital point is that it is going to be settled. That is very evident. The situation has become intolerable. Germany and France will have everything to gain by a settlement along lines equitable to both. Meanwhile in this country the underpinning of general business is sound. Money has latterly been as high as 6% on call. A better demand for money, of course, indicates that business needs it and it would not need it unless it was gradually improving. Although latterly the stock market has been declining, it showed a steadier undertone to-day, and the general outlook for business in the United States is believed to be hopeful.

The American Print Co., it was reported, has resumed full time. At Adams, Mass., the Renfrew Manufacturing Co., which produces napkins and damask goods, has closed its mill indefinitely, owing to the unfavorable condition of the market. At Manchester, N. H., the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. has no intention at present, it is stated, of increasing curtailment, although new orders are not being received in as large volume as could be desired. Their Massachusetts plants are running four days a week and operating 75% of their machinery. At the Ipswich Mills at Lowell, Ipswich and Gloucester, Mass., a reduction in wages of 12½% has been made and the management hopes that it will be possible now to operate the mills on full time, instead of half time, which undoubtedly would have been the case had the cut not been put into effect. At Lawrence, Mass., on Sept. 11, 100 or more weavers were laid off at the Wood Mill of the American Woolen Co., with the possibility that further curtailments will be made in the near future. At Salisbury, N. C., the Clumac cotton mills resumed operations on Monday after being idle for two months. Several large South Carolina mills controlled by Leroy Springs have been bought by Lockwood, Greene & Co. At Paterson, N. J., about 10% fewer broadsilk looms were in operation last Monday than on Saturday. The stoppage of looms covers wash satins, spun silks, novelties of some character, a few satins, taffetas and some crepes.

At Fort Smith, Ark., on Sept. 11, Judge Frank A. Youmans in the United States District Court overruled a motion to dismiss the suit of the Coronado Coal Co. against the United

Mine Workers of America in which judgment is asked for \$2,222,000 as a result of labor riots in the Hartford Valley of Zebastian County, Arkansas, in 1914.

Portland, Ore., wired Sept. 9: "The I. W. W. strike called last week in the timber camps in Oregon has had no effect. Employment agencies have defied the 'Wobblies' and are sending men to any camps asking for men. Logging operations close down early in the winter. Most of the men want a "stake" before winter comes. This strike is in sharp contrast with that of last May, when the I. W. W. walkout effectively tied up scores of great camps. Apart from this, with a rearrangement of Japanese finances and with the perfection of plans for rebuilding, Japan's demand for Oregon and Washington lumber will be greatly increased, leading exporters declare. This will mean a sharp stimulus in the lumber traffic six months hence. Much lumber is being donated at present for relief work in devastated areas."

The high cost of labor continues to work hardship to the great bulk of the population. It is a case of 5,000,000 against 105,000,000 people, the total population being 110,000,000 and the 5,000,000 are having their way in defiance of the immense majority of the population of the United States. Labor costs rise, prices in some cases decline, profits fall off. Employers have a hard time; employees have an easy one. The salaried and farming classes are still in an unfortunate position; also, some branches of labor outside of the trades that are especially favored by high wages. Earnings of office clerks, etc., and farmers lag relatively or absolutely far behind those of artisans. Sooner or later, if this economic dislocation continues, it will cause reduced consumption and production and also unemployment. It hits the great mass of consumers. Labor's exactions will turn out to be a boom-crang.

The situation in the petroleum trade attracts general attention. Prices within the last few weeks have declined sharply in the case at least of gasoline. Supplies have increased rapidly largely because of the very marked increase of crude oil production in Southern California. Of an August total of 2,250,450 bbls. a day in the United States, California produced 872,000 bbls., or considerably more than one-third. Yet last year, during August, for instance, the daily output was only 1,492,000 bbls., of which 375,000 bbls. were produced in California, or noticeably less than one-third. For the week ending Sept. 1 the total was 2,261,800 this year and for that of Sept. 8 2,261,800 bbls. daily, against 1,504,400 in the same week last year. This is a new high record. California's output fell from 870,000 bbls. in the week ending Sept. 1 to 363,000 for that ending Sept. 8, but the mid-continent output increased. It raises a knotty question of supply and demand. In the first half of the year it is computed that the field stocks of oil increased in the United States some 35,000,000 bbls. in addition to stocks at the refineries, of which some 19,500,000 bbls. were added in June and July alone. And it is a disturbing thought to members of the oil trade that the production would be even larger but for voluntary and enforced curtailment. Of course, even the largest refineries can take only just so much oil. Concerted curtailment of output, it is recalled, is contrary to law. Yet it is evident that either the output must be reduced or the consumption increased if a further decline in prices is to be prevented. The trouble is that California oil is now beginning to compete in the East. And with the steadily declining price of gasoline the output of gasoline is even greater, it appears, than that of crude oil, the California oil being especially productive of this fuel. One consolation for the trade is that production may suddenly decrease as it has increased, and that in any case, with a steady increase in population, the rapid growth of the automobile industry and the high buying power of the labor element of the country, there is a tendency toward an increased consumption.

It is significant that bricklayers are beginning to seek work at the contract wage of \$12 a day without demanding a \$2 bonus, and such commercial building which was practically halted by inability to get men to do the brick work is now progressing at a normal rate. Speculative building is not calling for so many men. Various structures in the clothing trade section that had had only three or four bricklayers at work now have twenty-five. Yet plasterers, plumbers, electricians, steamfitters and the other trades that do the finishing work are still at a premium.

For the second consecutive week, loadings of revenue freight were the highest in history, according to the American Railway Association. The total for the week ending

Sept. 1 was 1,092,567 cars, 22,635 over the former high record, established during the previous week.

Many of the negroes, it is stated, who left the South for more lucrative work in the North are returning. The movement is not yet general, but confined mostly to individuals who fear the cold of the Northern winters and prefer cotton picking to almost any other work.

The silk trade here is gradually recovering despite reports of the destruction at Yokohama of 40,000 bales of raw silk. Trade in other than Japanese raw silk is gradually being resumed at \$1.20 to \$2.15. A hopeful circumstance is that cancellations from Japan of woolen orders placed in Boston have not been heavy. The London wool sales have kept prices very firm.

A new record September sale for size was concluded on the 7th inst. at Montreal by the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Co., the four days' session netting close to \$2,250,000, or about a quarter million less than the record sale last June. Dark, good colored, large sized marten advanced 25% over June; small sized and pale goods were unchanged to 5% lower than in June. The highest price paid was \$105. Baum marten brought up to \$20 and stone marten up to \$17. Russian sable brought up to \$130, a 10% advance. Marmots sold to \$110; nutria, Argentines, up to \$2. Australian opossum declined 10%; ring-tailed opossum up to \$1.25. Mink, Yukons, brought up to \$14; Quebecs to \$15, and Labradors to \$18, a 10% advance. American mink sold up to \$7.50. The next sale will open Feb. 12.

It has been Indian summer weather at New York, but on Sept. 12 a brief snow flurry visited Duluth, the earliest on record. The temperature was 45 degrees above zero. At Ironwood, Mich., on Sept. 12 snow flurries lasting 20 minutes occurred. Washington reported on Sept. 12 that frost and temperatures approaching the freezing point in northwestern Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and northern Wyoming, and frost and freezing temperatures in Alberta were attributed by the Weather Bureau to a vast area of high pressure over the Northwestern States. Tidal waves on the Pacific Coast wrecked half a dozen war vessels and destroyed the small Mexican town of San Jose de Cobo. Very high waves have been striking the Pacific for a week past and also of late some parts of the Atlantic seaboard. Ice formed in two Wisconsin counties on the night of the 13th inst. There was snow in Illinois on that day. In the Eastern, Central and Western States low temperatures caused a resort to household fires and steam heat. The mercury was around 30 to 40 in the Northwest. Here to-day it was down to 53 and the forecast is for still cooler weather. There are reports to-night of heavy damage to crops in the West by killing frost, especially in the Northwest. It is said in Wisconsin the tobacco crop has suffered serious damage. Ice half an inch thick formed in parts of that State. Strange as it may sound, however, the corn crop, it is stated, has escaped with slight injury.

#### Probabilities in Building—Japanese Needs May Play Some Part.

Prospect for the 1924 building construction industry are gauged for the trade by the "Dow Service Daily Building Reports" in its issue of Sept. 8 as follows:

New York City recorded \$523,000,000 worth of construction, mostly housing, in 1922. The present year should have turned a total of \$560,000,000 before this time in New York City, had it not been for the futile buyers' strike lasting from May to the end of August. With the work deferred, mostly commercial construction, and that which would normally develop in 1924, that year should, by all the rules of normal building progress and economic trends, mark the first \$600,000,000 year for the city and, incidentally, the first \$6,000,000,000 for the country.

A 600-million year for New York or a 6-billion year for the country does not carry with it to-day the same intimation of higher building material prices and construction costs as the identical estimate would have indicated had it been made a year or more ago.

Building material manufacturers everywhere have prepared themselves for such a drain upon their plant capacities and financial resources. In these two respects they are in better shape than they have been at any time since the war. Demand alone does not create eras of prohibitive prices. Success crises come only when supply cannot meet current requirements. In 1920, 1921, 1922 and most of 1923 the nation's basic building material manufacturers were unprepared for the crush of demand. Most of that time their credits were temporarily impaired by inquisitions and similar legislative procedure. The recent building reaction has permitted them to pile up some reserves and to provide for greater output, hence more stable prices.

Price sags are not to be generally looked for next year for the following reasons:

The acid test toward squeezing out what water there was in basic building material prices along the Atlantic seaboard developed this summer when foreign materials came in to compete with domestic materials for the scanty construction offerings then made. Domestic prices held fairly firm and the prices for imported materials advanced "as far as margins would permit."

Foreign competition is easily within the control of domestic building material manufacturers. Greater production capacity enables them to cut costs. If domestic prices drop too low foreign goods cannot compete. In the approach of winter and the usual autumnal shifting of labor at manufacturing centres (this year largely toward steel mills) foreign building materials have a roseate future, as far as the eastern seaboard is concerned. But a new situation has developed within the last ten days—in the reconstruction problem in Japan.

Housing for as many people as there are in the Borough of Queens has been wiped out in the city of Yokohama. And the destruction of three-quarters of the city of Tokio means that housing must be constructed for all but one-fourth of the total number of people that live in the Borough of Brooklyn. These people are homeless and cold weather is nearing in Japan as it is nearing here.

Lumber and ready-to-use building material, steel, lime, plaster, patent shingles, wire, wood and metal lath, and even brick will be required in Japan in quantities far greater than Japan can produce them on such short notice. If they are called for from America, it may be in just such sufficient volume to take up, on the one hand, the surplus American manufacturers have provided for, and, on the other hand, it will give to foreign materials just that margin that will insure to them profit-taking prices for European materials on sale here.

The Pacific Coast and the Middle West have been short of certain basic materials, notably cement, among other items. Any call for basic building materials from the Orient may open up a use for the flotilla of U. S. Shipping Board vessels now moored in the upper reaches of the Hudson for the reconstruction problem of Japan to-day is far greater than that of desolated France at the close of the war, because Japan will probably seize upon this calamity, with her unimpaired credits, to rebuild along American ideas of earthquake-proof construction, not only for her commercial building, but for her housing.

Domestic construction will not longer wait for lower building prices. The lure of the Far East will tempt building artisans and architects as well as master builders and manufacturers.

There are domestic questions of fuel supply, rail congestion, winter weather conditions, which in view of a dry summer, may be expected to be followed by unusual snow storms, in view of the slight variation in precipitation records in terms of cycles; all entering into the investors' calculations on what to do with his his construction plans, none of which indicate that the conservative policy is to delay further for lower building costs.

**Resumption of Building Activity.**

Building activities in New York, as measured by building permits, are nearly a third larger than last year, according to the monthly building survey of S. W. Straus & Co. For the past eight months of the year the firm finds a net gain in the five boroughs of \$124,126,637, or 30%. Each of the five boroughs shows a heavy gain for the period excepting Richmond, which has a loss of \$621,510. Brooklyn leads all the boroughs in a gain of \$64,457,241, or more than 50%. In April and May there was a loss as compared with the same months in 1922, but in June the upward movement was resumed and has continued since then. The Straus survey shows that Chicago also is building rapidly, permits there having increased 55% during the eight months as compared with the same period in 1922. According to reports in the Straus survey from 73 cities and towns, nation-wide building activities, which slowed up considerably during midsummer, are now swinging ahead with every indication of again assuming the proportions of a building boom. Building permit figures in New York City for eight months comparable with eight months of 1922 are as follows:

New York City—		1923.	1922.	Gain.
January	-----	\$65,478,015	\$47,521,683	\$17,956,330
February	-----	79,730,453	53,229,024	26,501,429
March	-----	149,076,999	105,608,892	43,468,107
April	-----	35,772,191	37,851,208	*2,079,017
May	-----	39,921,684	42,511,261	*2,589,577
June	-----	57,383,903	49,588,270	7,794,733
July	-----	51,833,287	34,022,331	17,810,956
August	-----	51,715,780	36,452,104	15,263,676
Total	-----	\$530,911,410	\$406,784,773	\$124,126,637
*Loss.				
Borough		8 Months 1923.	8 Months 1922.	Gain.
Manhattan	-----	\$122,757,979	\$111,474,339	\$11,283,640
Brooklyn	-----	191,664,951	127,206,810	64,457,241
Queens	-----	109,703,274	87,565,251	22,138,023
Bronx	-----	97,763,122	70,893,879	26,869,243
Richmond	-----	9,022,984	9,644,494	*621,510
Total	-----	\$530,911,410	\$406,784,773	\$124,126,637
*Loss.				

The following is also from the monthly building survey of S. W. Straus & Co.:

Official building permit reports from 252 comparable cities for August show a substantial increase of building activity over August 1922 and over July of the present year. The totals are \$256,722,581 for August 1923; \$233,882,261 for August 1922 and \$241,393,803 for July 1923, an increase of 10% over August 1922, and 6% over July of the present year.

This gain over July is particularly significant in view of the fact that during the past decade August permits in the principal cities and towns have shown a loss from July each year excepting three.

The upward tendency in building permits also is emphasized somewhat by the fact that July permits this year (as reported in our last month's survey) showed a loss from June in the Eastern, Central, Southern and Western sections while there was a gain in August over July in all sections excepting the Eastern cities, which lost only \$1,500,000.

Approximate stabilization of building material prices appears to have been reached during August. There were some changes in both directions, but they were of minor consequences and the general level was scarcely affected. This stabilization which first began to manifest itself in the latter part of May, was more pronounced in June and reached its greatest potency in August.

It is important that this economic condition prevailed in a month of increased nation-wide building activity.

The Eastern cities reporting show a gain this August over August 1922 of 7% and a loss of 1.3% from July 1923. The Central cities show an August gain of 3.5% and a July gain of 8.7%. The Southern cities show a gain over August 1922 of 2% and a gain over July of 9%. The Pacific Western cities show an August gain of 41% and a July gain of 27.7%.

Among 80 comparable Eastern cities reporting, 42 show gains over August 1922 aggregating \$25,271,879 and 38 show gains over July this year aggregating \$10,516,216. Among 95 Central cities 48 show August gains aggregating \$14,419,779 and 45 show July gains aggregating \$19,622,357. Among 43 Southern cities 19 show August gains aggregating \$4,630,438 and 19 show July gains aggregating \$5,061,871. Among 34 Pacific Western cities 21 show August gains aggregating \$15,369,439 and 18 show July gains aggregating \$11,837,863.

Important cities which show gains over August 1922 and July of this year and the amounts are:

	Aug.-Aug. Gain.	Aug.-July Gain.
<i>Eastern cities—</i>		
Newark, N. J. -----	\$1,535,987	\$1,781,629
Baltimore, Md. -----	1,325,320	148,711
Harrisburg, Pa. -----	808,012	979,122
Cambridge, Mass. -----	795,971	852,108
Lawrence, Mass. -----	530,670	310,427
Rochester, N. Y. -----	523,173	1,377,342
Irvington, N. J. -----	469,565	267,507
Camden, N. J. -----	441,122	521,257
Washington, D. C. -----	277,779	1,576,362
Trenton, N. J. -----	263,327	130,923
Quincy, Mass. -----	228,508	124,156
<i>Central cities—</i>		
Detroit, Mich. -----	2,426,244	7,426,266
St. Paul, Minn. -----	3,025,467	3,497,647
Chicago, Ill. -----	2,214,200	3,639,000
Flint, Mich. -----	1,699,544	1,218,529
Indianapolis, Ind. -----	477,854	497,047
Kenosha, Wis. -----	459,794	338,258
South Bend, Ind. -----	389,074	145,743
<i>Southern cities—</i>		
Shreveport, La. -----	1,032,181	1,168,077
Nashville, Tenn. -----	783,635	1,004,206
Memphis, Tenn. -----	607,150	1,091,265
Houston, Texas -----	273,794	382,449
New Orleans, La. -----	914,430	224,725
<i>Western cities—</i>		
Los Angeles, Cal. -----	10,725,371	7,165,989
Sacramento, Cal. -----	1,647,514	1,449,230
Portland, Ore. -----	876,975	1,286,240
Long Beach, Cal. -----	709,829	189,485

*Reports from Twenty Important Cities.*

Cities—	Aug. 1923.	Aug. 1922.	July 1923.	Gain Aug.-Aug.	Gain Aug.-July.
Atlanta -----	\$1,361,460	\$1,905,197	\$1,913,080		
Baltimore -----	4,945,320	3,620,000	4,796,609	\$1,325,320	\$148,711
Boston -----	1,989,607	9,625,938	3,472,273		
Buffalo -----	2,301,000	2,333,000	3,549,000		
Chicago -----	20,134,150	17,919,950	16,495,150	2,214,200	3,639,000
Cleveland -----	4,746,725	5,199,420	8,457,040		
Dallas -----	1,810,082	1,687,732	1,761,603	122,350	48,479
Detroit -----	15,530,075	13,103,831	8,103,309	2,426,244	7,426,266
Indianapolis -----	2,552,795	2,074,941	2,055,748	477,854	497,047
Kan. City, Mo. -----	1,137,750	3,271,900	1,807,350		
Los Angeles -----	22,249,262	11,523,891	15,083,273	10,725,371	7,165,989
Milwaukee, Est -----	3,009,975	1,956,069	3,481,580	1,053,906	
Minneapolis -----	2,231,535	2,158,790	3,873,850		72,745
New Orleans -----	1,649,925	735,495	1,425,200		914,430
New York -----	51,715,780	36,452,104	51,833,287	15,263,676	
Philadelphia -----	8,246,280	10,945,830	11,346,155		
Pittsburgh -----	2,872,640	3,071,479	2,864,340		8,300
San Francisco -----	3,915,300	6,214,082	3,237,115		678,185
Seattle -----	1,281,130	1,200,740	3,122,135	80,390	
St. Louis -----	2,371,005	2,206,670	2,906,463	164,335	
Totals -----	\$156,051,796	\$137,207,059	\$151,585,740	\$34,840,821	\$19,836,702
				{ \$18,844,737 }	{ \$4,466,056 }
				{ (net) }	{ (net) }

**Changes in Retail Cost of Food in Different Cities.**

The United States Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, has completed the compilations showing changes in the retail cost of food in 29 of the 51 cities included in the Bureau's report. During the month of July 15 1923 to Aug. 15 1923, 21 of the 29 cities showed decreases as follows: Columbus, 4%; Chicago, Savannah and Springfield, Ill., 2%; Bridgeport, Detroit, Fall River, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Little Rock, Manchester, New Haven, Pittsburgh, St. Paul and Washington, D. C., 1%; and Baltimore, Dallas, Houston, Jacksonville, Omaha and Philadelphia, less than 5-10 of 1%. There was an increase in the following seven cities: Atlanta, Boston, Los Angeles, Newark, Portland, Me., and Seattle, 1%; and Scranton, less than 5-10 of 1%. Richmond showed no change in the month.

For the year period, Aug. 15 1922 to Aug. 15 1923, all but one of the 29 cities showed increases as follows: Philadelphia, 11%; Indianapolis, Manchester and Pittsburgh, 10%; Detroit, 9%; Boston, Bridgeport and Chicago, 8%; Newark, New Haven and Scranton, 7%; Baltimore, Fall River, Portland, Me., St. Paul, and Washington, D. C., 6%; Columbus and Los Angeles, 5%; Kansas City, Omaha and Savannah, 4%; Atlanta, Jacksonville, Richmond and Springfield, Ill., 3%; Houston and Little Rock, 2%; and Seattle, less than 5-10 of 1%. Dallas decreased 1%.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, the retail cost of food on Aug. 15 1923 was 56% higher in Detroit, Richmond and Washington, D. C.; 55% in Boston; 54% in Chicago, 52% in Baltimore, Manchester and Scranton; 51% in Philadelphia; 49% in Fall River and Pittsburgh; 48% in New Haven; 46% in Newark; 45% in At-

lanta and Indianapolis; 52% in Omaha, 41% in Dallas; 39% in Jacksonville, and 38% in Kansas City, Little Rock, Los Angeles and Seattle. Prices were not obtained from Bridgeport, Columbus, Houston, Portland, Me., St. Paul and Savannah and Springfield, Ill., in 1913, hence no comparison for the 10-year period can be given for these cities.

**August Production and Shipments of Portland Cement Output the Largest of the Year.**

The statistics shown in the following tables issued by the Department of the Interior, and prepared under the direction of Ernest F. Burchard, of the Geological Survey, are based mainly on reports of producers of Portland cement but in part on estimates. The estimates for August, 1923, were made necessary by the lack of returns from four mills. Production and shipments in August are larger than in any month thus far recorded, and stocks are higher than in August, 1922.

*PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT BY DISTRICTS IN AUGUST, 1922 AND 1923, AND STOCKS, IN JULY, 1923, IN BARRELS.*

Commercial District	Production		Shipments		Stocks at End of August		Stocks at End of July 1923a
	August		August		August		
	1922	1923	1922	1923	1922a	1923	
Eastern Pa., N. J. & Md.	2,997,000	3,388,000	3,994,000	4,084,000	1,460,000	2,118,000	2,814,000
New York	596,000	720,000	811,000	823,000	518,000	552,000	655,000
Ohio, Western Pa. & W. Va.	1,156,000	1,295,000	1,491,000	1,606,000	679,000	451,000	762,000
Mich. Ill., Ind. & Ky.	584,000	646,000	863,000	788,000	165,000	178,000	320,000
Va., Tenn. Ala. & Ga.	1,979,000	2,008,000	2,204,000	2,080,000	696,000	425,000	497,000
East. Mo. Ia., & Minn.	533,000	681,000	546,000	684,000	307,000	231,000	234,000
West. Mo. Neb., Kan. & Okla.	1,164,000	1,268,000	1,530,000	1,620,000	485,000	662,000	1,014,000
Texas	874,000	1,026,000	1,019,000	1,254,000	696,000	645,000	873,000
Colo. & Utah	364,000	385,000	420,000	413,000	117,000	159,000	187,000
Calif.	279,000	231,000	279,000	275,000	175,000	115,000	159,000
Ore., Wash., & Mont.	799,000	1,009,000	818,000	958,000	216,000	220,000	169,000
	339,000	310,000	736,000	386,000	232,000	321,000	397,000
	11,664,000	12,967,000	14,361,000	14,971,000	5,746,000	6,077,000	8,081,000

a Revised.

Stocks of clinkers, or unground cement, at the mills at the end of August, 1923, amounted to about 3,727,000 barrels compared with 3,865,000 barrels at the beginning of the months.

*PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT BY MONTHS IN 1922 AND 1923, IN BARRELS.*

Month	Production		Shipments		Stocks at End of Month	
	1922	1923	1922	1923	1922a	1923
January	4,291,000	7,704,000	2,931,000	5,419,000	13,316,000	11,470,000
February	4,278,000	8,085,000	3,285,000	5,963,000	14,142,000	13,502,000
March	6,685,000	9,880,000	7,002,000	10,326,000	13,848,000	13,045,000
First quart.	15,254,000	25,669,000	13,218,000	21,708,000		
April	9,243,000	11,359,000	8,592,000	12,954,000	14,470,000	11,463,000
May	11,176,000	12,910,000	12,749,000	14,257,000	12,893,000	10,144,000
June	11,245,000	12,382,000	13,470,000	13,307,000	10,718,000	9,168,000
Second quart.	31,664,000	36,651,000	34,811,000	40,518,000		
July	11,557,000	12,620,000	13,850,000	13,712,000	8,433,000	8,081,000
August	11,664,000	12,967,000	14,361,000	14,971,000	5,746,000	6,077,000
September	11,424,000		12,444,000		4,724,000	
Third quart.	34,645,000		40,655,000			
October	12,287,000		12,854,000		4,149,000	
November	11,349,000		10,187,000		5,320,000	
December	8,671,000		4,858,000		9,267,238	
Fourth quart.	33,307,000		27,879,000			
Preliminary total	113,870,000		116,563,000			
Amount of under estimate	919,984		1,138,216			
Final total	114,789,984		117,701,216			

a Revised.

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, of the Department of Commerce, reports that the imports of hydraulic cement in July, 1923, amounted to 286,106 barrels, valued at \$555,166. The total imports in 1922 amounted to 323,823 barrels, valued at \$628,846. The imports in July were from Norway, 118,231 barrels; England, 52,765 barrels; Sweden, 44,764 barrels; Germany, 29,841 barrels; Quebec Province, Canada, 24,521 barrels; Denmark, 13,535 barrels; British Columbia, 1,007 barrels; other countries, 1,442 barrels. The imports were received in the following districts: Los Angeles, 84,756 barrels; New Orleans, 41,798 barrels; Oregon,

39,451 barrels; San Francisco, 25,837 barrels; Hawaii, 15,626 barrels; Vermont, 15,245 barrels; Porto Rico, 13,535 barrels; North Carolina, 12,511 barrels; South Carolina, 11,033 barrels; Florida, 10,449 barrels; other districts, 15,865 barrels.

The exports of hydraulic cement in July, 1923, were 82,774 barrels, valued at \$230,698, of which was sent to Cuba, 39,467 barrels; to the other West Indies, 5,019 barrels; South America, 17,573 barrels; Central America, 10,475 barrels; Mexico, 7,999 barrels; Canada, 1,508 barrels, and to other countries, 733 barrels.

The statistics of imports and exports of hydraulic cement in August, 1923, are not available.

*IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF HYDRAULIC CEMENT, BY MONTHS, IN 1922 AND 1923, IN BARRELS.*

Month	Imports		Exports	
	1922	1923	1922	1923
January	17,039	71,686	70,725	73,169
February	5,137	20,529	82,421	88,624
March	1,597	66,521	103,556	98,861
April	10,855	76,416	75,412	85,662
May	2,524	88,480	100,068	103,634
June	14,198	111,559	96,263	77,203
July	957	286,106	119,491	82,774
August	56,757	b	105,156	b
September	c42,641		78,615	
October	d65,228		80,402	
November	61,010		108,798	
December	45,860		106,938	
	323,823		1,127,845	

a Compiled from records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce b Imports and exports in August 1923 not available. c Covers period Sept. 1-21 Imports Sept. 22-30 included with Oct. d Includes imports period Sept. 22-30.

**Railroad Freight Car Loading Again Breaks All Records.**

More cars were loaded with revenue freight during the week which ended on Sept. 1 than during any week heretofore in history, according to the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. The total for the week was 1,092,567 cars. This exceeded by 22,635 cars the previous record, which was established during the week which ended on Aug. 25 this year, when 1,069,932 cars were loaded. The railroads also established during the week which ended on Sept. 1 a new high record in the number of cars loaded with merchandise and miscellaneous freight, which includes manufactured products. The total for this commodity amounted to 622,710 cars. This was an increase of 16,605 cars over the preceding week, when 606,105 cars were loaded. The total of the week also exceeded by 63,365 cars the corresponding week last year and by 115,336 cars the corresponding week two years ago. Despite the fact that the loading of revenue freight for the week of Sept. 1 was the greatest in the history of the nation, the railroads on that date had 66,559 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service if necessary, while the reported car shortage was only 9,441 cars for the entire country.

This is the twelfth week this year the million car loading mark has been exceeded, and in eight of the twelve weeks the total has exceeded the record established during the week of Oct. 14 1920, when 1,018,539 cars were loaded. Compared with the corresponding week last year, the total for Sept. 1 was an increase of 168,761 cars, and an increase of 261,279 cars over the corresponding week two years ago. The following additional facts are furnished:

In the Eastern district the number of freight cars loaded during the week was an increase of 18.7% over the same week last year, when, however, the strikes of both miners and railway shopmen were in progress, although coal shipments were beginning to show an increase from week to week. Loading in the Southern district increased 19.6% compared with the same week last year, while in the Western district the increase was 17.3%. For the country as a whole, compared with the corresponding week one year ago, the increase was 18.3%.

Coal loading during the week of Sept. 1 was 206,610 cars, 3,534 cars above the week before. This also was an increase of 57,383 cars over the corresponding week last year and an increase of 52,024 cars over the corresponding week in 1921.

Loading of grain and grain products totaled 54,604 cars. While this was a decrease of 346 cars under the week before, it was an increase of 659 cars over the corresponding week last year. Compared with the corresponding week two years ago, it was a decrease of 5,675.

Live stock shipments totaled 39,201 cars, 2,788 over the week before. Compared with the same week last year, this was a decrease of 7,108, and with the same week two years ago, it was an increase of 11,928.

Loading of forest products totaled 77,279 cars, 678 cars below the week before. Compared with the same week last year this was an increase of 18,933, and an increase of 31,480 over the same week in 1921.

Ore loading totaled 78,193 cars, 275 cars above the preceding week and 15,726 cars above the same week last year. Compared with the same week in 1921 it was an increase of 46,948 cars.

Coke loading totaled 13,970 cars, an increase of 457 over the previous week. This also was an increase of 5,587 cars over the corresponding week in 1922 and an increase of 9,238 cars over the corresponding week in 1921.

Compared by districts, increases over the week before in the total loading of all commodities were reported in all districts. Reports also showed in-



creases over not only the corresponding week last year, but also over the corresponding week two years ago in all districts.

Loading of revenue freight this year compared with the two previous years, follows:

	1923.	1922.	1921.
4 weeks of January -----	3,380,296	2,785,119	2,823,759
4 weeks of February -----	3,366,965	3,027,886	2,739,234
5 weeks of March -----	4,583,162	4,088,132	3,452,941
4 weeks of April -----	3,763,963	2,863,416	2,822,713
4 weeks of May -----	4,873,427	3,841,683	3,733,137
5 weeks of June -----	4,045,012	3,414,031	3,114,137
4 weeks of July -----	3,944,386	3,252,107	2,998,885
5 weeks of August -----	5,204,532	4,335,327	4,069,765
Total for year to date -----	33,161,743	27,607,701	25,754,571

**The Petroleum Situation—Further Changes in Prices of Crude and Refined Oil.**

To date the Prairie Oil & Gas Co., the foremost crude oil purchaser in the Mid-Continent field has not reduced its posted prices to follow the lead set by the Magnolia Petroleum Co. on Sept. 1 and since followed by most of the other companies interested in that territory. Comment on this policy has been frequent in the daily press and the oil trade was surprised when the resignation of J. E. O'Neil as President was made public on Sept. 12. Regarding his resignation, which is attributed to controversy over maintaining what is considered as the "artificial" price for Mid-Continent crude, the New York "Times" dispatch of the 13th said:

The resignation of J. E. O'Neil as President of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company, the chief factor in the crude oil market in the Middle West, was the main topic of discussion in oil trade circles yesterday. Mr. O'Neil has long been ranked as one of the shrewdest men in the purchasing end of the petroleum industry.

Dispatches from the Middle West said that Mr. O'Neil resigned because of the condition of his health, but in view of recent developments in the petroleum situation in the West, local trade circles were rife with conjecture. In some quarters it is believed that a difference of opinion regarding prices to be paid for crude petroleum bought by the company was the principal reason for the resignation.

Despite heavy overproduction of crude oil in the California and mid-continent fields, the Prairie Oil & Gas Company did not reduce its prices as much as did many of the other prominent purchasing companies, and even at this time it is paying more for oil bought from independent companies than are many of the other recognized Standard Oil units. With the resignation of Mr. O'Neil, it is expected that the Prairie will soon announce a reduction in prices to meet the levels quoted by other companies.

In local Standard Oil circles, officials were reluctant to comment on the resignation of the so-called dean of the purchasing branch of the industry. Unofficial, however, it is admitted that a difference of opinion regarding the price policy of the company resulted in Mr. O'Neil breaking away from associates who have been with him for many years. When the Prairie was a subsidiary of the old Standard Oil Company of New Jersey prior to its dissolution in 1911, Mr. O'Neil was a Vice-President of the old Prairie organization, but since the dissolution of the parent company, which was ordered by the United States Supreme Court, he has been President of the company.

It has been known for some time in the trade that Mr. O'Neil was opposed to drastic reductions in oil prices on the ground that it would not remedy the situation which now faces the industry as a result of overproduction and that such cuts in prices would spell ruin to many of the smaller producers in the Middle West whose wells depended upon settled production. For this reason, his friends, say, the Prairie has not reduced its prices to meet the levels quoted by other organizations despite the fact that the other companies paid 20 to 40 cents a barrel less than the Prairie for the oil.

It was also reported that the New York office of the company would be closed and all business transferred to the home office at Independence, Kans.

According to advices from Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Sept. 11, the Sterling Oil & Refining Co. of Wichita, Kansas, has reduced its prices of all grades of Mid-Continent crude to \$1 50 a barrel for the highest grade of 41 gravity and above and comparative reductions for the lower grades. This posted price is 70c. a barrel less than what the Prairie Oil & Gas is quoting for the same grade and 30c. a barrel less than the price posted by the Magnolia, Humble and Texas companies last week. The Johnson Oil & Refining Co. of Cleveland, also announced a reduction of 50c. per barrel below the prices quoted by the Prairie Oil & Gas Co.

Early in the week the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana reduced the posted price of all grades of crude oil 20c. a barrel with the exception of Smackover light and Bellevue, which were reduced 10c. a barrel and Smackover heavy which remained the same. These cuts were met on Sept. 11 by the Gulf Refining Co. in the Oklahoma, Kansas and north Texas fields and by the Texas Co. in the Louisiana and Arkansas fields. The new prices range from 90c. to \$2 a barrel according to gravity and at the office of the Gulf company it was said, bring the average price down to the average of the Magnolia company for Mid-Continent crude although a direct comparison cannot be made because of differences in grading.

On Sept. 12 the Gypsy Oil Co., a subsidiary of the Gulf Oil Corp., also announced a reduction of 20c. a barrel in the price of Oklahoma and Kansas crudes, the lowest posted price being 90c. and the highest \$2 per barrel. On the same day the White Eagle Oil & Refining Co. announced

new prices for the same grades of crude, namely, Oklahoma and Kansas, the range being from \$1 to \$1 50 a barrel, or a reduction of 10 cents per barrel.

The directors of the Marland Oil Co. on Sept. 13 decided to omit the quarterly dividend which would have been due Oct. 1 owing to the present demoralized condition in the industry. An official statement issued by the directors is given in the General Investment News columns of this issue on a subsequent page.

Carrying charges for crude oil were reduced early in the week by the Cumberland Pipe Line Co., which posted on Sept. 11 a price of 54c. a barrel against the former price of 62 cents.

On Sept. 13 a dispatch from Denver said that the operators in the Salt Creek oil fields has unanimously agreed to limit output of their wells to 65% of capacity.

A report from Des Moines on Sept. 13 stated that the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana had reduced the retail price of gasoline 2 cents to 14½ cents a gallon, the lowest price at which it has sold since 1915. In Chicago the wholesale price of the Midwest Refining Co. was reduced to 6¾c. a gallon, comparing its previous price of 6¾c. a gallon.

The Governor of South Dakota at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, expressed the opinion that the present system of distribution is a blunder and should be reorganized. The Governor is quoted by the New York "Times" of Sept. 11 as follows:

Governor William H. McMaster of South Dakota, whose recent effort to force down the price of gasoline was followed by reductions throughout the country, declared to-day Sept. 10, in address at the New York State Fair that "the whole distribution system will have to be reorganized on a sound business basis in order to effect the proper economies which in the end will be of substantial benefit to the public."

"The present distribution system," Governor McMaster said, "as established both by the independent and the oil trust, and largely inspired through the lowering of excess profits, is a blunder."

"In a great majority of the towns and cities of the United States there are 50% more filling stations than are necessary to meet the requirements of the people. For example, the Kansas City "Star" states that there are 400 filling stations in that city, and that possibly 100 could efficiently meet the needs of Kansas City. It must be borne in mind that the average filling station, including tax and interest upon the investment, distribution and labor, cannot be maintained for less than \$300 a month. In Kansas City that would represent \$90,000 a month of needless expense which must be borne by the consumers. If Kansas City consumes 3,000,000 gallons of oil a month, \$90,000 represents 3 cents a gallon of needless distribution cost."

The Governor declared that gasoline could be sold at 16 cents a gallon in Syracuse and New York State at a "fair profit to the dealer." It is now selling here at 18 cents, having dropped 6 cents within a few days after the price reduction in South Dakota.

"As a matter of fact," he declared, "gasoline can easily retail at 16 cents in the city of Syracuse, and the oil companies would still then be making a marginal fair profit."

**Gasoline and Kerosene Production and Stocks.**

Gasoline stocks on hand at refineries in the United States on Aug. 1 amounted to 1,165,389,340 gallons, constituting 54 days' supply at the July rate of consumption, the Department of the Interior announced to-day. The figures, which were compiled by the Bureau of Mines, represent a decrease of 98,193,788 gallons from stocks held July 1, when 60 days' supply of gasoline was available. On Aug. 1 of last year, 42 days' supply of gasoline was in storage. The number of operating refineries reporting to the Bureau of Mines in July was 282, a slight decrease from the previous month. The aggregate daily indicated crude oil capacity of reporting refineries increased, however, to 2,093,657 barrels. These plants were operating during July at 77.9% of their capacity, running to stills a daily average of 1,629,982 barrels of crude oil. Domestic consumption of gasoline during July amounted to 674,019,467 gallons, an increase of 40,514,877 gallons over the June consumption. Imports of gasoline in July amounted to 22,634,719 gallons, while exports were 83,721,099 gallons.

Kerosene production during July amounted to 188,226,251 gallons, an increase of 9,152,493 gallons over June production. Stocks of kerosene on hand Aug. 1 were 269,459,847 gallons, an increase of 5,000,000 gallons during the month. Exports of kerosene in July amounted to 59,821,009 gallons, a decrease of 5,000,000 gallons from June, but an increase of 9,000,000 gallons over July 1922. Consumption of kerosene in July was 123,257,457 gallons, approximately the same as for June, but a decrease of 12,000,000 gallons from the figures for July 1922.

The July production of gas and fuel oils was 1,053,242,507 gallons, an increase of 82,372,634 gallons over the June output. Stocks of these oils Aug. 1 were 1,400,813,790 gallons, an increase of 76,000,000 gallons during the month. Consumption of gas and fuel oils in July was 901,770,327 gallons, an increase of 76,000,000 over June and of 20,000,000 gallons over July of last year. Imports of gas and fuel oils

in July were 46,259,234 gallons, while exports were 120,942,731 gallons. The production of lubricants in July amounted to 93,960,874 gallons, a decrease from June production of 1,765,229 gallons. Stocks of these oils on hand Aug. 1 amounted to 224,951,955 gallons, and are practically the same as of July 1. Consumption of lubricants in July was 71,029,884 gallons, an increase of nearly 14,000,000 gallons over June and of more than 7,000,000 gallons over July 1922. Exports of lubricants in July were 23,603,187 gallons, a decrease of 15,000,000 gallons from the June figures and of nearly 5,000,000 gallons from the figures for July 1922.

**Gross Crude Oil Production.**

The American Petroleum Institute this week estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Sept. 8 was 2,280,700 barrels, as compared with 2,261,800 barrels for the preceding week, and with only 1,504,000 barrels for the corresponding week of 1922, an increase of 776,300 barrels. The daily average production east of the Rocky Mountains was 1,417,700 barrels, as compared with 1,391,800 barrels, an increase of 25,900 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production for the periods mentioned:

(In barrels.)	Daily Average Production.			
	Sep. 8 '23.	Sep. 1 '23.	Aug. 25 '23.	Sept. 9 '22.
Oklahoma	436,600	438,800	443,350	402,700
Kansas	74,700	75,150	79,100	86,550
North Texas	68,200	68,900	69,800	52,400
Central Texas	273,450	261,550	249,700	147,600
North Louisiana	59,050	61,650	61,000	95,900
Arkansas	127,300	126,600	128,450	31,500
Gulf Coast	103,400	102,500	100,500	106,900
Eastern	108,000	110,000	111,000	113,000
Wyoming and Montana	167,000	146,650	129,500	82,850
California	863,000	870,000	870,000	385,000
Total	2,280,700	2,261,800	2,242,400	1,504,400

**The Automobile Industry—Price Reductions in Relation to the Trade.**

Price reductions by Chevrolet have led to other reductions in the light car field. Overland has followed, and readjustments by others, possibly by Ford, are now expected.

The distinctive feature of the Chevrolet reduction has been that for once manufacturers in the light car class have not waited for Ford to take the lead.

The Peerless Motor Car Co. also reduced its models from \$300 to \$560 a car. The amounts of these reductions were published last week under the names of the several companies in the General Investment News columns.

Further price reductions were made public this week. The Columbia Motor Car Co. reduced its special model \$100 to \$995, and also announced a new type called the Hollywood to sell for \$1,195. The R. & V. Motor Co. announced price reductions averaging \$500 a car, the touring model's new price being \$2,300. The Oakland division of the General Motors Corp. announced price revisions running from \$50 to \$150 less than the prices on the old models.

The Cadillac Motor Car Co. has presented a new type—V. 63, and has announced price increases of from \$100 to \$260 per car. Further details concerning these changes in price are given on subsequent pages in our investment news department.

Regarding the effect of these price revisions the current "Automotive Industries" says in part:

The introduction of new models by some manufacturers and a reduction in prices by others have had a stimulating effect on sales. Orders on hand with many of the major companies, particularly those that have made changes in their products, are reported to be sufficient to warrant capacity operations for sixty days.

Several plants advise operating at top speed and others that they expect to reach capacity levels this month. Ford, which dropped behind its schedule of 180,000 in August, incidental to bringing out its new models, is expected to return to the 7,000 daily mark this month and maintain operations steadily at that figure, or in excess of it.

**Unfilled Orders of Steel Corporation Further Decline.**

The United States Steel Corporation on Monday Sept. 10 1923 issued its regular monthly statement, showing unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations as of Aug. 31 1923 to the amount of 5,414,663 tons. This is a decrease of 496,100 tons from the unfilled tonnage July 31, a decrease of 971,598 tons from June 30 and of 1,566,688 tons from May 31. On the corresponding date last year (Aug. 31 1922) the unfilled orders totaled 5,950,105 tons, while on Aug. 31 1921 they stood at only 4,531,926 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, page 1617:

Tons.		Tons.		Tons.	
Aug. 31 1923	5,414,663	May 31 1921	5,482,487	Feb. 28 1919	6,010,787
July 31 1923	5,910,763	Apr. 30 1921	5,845,224	Jan. 31 1919	6,684,268
June 30 1923	6,386,261	Mar. 31 1921	6,284,765	Dec. 31 1918	7,379,152
May 31 1923	6,981,351	Feb. 28 1921	6,933,867	Nov. 30 1918	8,124,663
Apr. 30 1923	7,288,509	Jan. 31 1921	7,573,164	Oct. 31 1918	8,353,298
Mar. 31 1923	7,403,332	Dec. 31 1920	8,148,122	Sept. 30 1918	8,297,905
Feb. 28 1923	7,283,989	Nov. 30 1920	9,021,481	Aug. 31 1918	8,759,042
Jan. 31 1923	6,910,776	Oct. 31 1920	9,836,852	July 31 1918	8,883,801
Dec. 31 1922	6,745,703	Sept. 30 1920	10,374,804	June 30 1918	8,918,866
Nov. 30 1922	6,840,242	Aug. 31 1920	10,805,038	May 31 1918	8,337,622
Oct. 31 1922	6,902,287	July 31 1920	11,118,468	Apr. 30 1918	8,741,822
Sept. 30 1922	6,691,607	June 30 1920	10,978,817	Mar. 31 1918	9,056,404
Aug. 31 1922	5,950,105	May 31 1920	10,940,466	Feb. 28 1918	9,288,453
July 31 1922	5,776,161	Apr. 30 1920	10,359,747	Jan. 31 1918	9,477,853
June 30 1922	5,635,531	Mar. 30 1920	9,892,075	Dec. 31 1917	9,381,718
May 31 1922	5,254,228	Feb. 28 1920	9,502,081	Nov. 30 1917	8,897,106
Apr. 30 1922	5,096,917	Jan. 31 1920	9,285,441	Oct. 31 1917	9,009,675
Mar. 31 1922	4,494,148	Dec. 31 1919	8,265,366	Sept. 30 1917	9,833,477
Feb. 28 1922	4,141,069	Nov. 30 1919	7,128,330	Aug. 31 1917	10,407,049
Jan. 31 1922	4,241,678	Oct. 31 1919	6,472,668	July 31 1917	10,844,164
Dec. 31 1921	4,268,414	Sept. 30 1919	6,284,638	June 30 1917	11,383,287
Nov. 30 1921	4,250,542	Aug. 31 1919	6,109,103	May 31 1917	11,886,591
Oct. 31 1921	4,286,829	July 31 1919	5,578,661	Apr. 30 1917	12,183,083
Sept. 30 1921	4,560,670	June 30 1919	4,892,855	Mar. 31 1917	11,711,644
Aug. 31 1921	4,531,926	May 31 1919	4,282,310	Feb. 28 1917	11,576,697
July 31 1921	4,830,324	Apr. 30 1919	4,800,685	Jan. 31 1917	11,474,054
June 30 1921	5,117,868	Mar. 31 1919	5,430,572		

**Iron and Steel Trade Quiet, with Lessened Demand.**

The first ten business days of September have passed without improvement in new buying of steel products to the extent that had been expected, according to the weekly market report of "The Iron Age" of Sept. 13 which goes on to say that while some of the reduction in output in July and August was called seasonal, it now appears to have been in part also an adjustment of operations to a lessening scale of demand. The "Age" gives further details as follows:

Whereas August bookings of finished steel by important producers were about up to the rate of July, and in some cases exceeded it, the general experience is that September has not maintained the August rate.

The Steel Corporation's falling off of 496,000 tons in August in its unfilled orders was accompanied by a reduction to 85% in its rate of output. It had on its books Aug. 31 about 1,565,000 tons less than on June 1, when it was running at 95% of capacity. Independent companies are to-day operating on a 70 to 75% basis.

Thus the industry as a whole is producing ingots at a yearly rate slightly over 40,000,000 tons, as against upward of 49,000,000 tons as the rate of April, the peak month.

Apart from the buying of 30,000 to 40,000 kegs of nails for early shipment, little of the inquiry for Japan has resulted in business as yet. Thus far about 6,000 tons of sheets have been asked for to sheath temporary structures, and much more sheet inquiry is looked for in the next 30 days. The total of shapes, plates and bars asked for on Japanese account is about 20,000 tons.

It is believed that several months will elapse before the real reconstruction needs of the stricken districts can be definitely known.

Labor supply has been such that leading producers in the Pittsburgh and nearby districts have been able nearly to complete the abolition of the 12-hour shift at blast furnaces, coke ovens and steel plants. In the Chicago district about half the 12-hour men have gone to the shorter day. Generally the change has been more rapid than was expected, many workers who have been on outdoor jobs having applied already at Central Western steel works.

Less is heard of the shorter day as a definite factor in finished steel prices, though the week has brought a 10% advance in the hourly wage rate of the 10-hour men. It is recognized, however, that with higher costs producers will be more disposed to adjust output to demand than to try to fill up their mills by cutting prices.

The latest rail order is 26,000 tons placed with the Illinois Steel Co. by the Canadian National Railways for its lines in the United States. The rail mills now have a comfortable backlog and further good-sized orders are expected. The Pennsylvania Railroad, which has not been a buyer of rails this year, is soon to be in the market. Its plans for buying 12,000 to 15,000 cars have just become known also. Car works will need more business within 30 to 60 days.

The Norfolk & Western's total rail purchases are close to 60,000 tons, and it is now in the market for 10,000 tons of tie plates.

The policy of manufacturing consumers is still one of keeping close step with the mills, stocks being well drawn down all along the line. Jobbers are having less to do, seeing that so many mills can deliver promptly.

In finished steel the price structure holds, as for many weeks, sheets still being the most notable exception. The automobile industry is specifying more liberally in body sheets and there is the beginning of fourth quarter buying.

Products in which concessions are appearing are bolts and nuts, hot rolled flats, track fastenings, light rails, hard bars and wire fence.

Some deliveries on bars have been held up and in the Chicago district two mills that roll bars from old rails have shut down due to the falling off in demand for reinforcing bars.

Chicago finds more signs that high labor cost has caused the putting aside of building plans. At Cleveland two buildings in prospect will each take 5,000 tons of steel. For the new Union passenger station there 50,000 tons will be needed, but none of it this year.

Hopes of an advance in the pig iron market based on an anthracite strike are now in abeyance. Following the settlement of the strike, the price of furnace coke has declined 50c. and in most centers the pig iron market again shows a sagging tendency, although at Pittsburgh and Cleveland there is more activity and foundry iron at Pittsburgh is held 50c. higher. Lake blast furnaces are pursuing an aggressive policy at distant points and another shipment of iron has been made from Buffalo to Chicago. In the South some furnaces have quoted as low as \$23.

More activity has appeared in ferromanganese, but resales dominate the market. The usual price is \$112.50, seaboard, although as low as \$110 has been quoted.

"The Iron Age" composite price table is as follows:

Composite Price Sept. 11 1923, <i>Fintished Steel</i> , 2.775c. Per Lb. -----	
Based on prices of steel bars, beams, {	Sept. 4, 1923, 2.775c.
tank plates, plain wire, open-hearth	Aug. 14, 1923, 2.775c.
rails, black pipe and black sheets, con-	Sept. 12, 1922, 2.412c.
stituting 88% of the U. S. output of 10-year pre-war average, 1.689c.	
finished steel -----	

## Composite Price Sept. 11, 1923, Pig Iron, \$25.29 Per Gross Ton

Based on average of basic and foundry {	Sept. 4, 1923,	\$25.38
irons, the basic being Valley quota-}	Aug. 14, 1923,	25.04
tion, the foundry an average of Chic-}	Sept. 12, 1922,	15.72
ago, Philadelphia and Birmingham...}	[10-year pre-war average,	15.72

In sharp contrast with the views of "The Iron Age" the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland in its weekly discussion of conditions in the market says that the general situation in the steel industry is improving, with increased buying and the reinstatement since the coal strike settlement of some orders for steel which some buyers had been led to suspend due to the anthracite controversy. The statement which was issued Sept. 13 goes on to say:

Heavy buying of steel for reconstruction purposes of Japan is in sight but actual business in volume awaits upon these needs being definitely ascertained which will involve some lapse of time. The indications are that these demands will continue steadily over an extended period rather than take the form of a rush for material especially after pressing emergency requirements have been satisfied. It is probable also that the principal buying will be directed by the Japanese government. Considerable tonnage for Japanese account was placed in the week notably in merchant pipe, wire nails and galvanized sheets but much of this represented anticipated wants placed by merchants. Other Oriental countries whose stocks of steel have stripped by the hurried calls from Japan also are negotiating for replacement tonnages.

Inquiries for 50,000 tons of plates, structural shapes and bars, and 10,000 tons of sheets for Japan and the Orient now are before Chicago mills. It is believed at least 50,000 tons of sheets will be required before the present buying movement subsides. Included in orders placed at New York this week was one lot of 1,000,000 feet of building pipe, more than 5,000 kegs of nails, about 1,000 tons of wire rods and miscellaneous materials. Pittsburgh mills booked some important tonnage, especially in nails. Receipt of large inquiries for galvanized sheets by British mills is reported by cable. Producers of steel are more convinced that with the bookings on hand and the increased new buying they can maintain their present rate of operation to the year end. The coke market which was lifted 50 cents to \$1 has receded.

New rail orders include 20,000 tons additional for the Pennsylvania, 23,000 tons for Grand Trunk, 50,000 tons for the Louisville & Nashville, 10,000 tons for the Wabash and 28,000 tons for the Norfolk & Western. The Steel corporation's recent rail bookings have totaled 200,000 tons.

Steel production in August held up better than in pig iron. The daily rate of ingot output in August was 136,276 tons compared with 140,570 tons in July, a loss of 3.3%. The drop of pig iron in August from the preceding month was 7.03%. Total ingots production in August in fact was greater than July in the comparison of 2,797,962 tons and 2,658,449 tons respectively but there were two more operating days in the month just past. The country was making ingots in August at the annual indicated rate of 42,245,560 tons compared with an annual rate of 43,576,700 tons in July.

Pig iron buying again is showing a tendency to increase. Representative buyers are coming into the market at Cleveland, Chicago and Pittsburgh and in the East. The Westinghouse interests after placing some tonnage inquired for 6,000 tons additional. Cleveland sellers report other individual inquiries for 6,000, and a good volume of additional requests. Sales in the Philadelphia district this week totaled 25,000 tons including 7,500 tons for cast iron pipe makers. Prices are steadier. Foundry iron in good lots was sold this week at \$25 valley. Some Tennessee iron is offered at \$23 Birmingham.

Germany has abandoned her grotesque quotations in marks and now is naming iron and steel prices on the basis of the pound sterling. On this basis, these prices compare closely with the equivalent quotations of American producers and in some lines are higher.

### The Industrial Situation in Illinois During August —Idleness Increases.

The migration of workers into Illinois from other industrial areas continued during August, says the General Advisory Board of the Illinois Department of Labor in its monthly review issued Thursday, Sept. 13. Into the Illinois labor market for the month, says the report, an increasing supply of labor was pouring and although the industries of the State were at the same time expanding, the expansion was not sufficient to assimilate all of this newly available man power. Consequently, the ratio of people out of work to vacant positions increased over the July figure. "It is in the influx of workers beyond the needs of industries that is to be found the explanation of the anomaly of the concurrence of a peak of profitable employment with the least favorable condition in the free employment offices at any time in seven months." The report then proceeds as follows:

The employment survey for the month is based upon the signed reports from 1519 Illinois employers. These concerns had 417,174 workers in August, an increase of 1.3% over the number the identical firms reported one month before. This growth compares with an increase of 1% in August last year and a decline of 4-10 of 1% in July of the current year. The additional workers bring employment to a point 15.8% above August of last year and 21% over the same month two years ago.

Although the general trend in employment was upward during the past month, this movement among the various industries was not unanimous. The resultant percentage of increase indicates that the sharp declines were more than overbalanced by the increases. The 1519 concerns are divided into 64 industries of which thirty-four show net gains and thirty net drops.

In the manufacturing list alone there were twenty-six industries expanding and the identical number of industries reducing employment. Employment moved briskly upward in the principal food industries and rose moderately in the stone, clay and glass industries, and the wood and leather groups. In clothing and chemicals the movement was definitely downward, while in metals, machinery and conveyances, some of the larger industries had increased the number of workers, while some of the smaller ones showed very sharp reductions.

In the building industry, and the dependent industries, those making building material, there was considerable activity during the month. Building workers increased in number by 5.7%, the largest expansion being

in the miscellaneous contracting and road building classes. Building construction alone gave jobs to 1.3% more workers on account of rush work necessary in pushing the completion of buildings for fall occupancy on October first, the semi-annual moving day.

Glass factories in August added 3.6% more workers. However, paint and varnish concerns in August had only 92% of their July forces. Planing mills had 2.9% fewer workers than one month earlier. The automotive industries show a reduction in man power of 5.4% and in agricultural implements the decline was only slightly less.

However, in iron and steel, there was a gain of 5%, part of it doubtless being due to the substitution of the three-shift system for the two shift, that is the installation of the eight-hour day. In Chicago alone the employment gain in steel workers was less than 1%. In furniture and cabinet work, expansion was general, the industry showing a gain of 5.1%. At the oil refineries employment declined 9% during the month.

One of the most important declines was in men's clothing. Several concerns are reported to have gone out of business. The reports from ten factories show that 7.4% of the workers were laid off during the month. This contrasts sharply with the condition one year ago, when the Employment Bulletin said that the production of wearing apparel for Fall was on an active scale and that "all the clothing factories reported increases in the number of employees and in average earnings, indicating an increase in the number of hours worked." Last August was doubtless exceptional for the apparel factories. Merchants credulous of returning prosperity were slow in placing orders and the fall season ran into the Spring almost without a break.

At the mines, cooler weather, and a threatening strike in a competitive field brought an increase in the number of workers for the month amounting to 4.1%, and a gain in earnings aggregating 14.1%. At the mail order houses and department stores there were declines,—in the former case it was 2.9%, in the latter 10%. In the manufacturing industries alone the change during the month was a drop of 1.2% for the 1189 concerns reporting.

The women fared better than did men in the shifting of jobs during August. An analysis of the signed reports from 493 manufacturing concerns which had five or more female workers and which submitted reports for both July and August, shows that the rate of increase of female employees was larger than that of males in every industrial group except one, for which comparable figures are available. Only in stone, clay and glass products where female employment is unimportant, did the gain of men workers amount to greater than that of women workers—5.1% more male workers were employed in the stone, clay and glass factories in August than in July. This was the most important increase among men workers. Among female employees the gain was greatest in metals, machinery and conveyances, in which there was an expansion of 5.7%. The textile group in which the knit goods concerns predominate, shows a gain of 12.9% in the number of women workers during August. This increase was not quite sufficient to overbalance the decline in the preceding month. The 493 manufacturing concerns had a total of 210,280 workers, of which 154,728 were male, and 55,352 female workers. Reports are also available from 21 public utilities which had 40,101 males and 19,166 females. In the utilities the employment changes during the month resulted in a gain of 4.5% for women and 3-10 of 1% for men.

Small firms again suffered in comparison with the larger sized firms. For the fourth consecutive month the firms having fewer than 100 employees reported a decrease in employment. The August reduction of 1.1% was less than the preceding months reductions for firms of this size. Concerns having between 100 and 249 workers suffered decreases during August amounting to .7 of 1%. The biggest gain was by the 15 firms having from 2,000 to 4,999 employees. The firms in this class added 9% more workers. Nine of the 1,519 firms have more than 5,000 workers. These nine firms employ more than one-fourth of the total number of workers included in the entire tabulations. During the month these largest employers added 1.7% to their working forces.

Reports are available for 1,211 firms who submitted signed statements for both August 1923 and August 1922. These concerns had 293,204 employees in August 1923, which was a gain of 35,000 employees over the number they had a year ago.

The year's gain in building workers amounted to 29%, in chemicals and oils to 1.8%, and in metals, machinery and conveyances to 20.5%. The only instance of decrease was in wearing apparel, where workers numbered 6.5% fewer than the same month a year ago.

A comparison has also been made in the August Labor Bulletin of the reports from 285 employers who reported for August in each of the years 1921, 1922 and 1923. These concerns had 144,337 employees in August 1923; 124,899 in August 1922; and 118,858 in August 1921. The expansion for the two-year period was 21.4%. The industries generally were well on the up-grade by August of last year, although there are exceptions. The packers for example had fewer employees last summer than they had the year before. The size of the forces at the yards now is larger than in either of the past two years. The two years comparison shows that the greatest increase has occurred in the metal, wood and stone, clay and glass groups.

Bloomington and Springfield lead the principal cities of Illinois in the extent of the employment expansion for August. In Bloomington, 19 concerns reported 6.1% more people in August than a month ago. In Springfield the employers had 4.8% more workers following a gain of 2½% in July. 789 Chicago employers had 286,204 employees in August, which was a gain of .4 of 1% over the number they had in July. In Aurora, Danville, East St. Louis, Rock Island and Rockford, the change during the month was less than ½ of 1%. In Decatur, Joliet, Moline and Peoria, employment was approximately 2% larger in August than in July.

The Free Employment Offices ratio of job seekers to opportunities stood at 113 in August. In July it was 112. In the past 16 months the free employment office ratio has been lower only in December 1922 and January 1923, when inclement weather affected the index. In August 1922 the ratio stood at 110 workers for each 100 jobs. In August 1921 the index number was 211 and in August 1920 it was 92.

The index for Chicago offices was 128.8 in August which was the worst for any place in the state except Cicero. The most favorable situation was in Rock Island, where there were only 47 people after each 100 jobs. For the combined offices, agricultural labor continued to be shorter than the demand. Common labor was a trifle in excess of the demand, with 106 applicants for 100 jobs. There were 117½ men registered for each 100 jobs and 105 women for each 100 opportunities for the month. 16,321 persons are reported definitely to have secured jobs through the Illinois Free Employment Office during August.

1,518 reporting employers paid out \$10,589,052.00 in wages during the week of August 15th. This was a gain of 1.9% for the identical concerns over the July 15th disbursements. The average weekly earnings in the manufacturing industry stood at \$26.74 per week in August which was twenty-three cents under the average for July, but \$1.59 below the average for June, the peak month. A year ago the average weekly earnings amounted to \$23.95, so that with the decline, the factory workers of the

state still had \$2.79 more per week than during August, 1922. For all industries the August average weekly earnings amounted to \$27.56. This is 31 cents per week greater than the amount for July, but \$1.15 under the average for June. One year ago, weekly earnings for all industries amounted to \$24.75.

The volume of building authorizations continue to ride on the high plane of the past few years. The number of building permits issued in August exceeded in both number and volume the authorizations in July 1923 as well as August 1922. In Chicago 1440 permits were issued during August calling for \$20,134,150.00 worth of work, over 3½ millions in excess of the July total. Extensive building operations are also in progress in the suburbs of Chicago. Thus, in Cicero 97 permits authorized \$1,238,531.00 worth of work during August; in Derwyn the authorization totaled \$632,600,000; in Oak Park, \$489,355.00 and in Evanston \$701,121.00. Of the down-State cities, the authorization exceeded \$200,000.00 in Decatur, East St. Louis, Rockford and Springfield.

**Statistics Regarding Cast Iron Pipe Production.**

The Department of Commerce on Sept. 5 gave out statistics on the production, orders, sales and shipments of cast iron pipe for the month of June 1923. This is the first of the monthly reports to be issued by the Department for cast iron pipe and includes returns from twelve establishments. It is confined to bell and spigot pressure pipe exclusively. The statistics are presented below in tabular form and, as the work progresses, it is hoped to present comparative figures for identical establishments from month to month. Table I gives a summary by total tonnage for each of the principal items of the industry and Table II shows in detail these items by class and size:

TABLE I.

Cast iron pipe produced during the month (tons).....	81,208
Cast iron pipe shipped during the month (tons).....	88,318
Orders for cast iron pipe specified to be shipped from stock (tons).....	17,905
Orders for cast iron pipe specified to be made on orders (tons).....	199,271
Orders for cast iron pipe not specified as to sizes (tons).....	4,366

TABLE II.

Class.	Sizes.					
	3	4	5	8	10	12
A, pieces.....	363	1,318	2,261	1,127	246	526
B, pieces.....	690	23,499	33,208	12,069	3,522	6,557
C, pieces.....	186	5,323	9,595	6,353	1,026	3,236
D, pieces.....	148	158	1,337	1,242	45	170
Gas, pieces.....	18	11,112	4,028	1,267	123	545
Total.....	1,405	41,410	50,429	22,058	4,962	11,034
Specified from stock, pcs.....	1,026	12,901	26,851	9,141	2,280	5,778
Specified to make, pieces.....	5,426	265,932	329,285	99,038	20,040	41,040
Total sold but not shipped, pieces.....	6,452	278,833	350,136	108,179	22,320	46,818

Class.	Sizes.					
	14	16	18	20	24	30
A, pieces.....	87	497	43	149	174	22
B, pieces.....	373	1,412	396	674	385	645
C, pieces.....	154	481	172	187	255	437
D, pieces.....	24	31	27	147	28	62
Gas, pieces.....	---	242	5	286	179	179
Total.....	638	2,663	643	1,443	1,021	1,345
Specified from stock, pcs.....	94	1,676	248	1,138	662	648
Specified to make, pieces.....	3,290	11,499	607	5,834	4,957	3,921
Total sold but not shipped, pieces.....	3,384	13,175	855	6,972	5,619	4,569

Class.	Sizes.					
	36	42	48	54	60	72
A, pieces.....	19	430	20	1	6	7
B, pieces.....	371	8	79	---	51	---
C, pieces.....	11	8	1	---	45	---
D, pieces.....	---	---	1	---	---	---
Gas, pieces.....	71	---	13	---	---	---
Total.....	472	446	114	1	102	7
Specified from stock, pcs.....	351	12	67	1	9	7
Specified to make, pieces.....	3,761	277	844	205	64	---
Total sold but not shipped, pieces.....	4,112	289	911	206	73	7

**Wheat Ground and Wheat-Milling Products July 1923.**

The Department of Commerce under date of Aug. 31 announced statistics based on reports it has received on wheat ground and wheat-milling products by months. The figures for May and June are also included, but have been revised to include reports received since the preliminary bulletins for those months were issued. The returns include only mills which are now manufacturing at the rate of 5,000 or more barrels of flour annually. The figures for July include reports from 1,036 mills, and these same establishments produced 83.8% of the total wheat flour reported at the biennial census of manufactures, 1921. The wheat ground averaged 275.7 pounds per barrel of flour in July, 274.1 pounds in June and 274.6 pounds in May. The offal

reported amounted to 17.6 pounds per bushel of wheat in July, 17.7 pounds in June and 17.5 pounds in May.

Wheat Ground and Wheat-Milling Products, by Months.

Month.	Mills reporting (No.)	Wheat ground (bushels)	Production.		Daily (24-hour) capac'y in wheat fl'r (barrels)	P.C. of total capac. operat.
			Wheat fl'r (barrels)	Wheat grain offal (Lbs.)		
May.....	1,081	36,210,276	7,911,852	635,329,571	683,649	44.5
June.....	1,080	30,942,592	6,735,493	549,483,608	700,796	36.9
July.....	1,036	35,588,673	7,743,581	628,466,539	645,328	47.9

**Number of Men's and Boys' Garments Cut During July 1923.**

The Department of Commerce has compiled the following information with regard to garments cut for men's and boys' clothing during July, according to reports received from 459 establishments, with comparative summary for 334 identical establishments reporting for February to July inclusive:

Garments Cut During July (459 Establishments).

Kind—	Number.
Men's suits, wholly or partly of wool.....	910,218
Men's suits, wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, &c.....	66,256
Men's separate trousers, wholly or partly of wool.....	967,739
Men's separate trousers, wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, &c.....	542,845
Men's overcoats.....	482,434
Boys' suits (all grades).....	265,809
Boys' separate pants (all grades).....	531,639
Boys' overcoats and reefers (all grades).....	92,046

Comparative Summary for 334 Identical Establishments—No. of Garments Cut.

Kind—	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.
Men's suits—						
Wholly or partly of wool.....	870,508	961,072	705,835	700,613	720,897	630,825
Wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, &c.....	148,666	156,339	132,208	130,718	88,959	49,052
Men's separate trousers:						
Wholly or partly of wool.....	804,058	875,216	730,740	709,231	680,883	716,194
Wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, &c.....	460,338	498,166	460,816	475,574	343,744	369,269
Men's overcoats.....	118,512	154,288	193,955	291,217	350,530	367,239
Boys' suits & separate pants (all grades).....	623,587	731,200	644,808	701,614	781,289	658,746
Boys' overcoats & reefers (all grades).....	15,615	21,294	33,527	56,897	89,788	66,492

Clothing Cut During July, by Classes of Establishments, for 92 Wholesale Tailors and Tailors to the Trade, and 347 Ready-to-Wear and 20 Cut, Trim and Make.

Kind Cut and Number of Garments—	Tailors	Ready-to-Cut, Trim to Trade, Wear. & Make.
Men's suits, wholly or partly of wool.....	186,339	698,587
Men's suits, wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, &c.....	3,432	60,661
Men's separate trousers, wholly or partly of wool.....	75,716	840,526
Men's separate trousers, wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, &c.....	20,240	483,470
Men's overcoats.....	32,955	387,558
Boys' suits (all grades).....	39,412	217,516
Boys' separate pants (all grades).....	88,962	417,603
Boys' overcoats and reefers (all grades).....	16,662	69,714

**The Coal Trade—Current Production and Market Conditions.**

The regular weekly detailed report compiled by the United States Geological Survey for the week ended Sept. 1 shows that while the production of bituminous coal reached a new high record for the year, namely 11,633,000 net tons, which exceeded by 250,000 net tons the production of the previous week, the production of anthracite fell off about 259,000 net tons to 1,896,000 net tons, due to the suspension of mining on Friday, Aug. 31, because of the apparent failure of the wage negotiations which have, however, since been concluded in accordance with the terms noted in another column of this issue. Extracts from the "Survey's" report issued under date of Sept. 8 follow herewith:

Soft coal production in the week ended Sept. 1 set a new high record for this year. The total, including coal coked, mine fuel, and local sales, is estimated at 11,633,000 net tons, an increase of 250,000 tons over the revised figure for the week preceding. Early returns on car loadings in the present week (Sept. 3-8) indicate that Labor Day counted for about one-fourth of a day in soft-coal mining and the production was well sustained on Tuesday and Wednesday. The total production for the week will probably be in the neighborhood of 9,800,000 net tons.

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

	1923		1922	
	Week.	Cal. Yr. to Date.	Week.	Cal. Yr. to Date.
Aug. 18.....	10,843,000	345,690,000	4,609,000	216,823,000
Daily average.....	1,807,000	1,773,000	768,000	1,109,000
Aug. 25 a.....	11,383,000	357,073,000	6,736,000	223,559,000
Daily average.....	1,897,000	1,776,000	1,123,000	1,109,000
Sept. 1 b.....	11,633,000	368,706,000	9,359,000	232,918,000
Daily average.....	1,939,000	1,781,000	1,560,000	1,122,000

a Revised since last report. b Subject to revision.

Production during the first 207 working days of 1923 was 368,706,000 net tons. During the corresponding period of the six years preceding it was as follows (in net tons):

Years of Activity.		Years of Depression.	
1917	368,651,000	1919	307,474,000
1918	393,093,000	1921	268,641,000
1920	361,117,000	1922	232,918,000

Thus it is seen that from the viewpoint of soft coal production, 1923 stands 1.5% behind the average for the three years of industrial activity and 37% ahead of that for the three years of depression.

**ANTHRACITE.**

The production of anthracite during the week ended Sept. 1 was maintained at a high rate during the first five days. The early reports of "lay-off" on Friday, pay-day, and in anticipation of the suspension, were not borne out by the record of car loadings which reached the maximum in excess of 7,100 cars on that day. More than 400 cars were reported loaded on Saturday, but the shut-down of the collieries apparently was complete and the car loads reported were in part carried over from the day before and were in part the output of river dredges and culm washeries. The total output for the week is estimated at 1,896,000 net tons on the basis of 36,259 cars reported by the principal anthracite carriers. This was a decrease of 259,000 tons as compared with the week preceding, but the average rate of daily production during the five active days was about 3% higher than that for the week preceding.

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

	1923		1922	
	Week. to Date.	Cal. Yr.	Week. to Date.	Cal. Yr.
Aug. 18	1,858,000	64,427,000	38,000	23,542,000
Aug. 25	2,165,000	66,592,000	37,000	23,579,000
Sept. 1 a	1,896,000	68,488,000	37,000	23,616,000

a Subject to revision.

*Supply of Anthracite on Sept. 1 1923.*

The supply of anthracite available for consumption after the suspension of operations at the anthracite mines on Sept. 1 is not definitely determinable, but it may be roughly gauged by comparison of production during the present coal year with that in the past. The total output of hard coal from April 1 to Aug. 31 1923 is now estimated at 42,521,000 net tons. In comparison with the average for the corresponding periods in 1919, 1920 and 1921, this was an increase of approximately 10%, and it was but little less than in 1917 and 1918.

On the basis of past experience, it is estimated that about 60% of the total production was sizes suitable for household uses.

*Production of Anthracite During First Five Months of the Last Seven Coal Years (Thousand Net Tons).*

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	a1922.	b1923.
April	7,222	8,211	6,884	6,285	7,985	27	8,063
May	8,933	8,880	7,525	8,037	7,752	36	8,573
June	9,103	8,855	7,404	8,251	8,071	86	8,665
July	8,684	9,134	7,974	8,342	7,309	118	8,320
August	9,058	9,258	8,096	8,105	7,459	164	cs.900
Total	43,000	44,338	37,883	39,020	38,576	431	42,521

a Revised. b Subject to revision. c Preliminary estimate.

**BEEHIVE COKE.**

The gradual decline in the production of beehive coke previously reported was continued in the week ended Sept. 1. Preliminary estimates based on the number of cars loaded on the principal coke-carrying railroads placed the total for the week at 322,000 net tons, against 327,000 tons in the week preceding. The decrease was reported from the Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia districts.

According to the Connellsville "Courier," production in the Connellsville district decreased to 239,210 tons from 249,710 tons in the week before. The "Courier" further reports that 2,125 ovens were withdrawn from production in the Connellsville region during the week.

*Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).*

	Week ended			1923.	1922.
	Sept. 1 1923. a	Aug. 25 1923. b	Sept. 2 1922.	to Date.	to Date.
Pennsylvania & Ohio	259,000	268,000	103,000	10,625,000	3,235,000
West Virginia	19,000	20,000	9,000	780,000	254,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. & Ga.	19,000	16,000	11,000	768,000	277,000
Virginia	14,000	12,000	5,000	536,000	197,000
Colorado & N. Mexico	6,000	6,000	6,000	270,000	132,000
Washington & Utah	5,000	5,000	4,000	194,000	128,000
United States total	322,000	327,000	138,000	13,173,000	4,223,000
Daily average	54,000	55,000	23,000	63,000	20,000

a Subject to revision. b Revised from last report.

The combination of a strike in the anthracite region and the Labor Day holiday made the first week in September one of watchful waiting with little real activity in the bituminous coal markets of the country. In the Middle West domestic buying, particularly in the urban centres, was slightly less active according to the "Coal Trade Journal" in its weekly market review issued Sept. 12. As an offset to this, however, buying from rural communities was on a somewhat heavier basis so that the trade balance as a whole was well maintained the report continues, adding further details which appear herewith:

In the East the average retailer, and domestic consumer also, deferred action on the question of bituminous as a substitute fuel and, when announcement came from Harrisburg that an anthracite agreement had been reached, promptly lost all interest in the question. Industrial buying, both East and West, was featureless.

Price movements in the bituminous trade as a whole last week were downward, although the number of instances in which prices were unchanged exceeded those in which advances or reductions took place. Comparing spot quotations on the coals listed below with those for the week ended Sept. 1, changes were shown in 42.6% of the figures. Of these changes approximately 65% represented advances ranging from five to 50 cents and averaging 21 cents per ton. The reductions ranged from five to 50 cents and averaged 17.7 cents per ton. The straight average minimum, however, dropped to \$1 80, a decrease of 22 cents, while the average maximum, \$2 31, was 12 cents less. A year ago the averages were \$4 60 and \$5 27, respectively.

All the interest in the anthracite market naturally centred upon Harrisburg last week. The little coal that moved forward during the week was confined to loadings passing the scales prior to Sept. 1. Quotations which ranged as high as \$15 on independent tonnage were largely nominal. With the early resumption of full-time anthracite production, it is freely predicted in the trade that independent prices will suffer a marked decline. The coke trade, which has benefited more from the anthracite strike scare than bituminous coal, continues active.

The "Coal Age" in its weekly report points out that settlement of the anthracite strike on the basis of Governor Pinchot's original four points being assured wages and prices have been pegged up for two years and says the coal trade is now waiting to see what the Governor can accomplish in cutting freight rates and distributor's margins. The "Coal Age" then continues as follows in its report which was issued Sept. 13:

With few exceptions, and then only in slight flurries, did the coal market in any part of the country show any improvement which could be attributed to the suspension of anthracite mining. Inquiry for soft coal increased in various sections, but prices were affected but little. For the third consecutive week "Coal Age" Index shows a slight advance in the average price of soft coal, registering 205 on Sept. 10, an increase of one point, with an average price of \$2 49.

The country was in excellent condition to forego the trouble which would have been occasioned by a much longer strike of the miners. There are upward of 57,000,000 net tons of soft coal in consumers' reserves and the output of anthracite during the coal year to Aug. 31 is estimated at 42,521,000 net tons, the largest production for any corresponding period since 1918.

The ending of the anthracite trouble and the feeling that the danger point has been passed placed householders in the Middle West on easy street, with the result that there is no rush for any of the domestic fuels. Buying is slow in New England and even retail dealers have plenty of coal on hand to meet a possible emergency. Shutdowns and curtailments in industrial plants are frequent. Inquiry for bituminous screened coals fell off somewhat. The week's idleness of the anthracite mines failed to create any considerable uneasiness among the dealers or consumers. It was estimated that approximately 75% of hard-coal consumers had at least a part of their winter's fuel in their bins and that the balance could use substitutes. With the strike apparently settled wholesale and retail dealers expect that within a comparatively short time production will have been sufficient to supply all orders.

Inquiries for coke were numerous and considerable buying was reported by some producers. In some instances the larger sizes were asserted to be sold up. Inquiries of producers continued as far south as Birmingham, Ala. Buying of heating coke by Eastern dealers is fairly active.

Lake shipments of soft coal continues around 1,000,000 net tons weekly, with total dumpings of cargo and fuel coal amounting to 19,904,264, as of Sept. 2. Shipments of anthracite from Lake Erie port during the season to Sept. 4 totaled 2,190,602 net tons, 1,971,070 tons of this amount having been shipped from Buffalo.

**The Sugar Situation—Size of Last Cuban Crop—Recent Recovery in Price.**

The following from last Saturday's weekly circular of Nortz & Co., of this city, discusses in an interesting way recent developments in the sugar trade:

The central, "Santa Lucia," having finished operations, the exact yield of this year's Cuban crop has now been determined.

Mr. A. H. Himely makes the total.....3,601,605 tons  
Messrs. Willett & Gray.....3,602,919 tons

The same experts, in common with the majority of the trade, held the opinion and reiterated it early in the season that this year's yield would prove to be at least 4,000,000 tons—if not in excess of this figure.

Per contra, we have on record the opinions of some eminent statesmen—not to use such an expression as politicians—as Chancellor Baldwin and Secretary Hoover, indicating, if not predicting, a shortage in the world's sugar production. Between the two extremes producers and consumers have calmly sailed their own course, it must be admitted though, on season that were at times rough enough to shake the heart even of the bravest. The present season is once more a brilliant example how disastrous interference with the law of supply and demand can work and how in the end the latter is always bound to reassert itself.

That the present Cuban crop has yielded less than the vast majority of the trade had a right to expect cannot be denied. The effect of the drought, stunting the growth of the young cane making it unprofitable to grind, had undoubtedly been underestimated. It is by no means impossible that the same cause may make itself felt again during the coming season, although at this writing it is rather early to express an opinion on that point, since with favorable weather conditions from now on a good deal of damage can be repaired. In the circumstances weather conditions in Cuba from now on will bear close watching. It is to be regretted that the sugar trade in this country has, comparatively speaking, such meagre information regarding crop prospects and promises. The beet-growing countries in Europe are undeniably far ahead of us that respect. Weather conditions, weight of the beets, their foliage and yield are regularly recorded and permit of the forming of an opinion of the yield with comparative accuracy. The proper reporting and recording of the development of the principal cane crop is as yet a field capable of vast improvement.

The most important development in the past fortnight has been the large increase in the domestic consuming demand which had been expected so long that many of the trade authorities despaired of its revival for the rest of this season. It is now estimated that about 150,000 tons of the accumulated supplies of our refiners have been absorbed. The latter having for some time past allowed their supplies of raws to run down were in turn compelled to re-enter the raw market, as a result of which the price has advanced again to a 4 1/2 cent level.

With the Cuban crop completed and only a visible supply in Cuba slightly in excess of 400,000 tons, the question of supplies for the United States for the rest of the year is becoming interesting. More than any other factor has Java contributed to check advancing prices on this side by unexpectedly heavy shipments to European countries, making the latter more independent of supplies from this side than at any time since the war. Advances from England indicate that not only all distressed lots of Java sugar have been absorbed but that the Russian Border States have of late been unexpectedly good buyers of sugar beyond their own consuming capacity, indicating a revival of the Russian giant whose capacity of absorption may yet furnish the world with a surprising lesson in not too distant a future. On top of that, India is reported to have bought 50,000 tons in Java, making it unlikely to look for much selling pressure from that quarter for the balance of the season.



## Current Events and Discussions

### The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

A decrease of \$8,700,000 in holdings of discounted bills, as against increases of \$5,200,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation, of \$9,300,000 in cash reserves, and of \$34,100,000 in deposit liabilities, is shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated bank statement issued as at close of business on Sept. 12 1923, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined. The reserve ratio declined from 76.4 to 75.9%. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

All Federal Reserve banks, except those at Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, and Minneapolis, show smaller holdings of discounted bills, the largest declines, by \$8,100,000 and \$6,600,000, being reported for Chicago and Dallas, respectively. The Cleveland bank reports an increase of \$13,100,000 in its holdings of discounted bills, while smaller increases totaling \$4,300,000 are shown for Minneapolis, Richmond and Atlanta. Paper secured by U. S. Government obligations declined by \$10,000,000 during the week, the total holdings on Sept. 12 being \$389,100,000. Of this amount, \$242,800,000 was secured by U. S. bonds, \$131,400,000 by Treasury notes, and \$14,900,000 by certificates of indebtedness.

An increase of \$8,700,000 in Federal Reserve note circulation is shown for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, and decreases of \$5,000,000 and \$2,700,000, respectively, for New York and Chicago. The remaining banks report relatively small changes in note circulation, while the System as a whole shows a net increase of \$5,200,000.

Gold reserves increased by \$8,700,000 during the week, reserves other than gold by \$700,000, and non-reserve cash by \$11,400,000, these additions to cash holdings doubtless being due, in large part, to the return flow of currency withdrawn during the preceding week for holiday use. Increases of \$24,000,000 and \$10,400,000 in gold reserves are shown for the New York and San Francisco banks, respectively, and decreases of \$11,200,000, \$4,700,000, and \$4,000,000 for the banks at Chicago, Cleveland and Atlanta.

The statement in full in comparison with preceding weeks and with the corresponding date last year will be found on subsequent pages, namely pages 1215 and 1216. 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	
	Sept. 5 1923.	Sept. 13 1922.
Total reserves.....	+\$9,300,000	-\$9,800,000
Gold reserves.....	+\$8,700,000	+\$43,400,000
Total earning assets.....	-2,900,000	+\$31,800,000
Discounted bills, total.....	-\$8,700,000	+\$454,200,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	-10,000,000	+\$265,100,000
Other bills discounted.....	+\$1,300,000	+\$189,100,000
Purchased bills.....	+\$4,700,000	-\$25,400,000
United States securities, total.....	+\$1,100,000	-\$397,000,000
Bonds and notes.....	-\$1,600,000	-\$104,100,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	+\$2,700,000	-\$292,900,000
Total deposits.....	+\$34,100,000	+\$64,400,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	+\$29,700,000	+\$61,600,000
Government deposits.....	+\$1,100,000	+\$300,000
Other deposits.....	+\$3,300,000	+\$2,500,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	+\$5,200,000	+\$48,900,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab.....	-	-\$49,700,000

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

Further increases of \$63,000,000 in loans and discounts, offset in part by decreases of \$23,000,000 in investments, together with increases of \$83,000,000 in net demand deposits and of \$36,000,000 in accommodation at the Federal Reserve banks, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly consolidated statement of condition on Sept. 5 of 769 member banks in leading cities. Of the total increase in loans and discounts, \$20,000,000 represents an increase in loans on stocks and bonds and \$44,000,000 an increase in all other, largely commercial, loans. Loans on Government securities show a nominal decline of \$1,000,000 during the week. Investments of all reporting banks decreased \$23,000,000 during the week, all classes of investments showing small decreases. 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 of New York City banks show an increase of \$26,000,000 for the week of which \$9,000,000 represents an increase in loans secured by stocks and bonds, and \$17,000,000 an increase in all other loans. Investment holdings of the New York banks show but a slight change during the week, a decrease of \$6,000,000 in holdings of U. S. Treasury notes being offset by a corresponding increase in holdings of other bonds, stocks, and securities. Banks in the Chicago district report an increase of \$22,000,000 in loans and a decrease of \$16,000,000 in investments. Further comment regarding the changes shown by these member banks is as follows:

Net demand deposits increased in all Federal Reserve districts, the total increase for all reporting member banks being \$83,000,000, and for reporting banks in New York City, \$33,000,000. Time deposits show but nominal changes during the week. Government deposits show a decrease of \$12,000,000 during the week, of which \$4,000,000 was reported by the New York City banks.

Reserve balances of the reporting banks show an increase of \$2,000,000, while their cash in vault increased by \$4,000,000. For member banks in New York City an increase of \$4,000,000 in reserve balances and a nominal change in cash on hand are noted.

Borrowings of the reporting institutions from the Federal Reserve banks show an increase for the week from \$521,000,000 to \$557,000,000, or from 3.2 to 3.4% of their total loans and investments. Most of this increase is shown for the New York City members, which report an increase in accommodation at the Reserve Bank from \$118,000,000 to \$150,000,000, or from 2.4 to 3% of their total loans and investments.

On a subsequent page—that is, on page 1216—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	
	Aug. 29 1923.	Sept. 6 1922.
Loans and discounts—total.....	+\$63,000,000	+\$951,000,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	-\$11,000,000	-\$28,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	+\$20,000,000	+\$181,000,000
All other.....	+\$44,000,000	+\$798,000,000
Investments, total.....	-\$23,000,000	+\$1,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	-\$7,000,000	+\$46,000,000
Treasury notes.....	-\$9,000,000	+\$171,000,000
Treasury certificates.....	-\$3,000,000	-\$92,000,000
Other stocks and bonds.....	-\$4,000,000	-\$124,000,000
Reserve balances with F. R. banks.....	+\$2,000,000	-\$1,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+\$4,000,000	+\$46,000,000
Government deposits.....	-\$12,000,000	-\$69,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+\$83,000,000	-\$30,000,000
Time deposits.....	+\$3,000,000	+\$407,000,000
Total accommodation at F. R. banks.....	+\$36,000,000	+\$420,000,000

### Underwriting Syndicate in \$50,000,000 Issue of Republic of Cuba Bonds Dissolved With Some of the Bonds Unsold.

J. P. Morgan & Co., as managers of the syndicate which underwrote \$50,000,000 Republic of Cuba 5½% external sinking fund gold notes on Sept. 12 sent notices to the banking firms which participated in the syndicate that the agreement under which the bonds were underwritten terminated Sept. 13 and that it would not be extended. In anticipation of this announcement, the bonds on only a few transactions dropped several points. As a result of the expiration of the syndicate agreement, the participants took over the bonds which have not been sold. It was estimated by bankers that approximately 20% of the original offering was still in the hands of the syndicate. These will be disposed of as the syndicate members see fit, either in the open market or by other means.

### Belgian Loan Underwritten by French Syndicate.

A Paris banking syndicate, including the Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas and the Credit Lyonnais, are underwriting a 6½% bond issue of the Belgian Government in the sum of 400,000,000 French francs, maturing in 15 years, Acting Commercial Attache J. F. Butler cables the Department of Commerce. The issue price is 485 francs per bond.

### Distribution of Canadian Government, Provincial and Municipal Indebtedness—How Much Held at Home, How Much Held in United States and Great Britain.

The "Financial Post" of Toronto in a recent issue published some very interesting statistics bearing on the public debt of the Dominion and its Provinces and municipalities. The statement undertakes to show how much of each class of bonds is held in Canada, in Great Britain and in the United States. The "Post" summarized its tabulations in the following manner:

There are now outstanding \$3,936,500,000 of Canadian Government and municipal bonds. Of the total, Canadian investors hold 68.7%, or, expressed in figures, \$2,704,500,000. This is surely to be considered a remarkable achievement when the youth of Canada is considered. It is the result largely of the efforts of Canadian people during the war when they financed their expenditures by borrowings at home rather than abroad. A year ago the amount of outstanding Canadian bonds stood at \$3,737,000,000, of which Canadian investors held \$2,680,000,000, or 71.7%. It will be seen, therefore, that in a period of about twelve months coinciding roughly with the calendar year 1922 Canadians have increased their outstanding public obligations by approximately \$200,000,000, most of the bonds being marketed outside this country. There has been no substantial investment from Great Britain. The United States has absorbed the largest part of the new Canadian bond issues that have been brought out. American

holdings of Canadian bonds have increased in the year from \$546,000,000 to \$721,000,000, the percentage of the total increasing from 14.6% to 18.5%.

The following is a comparative table showing the amount of Dominion, Provincial and municipal bonds outstanding:

	1923.	1922.
Dominion	\$2,483,000,000	\$2,472,000,000
Provinces	626,500,000	520,000,000
Municipalities	827,000,000	745,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,936,500,000</b>	<b>\$3,737,000,000</b>

The proportions of each type of bond held in Great Britain, the United States and Canada are calculated as follows by the "Financial Post":

Dominion Government Issues.		
Held in—	1923.	1922.
Canada	\$1,936,000,000	\$2,000,000,000
United States	211,000,000	136,000,000
Great Britain	336,000,000	336,000,000
	<b>\$2,483,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,472,000,000</b>

Provincial Bond Issues.		
Held in—	1923.	1922.
Canada	\$326,500,000	\$270,000,000
United States	200,000,000	150,000,000
Great Britain	100,000,000	100,000,000
	<b>\$626,500,000</b>	<b>\$520,000,000</b>

Municipal Bond Issues.		
Held in—	1923.	1922.
Canada	\$462,000,000	\$410,000,000
United States	290,000,000	260,000,000
Great Britain	75,000,000	75,000,000
	<b>\$827,000,000</b>	<b>\$745,000,000</b>

"Analyzing these figures on a percentage basis," says the "Post," "it appears that Great Britain's interest in Canadian bond issues has declined, which is natural because of the growth in the debts without new British investment in Canada, while the United States has taken a decidedly more important interest in Canadian bonds." The percentage figures are as follows:

Total All Issues.			
	1923	1922	%
Canada	\$2,704,500,000	2,680,000,000	68.7%
		721,000,000	18.5%
United States	546,000,000	546,000,000	14.6%
		511,000,000	12.8%
United Kingdom	511,000,000	510,000,000	13.7%

The "Post" also spoke of the net public debt and the net per capita indebtedness. It said:

At the same time a calculation of the debts of Canadian people has been made. In this case only the net debt of the Dominion Government is taken rather than the funded debt, and from the provincial and municipal debts has been deducted the total of the sinking funds of the provinces and the municipalities. This analysis indicates an increase of \$150,000,000 in the indebtedness of Canadian people, but when allowance is made for a moderate increase in population during the year the per capita figures of indebtedness have risen only \$2—from \$412 50 per head to \$414 50. The increase has been largest in the case of the provinces. Canadian municipalities on the whole have not seriously changed their per capita indebtedness, and the Dominion has decreased its per capita indebtedness. Comparative figures follow:

Outstanding Bonds, Less Sinking Fund.		
	1923.	1922.
Dominion, net debt	\$2,430,200,000	\$2,427,300,000
Provinces	595,400,000	496,200,000
Municipalities	705,800,000	657,500,000
	<b>\$3,731,400,000</b>	<b>\$3,580,000,000</b>

Per Capita Debts.*		
	1923.	1922.
Dominion	\$270 00	\$277 50
Provinces	66 10	56 70
Municipalities	78 40	78 30
	<b>\$414 50</b>	<b>\$412 50</b>

\*Population for 1923 taken as 9,000,000.

It may again be pointed out that the figures indicate that Canadians have heavily mortgaged their national assets. But the money has been borrowed for a vigorous expansion. When one considers that the wealth of the Canadian people, without making any allowance for undeveloped farm lands, for unexplored mineral resources, for latent water powers or for standing timber, totals more than \$17,000,000,000, it becomes evident that the mortgage is not beyond the ability of Canadian citizens to bear.

#### Activities of the United States Senate Commission of Gold and Silver Inquiry.

At the meeting of the Senate Commission of Gold and Silver Inquiry held in Reno, Nevada, Sept. 4 1923, Senator Tasker L. Oddie, Chairman of the Commission in his opening statement presented the conclusions of a world-wide survey of the monetary and currency changes in the use of silver since 1914, made at the request of the Commission by the Finance and Investment Division of the Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce. To briefly summarize the result of this investigation, Senator Oddie quoted from the report as follows:

To recapitulate, silver may be used for monetary purposes as reserve against notes or other liabilities, or as a circulating medium. Since 1914

its employment for reserve purposes has considerably decreased in most countries, both in absolute quantities and in proportion to gold and various forms of paper cover. Numerous forces have also been at work during this period to dislodge the metal from its former place as a circulating medium. Although silver circulation has increased in several countries since 1914—particularly in China and India—its place has been taken in many others by paper and base metal substitutes. These latter substitutes are generally acceptable, and there are no movements afoot justifying the belief that silver will soon regain its pre-war relative importance in reserves in coinage, or in circulation.

In commenting upon the serious condition set forth in the report, Senator Oddie urged that the influences that have been and are now working to undermine the monetary and currency position of silver should be promptly checked. To accomplish results along these lines, Senator Oddie said, will require a continuous survey of conditions, which is beyond the power of any individual producer. Therefore, there is an urgent need, in his opinion, for an organization which will assist in restoring the pre-war monetary position of silver and to encourage its greater monetary and industrial use. Senator Oddie called attention to the fact that it has probably occurred to very few people that it would be an impossibility to buy a large amount of silver on the market to-day because of the depletion of current stocks and of a lack of large accumulations, "without sending the market sky high," and inquired where, if a sudden demand from some quarter of the world should come unexpectedly for a large quantity of silver, it could be bought at anything like the market price. The operation of a silver export association, Senator Oddie believes, should provide for a reserve from which acute demands could be met, without increasing the price of an abnormal degree, and that such market protection would be of great benefit to the consumer.

In urging that the New York silver market be strengthened Senator Oddie expressed the view that notwithstanding the fact that London has for so long maintained supremacy as a silver market, there are many reasons why New York should be the world's principal market. Approximately 85% of the world's silver output is produced in North, Central and South America, he stated; and during the war New York became the chief silver market of the world, since which time it has occupied a very strong and independent market position. In 1922, China, Senator Oddie said, it has been estimated, purchased 50,000,000 ounces of silver in America as against 22,000,000 ounces in London; that India, it is estimated, purchased 22,000,000 ounces in America as against 46,000,000 ounces in London, and that heavy purchases by China and India in New York in 1923 indicate that the Indian "bazaars" also realize the advantage of buying silver here rather than in London. Senator Oddie called attention to the fact that the demand for silver in a country like China often arises very quickly, which results in a high premium on the early arrival of the metal in China, and that, as it takes less time to deliver silver from the United States to China than from London, there is a direct saving in interest on metal in transit; which means that China, therefore, will probably continue to transport an increasing amount of her silver business in New York. Through an organization, Senator Oddie believes the silver producers should be able to effect improvements in the New York market by making closer contacts with Oriental buyers and in making available supplies of silver at all times, and that the maintenance of an open silver market in New York, where silver could always be bought or sold, would afford a much-needed protection to American interests.

In urging the producers to consider organization, Senator Oddie called attention to the fact that producers of other products have found it advantageous to organize for the purpose of providing a more orderly marketing system. Many of these organizations have met with success, he said; and therefore, the American producers of silver, now unorganized may well consider the advantage of organizing for the purpose of improving marketing conditions. In concluding his address, Senator Oddie called attention to the comprehensive and valuable data that have been collected by the Commission and placed at the disposal of the producers. He also proffered the services of the Commission, its Assistant, and other experts to the producers in solving the problems with which they are now confronted.

#### Third Attempt to Unionize Bank Clerks.

The following is from the Journal of the American Bankers Association (August issue):

The third attempt to unionize the bank clerks of New York is now being made. It starts under more favorable circumstances than the first two abortive efforts, but the outlook for the final outcome is not much more hopeful, as far as the American Federation of Labor is concerned. This is realized, and, privately, accepted by the Federation.



It was four years ago that the first attempt to unionize the bank clerks was made. At that time dissatisfaction was rife all over the country. Prices were away up and seemed to be going higher. It was the time of consumers' strikes and overalls parades. There was talk of unions in every walk of life. The Middle-Class Union was organized in England and there was the brief beginning of a Middle-Class Union in this country. The trouble here was that nobody would admit being as far down in the social scale as the middle class. So there were whispers of a bank presidents union. But that came to nothing and there was a start made on a bank clerks union.

#### Isolated Union of No Use.

The bank clerks, however, would not affiliate with the American Federation of Labor and an isolated union is not of much use to anybody. They might strike, but they could not get any support in their demands. The first bank clerks union, therefore, went to pieces on the rocks of the A. F. of L.

Then, a couple of years later, an enthusiast put in his spare time for three or four months at the job. But at the end of that period found that he was just about where he started and he gave it up as a bad job.

The third attempt is the outcome of the organization of various labor banks around the country, more especially, those in New York. Labor now has twelve banks in various cities, with one labor controlled bank, while there are six more projected. The labor banks are:

The Amalgamated Bank of New York, established by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

The Federation Trust Co., of New York, established by the Central Trades and Labor Council, New York State Federation of Labor.

The Mt. Vernon Savings Bank, Washington, D. C., established by the International Association of Machinists.

The Engineer's Co-operative National Bank, of Cleveland, established by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The People's Co-operative State Bank, of Hammond, Ind., established by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The Amalgamated Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, established by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

The Producers & Consumers Bank, Philadelphia, established by the Central Labor Union.

The Brotherhood Trust & Savings Bank, San Bernardino, Cal., established by the Railroad Workers.

The Co-operative Bank & Trust Co., Tucson, Ariz., established by various labor groups.

The Federated Bank & Trust Co., Birmingham, Ala., established by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the State Federation of Labor.

The First National Bank, Three Forks, Mont., established by various labor groups.

The Brotherhood Co-operative National Bank of Spokane, Spokane, Wash., established by railroad unions.

The labor-controlled bank is the Empire Trust Co., of New York, in which the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers had acquired an important interest.

The projected labor banks are:

The Fraternity Trust Co., Harrisburg, Pa., to be established by the railroad brotherhoods.

The Transportation Brotherhoods National Bank, Minneapolis, Minn., to be established by railroad workers.

The Brotherhood Savings & Trust Co., Pittsburgh, to be established by various labor unions.

Banks in St. Louis, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Port Huron and New York.

#### Starts With 200 Members.

Soon after the organization of the New York labor banks their clerks were unionized by organizers from the Bookkeepers, Stenographers & Accountants Union. That started the new Bank Clerks Union off with about 200 members.

With this nucleus the new union started out to proselytize. Ernest Bohm, Secretary of the Bookkeepers, Stenographers & Accountants Union, says that they have taken in about 100 members from other banks and claims to be getting new members at from five to ten a week. He figures on something like 20,000 bank clerks in New York and thinks it will take about two years to get most of them into the new union.

Mr. Bohm says that the new union does not intend to inaugurate a series of strikes. "Our policy has always been to work by conciliation," he said. "We have never had a strike. We expect by a series of conferences with the bank officers to get higher pay for the bank clerks."

He points to a reported concerted movement, among bank officials in New York, to raise the pay of their employees as a victory already won by the new union. It is to be noted, however, that the labor banks are not taking part in this movement, while other banks know nothing about it.

Two banks, to be sure, are planning to raise the pay of some of their employees and a third is asking for data from one of these two. But there is no concerted movement and the plans of these two banks were made before there was any talk of the new union. As a matter of fact, one of the banks had schedules for increases in pay worked out in 1920, but the business depression came along and put a stop to the execution of the plans. What it is doing now is bringing those schedules up to date.

#### Rewards for Merit.

This does not mean a horizontal increase in pay for all classes of employees but rewards for service such as would ordinarily be distributed, union or no union. An officer of one of the banks said:

"At certain intervals it is necessary to go over the records of the force and determine who has earned an increase in pay. If this were not done, rewards for good service would be both infrequent and accidental. In all fairness, such things should not be left to chance. A modest man might be overlooked for years, even though he were one of the most efficient men in the institution. The only fair way to do it is to have a system and a time for going over the records and giving substantial recognition to those who have earned it. I know of a big department store that goes over the records of one department every three months. When it has made the round of the departments, it starts over again.

"We are not worried by this talk of a bank clerks' union," he added. "Look out over that floor. There are 150 men there and no two of them doing the same work. You can't unionize, if you can't classify."

In another quarter it was pointed out that the American Institute of Banking is becoming every year a more important factor in the banking business of the country. Many of the present bank executives are members of the Institute while each year their number is largely augmented. The platform of the Institute says:

"As a result of the establishment and maintenance of the merit system in most banks a large number of Institute members have through individual application achieved marked professional success. We at all times and under all circumstances stand for the merit system and for the paying of salaries according to the value of the service rendered."

### Sawers' Grain Co. Suspends Business on Chicago Board of Trade—Financial Difficulties of Gov. McCray of Indiana.

The Sawers' Grain Company of Chicago, of which Gov. Warren T. McCray of Indiana was Vice-President, suspended on the Chicago Board of Trade on Sept. 5. The Chicago "Tribune" of the 6th inst. in referring to the difficulties of the company said in part:

This collapse is the indirect result of the financial difficulties under which Gov. McCray is now laboring in Indianapolis. He had only a small interest in the company and had nothing to do with the management, but the crash of the governor's fortune caused bankers and others to call for extra protection with the Chicago concern. Those having trades called for extra margins. Customers withdrew business. This strain was too much, combined with overextension of credit to country speculators.

#### McCray's Share Small

It was stated in Chicago yesterday that Gov. McCray had only \$7,600 investment at this time in the Sawers company, although a year ago he had 500 shares of stock out of the total of 2,000 shares.

In the statement to creditors in Indianapolis the governor's attorneys put among the assets \$18,000 worth of stock in the Sawers company.

There is a question as to whether the governor's estimate of his assets, \$3,323,417, is too high. At the same time the creditors are declared to stand a better chance under his plan of liquidation than under any other proceeding.

William Simons, president of the Sawers' Grain Company, and active manager of the company in Chicago, issued a statement on the 5th inst. saying:

The Sawers' Grain Company finds itself in a position of over-extended credits and insufficient liquid assets to continue in business, so we have been forced to liquidate and pay off our creditors through a creditors' committee, which has been formed today, consisting of James K. Riordan of Chicago, R. T. Barton of Danville, and Charles Hosford of Cayuga, Ind., who are issuing notice to all creditors today to meet in Chicago Monday, in order to try to effect a permanent organization which will take entire charge of the assets of this corporation and protect the interests of all creditors.

A full statement by the creditors' committee will be issued later.

The following is taken from the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of the 6th inst.:

#### Debt to Bank Is Covered

An official of the Continental & Commercial National Bank, through which the company cleared most of its financial affairs, announced after the suspension of the firm had been reported that all indebtedness of the concern to the bank was fully covered in readily negotiable securities, and that its loans were comparatively small.

Principal liabilities of the company, according to Mr. Simons, are to country shippers. "We over-extended ourselves in making loans to country speculators," he said, "and were not in a position to meet the calls for extra margins that were precipitated by Governor McCray's troubles. Our assets are well over our liabilities and if the creditors will have patience, they will get penny for penny."

#### Governor Has Small Interest

In speaking of Governor McCray's connection with the firm, Mr. Simons said: "The governor at one time owned 500 shares of our stock. Now he owns only 76 shares. Our books show him owning 156 shares, but 80 shares of that amount is pledged only, not really his. His difficulties were only indirectly responsible for our trouble, as he never speculated in grains and had no larger outstanding account with us."

Sawers Grain Company for nearly 20 years has been regarded as one of the most conservative and prosperous firms in the grain trade. The company owned stock in the Des Moines elevator of Des Moines, and had offices, with private wire service, at Des Moines and Fort Dodge, Ia., Kankakee, Sheldon, Danville, Fairbury, Macomb, Mammoth and El Paso, Ill. All of these offices and wires have been taken over by Beach-Wickam & Co. The firm was capitalized at \$200,000, with a surplus of \$20,000. Mr. Simons owned 800 shares of the 2,000 that were issued.

Intimations that Governor McCray of Indiana, had suffered financial difficulties were contained in press dispatches from Indianapolis August 30, co-incident with an announcement that he had resigned as President of the Discount & Deposit Savings Bank of Kentland, Ind., and that he had been succeeded in the presidency by Judge William Darrach. In announcing that a meeting of his creditors had been called for Aug. 31 at the Severin Hotel, Gov. McCray in a statement issued Aug. 30 said:

The peculiar economic conditions affecting agriculture are responsible for the difficulties in my personal affairs.

The facts are that my land holdings, amounting to over 15,000 acres of choice land, together with my inability to cash the cattle paper due me from my cattle customers, amounting to over \$500,000, and the depression in land and cattle values have made it impossible for me to meet my obligations as they have matured.

I have assets, based upon fair values, far over and above my liabilities and all I need is a chance to work myself out of a situation that the economic conditions are responsible for. I do not wish to sacrifice the wonderful herd of cattle I have developed during the past twenty years, which are a credit to the State, and which are worth four or five times as much if sold as breeding animals as they would be if liquidated as ordinary market bees.

The Governor was also quoted on Aug. 30 as saying:

"Boiled down to one fact," he said, "you find a farmer, a landowner, who is caught after three disastrous years in the farming business. I could not collect my bills and found myself unable to meet some of my own obligations. That is all there is to it. I happen to be the Governor of Indiana, but this is a private matter that has happened to hundreds of other farmers. The State has not suffered. I do not see that the public should be greatly interested.

"I have called a meeting of my creditors for to-morrow and it will be found that my assets more than meet my liabilities. Every liability will be paid. Remember that.

"There are untrue stories afloat, and exaggerations have been made concerning my affairs. It will be found that there is a law to protect men from such things. I am merely the victim of general economic conditions. I expect to come out all right if given a chance."

A press dispatch from Indianapolis Aug. 30 said:

The Governor, it was disclosed to-day, at the time of his retirement from the Kentland Bank, received financial assistance from a pool headed by ex-Governor James P. Goodrich. Associated with Mr. Goodrich in this pool were Thomas Taggart, Indiana Democratic leader; Marcus Sonntag of Evansville, Ind.; James Allison, President of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway; Frank Ball of Muncie, Ind., manufacturer; Joseph D. Oliver, Sr., a manufacturer of South Bend, Ind., and others.

The financing of the Governor's farm projects includes the formation of the McCray Farm Realty Company, which was incorporated in Newton County on Nov. 26 1921.

At the creditors' meeting on Aug. 31 Governor McCray is said to have admitted that he owed \$2,652,000; stating that his assets were \$3,223,000. He said that if these were appraised at a fair value he would have \$700,000 left. He said he had 15,600 acres of land. A proposal that the creditors sign an agreement permitting him to continue in nominal control of his property until he could have time to satisfy all his obligations, was made at the meeting. A committee of five was named to study and report on the agreement. A special dispatch to the New York "Times" from Indianapolis Aug. 31 said in part:

The agreement, if signed, will prevent the filing of suits against the Governor by any of the signatory creditors. Legal action has been a possibility regarded by his political friends with considerable apprehension.

Then his attorney, James W. Noel, read the proposed agreement and asked for questions. Several bankers asked about the pool funds and whether the wealthy men who had furnished this fund had not taken the cream of the assets. It was explained that the pool had in trust only the cattle and personal securities.

The pool members were protected about three to one, the Governor said, and there was plenty left under a fair sale. The land was situated in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Colorado, Michigan and Saskatchewan.

The agreement has three features:

The committee of five and a trustee to manage and liquidate the property, subject to the control of a committee, and trust to extend until Sept. 1 1926, unless assets are exhausted and creditors paid and the trustee to have title to real estate and personal property. Creditors are to assign to the trustee all notes, bonds, checks and other evidence of indebtedness, receiving a certificate and are to have the option of depositing collateral and securities. The committee is to have complete control of all the trust estate and collateral. Creditors shall not bring civil action against the Governor during the life of the trust. No farm land shall be sold within one year without the approval of four members of the committee.

The trust is to reduce the estate to cash and apply this to the payment of creditors as rapidly as possible without unreasonable sacrifice of values. The trust may co-operate with the Aetna Trust & Savings Company of Indianapolis, which has been appointed trustee for the pool property fund which was placed in the State Bank of Kentland to take care of all the Governor's obligations there. Receipts are to be pro-rated as they come in without preference. The agreement is not to go into effect until thirty days after it is signed.

In addressing his creditors the Governor said:

"Had I been able to foresee the situation as it exists to-day I would never have sought the office I hold. I have regarded the obligations to the trust I hold so seriously that all else has been neglected. What I need and what is best for all is a suspension of payment for at least a couple of years. I am positive that the present condition of agriculture cannot long prevail. Should there be no improvement in this basic and vital industry the entire country will soon be visited with general panic and all industry will become prostrate."

The members of the committee of five are Elmer Stout, Vice-President of the Fletcher-American National Bank of Indianapolis; Linton A. Cox, Indianapolis attorney; W. A. Arnold of Kokoma, President of the American Trust Co.; F. H. Cutshall of Fort Wayne, President of the Old National Bank, and Charles Hubbard of Martinsville, President of the Citizens' National Bank. On the 4th inst. it was stated, that the Creditors' Committee had indicated that they would recommend to the meeting of creditors the acceptance of the proposal, subject to a few changes. Press dispatches from Indianapolis Sept. 4 said:

Members of the committee decided to recommend changing a clause in the agreement, which provides that no land may be sold by the Creditors' Committee, which would have charge of the property within the first year of stewardship without consent of Governor McCray or approval of four of the five committeemen.

This clause, it was said, probably would be amended to give to the committee authority to take such action as it saw fit, with the approval of three of the members. The right of Governor McCray to prevent the sale of land within the first year would be removed if this change is adopted.

### Federal Reserve Board Asked for Ruling on Branch Banking.

The Federal Reserve Board was asked on Sept. 12 to announce a definite policy with respect to branch banking, bringing into the open again the old controversy over whether the practice should be authorized. A delegation of Californians, representing views in favor of and against limitation of the branches any bank may establish, was before the Board, but a five-hour discussion netted no tangible results, according to newspaper advices from Washington. While members of the Board said logical arguments had been presented in behalf of each claim, they admitted they were no nearer a conclusion than they had been before listening to the discussion. From time to time, representatives of the small and country banks have urged enunciation of a Federal policy on the question, the claim being advanced that strong banks were engaged progressively in absorbing

smaller banks, with the result that the small bank with limited resources was slowly but surely being squeezed out. Against this contention the argument was renewed on Sept. 12 that the banks able to maintain branches were likewise able to carry sufficient funds, making loans available in any amount at any time. This condition, it was asserted, reacted in favor of the agricultural industry at present because many smaller banking houses have reached almost their loaning limit.

In the particular controversy before the Board, the so-called independent bankers of California entered charges against several banks located in Los Angeles and San Francisco, asserting that those institutions were gradually gaining control of many country banks. Agents of the small banks contended that such a condition could not go on without the "independents" being forced out of business. It is stated that there are at present no applications for approval of projected branch banks pending before the Board. It recently has rejected several such applications by Los Angeles and San Francisco banks, but reports were current that other applications were in preparation and so, according to members of the delegation, an agreement was reached to come to Washington "and fight it out before the Reserve Board."

### Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Denied Privilege of Opening a Branch at Wichita.

The Federal Reserve Board has decided against the proposal of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City to establish a branch at Wichita, Kan. It is understood that the Board took the position that the territory south of Wichita was adequately supplied with banking facilities both by the Reserve Bank at Kansas City and by the private institutions in the territory to the south.

### Offering of \$200,000,000 4¼% Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness Maturing in Six Months Quickly Oversubscribed.

The Secretary of the Treasury on Sept. 10 offered for subscription a new series of Treasury certificates of indebtedness running for six months from Sept. 15 1923, and bearing interest at the rate of 4¼% on a semi-annual basis. It was quickly oversubscribed. In announcing the offering Secretary Mellon made the following statement:

The Treasury is to-day announcing its September financing, which takes the form of an offering of six months 4¼% Treasury certificates of indebtedness, dated Sept. 15 1923 and maturing March 15 1924, in the principal amount of \$200,000,000, or thereabouts. The Treasury will accept in exchange for the new certificates at par, with adjustment of accrued interest, any Treasury certificates maturing Sept. 15 1923. About \$290,000,000 of Treasury certificates will become payable on Sept. 15 1923, together with interest on the public debt of approximately \$145,000,000. Called and matured Victory notes in the aggregate amount of \$53,000,000 and matured War Savings certificates of about \$30,000,000 still outstanding are coming in slowly for payment. The Treasury expects to receive \$340,000,000 in income tax payments during the September period.

The present offering of certificates is intended, with the balances already on hand, to provide for the payments coming due in September over and above tax receipts and to cover the Treasury's further cash requirements. The Treasury will have no further payments of principal of the public debt to meet until Dec. 15 1923, and it is expected that no additional financing will be necessary before that date.

The official circular embodying the terms of the offering was as follows:

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*Four and One-Quarter Per Cent Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, Series TM2-1924.*

Dated and Bearing Interest from Sept. 15 1923. Due March 15 1924.

The Secretary of the Treasury, under the authority of the Act approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TM2-1924, dated and bearing interest from Sept. 15 1923, payable March 15 1924, with interest at the rate of 4¼% per annum on a semi-annual basis.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks.

Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$100,000. The certificates will have one interest coupon attached, payable March 15 1924.

The certificates of said series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess-profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates authorized by said Act approved Sept. 24 1917 and amendments thereto, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association, or corporation, shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

The certificates of this series will be accepted at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the certificates. The certificates do not bear the circulation privilege.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice. The Secretary of the Treasury also reserves the right to make allotment in full upon application for smaller amounts, and to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, and to make classified allotments and allotments upon a graduated scale; and his action in these respects will be final. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of allotment will be publicly announced.

Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before Sept. 15 1923, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive certificates. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve bank of its district. Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TS and TS2-1923, both maturing Sept. 15 1923, will be accepted at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, in payment for any certificates of the Series TM2-1924 now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks of the respective districts.

A. W. MELLON, Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department, Office of the Secretary, Sept. 10 1923.  
Department Circular No. 328 (Loans and Currency).

Subscription books closed at the close of business on Sept. 12, and late Sept. 13 announcement was made by Secretary Mellon that the issue had been heavily over-subscribed. It was estimated that total subscriptions aggregated \$500,000,000. Of these subscriptions about \$63,000,000 represented those for which Treasury certificates maturing Sept. 15 were tendered in payment. All of these were allotted in full. Allotments on other subscriptions were made as follows: All subscriptions in amounts not exceeding \$10,000 for any one subscriber were allotted in full; subscriptions over \$10,000 but not exceeding \$100,000 were allotted 50%, but not less than \$10,000 to any one subscription; subscriptions over \$100,000 were allotted 20%, but not less than \$50,000 on any one subscription. Further details as to the total subscriptions allotted will be made when final reports are received from the Federal Reserve banks.

#### Italy to Annex Fiume To-day—Will Withdraw Troops from Porto Barros.

Premier Mussolini of Italy is expected to declare the annexation of Fiume to Italy and simultaneously will announce the withdrawal of the Italian troops from Porto Barros, the adjoining harbor, according to the Associated Press advices of last evening from Paris. He will thus give up any claim to Porto Barros, to Sussak and to the delta there, which will be left to Jugoslavia. Porto Barros was within the boundary of Jugoslavia territory outlined in the Rapallo Treaty. Early this week Foreign Minister Ninitch announced in Paris that such a settlement would be agreeable to Jugoslavia. This, it is stated, is the result of direct negotiations going on between Premier Mussolini and the Jugoslav Government reported at about the point of completion, Jugoslavia being satisfied to have a free hand in the development of the ports left to it. With respect to the settlement of the controversy, the Associated Press advices said:

Premier Mussolini's declaration of the annexation of Fiume was fixed for to-morrow, the 15th, according to previous announcement, and it is to-morrow also that the time limit expires on Mussolini's note to Jugoslavia, which had been construed in some quarters as an ultimatum, but which Mussolini termed a suggestion.

The latest developments, both in Rome and Belgrade, appears to tend towards a settlement which will remove the Serbo-Italian crisis, at one time threatening the breaking of relations and possible hostilities, from the international field, as the Greco-Italian situation appears to have been removed.

#### The Japanese Earthquake—Reconstruction Expected to Cost \$5,000,000,000.

It is estimated that the cost of reconstruction work in Tokio and Yokohama, as a result of the earthquake and fire, will approximate 10,000,000,000 yen (\$5,000,000,000), according to the Associated Press advices from Tokio dated Sept. 14. A nation-wide syndicate of bankers has been organized, it is stated, to assist the Government in rebuilding the devastated area and the Empire is asked to devote all surplus funds for this purpose. The Banking Syndicate announced it will raise the additional money required for reconstruction by local and foreign loans. The Bank of Japan, the insurance companies, and the public have contributed 50,000,000 yen toward relief. Plans for feeding and housing refugees have been completed, and the Government and the people now are devoting all efforts to a great reconstruction campaign.

An imperial rescript dealing with the reconstruction of the national capital, promulgated on Sept. 12, appealed to the

nation for a supreme effort to restore confidence and also emphasized the necessity not only for restoring but for further developing Tokio, "the political and economic center of the country." Indications that the commercial and financial conditions are rapidly recovering are said to be shown by the steadiness of the markets. Heavy selling, which at first inundated the Cotton Exchange at Osaka, has given place to substantial buying. Deaths from the earthquake, fires and tidal waves in and around Tokio were estimated on Sept. 12 to number 150,000. What is reported to be an official compilation of the earthquake casualties estimates the dead, injured and missing at 1,356,749. It is also estimated that a total of 315,824 houses are destroyed.

The Japanese Government has appropriated 530,000,000 yen (\$265,000,000) for relief work. This decision by the Cabinet on Sept. 8 represents, it is said, the greatest relief measure in the history of world disaster. The approval of the Privy Council and the Prince Regent is all that is necessary to permit the carrying out of the project of reorganizing the devastated areas and rehabilitating millions of homeless and unemployed people.

The bodies of 60,000 dead had been cremated by the authorities in Tokio up to Sept. 8, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs said in a cablegram received at the Japanese Embassy in Washington Sept. 11. The number of bodies still unrecovered probably is very great, it was added. The casualties in Yokohama were estimated at 110,000, or one-quarter of the entire population, and many more dead were said to be unaccounted for in outlying districts. An official investigation, it was said, shows that in Yokohama of 3,000 foreign residents, 100 were killed, including 50 British and 20 Americans. The Foreign Minister declared to be untrue reports that the capital was to be removed from Tokio, although, he said, many of the industrial, commercial and publishing houses plan to remove temporarily to the Osaka and Kobe districts. In his statement the Minister said:

Following the first shock on Sept. 1, 1,319 separate shocks were recorded up to 6 a. m. on Sept. 6.

The region suffering the extreme shocks extends 100 miles from north to south and 130 miles east to west, or from Suzukawa, on the Tokiado line, to Kofu, Yenkyo Hachioji, Warabi, Tsuchiura and to the Peninsula of Boso and also on the Izu Peninsula. This region covers seven prefectures—Tokio, Kanagawa, Saitama, Chiba, Gum-Ma, Yamanashi and Shizuoka—and includes the five cities of Tokio, Yokohama, Yokosuka, Kofu and Takasaki and thirty-three other counties.

The population of this whole affected area is 6,000,000, and the property damage, which, of course, is immense, is not yet determined or estimated.

Part of the earth ramparts surrounding the Imperial detached palace at Nikko were damaged but the Emperor and Empress are safe.

After the first shock the Prince Regent went from the main palace in Tokio to the Akasaka palace, and lived in a tent in the garden from that time until the afternoon of Sept. 6, when he went back to his usual quarters in the Akasaka palace.

An official investigation by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs shows that in Yokohama, of 3,000 foreign residents, 100 were killed, including 50 British and 20 Americans. Of the survivors, only nine remain ashore, most of the others having gone to Kobe aboard the Empress of Australia (sailed the 8th) and the Andre Lebon (sailed the 10th), some others remaining on board the steamships Amboise and Empress of Canada, including the staffs of foreign embassies, legations and consulates, which are directing the work for the relief of their nationals. The Government is co-operating in communications and transportation.

The Tokio Prefectural Government is guarding for Yokohama the property of the foreigners, collecting the dead and taking all possible measures of sanitation.

On the 9th forty-seven of the leading business men of Tokio met with the representatives of the Government to discuss the measures to be taken for the resumption of business. Their plan is to form a great association, including the important business men of all Japan, to direct and encourage a general industrial and commercial restoration to normal operations.

On the 8th the bankers conferred at the Bank of Japan on the re-establishment of financial activity and decided that the Bank of Japan will give assistance to all banks which reopen at once.

Railway and other communications are rapidly being restored. Supplies of general commodities are increasing and the authorities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce state that there will be no shortage of rice for two months and a half in Tokio and Yokohama.

Assurance that Japan is not confronted with financial or economic unrest through the earthquake disaster was received on Sept. 9 by Masanori Katsu, Imperial Japanese Financial Commissioner to the United States, in a wireless message from Junnosuke Inouye, Japanese Minister of Finance. The message said:

As the Imperial Japanese Government proclaimed yesterday (Sept. 7) a thirty-day moratorium within the zone of the disaster, and as the Bank of Japan is offering most liberal aid toward banking institutions outside the zone, there is, in my opinion, no danger of nation-wide financial and economic unrest resulting from the catastrophe.

The main office building of the Yokohama Specie Bank in Yokohama was burned, but as the staff of the bank actually moved about two years ago into the same building of its Tokio branch, which remained without any damage, the loss sustained was comparatively insignificant.

The Tokio branch of the Bank of Taiwan (Formosa) was also safe. The Tokio branch of the Bank of Chosen (Korea) caught fire, but its safes and vault remained undestroyed. Moreover, as the bank has been doing its business chiefly in Korea and Manchuria, it suffered, after all, very little loss. No damage was done to either the Mitsubishi Bank or the Tokio branch of the Sumitomo Bank.

It was very fortunate for our country that the disaster did not fall to any districts important for the production of staple goods for export, also that

of chief commodities for internal consumption, and thus gave hardly any blow to our industries.

Five of the leading banks of Tokio reopened for business on Sept. 8, and the Minister of Finance, together with the Bank of Japan and leading bankers, is devoting every effort to re-establishment of financial affairs, according to an official message received on Sept. 10 by the Japanese Embassy at Washington. The message, in part, reads as follows:

The Ministries of Finance, Education, Interior, Communications, Agriculture and Commerce, Railways, and the Metropolitan Police Headquarters (Tokyo) were burned to the ground.

All newspaper offices in Tokyo except that of the "Nichi Nichi," "Miyako," "Hochi" and the "Japan Times" were destroyed by fire.

The Foreign Office building was partly destroyed, and 160 of the officials lost their houses, but apparently no lives were lost there. Owing to the dislocation of communications more than half of the Foreign Office staff is now unable to reach the office.

Better efficiency in foreign communication will be attained within a few days.

The British Assistant Commercial Attache, Horne, and Mr. David Waddell, the assisting officer to the British Commercial Attache, were found killed in Yokohama.

With the exception of these two and those killed and injured already reported in earlier dispatches, it has been ascertained that all other members of the diplomatic corps are safe.

The names of the foreigners killed have already been sent home by their Ambassadors and Ministers.

The appalling loss of life and property destruction which Japan has suffered in the earthquake and subsequent fire of Sept. 1 has served to direct world-wide attention to the afflicted nation and to set into motion machinery for caring for the dead, alleviating the needs of the hundreds of thousands injured and homeless and in general to bring order out of chaos. Advice concerning the extent of the damage were contained in official statements issued on the 6th inst., one at the offices of the Japanese Consulate-General in New York and another at the Japanese Embassy in London. The latter, based on direct advices from the Foreign Office in Tokio, said:

On Sept. 1 at noon there occurred the greatest earthquake Japan has experienced since that of sixty-nine years ago, with the collapse of the water works and a fire which broke out.

Tremendous damage has been done all over the district between Tokio and the so-called Shonan district, which included all the sea coast district of Sagami Bay.

In Tokio, although the Imperial Palace and Yamanote districts have fortunately escaped damage, about two-thirds of the entire city has been totally devastated.

The damage appears to be very great also in Yokohama and Kamakura. The Government is making every effort to bring about relief by great measures.

It was reported that almost complete destruction had overtaken, among other towns, Yokosuka, Kamakura, Odawara, Koyama, Gotemba, Mishima, Atami, Ito, Shimoda, Chiba, Hachioji, Karaguchi and Kofu.

In Tokio fire broke out in forty or fifty places simultaneously as a result of the earthquake. It appears that the ward district of Yamanote escaped destruction to a large extent, but the whole downtown district between Senju and Shinagawa, especially Hongo, Fukagawa, Shitaya, Nihonbashi and Kyobashi wards, were almost completely devastated.

The principal buildings destroyed in Tokio include the residence of Princes Fushimi, Higashi-Fushimi, Kacho and Arisugawa; the building of the Ministry of the Imperial Household and the famous bridge at the entrance to the Imperial Palace.

Other buildings destroyed included three of the largest department stores, Mitsukoshi, Shirokiya and Matsuzakaya and the Honganji Temples in Tsukiji and Asakusa.

The twelve-story tower called Junikai was destroyed, as were the Imperial Museum, the Ueno Railroad station, the Meguro Powder Magazine, the Russian Church of St. Nicholas, the Imperial University Building, the Higher Normal School for Women, the Military Academy and the Military Preparatory School.

The Peers' School, including both the boys' and girls' buildings and all the newspapers except the Nichi Nichi and Hochi, were wiped out.

In the Marunouchi district, where many Government and modern business structures were located, nearly all, including the Foreign Office, were damaged. But the Supreme Court, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Marine, the House of Representatives, the Tokio Prefectural offices, the Imperial Hotel and the Tokio Station Hotel, practically escaped damage.

The message, similar to the above, announced from the Consulate-General's office in New York, was one which had been received by the Japanese Embassy at Washington from Count Yamamoto, Premier and Foreign Minister of Japan, and forwarded by wireless to the New York office. The communication stated:

Earthquake broke out at noon, Sept. 1, of tremendous proportions, the biggest since the period between 1854 and 1859. Water system is wrecked. Fire broke out. It extends from Tokio as far as the Shonan district, including Yokohama, Yokosuka and Kamakura. There is heavy damage in Tokio. The Imperial Palace and Yamanote are fortunately safe. (It was explained that Yamanote is a hill in the suburbs of Tokio.)

Two-thirds of the whole city was practically entirely destroyed.

I regret to report that the British, American, French and Italian embassies and the Chinese Legation were burned out.

In Yokohama and Kamakura it seems to have done tremendous damage. The Government is endeavoring to face this catastrophe.

Of the fifteen wards in Tokio, the message said, six were damaged, these including all of the business district, which suffered most. The wards in the damaged district of Tokio are: Honjo, Fukagawa, Asskusa, Kanada, Nyhonbasapi and Kyobashi. The wards of Kotsuya, Shiba, Ushigone, and

part of Koishikawa remain intact. The offices of the Minister of Home Affairs, Minister of Finance, Minister of Education, Minister of Railways, the Metropolitan Police Headquarters, the Imperial Theatre, the Yurakuza Theatre, the military arsenal and the Takanawa Palace were all destroyed by fire. In Yokohama the fire followed a tidal wave and the city was almost completely burned. It was stated that the people are severely suffering from the lack of provisions and water. Relief supplies are being rushed from all of the districts of Japan which were unaffected. The following was reported from Iwaki, Japan, Sept. 6, by Radio Corporation to the Associated Press:

The Japanese Home Office to-day took the first steps toward attempting to clear up confusion, and speculation regarding the actual number of dead and injured in the earthquake and fire at Tokio, when it announced 30,000 were dead, 100,000 injured and 350,000 homeless.

A courier, returning to-day from Tokio, described the disaster there as unspeakable. The city, he said, was three-fourths burned.

On ponds in the parks he found charred, unidentified bodies floating "like fishes." Within a certain area all things had been reduced to ashes except iron frames and brick pillars.

The burned wrecks of street cars and automobiles clogged the streets. The sufferers were gathered in public squares and parks, lying under sheets on mats, living on the scanty food supplied by the authorities.

The army was restoring the means of communication. The courier reported that provisions in quantities were expected from the north-eastern and northwestern regions within a few days.

The entire country along which he passed was contributing to the relief fund.

Damage southwest of Tokio is summed up by reports to-day as follows: Yokohama, annihilated.

Yokosuka, twelve miles across the sea from Yokohama, damaged greatly, to an extent unknown. Population, 100,000 or more.

Kamakura, thirty miles from Tokio, collapsed, mostly burned; all villas about Hayama, a bathing resort, lost.

Hiratsuka and Cliso, small seashore towns, thirty-eight and forty miles from Tokio, respectively, destroyed.

Kozu, a way station for tourists, spared.

Damage slight west of Mishima.

In addition to Tokio and Yokohama, the following Japanese cities suffered damage in the earthquake and tidal wave, it was stated in Associated Press dispatches from San Francisco, Sept. 3:

Yokosuka—Tidal wave wrecked many Government vessels; much damage done in town, which is of 70,000 population; fire reported broken out; naval station engulfed by tidal wave; naval buildings and ships destroyed.

Nagoya—Population 620,000; reported virtually destroyed.

Sasako—Six hundred reported perished in collapse of railway tunnel.

Osaka—Railroad for hundred miles north torn up; many trains wrecked, with many casualties.

Ito—More than 500 houses washed away by tidal wave.

Hakone—At this famous mountain resort it is said to be easier to count the living than the dead. Foreigners frequented this district.

Kamakura—Aviator flying over reported he could not see one house remaining upright.

Ononshima—"Picture Island" reported submerged.

Oshima—Volcano emitting smoke.

Odawara—Swept by tidal wave.

One effect of the disaster was the issuance of a proclamation Sept. 7 by the Japanese Government declaring a 30-day moratorium for payments falling due from Sept. 1 to Sept. 30. Associated Press advices from Osaka said:

The moratorium is inapplicable outside the zone of the disaster.

Persons profiteering in essential commodities are liable to imprisonment for three years or a fine of 3,000 yen, while any one found guilty of spreading rumors with the object of encouraging rioting, damaging property or disturbing the peace may be imprisoned for ten years or fined 3,000 yen.

The promulgation of the moratorium and the edicts against profiteering and the circulation of false rumors are made public in the form of emergency Imperial decrees.

All the principal banks in Tokio are reopening. The Bank of Japan is virtually intact. The contents of the vault of the Mitsui Bank, including books and important papers, were saved. Likewise the Mitsubishi, Taiwan and Chosen banks and the Industrial Bank of Japan all are in good condition.

The Mitsui and Mitsubishi families, which are among the most wealthy in Japan, have contributed 5,000,000 yen each for the relief of the destitute.

Tokio to-day was practically cut off from the world and communication between the capital and Osaka remained very difficult.

Order is being well maintained in the cities of Osaka, Kobe, Kyoto, Nagoya and Nagasaki, all of which, being entirely outside the disaster zone, were safe. The citizens of all of them are actively engaged in relief work.

Traffic has been opened in a roundabout way, but accommodations are very limited.

Steamship service is being regularly maintained, but the facilities are inadequate to meet the overwhelming demand.

Telephone and telegraph communication has been nominally established, but practically is unavailable.

Army airplanes are carrying the most important mail.

Besides addressing a message of sympathy to Emperor Yoshihito of Japan, President Coolidge issued an appeal to the American people to aid the afflicted nation. In his message to the Emperor, on Sept. 1, President Coolidge said:

At the moment when the news of the great disaster which has befallen the people of Japan is being received, I am moved to offer you in my own name and that of the American people the most heartfelt sympathy, and to express to your Majesty my sincere desire to be of any possible assistance in alleviating the terrible suffering to your people.

Acknowledgment of the above came from Emperor Yoshihito on Sept. 6 as follows:

Deeply touched by your profoundest sympathy and kindest offer in our appalling calamity. I beg you to accept my heartfelt gratitude to you and the American people.

In addition the Japanese Ambassador at Washington on Sept. 3 in a public statement expressed his appreciation of the sympathy in America for his country. The message stated:

The Japanese Ambassador desires to express his deep appreciation of the great tide of sympathy that has risen throughout America in response to the announcement of the terrible catastrophe that has befallen Japan.

Not only by the generous proclamation of the President, testifying to the ties of humanity that bind the two nations, but in countless messages, both official and personal, have the Americans done their utmost to show their sympathy and their readiness to help their neighbors across the Pacific.

Up to the present time the Embassy has been unable to establish communication with Japan. Every line is silent.

The Ambassador is oppressed by anxiety not only for his countrymen, but also for the many Americans and other foreigners in Japan.

In this state of uncertainty and ignorance he can only express to the President and the people of America, on behalf of his Imperial Majesty and of the whole Japanese nation, the most heartfelt thanks for their sympathy and their generous offers of assistance. These make it easier to bear the burden of this unimaginable disaster.

Count Yamamoto, the Japanese Premier, it was announced at Washington on Sept. 10, has sent the following message to the State Department, expressing the gratitude of the Japanese people for the ready sympathy and assistance shown by the United States:

At a time when Japan was making her best endeavors to follow the letter and spirit of the Versailles Treaty and the Washington treaties, which, we believe, have laid the foundation of world peace and will greatly promote human welfare, the Empire was visited by a most appalling disaster, in which all the elements combined.

In this hour of deep grief and anxiety, felt alike by the Emperor and all his subjects, the President of the United States issued a proclamation urging the American people to come to the aid of the stricken people of Japan and designating the American Red Cross to administer the relief work.

Then the Commander of the American Asiatic fleet lost no time in dispatching the ships under his command to the scene of the disaster and offered the services of the entire fleet for the immediate relief of the sufferers. Some of these vessels have already arrived in the Harbor of Yokohama. At the same time the Philippine Government sent transports loaded with full cargoes for the relief.

In the midst of the bewildering devastation, the American Ambassador, Mr. Woods, together with the staff of the Embassy, and the residents in Japan, are helping the relief work with a marvellous spirit of self-sacrifice in spite of the fact that the Embassy itself was destroyed by fire.

The report of these spontaneous and prompt measures taken by the President, the Government and the people of the United States, is creating a profound impression in the grateful hearts of suffering Japan.

With these facts in mind, I desire to express in the name of the Japanese Government their most heartfelt thanks to the American Government, and at the same time to convey to the President and people of the United States the deep sense of gratitude of my sovereign and of the entire nation of Japan for this noble manifestation of a sincere and generous sympathy. I am happy in believing that this precious gift of American sympathy in the hour of greatest trial for the Japanese nation cannot but serve the peace of the world in drawing still closer the bond of friendship and trust between the two countries.

In appealing on the 4th inst. to the American people for assistance in behalf of the stricken nation President Coolidge said:

*To the People of the United States:*

An overwhelming disaster has overtaken the people of the friendly nation of Japan. While its extent has not as yet been officially reported, enough is known to justify the statement that the cities of Tokio and Yokohama and surrounding towns and villages have been largely if not completely destroyed by earthquake, fire and flood, with a resultant appalling loss of life and destitution and distress requiring measures of urgent relief.

Such assistance as is within the means of the Executive Department of the Government will be rendered; but, realizing the great suffering which now needs relief and will need relief for days to come, I am prompted to appeal urgently to the American people, whose sympathies have always been so comprehensive, to contribute in aiding the unfortunate and in giving relief to the people of Japan.

In order that the utmost co-ordination and effectiveness in the administration of the relief funds be obtained, I recommend that all contributions, clearly designated, be sent to the Chairman of the American National Red Cross at Washington, or to any of the local Red Cross chapters for transmission to Japan.

Not only was the work of raising funds promptly undertaken by the American Red Cross through the Relief Committee under the Chairmanship of Dwight W. Morrow of J. P. Morgan & Co., but various other agencies immediately took action following the first news of the disaster to rush relief to the sufferers. The Navy and War Departments were among the first of these to speed action and the first relief ship to clear from San Francisco—the Pacific Mail liner President Taft—sailed on Sept. 6 with a shipment of 300 tons of rice. Elsewhere throughout the country the raising of funds has been vigorously pushed, together with other measures of relief, the subscriptions up to yesterday, Sept. 14, having exceeded \$7,000,000.

Action by the New York Stock Exchange on the 5th inst. was announced as follows:

The Exchange was called to order by President Cromwell at 1.15 p. m. and the following unanimously adopted by the members:

*Resolved*, That the members of the New York Stock Exchange have been deeply shocked and have had their sympathies profoundly aroused by the unprecedented disaster which has overtaken the Japanese nation.

*Resolved*, That subscriptions be received at the Secretary's Office by a committee appointed by the President of the Exchange and used without delay to alleviate the sufferings of the victims of this great calamity.

Advices to the State Department at Washington indicated the safety of Ambassador Cyrus E. Woods and all

members of his staff, and the death of Max D. Kirjassoff, the United States Consul at Yokohama, and his wife. The foreign casualties number 73, according to a dispatch from J. P. Davis, American Consul at Shanghai.

### The Silk Trade and the Japanese Disaster.

The Japanese disaster served to upset the silk market, and resulted in the decision by the Raw Silk Trade Council, at a meeting in this city on Sept. 5, to suspend all operations until September 10. The "Journal of Commerce" in reporting this said:

By that time it is hoped there will be more definite information available regarding the extent of the damage to the silk industry by the earthquakes and fires in the Japan primary market and the surrounding producing section. The action of the council means that the members will stop all sales without regard to offers of premium prices.

The council also took up the question of deliveries on outstanding contracts, which is considered one of the most serious problems confronting the trade at this time in connection with the disaster in Japan. The idea of members of the council, as expressed at the meeting, was to take such action as would eliminate as far as possible the chance of any trader obtaining preference in the matter of deliveries. After a thorough discussion of the question it was decided to make deliveries on a pro rata basis, according to the size of the orders and the stocks available. It was considered likely that such deliveries would represent approximately 50% of the amount of the orders.

#### *Some Houses Sold Out.*

Virtually every raw silk house ceased on Tuesday morning to make quotations, but a number of them continued to do business on the basis of the advanced prices, which mounted every half hour during the day until late in the afternoon, when on some grades the increase had reached \$3 and \$4 a pound over the prices that prevailed on the last trading day. Some houses cleaned out their entire stock at the advanced prices, it became known yesterday. The action of the council yesterday afternoon means that the members will stop all sales without regard to premiums that may be offered for their holdings.

In the continued absence of definite information from Japan on which to base operations here recommendation was made on Sept. 10 to leading raw silk importers that all trading be suspended until Sept. 18. This is the second suspension, the first, as noted above, having been recommended Sept. 5. The action was taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Raw Silk Trade Council, presided over by B. H. A. Hofmann of Marimura, Arai & Co.

Speculative trading here in raw silk was said on Sept. 10 by brokers to be on the wane. Where buyers were interested, however, it was reported that prices on the basis of \$11 to \$12 per pound for Japanese silks were quoted. Spot trading in Chinese or Italian grades also was said to be limited although cables reported the primary markets for them as being very strong.

### President Harding's Physician Denies Reports That Death of Late President Was Due to Illness from Canned Foods.

In reply to a request from Frank E. Gorrell, Secretary of the National Canners' Association, for an expression of opinion regarding the report that President Harding's primary illness had been caused by eating canned goods, Dr. C. E. Sawyer, President Harding's physician, in a letter to Mr. Gorrell, said, according to a dispatch to the New York "Times" from Washington Aug. 31:

The reaction from this report has created serious concern in the canning industry, because it has during the last fourteen years spent enormous sums of money in scientific research for the betterment of its product. It is also our deep concern in this particular case to ascertain the actual facts as to whether or not, in your opinion as the President's personal physician, his primary illness was caused from eating canned foods, so as to definitely dispel the rumors.

My answer is that President Harding's primary illness was not due to eating canned foods.

Dr. Cooper, it is stated, concurred with Dr. Sawyer in this statement, saying:

I am in entire agreement with the opinion expressed by Dr. Sawyer that President Harding's illness was in no way due to his having eaten of canned food.

### President Coolidge Retains Dr. Sawyer as White House Physician.

A decision to retain Brigadier-General Charles E. Sawyer as physician to the President was announced at the White House on Aug. 25.

### Committee of American Bar Association Recommends Endorsement of Third Hague Conference.

Endorsement by the American Bar Association of a proposal for the calling of a new conference of nations in continuation of the first two conferences at The Hague was recommended to the Association in a report of its Committee on International Law, presented at the annual convention in Minneapolis Aug. 30. The report said:

It would not seem to be a matter of serious doubt that much may be accomplished in the direction of creating and preserving harmonious relations between nations and towards the reduction of causes of international disagreements if the principles of international law should receive

consideration at a new conference of the nations in accordance with recommendations by the committee of jurists assembled at The Hague in 1920. The purposes of the new conference would be: (1) To restate the established rules of international law, especially, in the first instance, in the field affected by the events of the recent war; (2) to formulate and agree upon the amendments and additions, if any, to the rules of international law shown to be necessary or useful by the events of the war and the changes and the conditions of international life and intercourse which have followed the war; (3) to endeavor to reconcile divergent views and secure general agreement upon the rules which have been in dispute heretofore; (4) to consider the subjects not now adequately regulated by international law, but as to which the interests of international justice require that rules of law shall be declared and accepted.

#### Resolution of American Bar Association Advocating Support by United States of World Court.

A resolution advocating support on the part of the United States of the Permanent Court of International Justice was adopted by the American Bar Association at its annual meeting at Minneapolis on Aug. 30. The resolution, which had been offered by George W. Wickersham, formerly United States Attorney-General, provoked spirited debate, and as finally adopted read:

*Resolved*, That the American Bar Association joins in what it believes to be the wise judgment of the American people, that the United States ought to become one of the supporters of the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague, and that our Government should adhere to the protocol and concur in the one set forth by the President of the United States in his message to the Senate Feb. 24 1923.

The Association also adopted a resolution opposing any attempt to "usurp any of the powers of the Supreme Court of the United States."

#### Governor Smith's Proclamation Designating Sept. 28 as Indian Day.

A proclamation setting apart Sept. 28 as American Indian Day was issued by Governor Smith of New York on Aug. 31 in response to a request made by the American Indian order, the Daughters of Sacajawea and the American Indian Association. According to the "Knickerbocker Press" of Albany, the proclamation says:

The attention of the people of the State is called to the observance of a day commemorative to the American aborigines who have contributed so much to the history of our nation and are now enjoying the rights of citizenship under our Constitution and laws.

Now, therefore, I, Alfred E. Smith, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby designate Friday, Sept. 28, as American Indian Day and request the people of New York State to give serious thought to the accompanying proclamation as issued by the American Indian order, asking that organizations, societies and the schools of this State make provisions for appropriate exercises which will bring to mind the historical features of American Indian life in the hope of furthering the progress of these true Americans.

#### Change in Ownership of the New York "Call."

Change in ownership of the New York "Call" was announced in its issue of Aug. 28. The "Call" which for fifteen years has been the organ of the Socialist Party, has been the property of the Workingmen's Co-operative Publishing Co. With the change in control the ownership will be lodged in the newly organized Labor Press Association, Inc., capitalized at \$500,000. The former owners will hold 15% of the common stock of the new concern. Norman Thomas, formerly Editor of "The World Tomorrow," and Associate Editor of "The Nation," has become Editor-in-Chief of the "Call." The Managing Editor is Heber Blankenhorn, formerly of the Industrial Research Bureau and ex-City Editor of the New York "Sun." The announcement of the change in ownership said:

The new company, which is controlled by leading labor unions through stock ownership, will take the old "Call," with its record of fifteen years' devoted service to labor's cause, and develop it as a genuine labor paper.

Complete arrangements for reorganization require time. Definite announcement of plans and policy will be made as soon as possible. In the meantime the paper will be continued in the present form.

How genuinely "The Call" is to be labor's newspaper is proved by the fact that the total membership of the unions which have already subscribed for stock is about 500,000.

It is confidently expected that a considerable number of other unions will acquire stock before Jan. 1. The Workingmen's Co-operative Publishing Association, the former owner of the paper, continues in existence and holds 15% of the common stock of the new concern.

The following organizations are among the original subscribers for stock:

International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union, International Fur Workers' Union, local unions affiliated with District Council No. 9, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, United Cloth Hat and Cap Makers' Union, local unions affiliated with the International Bakery Workers' Union, Fancy Leather Goods Workers' Union, United Neckwear Makers' Union and the Press Writers' Union.

The following is the first board of directors of the Labor Press Association: Israel Feinberg, General Manager Joint Board of Cloak, Suit, Dress, and Reefer Makers' Union; Sidney Hillman, President Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Morris Kaufman, President International Fur Workers' Union; Joseph Schlossberg, General Secretary-Treasurer Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Morris Sigman, President of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union; Ossip Wolinsky, Manager Fancy Leather Goods Workers' Union; Max Zaritzky, President of the United Cloth Hat and Cap Makers' Union of America; Philip Zausner, Secretary District Council 9, Brotherhood of Painters, and

member of the executive council of the new Building Trades Council, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor; S. John Block, New York State Chairman Socialist Party; Robert Bruere, author and member Teachers' Union; Evans Clark of the Labor Bureau, Inc.; Lewis S. Gannett, Associate Editor of "The Nation" and member of the Press Writers' Union, and Morris Hillquit, lawyer.

#### China's Population 435 Millions.

China has a population of 436,004,953, according to the annual report of the Chinese Post Office, says an Associated Press dispatch from Shanghai under date of Aug. 4, but it is added that the figure is only a vague estimate, as no systematic method of census taking is followed.

#### Anthracite Coal Strike Settlement—Miners to Get 10% Increase—Drop Demand for Check-Off—Contract to Be Signed for Two Years Next Week.

Possibility of a shortage of anthracite coal this winter or a protracted suspension of coal mining have been practically precluded by the settlement of the strike, which began Sept. 1, and is expected to be officially terminated by the union next week. Settlement of the strike is attributable to the efforts of Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania. The acceptance of Governor Pinchot's terms by the operators last week, as reported in these columns, was followed by a rapid succession of events over the week-end, culminating in joint conference between the contending forces in the Pennsylvania Governor's office at Harrisburg on Sept. 8 at which all points in dispute were disposed of, and the form of a new contract covering wages and working conditions for a period of two years agreed upon. The operators, as stated by us last week, finally yielded to acceptance of the Pinchot plan, calling for a flat 10% wage increase, as well as the 8-hour day, and, in addition, dropping their demand for arbitration. While the 10% increase was less than the miners had asked for, the union leaders accepted it, at the same time dropping their demand for the check-off system. The agreement adopted on Sept. 8 in Governor Pinchot's reception room at Harrisburg, Pa., was taken before the full Scale Committee of the miners, which ratified it. The Committee then set Sept. 17 as the date for the meeting of the tri-district convention. The tri-district convention will be held at Scranton. The principals in the negotiations will then return to Harrisburg to sign the contract and will be the dinner guests that evening of the Governor and Mrs. Pinchot. Following the conclusion of the meeting on Sept. 8, the miners said the contract was the best agreement ever made in the history of the industry. They said the contract means more progress regarding working conditions than the miners had ever made in similar negotiations. Provision is made in the new agreement for a thorough study of all wage scales before the expiration of the contract on Aug. 31 1925. The miners as already stated, gave up their demands for the check-off of union dues and the operators dropped their desire for arbitration at this time. The following is the full text of the new two-year agreement:

This agreement made this eighth day of September 1923 between Districts 1, 7, and 9, United Mine Workers of America, parties of the first part, and the anthracite operators, parties of the second part, covering wages and conditions of employment in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania, witnesseth:

The terms and provisions of the award of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission and subsequent agreements made in modification thereof, or supplemental thereto, as well as the rulings and decisions of the Board of Conciliation, are hereby ratified, confirmed and continued for a further period of two years ending Aug. 31 1925, except in the following particulars, to wit:

1. The contract rates at each colliery shall be increased 10% over and above the rates established under the award of the United States Anthracite Coal Commission in 1920.

2. The hourly, daily or monthly rates of outside and inside company men, working on the basis of an eight-hour day, shall be increased 10% over and above the rates established under the award of the United States Anthracite Coal Commission in 1920.

3. The hourly, daily or monthly rates of pumpmen and engineers formerly working a 12-hour cross-shift and changed to an eight-hour basis under the award of the United States Anthracite Coal Commission in 1920, shall be increased 10% over and above the rates established by the Board of Conciliation in conformity with said award.

4. The hourly or daily rates of consideration miners and consideration miners' laborers shall be increased 10% over and above the rates established under the award of the United States Anthracite Coal Commission in 1920.

5. The rates paid contract miners' laborers shall be increased 10% over and above the rates established under the award of the United States Anthracite Coal Commission in 1920, said increase to be paid by the operator and miner by adding 10% to the portion of the rate now assumed by each.

6. Outside and inside company men working on the basis of a day in excess of ten hours, shall be placed on the basis of an eight-hour day. The rate of pay for an eight-hour day shall be adjusted in the same manner as rates were adjusted for hoisting engineers and pumpmen who were changed from a 12-hour day to an eight-hour day in 1920, subject to the same increase of 10% provided for other company men under clause 2 hereof.

7. Outside and inside company men working on the basis of nine or ten-hour day shall be placed on the basis of an eight-hour day. The rates of pay for the eight-hour day shall be the rates for the nine or ten-hour day paid under the agreement of 1916, plus \$1.80 per day for outside employees, and \$2 per day for inside employees, plus 17%, and subject to the same increase of 10% provided for other company men under clause 2 hereof.

8. Monthly men coming under the agreement of Sept. 2 1920 and working on a basis in excess of eight hours per day shall be placed on the basis of an eight-hour day. The monthly rates for the eight-hour basis shall be the monthly rates paid under the agreement of May 5 1916 plus \$54 per calendar month for outside employees and \$60 per calendar month for inside employees, plus 17% (except where modified by ruling of the Board of Conciliation) and subject to the same increase of 10% provided for other company men under clause 2 hereof.

9. The colliery rate sheets of the different collieries shall be brought up to date, shall be signed by the company officials and the mine committees, and shall then be filed with the Board of Conciliation. In case of dispute as to the correctness of any rate, the rate shall be determined by the Board, after hearing. In such cases, the burden of proof shall rest with the party taking exception to the filed rate.

10. A grievance referred to the Board of Conciliation shall be answered within 15 days and shall be heard within 30 days from date of filing with the Board. Decision shall be rendered by the Board, or case shall be referred to an umpire, within 30 days after hearing. In case of reference to an umpire, decision by the umpire shall be rendered within 30 days from date of reference.

11. Rates for new work, such as opening a seam of coal, shall be made collectively as between the mine committee and the company officials on the basis of the standard recognized rates paid for similar work under similar conditions in the mine in question or adjacent mines. In case of disagreement the matter shall be adjusted through the Board of Conciliation in the manner now customary. Pending decision by the Board work shall proceed at rates set by the foreman and which shall not be less than the standard recognized rates aforesaid. No contracts shall be made with individual employees at less than the prescribed scale rates or not in keeping with customary practices. This section shall not be construed to deny to the operator the right to change the method of mining.

12. The Board of Conciliation is hereby authorized to undertake and complete a thorough study of all wage scales before the expiration of this contract and submit the same to the next joint conference. If the Board of Conciliation shall, by unanimous vote, recommend the adjustment of any inequities or inequalities in wage rates during such study, the adjustment shall take effect on a date set by the Board.

Samuel D. Warriner, Chairman of the General Committee of Anthracite Operators, made the following statement on Sept. 8:

The operators are relieved that a coal shortage has been avoided.

While they are still of the opinion that conditions did not justify wage increases with added burdens on the public and that the principle of arbitration should be the basis of public protection, nevertheless they were unwilling to assume the responsibility of a protracted suspension in the face of the Governor's proposal.

The Pennsylvania Governor let it be known that he was satisfied with his work in getting both sides to agree on his peace plan and declared that throughout the sessions held in secret he did not make a single threat to miners or operators. He was, however, prepared for the worst and was determined that there should be no coal shortage. It was said his whole attempt was to convince both sides through the logic of his position as representative of the public that there must be no shortage of coal. To all the arguments of both sides the Governor applied the test of his four points. If the arguments stood the test of his plan he accepted them, and if they did not he rejected them. Mr. Pinchot said:

From the beginning of the negotiations to the end not a single threat was made to either side. I made no threats whatever. The settlement was brought about by my insistence that the principles proposed were right and just.

The essence of the miners' story was that they desired and should have additional wages.

The essence of the operators' story was that the industry could not carry an increased wage.

The essence of my story was the people must have coal and that no difference could be allowed to stand in the way of this necessity.

After my return from Washington my first step was to get in touch with the miners and operators and to get a full statement of the case from each side. My second step was to consider the information thus obtained in conjunction with information supplied by all available statistics boiled down to usable length, together with personal advice and suggestions from men familiar with the coal problem from every point of view, and to compare and balance all this with the idea of reaching logical conclusions.

Then came the formulation of a definite plan in consultation with other experts and others attached to the Administration. I finally accomplished this by consultation with men whose opinions had weight.

Finally came discussion of each of the four points with the miners and operators, separately and repeatedly, and the gradual formulation of a statement concerning their exact meaning to which each side could and did agree.

The whole process lasted just two weeks. It would doubtless have been shorter and easier if the contestants had not had the preceding six weeks of active controversy in which to dig themselves into their respective positions.

#### Governor Pinchot's Letter to President Coolidge Concerning Coal Prices—Suggests Revision of Anthracite Freight Rates—Asks Governors of 30 States to Investigate Prices.

With an agreement reached between miners and operators to end the strike in the anthracite fields by the granting of a 10% wage increase and the making of other concessions to the workers, Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, who was chiefly instrumental in bringing about the agreement,

sent a letter to President Coolidge on Sept. 9 suggesting ways and means by which the price of coal to the consuming public might be held down to approximately present levels. In his letter to the President Mr. Pinchot recommended, among other things, that the Inter-State Commerce Commission consider a new scale of anthracite freight rates and that the United States Coal Commission, appointed by President Harding, make public its findings on profits and costs of mine operations and wholesale and retail distribution. "The total legitimate increase in the cost of coal under the terms of settlement," the Pennsylvania Governor pointed out, "is about 60 cents a ton. Of this amount not less than 10 cents should properly be taken up by all the operators, many of whom could absorb the whole of the 60 cents and still make abundant profits." The Pennsylvania Governor then went into the matter of transportation rates, expressing the belief that "real advantage would result if the Inter-State Commerce Commission would take up and consider anew the rates charged for the transportation of anthracite coal, with a view to reducing them if justification for such reductions should be found." The Governor's letter to President Coolidge in full follows:

*Dear Mr. President:*—Now that the danger of a strike in the anthracite field is disposed of for two years, I would like not only to thank you again for your telegram of congratulation, but to express my very great appreciation of your public approval of the terms of settlement which I suggested and of the very valuable information which was supplied to me by the United States Coal Commission at your direction.

Both miners and operators deserve great credit for their courtesy, their readiness to consider each others' points of view and their patient willingness to stay on the job. I emphasize the latter particularly because I doubt if any of them had the slightest expectation when they came to Harrisburg that the negotiations would last more than a day or two or that the strike would be settled.

A supply of anthracite to the consumer for the next two winters having thus been assured, the next question is that of price. The total legitimate increase in the cost of coal under the terms of the settlement is about 60 cents per ton. Of this amount not less than 10 cents should properly be taken up by all the operators, many of whom could absorb the whole of the 60 cents' increase and still make abundant profits.

In fairness, the remainder of the 60 cents should never reach the consumer. It is certain, however, that this amount, and probably much more, will be exacted from consumers unless public action is taken to prevent it. Accordingly since you were good enough to indicate that suggestions from me concerning anthracite would not be unwelcome, I am writing to suggest that real advantage to the public would result if the Inter-State Commerce Commission would take up and consider anew the rates charged for the transportation of anthracite coal, with a view to reducing them if justification for such reductions should be found.

On my part, I propose to ask the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission to consider anew the reasonableness of all freight rates on anthracite within the borders of Pennsylvania.

I realize that the action of national and State bodies having authority over freight rates on anthracite coal cannot alone solve the problem of fair cost to the consumer. Other factors also have weight, such as efficiency in operating the mines and reasonable profits in distribution. It would greatly assist the public in reaching sound judgment in these matters if the findings of the United States Coal Commission on profits and costs in mine operation and in wholesale and retail distribution were made public in great detail at the earliest possible moment. This information will be of the greatest use to me, as to others, in making plans to protect the public interest.

The margins and profits of wholesalers, brokers, jobbers and retailers are mainly local matters which must be dealt with as such. Accordingly, you will, I am sure, be glad to know that I am preparing to invite the Governors of all anthracite-using States to go into this matter with me.

I am exceedingly glad to tell you that the mining of anthracite is likely to be resumed before the 20th of this month. You will realize as fully as I do the desirability of securing at the earliest possible moment whatever protection can be provided for the consumer against any undue and unnecessary increase in the cost of coal.

Since the public is a deeply and properly interested party in this matter, and since public opinion will have so large an influence in securing justice, I have taken the liberty of making this letter public in the confident belief that I shall have your approval in doing so.

In line with his letter to President Coolidge, Governor Pinchot on Sept. 10, speaking as the Chief Executive of the only anthracite-producing State, called upon the Governors of thirty anthracite-consuming States to join him in seeking methods of safeguarding coal users against higher prices during the coming winter. In a letter to the Governors, in which he told them he is directing an investigation in his own State of "means or methods of any and every kind which could be used to prevent gouging of the consumer," he suggested similar studies in each of the other States looking toward a personal conference later concerning joint action. As an initial step in his own investigation, he conferred with Chairman W. D. B. Ainey, of the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission, which body, he told President Coolidge in the letter given above, he would ask to make a study of the reasonableness of anthracite freight rates within the State. Certain other factors, he pointed out in his letter to the Governors, are so local outside action could not influence them, while there are others upon which joint action of the Governors "would be useful in preventing extortion." Among the more local matters to which Governor Pinchot referred are the profits of coal dealers, such as wholesalers, retailers, jobbers and distributors.

Press dispatches of the 10th inst. from Harrisburg, gave the following additional intelligence:

The Governor also conferred with officials of the State Department of Mines, which made public figures of the annual distribution of anthracite from Pennsylvania to the largest consumers of coal among the States. These figures were: New York, 11,850,000 tons; New Jersey, 4,690,000; Massachusetts, 3,490,000; Illinois, 1,780,000; Connecticut, 1,637,000; Wisconsin, 1,330,000; Michigan, 1,000,000; Maryland, 870,000; Minnesota, 760,000; Rhode Island, 590,000; and the District of Columbia, 530,000. The figures were based on 1922 exports. They include 7,250,000 tons consumed in Pennsylvania.

Besides the Governors of these States, Mr. Pinchot sent his letter to the Chief Executives of the other New England States and those of Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, North and South Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas and Alabama.

Plans for a joint conference of the Governors are indefinite and dependent, it was indicated, upon the results of the action they may take in response to Governor Pinchot's letter. No immediate preparations will be made for a meeting and it was said at the State Capitol none probably would be made until the return to Harrisburg of the Governor, who left late to-day (Sept. 10) for a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. Pinchot's letter was in line with that which he sent President Coolidge last night suggesting steps be taken by Federal and State agencies to safeguard the public against any increases in coal prices as a result of the 10% wage advance for miners embodied in the new agreement reached here Saturday night, by the operators and miners.

"As the Executive of a State whose people use anthracite coal, your attention has doubtless been directed, not only to the threatened coal strike and its recent settlement, but also to the question as to how the consumer can be protected from undue and unnecessary increase in price," Governor Pinchot wrote the Governors.

"We were threatened with a coal shortage because of the need of a fairer wage in a peculiarly hazardous industry. By a slight wage increase the production of anthracite is now assured for two years. But we must not stop there. A fair price to consumers is just as essential. Undoubtedly certain factors in this problem are so entirely local that no action taken outside the State in which they occur can influence them. There are other matters, however, upon which joint action of the Governors and the anthracite-using States would be useful in preventing extortion."

Accordingly the Governor said he was writing to say that he is "causing a careful investigation to be made in Pennsylvania of the means or methods of any and every kind, which could be used to prevent gouging of the consumer," and to suggest a similar examination in each of the States, "if it has not already been made, with a view to personal conference concerning joint action later on."

"I venture to make this suggestion because as Governor of the only anthracite-producing State, a special responsibility rests upon me in this matter," the letter added.

#### New Wage Agreement "Spells Substantial Progress for Miners," Says Lewis.

John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, and one of the principal figures in the conferences which lead to the settlement of the dispute which precipitated the anthracite coal strike beginning Sept. 1, issued a statement at Philadelphia on Sept. 9 giving his views on the new agreement. It is one of the best contracts the anthracite workers have made, said the union leader. He expected the contract would be ratified by the miners' convention at Scranton, called for Sept. 17. In his formal statement Mr. Lewis said:

The new agreement spells substantial progress for the anthracite miners. It does not represent all their ideals and leaves them still suffering from many ills, but it is a vast improvement over the agreement that has just expired.

In addition to the eight-hour day for all workers and the 10% increase, the contract provides for many improvements in working conditions.

The mine workers in this instance followed a policy of moderation, which reflects their sincere concern for the public interest. The fact that the agreement runs for two years will operate to give stability to the industry and relieve all apprehensions of the anthracite consuming public. The mines will resume operation after the agreement has been ratified by a delegate convention representative of all the mine workers throughout the region.

There is no question that the agreement will be regarded by the mine workers as a distinct achievement and will be ratified by a practically unanimous vote of the convention.

#### Comment of John L. Lewis on Gov. Pinchot's Proposals for Keeping Hard Coal Prices Down.

Having attained his own aim by securing an increase in wages for the anthracite coal miners, John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, issued a statement on Sept. 10 supporting the suggestion of Governor Pinchot that the Inter-State Commerce Commission investigate anthracite coal freight rates. The Governor, Mr. Lewis said, has placed his finger with unerring precision "upon the method by which the consumers of anthracite may be given substantial relief from present excessive prices, and the possibility of a future increase." Mr. Lewis's letter read:

Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania with unerring precision has placed his finger upon the method by which the consumers of anthracite may be given substantial relief from present excessive prices and the possibility of a future increase. The existing freight rates upon anthracite to tidewater and New England points are excessive, unjustified and indefensible. The cost of transport per ton mile as compared with bituminous substantiates this judgment.

The United Mine Workers have long contended for a revision of these rates, and the public is to be congratulated that such a powerful influence as Governor Pinchot has pointed the way to immediate relief in this major problem. If the administrative agencies of the Federal Government will co-operate with this proposal, its success will be assured and relief will be given to millions of householders and business interests in the anthracite consuming territory.

Governor Pinchot's suggestion that the United States Coal Commission immediately make public its findings upon anthracite profits in production and wholesale and retail distribution is commendable. It is unfortunate, indeed, that the Commission could not have made public this report on July 9, when its major report on anthracite was issued. This report, when issued, should deal not alone with the profits of the industry based upon present valuation, but should set forth in detail earnings and profits based upon original investments.

The proposals of Governor Pinchot as set forth in his letter to you, made public to-day, are constructive, reasonable and practicable, and you would be conferring a boon upon the people of anthracite consuming States if the influence of your high office were directed in support thereof.

#### Events Leading Up to the Anthracite Coal Strike.

The acceptance with reservation on Aug. 31 by the anthracite miners' union and the operators of Governor Gifford Pinchot's plan for settlement of their differences over wages and working conditions opened the way for further negotiations between the contending forces, but failed to forestall the suspension of work ordered by the union for Sept. 1. On that date, consequently, the anthracite mines ceased operations, between 155,000 and 158,000 being affected, it was estimated, by the suspension order. Some of the mine workers in the Wyoming Valley district of Pennsylvania even quit work on Aug. 31 in compliance with the union mandate, while Governor Pinchot was still making last-minute efforts to bring about a settlement between the miners' and operators' spokesmen at Harrisburg, Pa. Conferences were resumed on Sept. 5 between the operators and miners to see if a basis of agreement could not be reached. The check-off system demanded by the union, arbitration of future disputes demanded by the operators and the wage increase asked by the workers were the three outstanding issues over which it had been impossible before Sept. 1 to reach an agreement. Governor Pinchot issued a statement on Sept. 1 addressed to the public and setting forth the situation as it existed the first day of the strike. His statement said:

The essential and encouraging fact is that the negotiations which yesterday were lagging are still going on. Both committees have suggested an adjournment for the purpose of more carefully considering the whole situation, including the four points of my recommendations. But since each committee will do so from the point of view of the interests of its own side, this seems to me like a good time for the people to consider their own interests also, and to make their will known through the fullest public discussion.

In these negotiations I have been representing the public and its necessity to get coal. To get coal we must find a common ground upon which miners and operators may meet and settle their differences, with some regard for the public right. That common ground, in my opinion, properly covers a wage increase and the slight temporary rise in the price of coal. The choice lies between that and the threatened shortage.

The public is the most numerous and the most important party of this controversy. Its rights are paramount, its welfare is the first consideration. The health and welfare of the people are directly and most seriously threatened by the closing down of the mines.

The hardships of a coal shortage go far beyond discomfort. January, February and March of 1923 were ordinary Winter months, but anthracite was lacking. During these three months 6,000 more people died in Pennsylvania than in the same months of 1922, when anthracite was not lacking. These were deaths only. They do not represent the very large number who did not die, but who did suffer prolonged illness and physical injury. Our industries also suffered as did our people.

This is what happened in a normal season of Winter weather in a State which consumes but 10% of the total tonnage of anthracite. What deaths and suffering took place outside of Pennsylvania from this same cause I can only surmise. It is worth remembering that there are said to be 15,000,000 customers for anthracite, by far the most of whom represent whole families. Those who depend upon anthracite coal for warmth, comfort and health are more in number than all the people of many nations. Shall the need of these millions be disregarded?

Both committees have agreed to meet me again in Harrisburg on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 2:00 p. m. I welcome this breathing space for the hard-pressed leaders on both sides, and I urge them to use it in acquiring a realizing sense of the public point of view.

This is not a private quarrel. Neither miners nor operators have any right to disregard or overlook the public suffering which would follow a prolonged strike. The patience of the people is very near its end. We have seen it pushed beyond endurance before and we have seen the results.

The statement by the anthracite operators in response to Governor Pinchot's plan follows in full:

In response to the proposals made by you to the joint conference of miners and operators at Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 20 1923, we beg to submit the following:

With respect to your proposal No. 1:

"Recognition of the basic eight-hour day for all employees. If longer hours are necessary at certain times, or in certain occupations, the overtime to be paid for at the eight-hour rate."

We agree to this proposal. It will add some \$2,250,000 to the annual wage bill of the industry, or five cents per ton to the cost of the domestic sizes.



With respect to your proposal No. 2:  
"A uniform increase of 10% to all employees, this increase to take effect Sept. 1."

This would add about \$30,000,000 to the wage bill. We are still firmly of the opinion that no general increase in the wages of anthracite mine workers at this time is justified, and are supported in this belief by the findings of the United States Coal Commission as follows:

The earnings of full-time workers . . . certainly permit the essentials of reasonable standard of living. Those who take full advantage of the opportunities to earn in the various occupations connected with the industry and are not handicapped by serious misfortune need not suffer for shelter, food, clothing or other decencies and comforts of life, even without supplementary earnings of wife and children.

Since you justify your proposed increase as a recompense for skill and hazard, we invite your attention to the fact that these factors have no application to a large part of the workers. As to those to whom they do apply, they have been stressed and considered in every negotiation and arbitration in the last twenty years and already find expression in the wage structure.

The present wages were fixed by the award of the Wilson Arbitration Commission in 1920, when they were increased 17% in recognition of the high cost of living then prevailing. In spite of the decreased cost of living and decreased wage rates in other industries, the anthracite wages have been maintained at this peak. These rates afford earnings over 150% above pre-war earnings, as compared with an increased cost of living of about 62%.

Considering the foregoing, favorable consideration by us of your proposal of a 10% increase must be conditioned upon a durable agreement covering a period of years, with provision for the annual revision of wages on a sound economic basis. If the parties cannot agree upon the revision, such determination of wages shall be referred to such a commission as may be specified in the agreement, no suspension to take place pending such determination.

You recognize that your proposed increase in wages will add 60 cents per ton to the cost of domestic coal. We estimate it would be a minimum of 75 cents, excluding the pea size. You acknowledge that most of this increase must be added to the price of coal at the mines. The amount of the increased price to the ultimate consumer will be determined by the ordinary course of economic laws, as statute laws forbid the operators or dealers from entering into any agreement as to prices.

You state that of an estimated increased production cost of 60 cents per ton, 50 cents can "easily and properly be taken out of the cost of transportation and distribution."

The cost of transportation can only be reduced through the unpredictable action of the Inter-State Commerce Commission; the cost of distribution can only be reduced through voluntary action of distributors. We do not see how such reduction can be assured by any private person or public official, and until these reductions are assured, the public will have to pay the cost of increased wages.

With respect to your proposal No. 3:

"Full recognition of the union by the operators, without the check-off, but with the right to have a union representative present when the men are paid. I do not regard the question of the open or closed shop as at issue in this controversy."

This proposal, as we understand it, involves merely a continuance of existing practices, to which we assent.

There is already full recognition of the United Mine Workers of America, as evidenced by the existing agreement between us. From your statement that you "do not regard the question of the open or closed shop as at issue" we assume that you have no intention of suggesting that the award of the Roosevelt Coal Commission of 1902, bearing upon this matter, should in any wise be changed.

That award provides: "That no person shall be refused employment, or in any way discriminated against, on account of membership of non-membership in any labor organization; and that there shall be no discrimination against or interference with any employe who is not a member of any labor organization by members of such organization."

In reply to your suggestion that the union have "the right to have a union representative present when the men are paid," we beg to state that this is an existing practice, and there is no objection to continuing the provision of the existing contract in this respect.

With respect to your proposal No. 4:

"The complete recognition of the principle of collective bargaining."

Complete collective bargaining, as we understand it, now exists throughout the industry, whereby agreements are made periodically with the union. These agreements cover wages and working conditions, and, further, provide that all differences arising during the term of the agreement not otherwise adjusted shall be settled by the Board of Conciliation and umpire.

We agree that this practice of collective bargaining shall continue.

In making this response to your proposal, we do so upon the understanding that the other demands of the miners presented at the Atlantic City conferences, not heretofore agreed upon, shall be deemed abandoned.

In closing, permit us to repeat the thought that the public is now entitled to a complete and durable settlement. If, at this time, it is to be asked, even temporarily, to bear the burden of an uneconomic wage, it must be safeguarded against an early recurrence of this unfortunate situation, and must be assured that the principle of orderly adjudication is now receiving some recognition.

The text of the statement issued at that time by the miners union partly rejecting Governor Pinchot's proposals follows:

The representatives of the United Mine Workers herewith hand you their reply to the proposals previously submitted by you. We have given the matter the most careful analysis and profound consideration of which we are capable.

For the purpose of identification, we shall refer to your specific recommendations in the chronological order in which they occur.

1. The principle of the eight-hour workday as applying to all employes in the anthracite industry has already been agreed upon by the operators and miners in joint conference. The details of the hourly and daily rates affected by this change have also been worked out as affecting the maintenance men, and it may be logically assumed that similar satisfaction may be achieved in the adjustment of the rates of all other men affected.

2. Your suggestion for an increase of 10% as affecting the contract miners is a step in the right direction, although not compensatory for the distinct service rendered by such men and being insufficient to meet their needs. We also desire to call your attention to the fact that 65% of the men employed in the anthracite industry are paid by the day, and the application of a percentage increase to the multiplicity of rates in this classification is wholly unsatisfactory for two substantial reasons. A percentage increase would widen the existing differentials between the various classifications of labor and thus accentuate the existing inequalities in rates which constitute a source of bitter complaint among the men affected.

A percentage increase also has the effect of giving to the lowest paid worker a lesser increase in actual wages than is given to those who enjoy a

higher rate. Experience has taught the necessity of translating percentage increases into an equivalent number of cents per day for application to the rates of those who are thus employed. The representatives of the mine workers, therefore, desire to impress you with the importance of this matter.

3. The mine workers regret your refusal to incorporate the check-off arrangement in your recommendations. The fact that your refusal is not amplified by any explanation leads us to assume that you did not, perhaps, have full information available on this subject. We desire consideration of the check-off for two reasons, viz: As a matter of convenience and economy in the maintenance of the organization and the administration of its affairs, to give greater stability to the joint wage agreement and to insure the punctilious observance of all contractual obligations in harmony with the recommendations of the United States Coal Commission.

Such a provision in the agreement would not in any manner add to the cost of the anthracite commodity. No valid objection can be made to the check-off unless one persuades himself to believe that the extension of a courtesy, constituting a convenience to the United Mine Workers of America, can be construed as a reprehensible act.

The mine workers' representatives do not request that the check-off apply to any individual other than those who file a voluntary written order constituting a legal assignment for the exercise of the privilege. We call your attention to the fact in the bituminous fields of central and western Pennsylvania, that approximately 100,000 mine workers enjoy this privilege through their wage agreements with the bituminous operators. For a quarter of a century this arrangement has existed in the bituminous districts where collective bargaining is recognized, and the anthracite mine workers are only requesting that equal recognition be accorded them as is given by other coal operators.

May we not point out that important producers of anthracite, having operations in the bituminous districts, freely admit the virtue and permit the existence of the check-off arrangement in their soft coal mines while issuing fulminations against it in the anthracite territory.

This is particularly true as affecting the Susquehanna Collieries Co., the Madeira Hill interests, the Glen Alden Coal Co. and others. The Delaware & Hudson RR. Co., which is one of the most important of the railroads producing anthracite, has organized its own company union among its shop employees. Membership in the company union is compulsory upon those accepting employment, and the monthly membership dues are deducted from the employees' pay envelopes.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the representatives of the Delaware & Hudson RR. Co. are among the most virulent in their opposition to the mine workers' request for a check-off arrangement. They pursue a "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" labor policy in this respect, which engenders unrest and breeds discontent.

It is also true that virtually all of the railroad systems of the country who are still resisting the shopmen's legitimate trade unions have organized company labor unions among their shop employees. These unions are organized and conducted solely in the interests of the railroad companies, and membership in them is made compulsory and through the instrumentality of the check-off, the railroad companies collect the monthly dues.

It will thus be recognized that the corporate foes of the United Mine Workers of America do not hesitate to utilize the check-off arrangement when it serves their particular ends, while, at the same time, they fulminate against the mine workers' request for consideration upon this point.

As representatives of the United Mine Workers of America, we feel that, in the absence of any reasonable or valid objection to the check-off by the anthracite operators, we are entitled to recognition on this point.

4. We understand that your fourth recommendation, affecting the principle of collective bargaining, means that the anthracite operators would forego their practice of contracting with individual employes for service at less than the prescribed rates. We further understand that it means that the workers have an inherent right to exercise their votes and judgment, through representatives of their own choosing, upon matters affecting wages, hours of labor and conditions of employment. With this recommendation we find ourselves in entire accord.

In consideration of these several matters, including the remaining number of eleven demands of the United Mine Workers, we feel that your action has paved the way to a reopening of joint wage negotiations between the anthracite operators and the representatives of the mine workers.

Such a conference could take your wage suggestions for contract miners as a basis, and, by diligent application could probably make substantial progress in working out a new agreement. We accordingly advise Your Excellency that the representatives of the Mine Workers will hold themselves in readiness to enter such a joint conference at any time such a meeting can be arranged.

We note your further suggestion that, in the process of collective bargaining, both sides should select an individual to attend meetings and take part in discussions without a vote, and that, in the event of failure to agree, all differences should be referred to the Anthracite Board of Conciliation, which would result in ultimate decision by the umpire attached thereto.

Whether or not it was so intended, the language of your suggestion would imply that the Mine Workers should accept for the future permanent arbitration of the major provisions of wage agreements. We believe that such an expression is in conflict with the principle enunciated in your fourth recommendation, which grants the complete recognition of collective bargaining.

We scarcely feel that it is necessary, in any detailed form, to analyze our publicly recognized opposition to arbitration of the basic principles of wages, hours, working conditions and human relationship in the anthracite industry. Our position on this matter has been made known to the President of the United States and, from time to time, has been restated to governmental agencies, including the United States Coal Commission. The anthracite operators, upon repeated occasions, have been formally advised of our attitude on this question.

We find ourselves in harmony with our further suggestion that the Anthracite Board of Conciliation be authorized to undertake and complete a further revision of the whole body of the wage rates in the anthracite region, which you so aptly describe. The representatives of the United Mine Workers will diligently co-operate in effectuating a revision which will eliminate the existing inequalities.

#### American Federation of Labor Pledges Full Support to Anthracite Miners.

The full moral support of the American Federation of Labor was placed back of the anthracite strike on Sept. 1 by Samuel Gompers in a telegram to John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers. The message was authorized at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Federation;

held at the Hotel Aberdeen. Mr. Gompers's telegram follows:

*John L. Lewis, Philadelphia*

In the name of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor now in session here I convey to you and through you to the miners our pledge of the fullest support we are in a position to give in the present effort of the United Mine Workers to obtain more nearly just terms and conditions of employment. It is our conviction that the mine owners, by their arbitrary conduct, have clearly shown their desire to exploit the miners in the interest of their own financial operations and that they have forfeited all semblance of claim for the support of right-minded, justice-loving men and women. We are confident that the justice of the cause of the miners will appeal to the American people and that speedy victory for that cause will be achieved. Call upon us for any service that in your opinion we can render. It is in the interest of all of our people that employer arrogance be dethroned in the mines and in all industry.

SAMUEL GOMPERS.

In making public the message, Mr. Gompers assailed the mine owners for what he called their "arbitrary attitude." He said that the Harrisburg conference called by Governor Pinchot had supplied the "final proof" of that attitude. He added:

Careful observers have been aware from the first that the mine owners were bent on forcing a cessation of work. The reply of the mine owners to the proposals of Governor Pinchot must have made the fact clear to every one. It has been sought to force upon the miners conditions and terms which they could not accept and which the mine owners knew they could not accept.

Governor Pinchot has made clear to the country that the terms rejected by the mine owners offered a basis of negotiations and agreement. The mine workers took this view and their desire to find a way to continue at work must have impressed every one with the fact that they have sought every opportunity to secure a measure of justice without resorting to stoppage of work.

How long America can tolerate a condition which places the health, comfort and well being of the people under the arbitrary domination of coal barons whose arrogance is almost proverbial we have no means of knowing; but we are confident that even though their endurance may not have been exhausted their willingness to submit must end soon.

It will be remembered that the miners' strike of last year was not for any increase in wages but against a proposed wage reduction of 20%, and that though they successfully resisted the wage reduction there has been no improvement in their wages or conditions since 1920, notwithstanding the soaring prices of all living costs.

The United Mine Workers are performing a service to American citizenship in seeking to bring the level of employment and conditions of life and living among miners up to levels more nearly equal to those found in other branches of industry. The medieval spirit and policy that animates the organized coal barons is wholly out of place in modern America.

### Organized Labor Has Gained the Victory, Says National Retail Coal Merchants' Association in Statement on Strike Agreement to United States Coal Commission—Criticizes Settlement.

Criticizing the settlement of the anthracite coal strike on the basis of the terms put forth by Governor Pinchot, the National Retail Coal Merchants' Association on Sept. 12 declared that the settlement "utterly fails to protect the public interest and disregards the justice of the situation." The Association in its statement asserts that this settlement, "like all settlements arrived at in a political atmosphere, has been attained by the age-old practice of 'passing the buck.'" The inequalities in wages, they declare, have been disregarded by the flat increase of 10%. In a statement presented to Chairman Hammond of the United States Coal Commission by Roderick Stephens, Chairman of the Governmental Relations Committee of the New York State Association, the retail merchants declare that the Pinchot settlement is merely a victory for "arrogant organized labor"; that the Governor of Pennsylvania sought peace at any price, and that he completely ignored economic facts concerning the retail dealers. Arbitration was "relegated to the scrap heap," it says. The statement is as follows:

In behalf of the National Retail Coal Merchants' Association, I am desirous of reiterating our intention of co-operating in every possible way to the end that stable conditions shall prevail in the coal trade and to the end that the public shall receive its requirements of anthracite at reasonable prices. At the same time, we are distinctly opposed to the proposal of Gov. Pinchot that the cost of the arrangement he has proposed in settlement of the controversy between the anthracite operators and the United Mine Workers shall be borne by the retail coal trade. I accordingly transmit the following statement as representing our views of the "Pinchot compromise."

I take this opportunity to express through you to the President of the United States our sincere desire to accord him and his representatives in all branches of the Federal Government all possible assistance in matters affecting our branch of the coal business.

Another anthracite crisis has been passed, and Governor Pinchot is modestly accepting the laurels being thrust upon him as the protector of the public interest. Like all settlements arrived at in a political atmosphere, it has been attained by the age-old practice of "passing the buck." One new feature, however, characterizes the settlement this time, in that the Pennsylvania Governor is trying to pass the buck out of its regular channels to a recipient who seems to fear that the gift is loaded with dynamite or some other explosive, and who therefore proposes that it shall be passed on in its usual channels, to its regular recipient, "the dear people."

*Says Pinchot Sought Peace at Any Price.*

Governor Pinchot possesses a happy facility of language, and in his introductory remarks to the anthracite operators and miners expressed sentiments that gave rise to the premature hope that the settlement he was to propose would recognize the public interest in the situation and would encompass justice to all concerned. In the light of the future events, however, it is now clear that he sought "peace at any price," not justice; and the

basis of the settlement finally arrived at utterly fails to protect the public interest and entirely disregards the justice of the situation.

Arbitration has been relegated to the scrap heap, and arrogant, organized labor has gained the victory. The inequalities in wages have been disregarded and a flat 10 per cent. wage increase granted. Verily, "to him that hath" has more been given. No cognizance has been taken of the deliberate limitation of labor output or of prevention of reduction of labor cost by interference with the introduction of labor-saving machinery or devices, although in the request lies perhaps the greatest and the most costly industrial evil of our times. No reference to deliberate curtailment of tonnage by excess holidays. No mention of the glaring evil of button strikes. And having disregarded these and other evils, in the correction of which lay the possibility of enabling a shorter workday and an increased wage to those receiving the lowest rates of pay, without any consequent increase in cost of production, Governor Pinchot suggests that the cost of his settlement be underwritten by the railroads and the dealers.

"They shall not pay," says Governor Pinchot, of the public, and in the same breath he suggests that over 80 per cent. of the admitted cost of his settlement shall be borne by the railroads and the dealers, and so far as we are concerned, the implication is that while the operators' profits are so meagre as to make it out of the question for them to absorb on the average more than 10 cents per ton of the cost of his settlement, we, the retail coal dealers, have been profiting so largely as to be able to absorb several times as much as the operators.

In the days of our forefathers, we fought for a principle then expressed by the phrase, "No taxation without representation," but Governor Pinchot seems to have forgotten that precedent when he worked out the "Pinchot Compromise" and utterly failed to give any consideration to the legitimate interests of several innocent parties whom he dragged into a controversy in which they had no proper concern.

The dispute between the operators and miners should have been settled upon its merits, with due regard for the interests of all concerned, including the public, and if there is, or appears to be, any other evil condition existing in the coal trade, at the proper time and place that question should be gone into thoroughly with due recognition and representation of each major interest involved.

*Would Welcome Investigation.*

We have no fear of investigation, if fairly conducted, or of publicity, if the facts are accurately and fairly presented. What we object to and resent bitterly, is that Governor Pinchot should so completely ignore the facts concerning retail margins, costs and operating income, so exhaustively reported by retail dealers to the United States Coal Commission, and so thoroughly analyzed in the several reports of the Coal Commission in respect to anthracite. Of what profit is it to co-operate with one Federal investigation agency, if the designated representative of our President is to ignore the work of the former agency, and himself undertake the organization of similar inquisitorial bodies in each of the so-called anthracite consuming States.

Our co-operation was freely accorded the United States Coal Commission in the belief that there would be found that disinterested center of authentic information to which the public, the press and even politicians would go for facts concerning the coal trade. "Nay, nay," says Governor Pinchot: "I want a commission of my own and I suggest that each State create its own, and that will be just so many more commissions, and possibly we can we can organize a bureau around each, and then see what a lot of bureaus we will have; each with a large payroll and flock of employees; and I propose that instead of paying for the increase in the cost of coal as a result of my settlement of the coal strike, the public will pay for the new bureaus and the retailers will pay the higher wages I have awarded the poor miners." A gold brick, pure and unadulterated. Nothing else, and certainly nothing more.

*Against Government in Business.*

There is no business that has been so frequently investigated and so completely vindicated of profiteering charges as the retail coal business. Every investigation, every commission, every administration has had the co-operation of 99 per cent. of the retail coal trade. If more investigations are in order, let them come, but let them investigate all business that deals with essential commodities. Let us find out what conditions prevail in the food business, in the clothing business, in the lumber, steel, oil, cement and automobile and other essential industries.

Let us find out whether the State is desirous of conducting all business dealing with essentials to life as we know it, or whether private business is to be allowed to continue, and if the latter, whether the State is to guarantee a fair income to business, and if so, what income; or whether business is to conduct itself subject to the laws of supply and demand, reinforced by suitable anti-trust legislation.

If merchants are to be subjected to price regulation by the State, it must be upon a basis that will establish a rate of return for capital and energy employed sufficient to attract requisite capital and competent brains to assure facilities and effective use of same adequate to the public needs; otherwise the State will have to undertake to supply such service where the inducement is not attractive to private capital or brains. To embark upon such a policy is nothing less than State socialism and is completely repugnant to the principles of liberty and encouragement of individual initiative, upon which our freedom and prosperity rest.

### Anthracite Coal Carriers to Combat Freight Reduction Proposals.

General solicitors and controllers of the anthracite-carrying railroads met on Sept. 11 in the offices of H. A. Taylor, general solicitor for the Erie R.R., this city to perfect an organization for combating any movement to cut railroad rates for the transportation of anthracite. This organization will begin immediately to gather evidence which will be presented before the Inter-State Commerce Commission at a hearing to be held by that body on the subject on Sept. 24.

### Anthracite Coal Strike Settlement will Cost Public \$35,000,000, Says Byron S. Newton.

Settlement of the anthracite miners' controversy was characterized by Byron S. Newton, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, as "a patchwork which will cost the public about \$35,000,000, of which Pennsylvania is the chief beneficiary," in an address delivered on Sept. 11

before the New York State Coal Merchants' Association convention at Sacandaga Park, N. Y.

"The public will pay from 75 cents to \$1 more on each ton of coal," Mr. Newton said. "The cure rests with the public in urging the closest co-operation between operators and public."

#### President Coolidge's Message to Governor Pinchot on Coal Strike Settlement.

A message of congratulation from President Coolidge to Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania upon the settlement of the anthracite coal controversy was made public at the Executive Offices of the Pennsylvania Governor at Harrisburg on Sept. 13. With it was a brief statement by the Governor explaining that the telegram was given out upon receipt of word from the President's Secretary, C. Bascom Slomp, that Mr. Coolidge expected Mr. Pinchot to make it public. President Coolidge's message was dated at the White House Sept. 7, the day before the anthracite operators' representatives and miners' union officials, in conference, agreed finally upon the terms of settlement. The message said:

Please accept my heartiest congratulations on the settlement of the coal controversy. It was a very difficult situation in which I invited your co-operation. Your management of it is a distinct public service. I cannot commend it too highly. Certainly there ought to be some method devised for a settlement of disputes of this kind in accordance with principles of justice and fairness to all parties concerned. The constantly recurring danger of lack of an adequate fuel supply is of itself a grave criticism of a great industry and an intolerable condition for the public to endure.

Although the message was received on Sept. 7, Mr. Pinchot had declined to make it public until assured from the White House that there was no objection to its issuance. The Governor's explanatory statement, which was received at his office by telephone, said:

Having received word to-day from Mr. Slomp that the President expected me to make public his telegram of congratulations, I do so with pleasure. At the same time I wish to express again my appreciation of the President's heartiest and welcome message.

#### Samuel Harden Church on the Farmers and the Railroads.

Railroad problems were discussed by Samuel Harden Church, President of the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh, in an address entitled "The Farmers and the Railroads," delivered at the annual convention of the New Jersey Farmers at Belvidere, N. J., on Aug. 15. Mr. Church drew attention to a recent declaration by the late President Harding that "the railway problem is especially national in scope, and only a Federal plan will provide an ample solution." In offering an ultimate solution of the question Mr. Church suggested that the first step "should embrace the preparation by the railroad executives of a program of principles, and this program should contain four fundamental and imperative conditions, viz:

1. That the railroads shall make the rates . . . subject to alteration by the Inter-State Commerce Commission on a hearing after exceptions filed by shippers.
2. That the railroads shall make the wages upon agreement with their employees.
3. That the railroads shall issue the securities upon the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.
4. That the political powers shall withdraw from the domain of management, and that all laws, whether national or State, under which they hamper the railroads, shall be repealed.

Mr. Church advocates the abolition of the recapture clause in the Transportation Act whereby one-half of the excess earned over 6% on the investment of any road must be turned over to the Government. He also urges the repeal of the consolidation sections of the present Act. "With these things achieved, with the consent and approval of the American people," he says, "our railroads will then rest upon a structure of sound and just national laws, and not as now upon the shifting sands of political impulse." In illustrating "the reckless methods of political control," Mr. Church said:

When standardization was adopted by the Government it was decided to make the new rates of pay date back some six months, and when the payrolls were made out for January 1919, the Italian and other foreign friends who were temporarily visiting in this country and working on the gravel trains, received their new pay of \$216.35 each, together with back pay of \$2,542.15. Think of it! Enough to represent the savings of a lifetime, yet the lavish hand of the Government threw into the laps of these men, most of whom came from the floating labor supply, a wholly unjustified and inexcusable bonus amounting in the aggregate, as a charge against the American people, to \$750,000,000!

The address of Mr. Church in full follows:

There is nothing that so deeply concerns the welfare of the American people as the distribution of our agricultural and industrial production, for without distribution we could have no production. The three great divisions of our national life comprise farming, manufactures and transportation. Farming and manufactures, when served by the greatest railroad system in the world, have made our country rich, but without an adequate railroad system we should immediately become poor. Poverty would not be the worst penalty, for if through excessive political interference

or by a successful conspiracy of organized labor, our railroad system should become paralyzed, the lot of millions of our people would be starvation and death. We have had a recent proof of the value of this distributing system in the case of a railroad 250 miles long that runs between Peoria and St. Louis which, after operating at a constant loss for more than ten years, has been abandoned and torn up. Twelve thousand farmers live on the line of that railroad, and there has been an immediate decline in the value of their lands equal to 30% and aggregating a total loss of \$8,000,000. Why? Because the distribution of their production has been destroyed, they cannot sell their land, and their crops must rot on the ground.

Have you ever studied the question of who built the railroads, and who owns them? They were not built by railroad men, and they are not owned by railroad men. They were built by the merchants and farmers of the United States, and they are now owned indirectly by all the people of the United States, and the whole splendid system of railroads as it exists to-day was built with capital, energy and brains furnished by American business men and American farmers with the high purpose of developing the commercial and agricultural interests of the country. Every one knows that as soon as the iron horse drew his shadow across the land the farms which the Government could scarcely give away suddenly jumped in value to fifty or a hundred dollars an acre, because the railroads had supplied them with the means of development, production and distribution.

President Harding—that splendid statesman whose untimely death the nation now so reverently mourns—never said a wiser thing than when he declared that he wanted less Government in business and more business in Government. Mr. Harding well knew that any interference by a Government, either national or State, in the affairs of any enterprise will tend to reduce the initiative and activity of those having it in charge. Wise and protective laws are essential to the honest conduct of business as they are to the safeguarding of life and property. But wise and protective laws are one thing while laws which control, operate and confiscate the bold enterprises of our business men are quite another thing. While American railroads were operated without the shackles of oppressive and restrictive laws this nation enjoyed the best and cheapest and most constantly progressing system of transportation of any country in the world. Those audacious men who built our railroads in the nineteenth century were inspired by the spirit of progress, the love of adventure, the willingness to take risks, above all, the desire to develop our country, and in the best way to exploit its inexhaustible resources. And they achieved an unmatched service for humanity, for they constructed a system of railroads which abolished the wilderness, annihilated distance, unlocked the precious treasures of a virgin continent, and distributed the people of the new world into a multitude of magically created cities, villages and farms, in places once impossibly remote, but now attached by ties of neighborhood which gave to them all the blessings of a common and united country.

But the railroads fell upon evil days. President Harding said in his speech just the other day at Kansas City: "It is a curious trait of human nature that we acclaimed railroads in the building, and then turned to hamper them in the operation." In that sentence our lamented President has expressed the whole substance of the railroad problem. He says that we have hampered the railroads. No institution can thrive when it is hampered, and the prosperity of the American farmers and business men is retarded exactly in proportion to the degree in which their railroads are hampered. The essential prerogative of making rates was first taken away from the railroads, where, as a natural and imprescriptible right, it must always belong, and was assumed by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, where it has ever since rested in a vexed and uneasy custody. Indeed, the "Financial Chronicle," which is one of our most able papers, said on June 30 last, that the Inter-State Commerce Commission has never in its history established a rate that was satisfactory to the American people. This rate power in any business is the artery through which the stream of healthful life must flow, and when the railroad managers were prohibited from making rates based upon the cost of the service, plus a fair return upon the cost of the plant, the grim spectre of insolvency began to stalk in the near distance. Then the governing powers in the nation and the States usurped the control in other vital matters—rates, wages, the issue of securities, the size of trains, the number of men in a train crew, and indeed invaded every part of the domain of management, until at last everything was entangled in the meshes of political direction, and it was this situation which impelled President Harding to warn the country that the American people are hampering the railroads. At this moment there is one political body sitting at Washington that acts on railroad rates, and another political body sitting at Chicago that acts on railroad wages. Both Boards rest their existence upon popular approval, and popular approval is sometimes a more powerful factor in the political mind than the eternal equities of the question itself. So with one political body making the rates and another political body suggesting the wages, and neither one acting in reciprocal relation with the other, the relationship of rates to wages will probably never be equitably adjusted under an arrangement of that kind. How could it be? What department store could thrive—what steel mill, lumber yard, coal mine, farm, factory or newspaper—if its prices were fixed at Washington and its wages at Chicago? The able and conscientious men who now operate our railroads are in effect merchants who manufacture transportation and sell it to the people, and unless they are permitted to fix rates and wages in a fair relation to the cost of living—not on a universal scale, but with due regard to the local conditions in each community—and sell their product on a basis of cost that will take care of the payroll, maintain and expand the property, pay taxes and the interest on their bonds, declare just and generous dividends to the investors in their stock, and lay aside a safe surplus for contingent needs—as every other successful business institution must do—unless they can do all this, their failure and bankruptcy is only a question of time.

Some man will say that Government ownership will overcome all that. But will it? President Coolidge, when he was Vice-President, uttered these words on that subject:

"The alternative to private ownership and control is public ownership and control. Broadly extended, this is communism. The Government and its agents are not in possession of any resources, ability, wisdom or altruism except that which they secure from private life. . . . Where the people are the Government, they do not get rid of their burdens by attempting to unload them on the Government."

In Canada they are trying the experiment of Government ownership, and we have the official figures to show that Canada's Government railroads have an annual deficit of \$100,000,000, to be made up by the taxpayers, while the Canadian Pacific Railway, under private ownership, and built under far more difficult conditions than the Government railroads, but out of reach of their Congress, has never failed to pay an annual dividend, and has paid 10% for years, while its stock sells at a higher price of the New York Stock Exchange than that of any railroad in the United States. Whenever the hand of Government touches business it is a fatal bond—it kills the thing it touches. The reason for this is that the Government has no financial stake in the enterprise, and having no financial stake it has no real responsibility. It feels only the responsibility of political expediency. It is never guided by economic laws. The operation of the railroads by the Government which

began on Jan. 1 1918 and continued until March 1 1920 has shown in every phase of the experiment that political control and operating efficiency do not and cannot go together. Politics destroys discipline and blights authority. Gradually the men on the railroads began to feel that they had no master—a fatal moment for any man, high or low, who works for a living. Effort and application constantly diminished. The number of employees rose higher and higher, while the amount of work fell perceptibly lower and lower. In some cases the multiplication of employees and the specialization of work under new union rules resulted in six men being assigned to a task formerly done—and easily done—by one man. Classification killed off the handy man, the master craftsman, and the willing worker. No one could discharge a man for incompetence, drunkenness or other cause without having his decision upset by the politicians at Washington. The great rank and file of the service were honest, but there were many exceptions, and graft and corruption had begun to creep into almost every department of railroad operation. Concerns that paid tips to some of the switchmen were given cars, but those who did not do so received their supply tardily, or not at all. At many places combinations with hotel porters made it impossible for the weary traveler to obtain a berth except upon paying an unauthorized fee. Courtesy to the public, which was rule No. 1 on all railroads, was displaced by indifference, rudeness and insult. The most astounding illustration of the reckless methods of political control is shown by the results of the unionization and standardization of the maintenance of way forces on the 253,152 miles of our railroad system. When standardization was adopted by the Government it was decided to make the new rates of pay date back some six months, and when the payrolls were made out for January 1919 the Italian and other foreign friends who were temporarily visiting in this country and working on the gravel trains, received their new pay of \$216 35 each, together with back pay amounting to \$2,542 15. Think of it! Enough to represent the savings of a lifetime, yet the lavish hand of the Government threw into the laps of these men, most of whom came from the floating labor supply, a wholly unjustified and inexcusable bonus amounting in the aggregate, as a charge against the American people, to \$750,000,000! Of course, the old-time ambition for a career on the railroad vanished. Men of talent no longer sought its service. The college boys ceased to crowd its ranks. The distinction of success which comes from devotion to the public interest no longer existed. Every one was working for money and doing as little work as the situation permitted. There was just one dead level for all, with men at Washington who knew nothing whatever about the business giving the orders and thereby paralyzing the efficiency of the whole machine. But to-day everything is changed; and the railroads are regaining a quality of service beyond the best standards of the past.

We are hearing it said just now that a reduction in rates on farm products would do much to restore the prosperity of the farmers. Let us look at the subject fairly. The question is a part of the whole problem of the cost of living. The American Farm Bureau Federation has estimated that our farmers pay \$7,000,000,000 a year for machinery, clothing, house furnishings and other necessary commodities. Now, a reduction of only 2% in those things, the average price of which is to-day relatively higher than freight rates, would reduce the farmers' expenses as much as a 25% reduction in freight rates would do. Again, upon the same authority, our farmers pay the banks \$1,000,000,000 a year for interest on an average of 7% for their loans. If the bankers would make a reduction of their interest charge on these loans of only 1%, making the borrowing rate 6% instead of 7%, the saving to the farmers would be equal to a reduction of 25% on their freight rates. When, on the other hand, we know that railroad employees are now receiving 62% more wages than were paid to them at the beginning of 1918, we must admit that a reduction in rates at this moment, and under these conditions, would be neither expedient nor practicable. Furthermore, it has been declared that the freight rates in effect since 1920 operate as an embargo upon the shipment of farm products. What are the facts? The total number of carloads of grain, grain products and live stock shipped in the year 1919, before the last advance in rates was made, was 3,745,558; in 1922 it was 4,105,281. The total carloads of fruits and vegetables shipped in 1920 was 640,068; in 1922 it was 796,997. In the two years immediately following the last advance in rates more farm products were shipped by the farmers and carried by the railroads than in any previous years in the history of the United States.

But it has long been a conviction of mine that our railroad friends ought no longer to confine their energies in these public discussions to a defense of their stewardship in the management of the railroads of this country. The one thing that they have lacked has been a constructive policy. No man and no cause can win by fighting forever on the defensive. Every one knows that the railroads are suffering from restrictive legislation and oppressive regulation at the hands of political powers, and that they are constantly being vexed under the dictation and interference from national and State commissioners who do not have any responsibility of ownership nor any developed talents for railroad administration. This was plainly what President Harding meant by his declaration that after acclaiming the railroads in the building, the American people have turned to hamper them in the operation. We have a notable example of this hampering of the railroads, and its effect on business in the recent decision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, when it forbade the Virginian Railway to build a track one mile long to a coal mine in which American business men had already furnished digging and hoisting machinery at a cost of \$50,000. This track, which was to cost about \$20,000, was indispensable in order to get the coal to market, but the Commission prohibited its construction on the extraordinary ground that as there was now a shortage of coal cars no more coal mines should be opened. It never occurred to the mind of the Commission that the enterprise, already in a forward state of development, should be cordially encouraged and the railroads inspired to purchase more cars. Surely the time has now come when our railroad executives should cease from their defensive tactics and should adopt an aggressive policy the aim of which shall be to ascertain first what the right and final solution of the railroad problem is, and then to advocate the adoption of laws which will establish that solution as the permanent railway policy of our country, with the cordial approval of the American people.

Before venturing upon further suggestions let me once more quote President Harding, whose gracious mind at the very moment when he was stricken was clearly wrestling with all the details of this paramount question. "The railway problem," said Mr. Harding in his Kansas City speech, "is especially national in scope, and only a Federal plan will provide an ample solution." Every clear-thinking man will agree with him in that conclusion. Is it not high time to take up President Harding's constructive suggestions, and strive to find the solution of this grave problem in a Federal plan? Our whole people, acting as the nation, must take this subject in hand, and no longer leave it to be harassed and confounded by the impulsive and unstudied control of political agents in our 48 States. Now, no man should think himself wise enough to develop from his own brain the final policy of such a stupendous problem as that which concerns our railroads, and I do not arrogate such wisdom to myself, yet every man who thinks upon the subject ought to be courageous enough to give his thoughts an adequate expression as a contribution toward the ultimate solution of the question. The first step, then,

should embrace the preparation by the railroad executives of a program of principles, and this program should contain four fundamental and imperative conditions:

1. That the railroads shall make the rates, to be effective when published, but subject to alteration by the Inter-State Commerce Commission on a hearing after exceptions filed by shippers.
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3. That the railroads shall issue the securities upon the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.
4. That the political powers shall withdraw from the domain of management, and that all laws, whether national or State, under which they hamper the railroads shall be repealed.

The recapture clause in the present Transportation Act whereby one-half of the excess over 6% is turned over to the Government ought to be abolished. The Labor Board will clearly not be needed. Railroads should have the unrestricted right to build branches or extensions to mines or to industrial establishments without the permission of the Commission. The Commission ought to be restricted to supervision and give up its management of details and especially its practice of calling for useless statements which cost the railroads millions of dollars annually. We need have no fear of Government ownership. The marvelous performance of the railroads during this year, even when "hampered" as President Harding has said, is the best argument in favor of private management. If the railroads can recover the free use of their earnings in order to increase their efficiency the performance would be even greater. The consolidation sections of the present Act should be repealed; they do no good and are a restraint upon the plans of the railroads for the improvement of their properties. With these things achieved with the consent and approval of the American people our railroads will then rest upon a structure of sound and just national laws, and not as now upon the shifting sands of political impulse.

The restoration of responsible control to the railroad managers in the operation of these great properties will inevitably result in the near future in lower rates, adjusted, however, to the varying conditions in different parts of the country; in higher wages, governed by local conditions and the rates paid in other industries; and in the revival of credit, which has now been impaired to a point where securities cannot be sold with the assurance which the holders of capital always require in seeking a safe investment.

Such is the solution of this vexed and perplexing problem of the railroads which I have ventured to submit for your earnest consideration. President Harding has declared that the American people have turned to hamper the railroads, and that the correction of that hardship lies in a Federal plan. If we rescue our railroads out of the trammels in which they are now ensnared we shall bring on an era of prosperity such as our country has never known before, for we all remember that when the railroads are making plenty of money every shop is humming a song of happiness and every farm is growing rich, and when the railroads are not making money, the shops are idle, the farm goes into decay, and anxiety and fear enter into the hearts of our people.

#### Reopening of Concurrent Hearings of Port of New York Authority and Inter-State Commerce Commission.

The Commissioners of the Port Authority have ordered the reopening on Monday, Sept. 17, of the concurrent hearings of April 5-8 last, with Division 5 of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, at 10 a. m., at the offices of the Port Authority, 11 Broadway, N. Y. City. At these hearings representatives of the 12 trunk-line railroads that enter the port, the steamship lines using the terminals in New York Harbor, the United States Shipping Board, and the municipalities concerned will present their cases for or against the effectuation of the comprehensive plan of the Port Authority. As at the former hearings, Clyde B. Aitchison will preside for the Inter-State Commerce Commission, jointly with E. H. Outerbridge, who will sit as Chairman of the Port Authority. With Julius Henry Cohen, Counsel of the Port Authority, are associated Edgar E. Clark, formerly of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and Wilbur LaRoe, of Clark & LaRoe, Washington, D. C. Robert J. Cary, General Counsel for the New York Central RR., will appear as Chairman of the Committee of Counsel for all of the railroads involved. John Nicolson, Counsel for the United States Shipping Board, will appear in behalf of the comprehensive plan, further supporting the Shipping Board's argument presented last April.

Because of the immensity of the interests concerned, the intervening months have been occupied by counsel for the railroads in investigations to meet the evidence already presented by counsel for the Port Authority. The case at issue is the linking together, under the legal mandate of the Port Authority, of the great terminals of the trunk railroads whose lines from the West terminate on the New Jersey shore. Each of these roads has now its own terminals and each handles its traffic in its own way. The terminals are connected by means of carfloats, lighters and tunnels, present and prospective, with other privately owned terminals in Manhattan and on Long Island and Staten Island. The flow of commerce of this port involves the use of all these facilities, and the Port Authority holds that the public interest requires their co-ordination. Unification of the belt line on the waterfront extending from Bayonne to Edgewater, including lighterage and carfloatage facilities and the Hoboken Shore Line, now owned by the War Department, is the first step in this process which the Port Authority has begun. While protesting their desire to co-operate with the Port Authority under its legal mandate, the railroads at the first hearings challenged the principle of unification.

Counsel for the Port Authority responded by filing on July 11 last, with the Inter-State Commerce Commission in Washington, a brief stating the case for joint rail use of port facilities. The brief pointed to the sparing by the New York Central and other railroads in similar unifications in many other cities.

#### Association of Bank Women to Meet Simultaneously with the American Bankers' Association.

The first general convention of the Association of Bank Women will be held simultaneously with the American Bankers Association convention at Atlantic City Sept. 24 to 27. Haddon Hall has been selected by the women as their official headquarters and some fifty women are expected to participate actively in the convention. The program will include two sessions and a dinner meeting and will be so arranged that it will not conflict with the important sessions of the A. B. A. convention. Miss Bruere, Assistant Secretary of the Central Union Trust Co. of New York, is the Chairman of this committee. Although the program is not yet completed, it is understood that one of the features will be the presentation of such diversification of banking methods as are individual to special communities. As the association covers such outlying States as Texas, North Dakota and California, there will be ample opportunity for interesting divergence. Miss Jean A. Reid, Manager of the Women's Department of the Bankers Trust Co., New York, has been made General Chairman. Heading the entertainment committee is Mrs. William Laimbeer, Assistant Secretary of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. In furtherance of plans to appoint a chairman of publicity, Mrs. Key Cammack, Assistant Secretary of the New York Trust Co., has undertaken the work of appointing a representative committee.

#### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The Seaboard National Bank of this city announced this week that it had associated itself with the group of institutions acting as trustees of the New York Community Trust, 120 Broadway. The Seaboard is the second national bank to qualify as a trustee of the Community Trust during the past month. Albert H. Wiggin, President of the Chase National Bank, made a similar announcement in mid-August on behalf of his company. The other trustees are all trust companies. These include: The American Trust Co., the Equitable Trust Co., the Fidelity-International Trust Co., the Kings County Trust Co., the Manufacturers Trust Co., the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., and the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. Charles D. Makepeace, Vice-President of the Seaboard National, said:

We simply recognize in the Community Trust the most effective plan for carrying out the wishes of our clients desiring to have a portion of their accumulation administered for civic purposes. It is the modern method of preventing waste and obsolescence in philanthropic bequests.

George F. Baker, Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of this City sailed last Saturday on the Olympic for a vacation in Europe. Mr. Baker, who is 83 years old, will visit several countries, starting with England.

The Trust Company of North America has filed an organization certificate with the New York State Department and will open for business at 93 Liberty Street this city about Oct. 15. The new bank will have a capital of \$500,000 and surplus of \$250,000. Colonel Thomas H. Birch, former United States Minister to Portugal, it is understood, will be President. The incorporators of the institution are: Joseph McCurrach, Edward I. Edwards, William J. Keeley, Charles Paul Brown, Walter J. Green, William C. Sproul, Wilson P. Tanner, Thomas H. Birch and Edward J. Noble.

Joseph C. Shields has been made an assistant secretary of the American Trust Company of this City. Mr. Shields is also assistant secretary of the New York Title & Mortgage Company.

The Madison Trust Company of Madison, Conn., will hold a public inspection of their new quarters located on the Boston Post Road, on Monday, Sept. 17.

A special press dispatch from Bridgeport, Conn., to the Boston "Transcript" on Thursday of this week (Sept. 13) states that the directors of the First National Bank of Bridgeport have called a meeting of its stockholders for Oct. 11, asking their approval of a recommendation to reduce the capital stock of the bank from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000, a plan which has already been approved by the Comptroller of the Currency and by the Federal Reserve Board. Under

the lower capitalization, the bank's deposits and capital will be in ratio of approximately 12 to 1. The bank has been paying 8%, and it is assumed, it is said, that when the number of shares is cut in two, the dividend rate will be increased.

The ladies' department of the Asbury Park Trust Company of Asbury Park, N. J., will soon have a new head in the person of Miss Hetty Morton, who will succeed Miss Marguerite Hampton. For four years Miss Morton has been with the Broad Street National Bank of Trenton. She entered upon her new duties on August 27.

Newspaper advices from Boston state that at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Shawmut Bank of that city held on Thursday, Colonel William A. Gaston tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Board and immediately following Alfred L. Aiken, heretofore the President of the institution, was promoted to the Chairmanship in his stead. The directors then elected Walter S. Bucklin, President of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. of Boston, and a director of the National Shawmut Bank for the last two years, President of the institution to succeed Mr. Aiken. Mr. Bucklin, the new President of the National Shawmut Bank, was born in New York on Feb. 2 1880 and after attending the city's public schools, entered and was graduated from Colby Academy, New London, N. H. In June, 1898, Mr. Bucklin began his business career in the Boston office of the American Surety Co. of New York. While connected with this company he studied law, receiving his L. L. B. from the Boston University Law School in 1902, at which time he was admitted to the Massachusetts bar. Mr. Bucklin resigned from the Surety Company in 1909 and spent about three years in the insurance business on his own account. He then affiliated himself with the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.—the company of which he is now President. In addition, Mr. Bucklin is Vice-President, general manager and a director of the United Mutual Fire Insurance Co. It is said Colonel Gaston will remain a director of the National Shawmut Bank and continue actively interested in the business of the institution in which he is one of the largest stockholders. Mr. Aiken, the Chairman, succeeded Colonel Gaston in the Presidency in 1918, resigning at that time the Governorship of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston to accept the position.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Farmers' National Bank of Rome, N. Y., held on Sept. 11 1923, the following officers were unanimously elected: Dr. W. L. Kingsley, chairman of the board; George G. Clarabut, President; Carl H. Simon, Vice-President; C. W. Williamson, Jr., cashier; E. Converse Jones, assistant cashier.

The directors and officers of the Huguenot Trust Co. of New Rochelle, N. Y., formally opened their new banking house at 32 North Avenue last Saturday, Sept. 8.

Edward Comstock, President of the Farmers National Bank of Rome, Rome, N. Y., died on Aug. 30.

The Comptroller of the Currency announces that the name of The Peoples' National Bank of Patterson, Mifflin, Pa., has been changed to "The Peoples' National Bank of Mifflin" to conform to change in name of the place in which the bank is located.

Dr. Charles D. Schaeffer, Vice-President of the Allentown National Bank of Allentown, Pa., died on Sunday, Sept. 2nd.

For the first time in the history of the American Bankers Association, Pennsylvania leads in number of members; New York is second and Illinois third. The tabulation being as follows: Pennsylvania, 1,322; New York, 1,309; Illinois, 1,283, and total membership, 22,565.

W. Sargeant Nixon, who has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Phillipsburg Trust Co. at Phillipsburg, N. J., since its origin in 1916, has resigned his position and has been elected Cashier of the First National Bank, Bound Brook, N. J. Mr. Nixon will assume his new duties about Oct. 15. Mr. Nixon is also Secretary and Treasurer of the Warren County Bankers Association, having held that position for a number of years past.

Samuel K. Dennis, for several years United States District Attorney in Baltimore, was elected a director of the Fidelity Trust Co. of that city at a meeting of the directors of the institution held on Thursday of last week, Sept. 6, according to the Baltimore "Sun" of the following day. Mr. Dennis

succeeded Solomon Frank, who resigned on account of continued ill health. Mr. Frank was one of the original incorporators of the Fidelity Trust Co. in 1905, and has served as a director continuously since that time. From 1893 until 1905 he served as a director of the Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland. His resignation was accepted with regret. At the same meeting the regular dividend of 4½% was declared, payable Sept. 29, to stockholders of record Sept. 21.

With further reference to the proposed increase in the capital of the Riggs National Bank of Washington, D. C., mentioned in these columns in our issue of June 30 and August 4, the directors of the institution, (according to the Washington "Post" of Sept. 11) at a meeting held on Sept. 10 declared the stock dividend of \$1,000,000 approved by the shareholders on July 16, payable Oct. 15 to shareholders of record Sept. 20. At the same meeting, it is said, the directors also declared the usual semi-annual dividend of 13% on the present \$1,000,000 capital of the institution, payable on same date (Oct. 15) to shareholders of record Sept. 30. The stock dividend of \$1,000,000 together with the sale of \$500,000 new stock at \$100 a share will make the bank's capital as of Oct. 15, \$2,500,000 and its surplus and undivided profits approximately \$1,700,000. The Washington "Post" says further:

Considerable interest has been manifested lately in the stock of this institution, particularly in the rights to purchase the new stock. Since the rights were listed on the Washington Stock Exchange, they have sold at 100 to 93½, fixing a market value for the new stock, as of October 15, at \$287 a share and better. There is a strong belief among those interested that the stock will reach higher levels in the near future, chiefly on account of the additional financing plans in contemplation.

According to tentative plans of members of the board, it is proposed to organize, probably within a year, a securities company with capital approaching \$1,000,000 to take over the real estate of the outside offices of the Riggs Bank. The stock of this corporation will be open only to the stockholders of the parent institution, and will be issued according to their holdings in the latter. In this connection, there may be an additional stock dividend, probably 10 to 15%.

The details of this future financing will not be disclosed for some time, but the fact that they are in contemplation has had a bullish effect on the new stock of the Riggs Bank.

A press dispatch from Springfield, Ohio, on August 28, printed in Columbus, Ohio, "State Journal" of the following day, stated that John A. Best, the receiver of the Springfield National Bank, which closed its doors in March last following the defalcation of its cashier, A. H. Penfield, had announced on that day that a dividend of 33 1-3% would be paid the creditors of the defunct institution about the last of September or first of October. Other dividends would be announced later, it was said, the total of which could not be stated at that time. We referred to the affairs of this bank in these columns in our issue of March 10 and subsequent issues.

On August 30 A. B. Marshall, a Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, rounded out half a century of banking. He celebrated the event with a week-end vacation. Mr. Marshall began his banking career with the old Second National Bank of Cleveland, in 1873, and since that time has been connected with the National Bank of Commerce, the Coal & Iron National Bank and the First National Bank until the merger of the last named institution with the Union Trust Co. in 1920.

The Chicago Trust Co., of Chicago, Ill., which for the past 21 years has done business on State Street, on Sept. 10 moved into its new quarters in the Chicago Trust Building, just completed at the southeast corner of Monroe and Clark streets. The recent consolidation of the Chicago Trust with the Century Trust & Savings Bank became effective on that date. The new offices are the most unique and distinctive banking quarters in the country, according to Holabird & Roche, the architects who designed the building. The usual iron cages have been replaced by solid marble walls extending to the ceiling on either side broken only by the windows of the tellers. The blank appearance of the walls has been overcome by a series of Grecian reliefs portraying a history of the ancient gods and goddesses. High up on the walls are numerous bronze medallions which are replicas of ancient Greek coins. The ceiling of the main room is said to be the most decided departure from ordinary bank design. Brilliant red, deep blue, black, gold and yellow have been blended into a pleasing harmony of color arranged in Grecian borders and figures which cover the entire ceiling. The massive vaults of the new building are in the basement and are declared to be impregnable to acetylene torches.

The new and enlarged Chicago Trust Co. will occupy three floors of the new building and the basement, with a lunch

room for the employees on the 14th floor. Lucius Teter, who has been President of the Chicago Trust Co. since 1908, in commenting on the removal, said in part:

This is our third and greatest move in 21 years of growing success. We have tried to make this new building a place of which our customers may be proud and from present indications feel that we have succeeded. The Chicago Trust Co. opens for business on Sept. 10 with resources of more than \$24,500,000 and total deposits of over \$19,500,000.

On September 11, the directors of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago declared a quarterly dividend of \$4 a share, payable October 1 to stockholders of record September 20. This places the stock on an annual basis of 16% as against 14% formerly. George M. Reynolds, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the institution, is reported in the Chicago "Tribune" of September 12 as saying in connection with the increase in the dividend: "We feel that the time is ripe to give the stockholders a larger share in the bank's earnings. The bank has been earning about twice the old dividend and we have passed the troubles of the post-war period. We feel the increased dividend is still conservative."

The sale of J. Ogden Armour's holdings in the Continental & Commercial National Bank has been completed, it was announced on Aug. 31, by the offering syndicate, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce," which likewise said:

The price of the stock advanced from 288 to 295. At 295 the stock is 23 points above the original offering price. Buying of the stock was brisk yesterday, based on a persistent rumor that directors at their meeting in October will advance the dividend from 14% to 16%.

It is stated by those in the selling group that the issue was well taken over the entire country by investors, all available stock having been sold. Participants were notified of this by telegram last night.

According to the Denver "Rocky Mountain News" of Aug. 15, the stockholders of the Bankers Trust Co. of that city held a meeting on Aug. 14 attended in person or by proxy by more than 90% of the ownership, and unanimously ratified the terms of the merger with the United States National Bank. The former Executive Committee of the trust company was delegated to act as a liquidating committee, comprising A. C. Foster, Clark G. Mitchell, S. N. Hicks, W. D. Downs, H. E. Johnson, F. W. Standart and Henry Swan. Reference was made to the consolidation of the Bankers Trust Co. with the United States National Bank in these columns in our issue of July 21 last.

The Interstate Trust Co. of Denver, an institution with a capital of \$200,000, surplus of approximately \$76,000 and deposits in excess of \$2,400,000, was placed in the hands of the State Bank Commissioner, Grant McFerson, on Aug. 23, following an all-night conference of its directors, according to the Denver "Rocky Mountain News" of Aug. 24. On the same day the following statement was issued by O. J. Clark, the President of the bank. Mr. Clark has headed the institution since Jan. 9 of this year, when he succeeded Frank N. Briggs, who resigned in order to be a candidate for Mayor of Denver. The statement read:

The personnel of the bank was reorganized on Jan. 9 1923 in order to eliminate certain inharmonies and inaugurate a more conservative policy. It was known at that time that there was a considerable amount of slow assets and some bad paper. It was felt that these assets could be worked out. However, a recent decline of deposits and a declining reserve, together with certain alarming rumors which were being indiscreetly circulated, convinced the directors, after a careful study of all the circumstances that it would be to the best interests of all the depositors to liquidate at this time.

The examiners will find approximately 30% of the deposits that can be made available in cash for an early dividend, the balance can be paid as fast as the other assets of the bank are liquidated.

The percentage to be realized by the depositors is difficult to estimate, but should be in full or nearly so.

The Topeka "Capital" in its issue of September 9 stated that the Fourth State Bank of Hutchinson, Kansas, which was closed on July 5, last, by the State Banking Department, would be re-opened September 15. Plans for the re-organization of the bank are complete, Carl J. Peterson, the State Bank Commissioner, has announced, it is said. The new bank will have a capital of \$50,000 and a surplus of \$5,000. Reference was made to the closing of this bank, following the disappearance of its founder and President, Walter Grundy, in these columns in our issue of July 17 1923.

M. S. Senton was elected cashier and director of the New Orleans Bank and Trust Company of New Orleans, La., at a meeting of the board of directors on Aug. 14. Mr. Senton, began his banking career twenty years ago with the Germania Savings Bank; for more than twelve years he was inspector of the Commercial Trust and Savings Bank, and later he held the post of manager of the N. O. Branch of the Mercantile Bank of the Americas. Subsequently he was assistant

manager of the foreign department of the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company.

C. W. Bainbridge, heretofore Vice-President and Cashier of the Republic National Bank of St. Louis, has resigned to become the President of the Second Citizens' State Bank of Chicago. He will assume his new position Sept. 15. Before becoming an officer of the St. Louis bank, Mr. Bainbridge was connected with the Fort Dearborn National Bank of Chicago.

George W. Hobbs, a Vice-President of the Republic National Bank, becomes Cashier as well to succeed Mr. Bainbridge, and E. C. Keyes has been appointed an Assistant Cashier.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, C. Adrian Bodet was appointed Assistant Manager of the Foreign Trade Department. Mr. Bodet came to the Hibernia Bank in January 1923. Though only 26 years old, his training has been such as to qualify him especially for his position. In 1916 he joined the Washington Artillery and served with them in France until 1919, when he returned to New York. After his return he was employed by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in their foreign department, and after a period of eight months was sent to their Paris office, where he remained until January 1921. After traveling extensively through Europe, studying economic conditions and the effect of the war, Mr. Bodet was transferred to the Constantinople office of the Guaranty Trust Co. In October 1922 he returned to New York and after a short stay there joined the staff of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. in January 1923. Mr. Bodet has made a study of all phases of international banking.

The board of directors of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. at their regular monthly meeting appointed John W. Reed as Manager of their new St. Charles Avenue branch, which is to be located at the corner of St. Charles and Louisiana avenues. Mr. Reed was born in Alabama, but received his education in New Orleans, and since 1874 has been actively identified with the banking business. He started in with the New Orleans National Bank as messenger boy, and in that institution ultimately filled every position up to that of general bookkeeper. From 1884 to 1890 he was Cashier of the Alabama National Bank of Birmingham, after which he returned to the New Orleans National Bank and was with that bank continuously until its consolidation with the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. several years ago.

R. S. Hecht, President of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., turned the first spadeful of earth Friday, Aug. 31, in the construction of the building that is to be the new home of that bank's Mid-City branch. Mr. Hecht "bore down" in the presence of George J. Glover, the contractor for the building, Mr. Maurice B. Reilly, representing the architectural firm of Rathbone DeBuys, Ben E. Hanna, Manager of the Mid-City branch, F. W. Ellsworth, Alvin P. Howard and other officials of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. The new building will be located on the corner of Canal Street and North Carrollton Avenue. Its erection has been deemed a necessity for some time, owing to the increased service given by the branch, which has completely outgrown its present quarters.

We are advised by the Republic National Bank of Dallas, Dallas, Tex., of the proposed erection of an 18-story bank and office building at Main Street and Exchange Place as a new home for the institution and in connection with the prospect the organization of the Republic Trust & Savings Bank with capital of \$500,000 and surplus of \$50,000 as an affiliated institution. We are further advised of a proposed increase in the capital of the Republic National Bank from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 and an increase in its surplus and undivided profits from \$188,334 to \$350,000. The need of adequate quarters for the Republic National Bank his, it is stated, received the thought of the management for the last year, expansion being necessary to care for the development of the bank's business, whose depositors number more than 18,000. The value of a separate trust company in affiliation with and working in close touch with a large national bank, has been apparent in Dallas for some time, (according to W. O. Connor, the President of the Republic National Bank) and because Wirt Davis and associates had for some years contemplated the organization of a trust company and through their ownership of a large part

of the property desired for a new building, it was made possible to accomplish simultaneously the organization of the trust company and the construction of the new building. The new Republic Trust & Savings Bank will be under the active direction of Wirt Davis, Percy Davis and Leslie Waggener, all of whom will also become directors in the Republic National Bank. Mr. Connor, the President of the Republic National Bank, will be Chairman of the board of the new trust company, Wirt Davis will be President, Leslie Waggener Vice-President and Percy Davis Secretary. Its directors will consist of its officers and some of the directors of the Republic National Bank. Mr. Davis will be Chairman of the Building Committee and the other members of that committee will be named jointly by Mr. Davis and Mr. Connor. Plans have been agreed upon by the officials of the bank and the trust company in which there will be close, permanent co-operation between the two institutions, both of which will occupy space in the general banking room as one financial institution with the officers of each institution at all times accessible to each other. Some of the senior officers of both institutions will be on the executive committee, which will have general supervision over the bank and the trust company. The company will handle, we are told, first mortgages on farms, ranches and city properties, purchase municipal and other high-class bonds, received trust moneys for investment, act as trustee in mortgage and bond issues, and as administrator, guardian, &c. After its installation in the new building, a savings department will be opened. For the time being the new institution will occupy quarters on the second floor of the present Republic National Bank Building.

Work on the new building will be begun about Dec. 1 next. When completed the bank and trust company will occupy the basement, ground and mezzanine floors, with banking quarters designed to be, it is said, the most beautiful and commodious in the Southwest and which will include safe deposit vaults, conference rooms and other features embodied in modern bank buildings. The remainder of the building will be leased for general offices. The Republic National Bank began business as the Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. of Dallas on Feb. 14 1920 with a capital of \$100,000. Deposits on the opening day amounted to \$890,000. On April 29 1920 the capital of the institution was increased to \$1,000,000 and two years later on the same date it became a national bank under its present title. The deposits of the institution as of June 30 1923, amounted to \$11,566,654 and its total resources to \$13,824,988. Its present officers in addition to Mr. Connor as President are F. F. Florence, William Z. Hayes, John R. Haven, Frank E. Austin, and Eugene DeBogory, Vice-Presidents; Rupert Eldrige, Cashier; J. M. Hadra, J. M. Cumby, H. V. Smith and Robin Williams Assistant Cashiers, and Neil S. Murrie, Auditor. Mr. Connor became President of the Republic National Bank on April 1 1920. Prior to that time he was connected with Sanger Bros. of Dallas, for more than 40 years.

According to the Los Angeles "Times" of Sept. 5 an important merger was announced in Los Angeles on Sept. 4—that of the Commonwealth Trust Co. with the Bank of America. This merger, when consummated, it is said, will associate with the Bank of America. Frank A. Vanderlip, the former President of the National City Bank of New York; James C. Colgate of the banking firm of Colgate & Co. of New York, and other Eastern financiers. The proposed consolidation of the banks has already, it is said, been approved by the State Superintendent of Banks and a special meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of America has been called, it is said, for Sept. 21 for the purpose of increasing the capital stock of that institution from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. Under the terms of the merger, it is said, the assets of the Commonwealth Trust Company are transferred to the Bank of America, and the various trusts for which it has been acting will be taken over by the bank. The "Times" had the following to say regarding the consolidating banks:

The Commonwealth Trust Company was organized last February by Mr. Vanderlip and his associates, Jay Lawyer and H. E. Benedict. Jonathan S. Dodge, former State Superintendent of Banks, became the first President of the company, which was started with a capital of \$300,000 for the original purpose of handling the Palos Verdes Estates financing, but which has developed a general trust business. The Bank of America was organized by Orra E. Monnette, for many years President of the Citizen's Trust & Savings Bank, and his associates, G. D. Robertson, J. L. Van Norman and others, and opened for business in the downtown district in the Charles C. Chapman Building at Eight Street and Broadway on March 19 last. Its capital was \$300,000, and deposits about \$700,000. In less than six months these have increased to more than \$7,000,000.

Mr. Vanderlip is quoted in the "Times" as saying that there "has been a very close relationship existing between the Commonwealth Trust Company and the Bank of America,

represented chiefly by Mr. Lawyer, Mr. Vanderlip's associate, who has been on the board of directors of the Bank of America for some time, and J. L. Williams, who is interested in both institutions, and that it was thought to the advantage of all concerned to have this merger effected as it would relieve Mr. Lawyer from his close observation of the operations of the Commonwealth Trust Company and enable him to devote his entire time to the development of Palos Verdes estates, the affairs of the Reynolds Development Company, which is located in Oregon, the Kiernan-Lawyer & Co., Spokane, and the Les Melinos Land Company in the Sacramento Valley, in addition to their other large holdings in the West." Mr. Vanderlip is also reported as saying "that he will have a large financial interest in the Bank of America, and will lend every effort to its continued growth, and that the following associates will also be financially interested; Jay Lawyer, James C. Colgate of Colgate & Co., bankers, No. 36 Wall St., New York, and of the Colgate family of soap manufacturers; E. W. Harden, his brother-in-law associate of Mr. Colgate in his private banking concern in New York; F. C. Schwedtmann, Vice-President of the National City Bank, New York; H. E. Benedict of his New York interests; J. D. Finley of Los Angeles, and J. L. Williams, 1st. Vice-President of the Bank of America. Upon his return to New York he will recommend to Messrs. Harden and Schwedtmann that they also serve on the board of directors with Mr. Lawyer." Mr. Vanderlip also predicted for the enlarged operations of the Bank of America through this merger, according to the "Times," unusual prosperity, and expressed his pleasure in expanding his associations in California as in due time he anticipates spending more of his time in the vicinity of Los Angeles.

The Banque Nationale de Credit, Paris, one of the most important French financial institutions, with 420 branches in France, has announced that on August 30th certain changes in the capitalization were decided upon. There was formerly an authorized capital of Frs. 500,000,000, of which Frs. 261,965,750 was fully paid, but consisting of some shares fully paid and others only partly paid. So as to put all of the shareholders on the same basis the new capitalization will stand at Frs. 250,000,000, all of which will be fully paid. The reserves totaling upwards of Frs. 90,000,000 will remain unaffected. This modification is to be carried out in the following way: Fully paid-up shares to a total of 365,242, of Frs. 500 denomination, will receive in cash Frs. 250 each. Other shares numbering 643,755, on which so far only the previously called portion of Frs. 125 each had been paid, are now required to pay in a balance of Frs. 125. The denomination of shares will continue at Frs. 500 each. It is expected that these changes will meet the approval of American banking circles as they have met the unqualified approval of French financiers.

#### CURRENT NOTICES.

—A. Iselin & Co., 36 Wall St., announce that William H. Maclay is now associated with them.

—From the Williamsburgh Savings Bank in Brooklyn, N. Y., Miss Adeline E. Leiser, Director of the Home Service Department, has become affiliated with William Ganson Rose, Inc., Financial Advertising, Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Leiser is well known for her activities among the women of the American Institute of Banking. In 1921 and 1922 she was chairman of the National Women's Committee of the A. I. B. and inaugurated the women's work in many chapters. She was also first chairman of the Women's Division of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks. Miss Leiser is a speaker of considerable experience, having addressed many A. I. B. conventions, the New York Savings Bank Association and other organizations. She has recently completed, after three years of work, the history of the New York Chapter of the A. I. B. Miss Leiser is a member of the Brooklyn Advertising Club and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. "The Household Budget and Account Book," which she compiled, is in extensive use and has proved a successful means of interesting homemakers in budgeting their incomes.

—"The Annual Financial Review" of Canada for 1923, compiled by W. R. Houston, Toronto Stock Exchange Building, is now off the press. This annual, which is No. 23 of the series, gives facts regarding Canadian securities. Its 792 pages include annual statements of every important company in Canada, together with other valuable information, such as lists of directors, capitalization, and so forth.

—Dorsey P. Tyson, formerly with A. D. Converse & Co., is now associated with H. W. Martin & Co., 39 Courtland St., N. Y., where he will do a brokerage business in general market bonds.

—The American Trust Company has been appointed registrar for the 7½% Cumulative Preferred Stock of The Beneficial Loan Society of 135 Broadway, New York City.

—J. H. B. Rebhann has opened an office at 27 William St., New York, for the transaction of a brokerage business in investment bonds specializing in municipal issues.

—The American Exchange National Bank has been appointed transfer agent for the common and preferred stocks of United Hotels Company of America.

—Vincent A. Judge, formerly with C. B. Richard & Co., has become associated with Minton & Wolff in their trading department.

#### THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market during the past few days has been gradually drifting toward the low price levels of August and the early part of September. This has been the cumulative result of a series of unfavorable developments such as the further reduction in unfilled orders reported by the U. S. Steel Corporation trade advices showing a lessened demand for steel, additional cuts in crude petroleum and gasoline, with the suspension of dividends by the Marlan Oil Company, and disturbing happenings in Europe.

On Saturday the tone of the market was steady, prices closing fractionally higher than Friday's finals. On Monday the market was dull and prices were irregular until near the noon hour when word was received that Germany had decided to abandon her policy of passive resistance in the Ruhr. This had a stimulating effect on the market and the rally that followed the announcement was maintained to the end of the session. The market was again dull and prices were irregular on Tuesday. Moderate advances were reported in some of the active issues.

On Wednesday the market suffered a sharp downward reaction all along the line, carrying many of the leading stocks back to the low levels of the early part of the month. In the decline United States Steel common fell off three points, New York Central 2 points, Baldwin Locomotives 3¼ points, Stewart-Warner 3 points and American Locomotive 1¼ points. The recessions extended to practically all sections of the list. The market again fell off on Thursday. In the opening hour on Friday most active stocks continued at the low levels of the previous day. The market developed a stronger tone toward the noon hour and some advances were noted in the early afternoon. The recovery was not maintained and prices again fell off. In the closing hour American Can went under 93 and United States Steel went below 89.

#### COURSE OF BANK CLEARING

For the current week bank clearings for the country as a whole show a decrease compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending to-day (Saturday, Sept. 15) aggregate bank clearings for all the cities in the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will show a decrease of 5.8% as compared with the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$6,944,775,908, against \$7,374,108,037 for the same week in 1922. At this centre there is a falling off of 12.7%. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending Sept. 15.	1923.	1922.	Per Cent.
New York	\$2,894,000,000	\$3,315,865,612	-12.7
Chicago	494,922,157	465,711,872	+6.3
Philadelphia	363,000,000	357,000,000	+1.7
Boston	262,000,000	264,000,000	-0.8
Kansas City	120,101,873	126,317,537	-4.9
St. Louis	a	a	a
San Francisco	b120,700,000	144,900,000	-16.7
Los Angeles	110,085,000	103,380,000	+6.5
Pittsburgh	129,593,301	*171,000,000	-24.2
Detroit	119,224,709	94,232,442	+26.5
Baltimore	67,498,062	69,469,094	-2.8
Cleveland	98,752,455	92,503,738	+6.8
New Orleans	47,195,923	45,241,661	+4.3
Twelve cities, five days	\$4,827,073,520	\$5,249,611,956	-8.0
Other cities, five days	960,239,737	895,478,075	+7.2
Total all cities, five days	\$5,787,313,257	\$6,145,090,031	-5.8
All cities, one day	1,157,462,651	1,229,018,006	-5.8
Total all cities for week	\$6,944,775,908	\$7,374,108,037	-5.8

a Will not report clearings. b Four days. \* Estimated.

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday), and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ending Sept. 8. For that week there is an increase of 1.2%, the 1923 aggregate of the clearings being \$5,781,996,771 and the 1922 aggregate \$5,712,217,732. Outside of this city the gain is 10.8%, the bank exchanges at this centre having fallen off 6.8%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve Districts in which they are located and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District there is a gain of 24.7% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 9.0%, while the New York Reserve District (because of the decrease at this centre) shows loss of 6.4%. In the Cleveland Reserve



District the totals are smaller by 7.3%, and in the Kansas City Reserve District by 1.8%, but in the Richmond Reserve District they are larger by 8.1%. In the Atlanta Reserve District there is an improvement of 7.6%, in the Chicago Reserve District of 10.9% and in the St. Louis Reserve District of 11.9%. In the Minneapolis Reserve District the totals are larger by 6.2%, in the Dallas Reserve District by 12.7% and in the San Francisco Reserve District by 32.4%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week ending Sept. 8 1923., 1923., 1922., Inc. or Dec., 1921., 1920. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco) and Grand Total.

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

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

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1923., 1922., Inc. or Dec., 1921., 1920. Rows include various cities grouped by Reserve District (Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth) and Grand Total.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1923., 1922., Inc. or Dec., 1921., 1920. Rows include Canadian cities (Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, etc.) and Grand Total.

a No longer report clearings. b Do not respond to requests for figures. c Week ending Sept. 7. d Week ending Sept. 8. e Week ending Sept. 9. \* Estimated.



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 columns for London, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for Silver, Gold, Consols, British, French Renten, and French War Loan.

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

Table showing Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.) for Foreign, with values 63 1/4, 63 3/4, 64 1/4, 63 3/4, 64 1/4, 64 1/4.

Government Revenue 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 August 1923 and 1922, and the two months of the fiscal years 1923-24 and 1922-23.

Large table showing Receipts and Expenditures for Aug. 1923, Aug. 1922, 2 Mos. '24, and 2 Mos. '23, including categories like Customs, Internal revenue, and Excess ordinary receipts.

Table showing Excess ordinary receipts over total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts, with values 1,007,046 and 4,777,933.

Table showing Expenditures for Ordinary (Checks and warrants paid, etc.), Public debt retirements chargeable against ordinary receipts, and Total ordinary expenditures.

\* Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included. a The figures for the month include \$2,499,841 and for the fiscal year 1924 to date \$6,221,325 accrued discount on war-savings certificates of the series of 1918.

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

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

Table showing Bonds: Consols of 1930, Loan of 1925, Panama's of 1916-1936, Panama's of 1918-1938, Panama's of 1961, Conversion bonds, and Postal Savings bonds.

Table showing Liberty Loans: First Liberty Loan of 1932-1947, Second Liberty Loan of 1927-1942, Third Liberty Loan of 1923, and Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1938.

Table showing Treasury bonds of 1947-1952 and Total bonds, with values \$14,858,330,050 00 and \$16,505,972,280 00.

Table showing Notes: Treasury notes (Series A-1924 to B-1927) and Total notes, with values ranging from \$311,088,600 00 to \$4,066,659,200 00.

Treasury Certificates—

Table showing Tax (Series TS-1923 to TM-1924) and Treasury (War) Savings Securities (War Savings Certificates, Treasury Savings Certificates).

Table showing Maturity Debt on Which Interest Has Ceased (Old debt matured at various dates prior to April 1 1917, Certificates of indebtedness).

Table showing Debt Bearing No Interest (United States notes, Less gold reserve) and Deposits for retirement of national bank notes and Federal Reserve bank notes.

Total gross debt. b Net redemption value of certificates outstanding.

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities.

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

Table showing CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES. GOLD. Assets: Gold coin, Gold bullion. Liabilities: Gold certifs. outstand'g., Gold fund F. R. Board, Act of Dec 23 '13, amended June 21 '17, Gold reserve, Gold in general fund.

Table showing SILVER DOLLARS. Assets: Silver dollars. Liabilities: Silver certifs. outstand'g., Treas. notes of 1890 outd., Silver dollars in gen. f'nd.

Table showing GENERAL FUND. Assets: Gold (see above), Silver dollars (see above), United States notes, Federal Reserve notes, Fed. Res. bank notes, National bank notes, Subsidiary silver coin, Minor coin, Silver bullion, Unclassified collections, &c. Liabilities: Treasurer's checks outstanding, Depos. of Govt. officers, Post Office Dept., Board of trustees Postal Savings System, Comptroller of Currency, agent for creditors of insolvent banks, Postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c., Deposits for: Redemption of Fed'l Reserve notes (5% fund, gold), Redemption of Fed'l Reserve bank notes (5% fund, lawful money), Redemption of nat'l bank notes (5% fund, lawful money), Retirement of additional circulating notes, Act May 30 1908, Uncollected items, exchanges, &c.

Table showing Total for each category: GOLD (\$3,424,847,781 66), SILVER DOLLARS (\$429,520,425 00), and GENERAL FUND (\$506,491,338 29).

\* Includes receipts from miscellaneous sources credited direct to appropriations. Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$338,500,683. 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 \$46,926,279.

\$993,360 in Federal Reserve notes, \$472,651 in Federal Reserve bank notes and \$17,566,811 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

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 June, July, August and September 1923:

Table with columns: Holdings in U. S. Treasury, June 1 1923, July 1 1923, Aug. 1 1923, Sept. 1 1923. Rows include Net gold coin and bullion, Net silver coin and bullion, Net United States notes, etc.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Sept. 8 1923, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from—, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, Peas. Rows include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Port Arthur, Texas.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1923 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Other countries.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Sept. 7, and since July 1 1923 and 1922, are shown in the following:

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn. Rows include 1923, 1922, Week Sept. 7, Since July 1, 1923, 1922, North Amer., Russ. & Dan., Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countr's.

Imports and Exports for August.

The Bureau of Statistics at Washington has issued the statement of the country's foreign trade for August and from it and previous statements we have prepared the following:

Table with columns: Merchandise, Gold, Silver. Rows include 000s omitted, Ex-ports, Im-ports, Excess of Exports.

Table with columns: Merchandise, Gold, Silver. Rows include 000s omitted, Ex-ports, Im-ports, Excess of Exports.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 1260.—The statements below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Feoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph.

Table with columns: Total wk. 1923, Same wk. 1922, Same wk. 1921, Since Aug. 1, 1923, 1922, 1921.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday S.pt. 8 1923 follow:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Boston.

BANK NOTES—CHANGES IN TOTALS OF, AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, &c.—We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefor:

Table with columns: Amt. Bds. on Deposit to Secure Circulation for—, National Bank Circulation Afloat on—. Rows include Aug. 31 1923, July 31 1923, June 30 1923, May 31 1923, April 30 1923, March 31 1923, Feb. 28 1923, Jan. 31 1923, Dec. 31 1922, Nov. 30 1922, Oct. 31 1922, Sept. 30 1922, Aug. 31 1922, July 31 1922, June 30 1922, May 31 1922, April 30 1922, Feb. 28 1922, Jan. 31 1922, Dec. 31 1921.

\$18,946,000 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding Aug. 31 (of which \$1,690,300 secured by United States bonds and \$17,255,700 by lawful money), against \$69,737,400 Aug. 31 1923.

The following shows the amount of each class of United States bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve bank notes and national bank notes on Aug. 31:

Table with columns: U. S. Bonds Held Aug. 31 to Secure—, Bonds on Deposit Aug. 31 1923, On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes, On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes, Total Held.

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits Aug. 1 and Sept. 1, and their increase or decrease during the month of August:

Table with columns: National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—, Amount afloat Aug. 1 1923, Net decrease during August, Amount of bank notes afloat Sept. 1 1923, Legal Tender Notes—, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Aug. 1 1923, Net amount of bank notes retired in August, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Sept. 1 1923.

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 columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Lists various securities like Foster Petroleum, Independent Chemical Co., and various bonds.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Lists various stocks like Old Colony Trust, American Trust, and various bonds.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Lists various stocks like First National Bank, Berkshire Cotton Mfg, and various bonds.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Lists various stocks like Diamond Ice & Coal, Hunt Pen, and various bonds.

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Table with columns: Description, Capital. Lists applications for The First National Bank of Cunningham, Kan.

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Table with columns: Description, Capital. Lists approved applications for The First National Bank of Hazen, No. Dak.

APPLICATION TO CONVERT RECEIVED.

Table with columns: Description, Capital. Lists application for The Ogden National Bank of Chicago, Ill.

APPLICATION TO CONVERT APPROVED.

Table with columns: Description, Capital. Lists application for The First National Bank of Mt. Ranier, Md.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table with columns: Description, Capital. Lists charters issued for Wendell National Bank, Wendell, Idaho.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table with columns: Description, Capital. Lists voluntary liquidations for The American National Bank of San Francisco, Calif.

CHANGE OF TITLE.

Sept. 7.—3405—The Capital National Bank of Salem, Ore., to "First National Bank in Salem."

DIVIDENDS.

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

The dividends announced this week are:

Main table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Banks, Trust Companies, and Miscellaneous.

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

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

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









Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Sept. 13, 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 1189, 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 SEPT. 12 1923.

Table with columns for dates (Sept. 12 1923, Sept. 5 1923, Aug. 29 1923, Aug. 22 1923, Aug. 15 1923, Aug. 8 1923, Aug. 1 1923, July 25 1923, Sept. 13 1922) and rows for RESOURCES (Gold and gold certificates, Total gold held by banks, Total reserves, Total earning assets) and LIABILITIES (Capital paid in, Deposits, Total liabilities). Includes a sub-section 'Distribution by Maturities' and 'Federal Reserve Notes'.

\* Not shown separately prior to Jan. 1923.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 12 1923

Table with columns for banks (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total) and rows for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES for each bank.



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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1206.

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

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly, and yearly. Columns include Week ending, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad, State, Mun. and Foreign Bonds, and U. S. Bonds.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange. Columns include Week ending, 1923, 1922, and Jan. 1 to Sept. 14, 1922. Rows include Stocks, Bonds, Government bonds, and Total bonds.

\* Revised totals—Jan. to Sept. 7 1923.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges. Columns include Week ending, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, with sub-columns for Shares and Bond Sales.

\*Defenders' Day—Exchange Closed.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices.

Table showing the daily record of U. S. bond prices from Sept. 8 to Sept. 14. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, and Treasury bonds.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 6 1st 3 1/2s, 9 1st 4s, 15 2d 4s.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table showing quotations for U. S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness and other securities. Columns include Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, and Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 1229.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1229.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange displayed a firmer tendency, though trading was dull and price changes unimportant. In Continental exchange, despite some irregularity, a steadier tone was noted and slight gains were made, except in German marks, which sank to still lower levels.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 51 1/2 @ 4 52 1/2 for sixty days, 4 53 1/2 @ 4 54 1/2 for cheques and 4 53 1/2 @ 4 54 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks sight 4 53 1/2 @ 4 54 1/2, sixty days 4 51 1/2 @ 4 52 1/2, ninety days 4 49 1/2 @ 4 50 1/2 and documents for payment (sixty days) 4 51 1/2 @ 4 52. Cotton for payment 4 53 1/2 @ 4 54 1/2 and grain for payment 4 53 1/2 @ 4 54 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers francs were 5.73 1/2 @ 5.78 1/2 for long and 5.79 @ 5.83 1/2 for short. Germany bankers marks are not quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers guilders were 38.87 @ 38.89 for long and 39.23 @ 39.25 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 77.80 francs; week's range, 77.80 francs high and 80.77 francs low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers Francs, Germany Bankers Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers Guilders. Columns include High for the week, Low for the week, and Cheques/Cables.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$23.750 per \$1,000 discount. Cincinnati, par.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Large table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Stocks, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), and Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Includes Railroads, Industrial & Miscell., and various individual stocks.

\* No par value.

OCCUPYING FOUR PAGES

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

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

\* Bid and asked prices. † Ex-dividend.

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

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

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and share prices. Includes a sub-section for 'Sales for the Week' with columns for Shares, Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, and various stock categories.

Main table listing various stocks under 'STOCK NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922' (Lowest, Highest). Lists include American Cotton Oil, American Express, American Hide & Leather, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend.

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

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

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-headers for 'Sales for the Week' and 'PER SHARE'.

Main table listing various stocks under 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'PER SHARE' (Lowest and Highest), and 'PER SHARE' (Lowest and Highest for previous year).

\* Bid and asked prices o sales this day. x Ex-dividend



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 with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending Sept. 14, Interest Period, Price Friday Sept. 14, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and another set of columns for the same data on the right side.

\*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. d Due April. e Due May. g Due June. h Due July. k Due Aug. o Due Oct. p Due Nov. q Due Dec. s Option sale.



Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending Sept. 14, Interest Period, Price Friday Sept. 14, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, Bonds Sold. Includes entries like Chlc Un Sta'n Ist gu 4 1/2's A. 1963 J, 5e B. 1963 J, etc.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending Sept. 14, Interest Period, Price Friday Sept. 14, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, Bonds Sold. Includes entries like Illinois Central (Concluded), Purchased lines 3 1/2's. 1952 J, Collateral trust gold 4s. 1953 M, etc.

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

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'.

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

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Bonds Sold', 'Price', 'Week's Range', and 'Range Since Jan. 1'. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS' and 'INDUSTRIALS'.

\*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due April. c Due March. d Due May. e Due June. f Due July. g Due Aug. h Due Oct. i Due Dec. j Open sale

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Quotations of Sundry Securities

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

Table with multiple columns: Bonds (N.Y. Stock Exchange, Week ending Sept. 14), Price (Friday Sept. 14), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, Standard Oil Stocks, Railroad Equipments, and various other securities. Includes sub-sections like 'Other Oil Stocks', 'Public Utilities', 'Rubber Stocks (Cleveland)', and 'Sugar Stocks'.

\*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. d Due Apr. e Due Mar. f Due May. g Due June. h Due July. k Due Aug. o Due Oct. p Due Dec. s Option sale. \* Per share. † No par value. b Basis. c Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. e New stock. f Flat price. k Last sale. n Nominal. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. ‡ Ex stock dividend. \$ Sale price. † Canadian quotation.

BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE—Stock Record

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

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Range since Jan. 1 1923.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges (Lowest, Highest). Includes sub-sections for Railroads and Miscellaneous.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-rights. b Ex-dividend and rights. g 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 Exchange Sept. 8 to Sept. 14, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Atl G & W ISS L 5s, 1950, and K C Mem & B Inc 4s, 1934.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange Sept. 8 to Sept. 14, both inclusive, compiled from official lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alabama Co, 1st pref., 100, and Am Wind Glass Mach., 100.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange Sept. 8 to Sept. 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like American Elec Pow Co, 50, and American Gas of N J, 100.

Table with columns: Bonds—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Gas & Elec 5s, 2007, and Keystone Tel 1st 5s, 1945.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Sept. 8 to Sept. 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Am Wind Glass Mach., 100, and Arkansas Nat Gas, com, 10.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions on the St. Louis Stock Exchange for week from Sept. 8 to Sept. 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Boatmen's Bank, 100, and First National Bank, 100.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Sept. 8 to Sept. 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Pub Serv, pref., 100, and American Shipbuilding, 100.

Main table of stock prices with columns for Stock (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1., and various stock entries like Hurley Machine Co., Hydrox Corp., etc.

THE CURB MARKET.

Pressure in the oil group was the main characteristic in Curb Market trading this week and resulted in losses of several points in the higher-priced issues and fractional declines elsewhere. The volume of business was only fair. Prairie Oil & Gas was the outstanding feature. Opening at 169 it sold up to 176, then broke to 161, the close to-day being at 165. Prairie Pipe Line lost about 3 1/2 points to 97 and ended the week at 98. Standard Oil of Indiana gained about a point to 53 3/8, then reacted to 51 1/8. Imperial Oil (Canada) rose at first from 96 to 97 3/8, but fell back to 95 1/8 finally. Indiana Pipe Line was off from 95 to 92 1/2. South Penn Oil sold down from 121 to 115. Standard Oil (Kansas) eased off from 39 1/2 to 38. Standard Oil (Kentucky) lost about three points to 89 3/8. Standard Oil of New York declined from 38 1/8 to 36 3/8 and closed to-day at 36 3/8. Gulf Oil receded from 50 to 46 3/4, recovered to 48 1/2 and reacted finally to 47 1/8. Changes in industrials were only small. Centrifugal Cast Iron Pipe moved up from 17 3/4 to 20 and down finally to 19 1/2. Chicago Nipple Mfg. new stocks (par \$50) were traded in for the first time; the Class A issue advancing from 38 1/2 to 41 3/4 and the Class B stock from 18 1/2 to 20. The close to-day for the former was at 41 3/8 and for the latter at 20. Durant Motors weakened from 39 to 38 1/4, sold up to 39 3/4, then dropped to 35, the close to-day being at 36 1/2. Gillette Safety Razor was off from 271 to 259 and recovered finally to 265. Glen Alden Coal dropped from 74 to 70 1/4. In bonds United Oil Producers 8s recovered some of the loss noted last week, selling up from 78 to 82 1/2 and at 82 3/8 finally.

Below is a record of the transactions from Sept. 8 to Sept. 14, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists. As noted in our issue of July 2 1921, the New York Curb Market Association on June 27 1921 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official sheet which forms the basis of the compilations below.

Table of stock transactions from Sept. 14, including columns for Week ending Sep. 14, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices with columns for Stock (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1., and various stock entries like Bridgeport Machine Co., B. & Amer. Tob. ord. bear, etc.

Rights.

Internat. Combustion Eng. Reading Coal w. l. 20%

Table of Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries with columns for Stock, Price, Range since Jan. 1., and various entries like Anglo-American Oil, Buckeye Pipe Line, etc.

Table of Other Oil Stocks with columns for Stock, Price, Range since Jan. 1., and various entries like Allied Oil, Ark. Natural Gas, etc.

Other Oil Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale. Price.		Week's Range of Prices. Low. High.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1. Low. High.		
	Price.		Price.			Price.		
	Low.	High.	Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Keystone Ranger Devel.	1	4c	5c	15,000	3c	40c	Feb	
Kirby Petroleum	1	2 1/2	2 3/4	1,800	1 1/4	Apr	4	
Livingston Petroleum	1	50c	70c	2,300	50c	Aug	2 1/2	
Lyons Petroleum	1	58c	60c	1,000	53c	Sept	1 1/2	
Margay Oil Corp.	1	60c	60c	100	60c	July	1 1/2	
Marland Oil of Mex.	1	3 1/2	20c	8,700	1 1/2	Aug	5 1/2	
Mexican Eagle Oil	1	3 1/2	2 1/2	400	4 1/4	July	10 1/2	
Mexican Pacific Oil	1	10	10	11,700	5 1/2	June	3 1/2	
Mexico Oil Corp	1	87c	60c	8,500	55c	July	2 1/2	
Mountain & Gulf Oil	1	10	10	1,200	1	Sept	1 1/2	
Mountain Producers	1	2 1/4	1 3/4	2,100	1 3/4	Sept	20 1/2	
Mutual Oil trust etfs.	1	8 1/4	8 1/2	16,700	8 1/4	Aug	15 1/2	
New Bradford Oil	1	5	3 3/4	100	3 3/4	July	5 1/2	
New England Fuel Oil	1	23	16	23	300	5	June	23
New York Oil	1	25	9 1/2	10	200	5	June	21 1/2
Noble (Chas F) Oil & Gas	1	10c	9c	10c	11,000	7c	Aug	30c
Omar Oil & Gas	1	65c	65c	69c	7,000	45c	Aug	1 1/4
Ocar Oil Corporation	1	75c	75c	1	800	75c	Sept	13
Pennsylvania-Beaver Oil	1	60c	50c	95c	3,400	50c	Sept	5
Royal Can Oil Syndicate	1	11 1/2	12	4,500	9 1/4	Jan	14 1/2	
Salt Creek Consol Oil	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	5,900	2 1/2	Aug	7 1/2	
Salt Creek Consol Oil	1	10	17	16 1/2	3,200	15 1/2	June	14
Salt Creek Prod.	1	17	16 1/2	1 1/2	3,200	15 1/2	June	14
Sapulpa Refining	1	5	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,000	1 1/4	Aug	4 1/2
Seaboard Oil & Gas	1	5 1/2	2 1/4	1 3/4	14,200	1	Aug	4
South Petrol & Refining	1	16	1c	2c	7,000	1c	May	13c
Southern States Oil	1	16 1/2	14 1/2	16 1/2	87,300	11 1/2	Sept	26 1/2
Turman Oil	1	10	60c	70c	1,300	60c	June	1 1/2
Western States Oil & Gas	1	10	16c	16c	1,000	10c	Aug	30c
Willcox Oil & Gas	1	4 1/2	4	4 1/2	12,600	4	Sept	10 1/2
WT Oil & Gas	1	1	8	8	1,000	7c	June	20c

Mining Stocks.

Alaska-Erit Col Metals	1	99c	99c	1 1/4	3,500	99c	Sept	2 1/2	Mar
Amal Lead, Zinc & Smelt.	1	38c	38c	1,440	4 1/2	June	6 1/2	May	7
Arizona Extension	1	11c	8c	13c	72,000	38c	Sept	67c	Mar
Arizona Globe (Copper)	1	2c	1c	3c	66,000	6c	Aug	85c	Feb
Belcher Extension	1	10c	13c	13c	2,000	9c	Feb	23c	May
Boston & Montana Dev.	1	29c	29c	30c	2,000	29c	Sept	33c	Apr
Butte & West Mtn Co.	1	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/2	2,800	1 1/4	June	2 1/2	Jan
Canario Copper	1	1	5c	6c	6,000	5c	June	38c	Jan
Candalaria Silver	1	6c	5c	7c	2,000	5c	Aug	13c	Jan
Chief Consol Mining Co.	1	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/2	100	3 1/4	Aug	5	Jan
Consol Copper Mines	1	2	1 1/4	2 1/4	2,100	1 1/4	Aug	4 1/2	Mar
Consol Nevada Utah Corp.	1	9c	9c	10c	6,000	5c	Aug	15c	Jan
Continental Mines, Ltd.	1	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	300	4 1/4	Jan	5 1/2	Aug
Cortez Silver	1	44c	40c	73c	67,000	40c	Sept	1 1/2	Mar
Crackerjack Mining	1	3c	3c	5c	27,000	1c	June	15c	Jan
Oreoson Con Gold M & M	1	2 1/2	55c	55c	4,600	2c	Apr	3 1/4	Apr
Crown Reserve	1	3c	3c	3c	3,000	3c	Feb	72c	Apr
Diam field Black B (reorg)	1	3c	3c	3c	3,000	3c	Jan	3c	Jan
Divide Extension	1	4c	4c	4c	1,000	3c	June	13c	Jan
Delores Esperanza	1	85c	85c	1 1/4	4,800	70c	Aug	2 1/2	Jan
Bma Silver	1	3c	2c	3c	66,000	1c	Apr	4c	Jan
Bureka Crosses	1	9c	9c	11c	40,000	5c	Apr	37c	Jan
First National Copper	1	5	40c	40c	2,000	26c	June	80c	Mar
Fortuna Cons Mining	1	5c	5c	10c	42,000	5c	Sept	74c	Jan
Golden State Mining	1	15c	15c	20c	4,000	15c	June	50c	Mar
Goldfield Deep Mines	1	13c	12c	14c	152,000	7c	Apr	24c	Jan
Goldfield Development	1	12c	13c	18c	177,000	4c	Jan	34c	Jan
Goldfield Florence	1	62c	58c	64c	84,000	29c	Jan	76c	Feb
Goldfield Jackpot	1	52c	45c	65c	44,000	35c	Jan	57c	Mar
Gold Road Annex Mtn	1	15c	1c	4c	38,000	5c	Aug	30c	July
Hard Shell Mining	1	10c	1c	4c	54,000	1c	Sept	13c	Jan
Harrmill Divide	1	10c	4c	4c	3,000	2c	July	9 1/2	Apr
Hecla Mining	1	7 1/2	7c	7c	200	5c	Aug	1 1/4	Feb
Hilltop Nevada Mining	1	7c	7c	10c	27,000	5c	Aug	1 1/4	Feb
Hollinger Con Gold Mines	1	11	11	11 1/2	500	11	Sept	14	Feb
Homestake Ext Mtn Co.	1	90c	85c	90c	2,200	58c	Feb	90c	Sept
Howe Sound Co.	1	2 1/4	2 1/4	3	1,100	2 1/4	Jan	4 1/2	Mar
Independence Lead Mtn	1	31c	31c	38c	32,000	16c	June	48c	Mar
Iron Blossom Cons Mtn	1	32c	32c	32c	1,000	23c	July	38c	Jan
Jerome Verde Develop	1	1	2c	1 1/2	400	95c	Apr	3 1/2	Feb
Jim Butler Tonopah	1	2c	2c	1,000	1c	June	6c	Jan	Jan
Jumbo Exten Mining	1	4c	4c	4c	4,000	4c	Sept	10c	Jan
Kerr Lake	1	2 1/2	2 1/4	2 1/4	500	2c	July	3 1/2	Jan
Kewanee	1	4c	4c	5c	3,400	2c	Mar	8c	Jan
Lake Superior	1	4c	4c	4 1/2	100	4c	Sept	5	Aug
Lone Star Consolidated	1	3c	3c	4c	7,000	2c	June	10c	Jan
Marsh Mining	1	7c	7c	7c	1,000	6c	Jan	16c	May
Mason Valley Mines	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	900	1 1/2	June	2 1/2	Mar
National Tin Corp.	1	50c	11c	10c	25,000	10c	June	32c	Jan
New Cornelia	1	3	18	18 1/4	200	18 1/4	June	24 1/2	Mar
New Dominion Copper	1	3	2 3/4	3	3,000	2 1/2	Jan	4 1/2	Mar
New Jersey Zinc	1	100	150	150 1/2	125	148	June	180 1/2	Mar
Nipissing Mines	1	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	1,600	4 1/2	July	6 1/2	Mar
Nixon Nevada Mining	1	3c	3c	4c	14,000	3c	Jan	10c	May
North Butte	1	65c	2 1/2	2 1/4	400	2 1/2	Sept	10 1/2	Feb
Ohio Copper	1	65c	61c	60c	17,700	37c	Jan	1 1/2	Mar
Premier Gold	1	2	60c	63c	2	100	1 1/2	Apr	3 1/2
Ray Hercules, Inc.	1	63c	60c	63c	2,000	60c	Sept	2 1/2	Mar
Red Hills Florence	1	2c	1c	2c	13,000	1c	May	8c	Mar
Rex Consolidated Mining	1	2c	2c	2c	3,500	1c	July	8c	Jan
Sandstorm Kendall	1	3c	3c	3c	16,000	1c	Apr	5c	Feb
Silver King Divide (reorg)	1	5c	3c	5c	6,000	1c	Apr	5c	Apr
Silver Mines of America	1	15c	15c	15c	2,000	10c	May	40c	Feb
Silver Pick Consol	1	5c	5c	5c	2,000	3c	June	9c	Jan
Silver Queen Mtn Corp.	1	32c	10c	33c	9,000	10c	Sept	50c	Feb
Silvermith Mining	1	42c	42c	42c	1,000	42c	Sept	53c	Jan
South Amer Gold & Plat.	1	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	500	2 1/4	July	4 1/2	Mar
Spearhead	1	14c	12c	14c	117,000	4c	Mar	31c	June
Standard Silver Lead	1	18c	18c	19c	9,000	15c	Aug	28c	Feb
Sutherland Divide	1	11c	8c	11c	35,000	1c	Jan	11c	Sept
Tech-Hughes	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	9,300	81c	Jan	1 1/2	May
Tonopah Beacon Dev	1	47c	57c	67c	1,200	57c	Sept	1 1/2	Jan
Tonopah Divide	1	48c	47c	50c	8,400	47c	Sept	89c	Mar
Tonopah Extension	1	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	12,400	1 1/2	June	2 1/2	Mar
Tonopah Mining	1	7c	7c	10c	2,000	5c	May	16c	Jan
Tri-Bullion Smelting	1	12c	11c	12c	5,000	8c	June	67c	Feb
Tuolumne Copper	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	5,100	1 1/2	Aug	2 1/2	Feb
United Eastern Mining	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	400	60c	Mar	1 1/2	Sept
United Imperial Mines	1	29	29	30	1,100	26 1/2	Jan	38 1/2	Apr
United Verde Extension	1	21c	18c	23c	12,000	13c	Apr	28c	July
U S Cont Mines	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,200	3	Jul	5 1/2	Mar
Unsty Gold Mines	1	45c	45c	45c	1,000	39c	Aug	77c	May
Verde Mtn & Mill	1	3c	3c	3c	2,000	3c	Sept	3c	Sept
Wasapika Gold Mines	1	68c	65c	68c	1,700	28c	June	68c	Sept
Wenden Copper Mining	1	67c	81c	81c	3,500	7c	July	1 1/2	Jan
West End Consolidated	1	1c	1c	1c	12,000	1c	May	6c	Jan
West End Utah Mining	1	24c	24c	24c	6,000	15c	July	55c	Feb
Western Utah Copper	1	27	27	27	200	19 1/2	Mar	25	May
Yukon Alaska trust etfs.	1	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	2,300	75c	Jan	2 1/2	Apr

Bonds (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale. Price.		Week's Range of Prices. Low. High.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1. Low. High.		
	Price.		Price.			Price.		
	Low.	High.	Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Atl Gulf & W ISS L 6s 1959	47	47	48	10,000	43 1/2	July	62	Mar
Beaver Board 8s 1933	76 1/2	76 1/2	77 1/2	4,000	65 1/2	Feb	82 1/2	June
Belgo-Can Paper 6s 1943	96 1/2	94 1/2	97	74,000	94 1/2	Aug	97	Aug
Beth Steel Equip 7s 1935	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	19,000	102 1/2	Jan	103	Feb
Canadian Nat 7s 1935	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	10,000	106 1/2	May	110 1/2	Jan
Central Steel 8s 1941	107 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	4,000	106	Feb	108 1/2	Apr
Charcoal Iron of Am 8s '31	95	94 1/2	95	2,000	90	July	97	Mar
Chic R I & Pac 5 1/2s 1926	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	5,000	96	July	98 1/2	June
Cities Service 7s Ser C 1966	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	21,000	87 1/2	Aug	96 1/2	Apr
7s, Series D 1966	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	9,000	87	July	93 1/2	Jan
Cons G E L & P Balt 6s '49	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	1,000	100 1/4	Apr	103 1/2	Jan
7s 1931	106 1/2	107	107	7,000	102 1/2	Sept	108 1/2	Feb
Consol Textile 8s 1932	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	15,000	97	Apr	100	Jan
Galena-Signal Oil 7s 1924	96 1/2	96 1/2	97	6,000	94	June	106	Feb
Cuban Telop 7 1/2s 1941	105 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	1,000	104	Jan	107 1/2	Sept
Davies (Wm) Co 6s 1942	96	86 1/2	87 1/2	3,000	86	Sept	87 1/2	Sept
Deere & Co 7 1/2s 1931	100	99	100	27,000	98 1/2	Jan	103 1/2	Feb
Detroit City Gas 6s 1947	99 1/2	99	99 1/2	25,000	99	Sept	101 1/2	Jan
Detroit Edison 6s 1932	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	2,000	100	June	104	Jan
Dunlop T & R of Am 7s 1942	95	95	95 1/2	24,000	94 1/2	July	97 1/2	Apr
Federal Sugar 6s 1933	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	29,000	96 1/2	June	98 1/2	May
6s 1924	101	101	101	2,000	100 1/4	Mar	101 1/2	Apr
Fisher Body 6s 1925	100	100	100 1/2	3,000	99 1/2	June	100 1/2	June
6s 1926	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	6,000	97	July	100	Feb
6s 1927								



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.

Main table of Railroad Gross Earnings with columns for Roads, Latest Gross Earnings (Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year), and Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). The table lists numerous railroads such as Alcron Canton & Y., Alabama & Vicksb., Amer Ry Express, etc.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with four columns: Weekly Summaries, Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, and Monthly Summaries with sub-columns for Mileage, Cur. Yr., and Prev. Yr., followed by Current Year, Previous Year, and Increase or Decrease.

Note.—Grand Rapids & Indiana and Pitts. Cln. Chic. & St. Louis included in Pennsylvania RR. Lake Erie & Western included in New York Central. Toledo St. Louis & Western included in New York Chicago & St. Louis. \* Revised figures



in operation in November, in order to supplement the hydraulic stations. The steam plant was continued in full operation until March 1923. This added very heavily to the operating expenses in the last two months of 1922 and the first three months of 1923. It seems to be an established fact that once in every period of seven or eight years there occurs what is known as an "extreme dry year," when the autumn rains fail. 1922 proved to be such a year. Therefore, it is reasonable to hope that another will not occur for a number of years, so that the operating companies will be saved the expense of steam operation for a long time to come.

Extensions.—Considerable extensions were made to the Light & Power Co.'s distribution system during the year and further extensions are contemplated to meet the growing demand for power.

Cataluna Railway.—The gross earnings of the Cataluna Railway and the Sarria Railway were again satisfactory, but operating expenses were abnormally high and will so continue until about the end of 1923. This is caused by the need for very heavy renewals on the line of the Sarria, which is being relaid with heavier rail and new ties.

The Sabadell extension was opened for traffic in June 1922, and the results have been fully up to expectations.

Tramways Co.—The operating results of the Tramways Co. (Les Tramways de Barcelona) showed an increase in gross earnings of 7.69% and in net earnings 14.10% over those of the previous year. During the year a bus company secured a concession and began operations; the Tramways Co. is also introducing buses on certain routes.

Taxation.—Growing taxation continues to occupy the attention of the board. Quite recently a very heavy and quite unexpected impost was made upon the railway companies. This has been the subject of very active protest and negotiation, but as the companies have now appealed to the courts no comment can be made while the case is pending.

New Power Company.—The chief competitor of the Ebro Irrigation & Power Co. in Barcelona and the surrounding country is the Spanish company "Energia Electrica de Cataluna, S.A.," which sells approximately half as much power as is sold by the Ebro Co. Arrangements have recently been completed by which all the shares of the Energia Co. have been acquired by the Union Electrica de Cataluna, a Spanish company which has been organized under the auspices of the Ebro Irrigation & Power Co., Ltd., and this company. This new company will assume the direction of the power supply of both the Energia Co. and the Ebro Co., which should result in better service to the public as well as important economies for both companies both in operation and in capital expenditure.

NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AT DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: Customer type, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922. Rows include Electric light, Power, and Total.

AMOUNT OF STEAM AND HYDRAULIC GENERATION (K.W.H.).

Table with 4 columns: Generation type, 1920, 1921, 1922. Rows include Steam generation, Hydraulic generation, Corbera, Seros, Tremp, Camarasa, and Total.

COMBINED RESULTS OF EBRO IRRIGATION & POWER CO., LTD., AND FERROCARRILES DE CATALUNA, S. A.

Table with 4 columns: Category, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Gross receipts, Operating expenses, and Net receipts.

COMPANY'S INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: Category, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Divs. int., &c., reserved for int. charged to controlled cos., Net income, and Miscellaneous receipts.

Table with 4 columns: Category, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Total receipts, Admin. & gen. exp. incl., French taxes, Reorg'n & issue expenses, Int. on loans, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Category, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Serv. of 8% secured debts, Depreciation reserve, and Balance, surplus.

a During 1922 the remainder of the Prior Lien "B" bonds held by the public, viz.: £84,500, were acquired and were deposited as collateral for the 8% secured debentures. In connection with the acquisition, the unissued balance, namely, £50,000, of the authorized issue of £1,100,000 8% secured debentures was issued. The first drawing of these debentures took place in June 1922 and £29,100 were drawn for redemption.

b At the rate of 2% per annum. c Transfer of proportion of revenue from Les Tramways de Barcelone, S.A. (after deduction of loan interest), applied in repayment of the balance of the loan in connection with the purchase of the shares of that company.

Note.—Peseta conversions at Pts. 5.87 equal \$1.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Balance sheet table with columns for 1922 and 1921, split into Assets and Liabilities.

a After deducting \$3,794,161 for reserves for depreciation and amortization and also after deducting \$6,479,285 difference in nominal value between 5 1/2% income bonds of Barcelona Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd., redeemed, and 6% 1st Mtge. bonds of that company issued in exchange therefor.

b Interest in discharge of which there is an obligation to issue 5 1/2% income bonds. c Difference in nominal value between: (1) 6% Prior Lien "B" bonds of Barcelona Trac., Lt. & Pow. Co., Ltd., acquired, and 8% secured debentures issued in connection therewith, \$4,212,100. (2) 6% 1st Mtge. bonds of Barcelona Trac., Light & Power Co., Ltd., acquired, and 7% 3-year bonds issued therefor, \$886,212.

Note.—There are contingent liabilities in respect of guarantees, and also liabilities for future annual payments under agreements in connection with

controlled and associated companies. The liabilities, as shown above, are subject to any adjustment which might be found to be necessary in respect of the provision for taxes.—V. 116, p. 2387.

The Torrington Co. (of Connecticut).

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30 1923.)

INCOME ACCOUNT OF THE TORRINGTON CO. (OF MAINE) FOR YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31.

Income account table with columns for 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20. Rows include Receipts, Total receipts, Divs. on common, Taxes, Other expenditures, Total payments, Balance, sur. or def., Cash balance end of year.

x Dividends received from subsidiary, The Torrington Co. (of Connecticut), viz.: 25% on its common stock, \$1,750,000, and 1 1/4% on preferred stock, \$7; total, \$1,750,007.

THE TORRINGTON CO. (OF CONNECTICUT) AND SUB. COS.' CONSOL. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Consolidated profit and loss account table with columns for 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20. Rows include Net operating profit, Divs. from other corp'ns, Total income, Admin. salaries & expen., Prem. on Pref. stk. red'd., Loss on sale of Lib. bonds, Net profit for year, Common dividends, Rate, Preferred dividends, Reserve for income and excess profits taxes, Total deductions, Balance, surplus.

a Net operating profits, including the Canadian and foreign companies, for years ending June 30, reducing the profits of the English, and in 1921-22, 1920-21 and 1919-20 the German companies to, and valuing the current assets in South America at the current rate of exchange and before deducting American or Canadian income taxes. b In addition to this amount \$43,945 was deducted from surplus for adjustment of domestic taxes.

THE TORRINGTON CO. (OF CONN.) AND ITS SUBSIDIARY CORPORATIONS' CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Consolidated balance sheet table with columns for 1923 and 1922. Rows include Assets (Real estate & bldgs., Good-will, patents, Investments, Inventories, Bills and accounts receivable, U. S. and Canadian Government securities, Cash, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Common stock, Accounts payable, Reserves for income and taxes, Balance, surplus).

a Including profits for year at current rates of exchange.—V. 116, p. 1287.

Laurentide Company, Ltd.

(Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended June 30 1923.)

President George Chahoon, Jr., says in substance:

The net profits for the year ending June 30 1923 were \$3,167,998, which, after deducting interest and other charges, amounting to \$424,999, and reserves for taxes, depreciation and depletion, amounting to \$753,896, leaves the sum of \$1,989,103.

The reserve for employees' pension fund of \$508,790 has been transferred to the pension committee and now stands in the accounts payable pending investment.

The directors have purchased shares of the company's stock to the amount of \$169,329, which amount has been fully subscribed by some 580 employees. This amount is being carried in accounts receivable, the stock being held as collateral.

General conditions in the newsprint industry continue to be satisfactory with the outlook for the coming year that demand will be equal to supply.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

Income account table with columns for 1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21. Rows include Operating profits, Other income, Investments, Total income, Interest, Taxes and depreciation, Dividends, Inventory reserve, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Profit and loss surplus.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Balance sheet table with columns for 1923 and 1922, split into Assets and Liabilities.

a After deducting \$2,145,562 for deprec. & depl. b Includes logs and supplies, \$3,561,373; merchandise, \$117,206, and mill supplies, \$722,368. c The reserve for employees' pension fund of \$508,790 has been transferred to the pension committee and now stands in the accounts payable pending investment.

Indirect liability for customers' paper under discount is \$138,610. Contingent liability for guarantee of bonds of Laurentide Power Co., \$1,420,000.—V. 116, p. 944.

RIORDON CO., LTD.

(Financial Statement in Connection with Reorganization.)

A description of the properties of the company as reorganized, together with the balance sheets below, are given in an attached statement sent out with the reorganization plan.

Description of Properties.—The principal properties which the reorganized company will own, directly or through its ownership of all the capital stock of the Gatineau Co., are briefly described below.

Pulp Mills.—The Kipawa mill, begun in 1918 and completed to substantially its present capacity in 1920, with its own water power (held under Quebec lease) developed to 7,200 h. p., and requiring a relatively small expenditure to bring it up to 21,000 h. p., is a new mill, and is now producing 50,000 tons per annum of the highest quality of bleached sulphite pulp manufactured and at a remarkably low manufacturing cost.

The Hawkesbury mill, though not new, has been kept up to date and in thoroughly efficient operating condition by the installation of new and improved equipment. The mill is producing 35,000 tons per annum of bleached sulphite pulp of a quality only slightly below the Kipawa product, and its costs compare very favorably with those at Kipawa.

Riordon Co. Timber Limits.—The timber limits tributary to the Kipawa mill, including the Bronson and O'Brien purchases, cover over 2,500 sq. m. on the Upper Ottawa watershed, and are estimated to contain nearly 7,000,000 cords of pulpwood, as well as 100,000,000 ft. board measure of pine timber.

Caumet Saw Mill.—The Calumet saw mill, situated across the Ottawa River from Hawkesbury, was wholly rebuilt a few years ago, and has a capacity of over 15,000,000 ft. of rough lumber per annum.

Gatineau Properties.—The Gatineau Co. will have, with the addition of the Dominion Bank limits which will be transferred to it by the Riordon Co., about 5,800 sq. miles of timber limits in the Gatineau Valley, and saw mills at Hull and Rockland having an annual capacity of 75,000,000 ft. of lumber, the current product being about 30% pine and 20% spruce. The estimated amount of timber on the Gatineau limits is about 12,500,000 cords of pulpwood and over 700,000,000 ft. of pine.

Total Timber Supply.—Altogether, the Riordon and Gatineau companies' timber limits (practically all held under Government licenses) aggregate about 9,500 sq. miles on three watersheds, and these limits are estimated to contain a total of over 20,000,000 cords of pulpwood against an annual consumption by the present Riordon pulp mills of about 200,000 cords.

The transportation of all pulpwood and saw logs from the limits to the mills is by river, and as the Gatineau River empties into the Ottawa about 60 miles above Hawkesbury, Gatineau wood is available for economical delivery not only at any point near the mouth of the Gatineau River where a new mill might be constructed, but also at Hawkesbury and Calumet.

Water Powers.—The two companies own or control by lease undeveloped water powers of a combined capacity estimated by competent engineers at about 160,000 continuous h. p., or on the usual basis of commercial development about 250,000 salable h. p., of which the most important are the Chelsea and Farmers' Rapids powers on the Gatineau River, 6 miles from the city of Ottawa, which are owned in fee and reported by the Montreal Engineering Co. to be capable of development in convenient and economical stages to an ultimate capacity of over 100,000 commercial h. p., with large storage capacity, at relatively low cost. The Riordon Co. also owns a freehold power on the Quinze River, capable of economical development to over 40,000 commercial h. p., and another of 8,500 h. p. on the North Nation River, early development of which has been seriously considered, partly as a more economical source of power for the Hawkesbury mill.

Estimates of Earning Power.—The development of the Riordon mills to their present equipment and capacity has been so recent that no actual earnings of any past year or series of years furnish a fair measure of present and future earning power.

The bleaching plant at Hawkesbury was not constructed until 1919, and before that time the mill produced only unbleached pulp. This development was completed at a time when orders were coming in faster than they could be filled, and to meet the abnormal demand efforts were centered on quantity production. As a result, the reputation of the product was not established on a quality basis, and the trade has only recently been educated to a recognition of the high quality now being produced.

The construction of the Kipawa mill was started in 1918, and the first unit did not begin production until about Jan. 1 1920. Even then, the bleaching plant was not in operation, and the production gradually increased during that year from about 1,600 tons of unbleached pulp for the month of January to about 3,800 tons of bleached pulp for December.

The market demand in 1920 greatly exceeded the supply, with resulting high prices and large profits, but early in 1921 these conditions were reversed, the demand disappeared almost overnight, and the company's mills were shut down for about 8 months. As always in such cases, the recovery was a gradual process. The Kipawa mill was reopened about Nov. 1 1921, and the Hawkesbury mill about the end of that month. The former was run at a reduced capacity for several months in the early part of 1922, and the latter was shut down entirely for about two months in February and March. This again reflected conditions throughout the industry except that these mills, through their natural advantages over their principal competitors, produced and sold during 1922 a substantially larger proportion of their normal capacity than their competitors generally. Prices were irregular during the greater part of the year, and were not firmly established on a fair basis until late in the fall.

Estimated Earning Power Based on Current Operating Results.—The best available basis for estimating the earning power of the Kipawa and Hawkesbury mills under normal conditions is furnished by the actual results of recent operations. For this purpose, however, two adjustments must be made. Most of the wood consumed up to June 1 was carried over from the stock on hand in 1921, and was produced at the high costs prevailing in 1919 and 1920. It was also necessary to supplement the supply at Hawkesbury by the purchase of wood for rail delivery during the spring months, before the present season's cut could reach the mill. To furnish a fair measure of present earning power, the actual cost of the wood used must be adjusted to present replacement cost, based on the past season's operations of the company on its own limits.

The coal consumption at both mills during the last winter was also abnormal, due in part to the poor quality of coal obtainable during the prolonged coal strike of last year, and in part to unusual low water conditions, which necessitated running the auxiliary steam turbine plant at Hawkesbury on 129 days during the past season, against an average of about 10 days for five years previous. In preparing the figures given below an adjustment has been made to reduce this excessive coal cost to what is believed to be a fair average under normal conditions.

The manufacturing costs and operating profits of the Riordon Co. for the eight months ending June 30 1923 have been audited by Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons, and the actual results adjusted for the two factors above mentioned. With these adjustments the manufacturing profits for this period, before deducting income tax, interest or depreciation, were at the rate of approximately \$2,150,000 per annum. These figures do not include any profits of the Calumet saw mill, as the bulk of the shipments from that mill are made during the last half of the year.

There has been some recent unsettlement in the pulp market, resulting in a reduction of selling prices, which is believed to be only temporary, but which will undoubtedly affect the profits for the remainder of the year. With an allowance for the effect of this reduction, and also for the Calumet operations, and with the adjustments mentioned above, the operating profits of the three Riordon mills for the full 12 months' period ending Oct. 31 1923 are estimated at approximately \$2,100,000.

The figure is believed to represent a conservative estimate of the earning power of the mills under fair average market conditions, and contrasts with actual earnings (before the corresponding deductions) in the boom year of 1920 of over \$4,000,000, although the entire production of the Kipawa mill in that year was less than 37,000 tons, of which nearly one-third was unbleached pulp.

Gatineau Company.—The Gatineau properties are also a recent acquisition, having been taken over in 1920, and their operations also were affected by the depression of 1921. No logging at all was done during the winter of 1921-22, so that the present season is the first full season of active operation under reasonably normal business conditions since the acquisition of the properties. On the basis of careful studies and competent opinions from many sources, it is believed that an estimate of \$500,000 average annual earnings from the Gatineau Co. as now developed, before interest and depreciation, or about \$250,000 over its own interest charges (after the new

financing) is thoroughly conservative. Operating profits for the current year are expected to run considerably above this figure.

Ticonderoga Pulp & Paper Co.—The annual net earnings of this company (60% of whose stock is owned by Riordon Co.), after all deductions, have averaged for the eight years ending with 1922 slightly over \$250,000. Officers estimate the net earnings for 1923 at not less than that figure, and the actual earnings for the first six months of the year have been at a somewhat higher rate. New processes have recently been introduced, resulting in lower costs and improved quality of product, which should be reflected in future earnings. Assuming no increase, however, over the foregoing average of past years, the portion of the average annual profits applicable to the Riordon Co.'s 60% ownership of the capital stock should be not less than \$150,000.

Combined Earnings.—The foregoing estimates total as follows: Riordon Co., Ltd. (Kipawa, Hawkesbury and Calumet) available for interest, depreciation, income tax and dividends, \$2,100,000; Gatineau Co., Ltd. (before interest and depreciation), 500,000; Ticonderoga Pulp & Paper Co. (proportion belonging to Riordon Co., after all charges), 150,000.

Total, \$2,750,000; Annual interest charges of Riordon and Gatineau ces., approx., 1,250,000; Estimated income tax, 100,000.

Balance available for dividends and depreciation, \$1,400,000. Expansion of Kipawa Capacity.—The above estimate is based on the present operating capacity of the Kipawa mill, which is now unbalanced, some departments being completed to a much larger capacity than the current rate of production, while others are now overtaxed. The plan contemplates the early expenditure of about \$2,000,000 for balancing the mill, additional First Mtge. & Ref. Bonds being authorized for this purpose. The expenditure of considerably less than this amount, it is estimated, would add 15,000 tons to the annual capacity of the mill, in addition to what a proper balance between departments should materially reduce the average cost of the entire product. This increase in production, together with the resulting saving in operating and overhead costs per ton, after allowing for the additional interest charges on \$2,000,000 bonds to be issued for the purpose, would add from \$250,000 to \$300,000 to the above estimate of earnings.

Development of Gatineau, &c., Properties.—The Gatineau Co. is presently developed only as a lumber enterprise. With a sound capital structure designed to lend itself to future financing, an admirable site for the construction of a mill, economical power, ample wood supply, and a ready and growing market for commercial power only a few miles away, it is obvious that the real earning power of the property is yet to be developed. The Riordon properties include other undeveloped water powers of large potential value, notably a freehold power on the Quinze River capable of developing 32,000 continuous h. p. at a moderate cost.

Dividends on New Stocks.—On the above showing, the payment of the full regular dividends on the Prior Preference Stock, amounting to \$700,000 per annum, is believed to be practically assured from the start.

The dividends on the new Preferred Stock will not become cumulative until Jan. 1 1925. In the meantime annual interest charges will have been somewhat reduced by capital payments, and substantial progress should have been made in developing the increased capacity of the Kipawa mill. It is easily possible that a beginning may have been made on a conservative basis towards the development of additional earning power on the Gatineau property. With favorable market conditions these factors should make possible the payment of the full dividends on the Preferred Stock from the time when they become cumulative; while the ultimate development of the full earning power of the property as a whole holds forth excellent prospects for the Common Stock.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31 1923 (RIORDON CO. AND SUBS.).

Table with two columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Land, bldgs., mach. and equipment; Timber limits & wat. pow; Equity in Gatineau Co.; Ticond. P. & P. Co. stock; Other investments; Advances to subsidiaries; Cash with trustees for bondholders; Inventories; Accounts & bills receiv'le; Working funds; Cash on hand and in bank; Deferred charges. Liabilities include First Mtge. 6% Debens.; 1st M. & Ref. Ser. A 8s.; do Series B 7s.; New 7% Debentures; Purchase money mtgcs.; M. J. O'Brien; The Bronson Co.; Miscellaneous mortgages; Curr. acc'ts. accruals, &c.; Bank loans; Prior Preference Stock; Preferred Stock; Common Stock (600,000 shares, no par).

BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31 1923 (GATINEAU CO., LTD.), (AS ADJ.)

Table with two columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Timber limits, water powers, real estate & equip.; Dominion bank limits; Cash in hands of trustee; Inventories; Accounts receivable; Cash on hand and in bank; Deferred charges. Liabilities include Purchase money mtgcs.; W.C. Edwards & Co., Ltd.; Gilmour & Hughson, Ltd.; Dominion Bank; Curr. acc'ts. accruals, &c.; Bank loans; Equity for Capital Stock (owned by Riordon Co.).

CONSOL. BAL. SHEET MAR. 31 1923 (AFTER REORGANIZATION).

Table with two columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Total plants, timber limits, &c.; Investments; Miscellaneous; Inventories; Accounts & bills receiv'le; Working funds; Cash on hand and in bank; Deferred charges. Liabilities include Funded debt; Purchase money mtgcs.; Miscellaneous mortgages; Curr. acc'ts. accruals, &c.; Bank loans; Prior Preference Stock; Preferred Stock; Common Stock (600,000 shares, no par).

-V. 116, p. 2018.

Spanish River Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd.

(Annual Report—For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30 1923.) Pres. Geo. H. Mead, Toronto, Aug. 30, wrote in brief: The profits reflect continuous operation of the company's plants throughout the last fiscal year. A number of improvements were made during the period, which, with other refinements in mill practice, will result in increasing the daily average production of newsprint from 650 tons to 700 tons. The amount set aside in previous years for bond sinking fund being no longer required, the credit has been transferred to surplus account, which now stands at \$4,485,000.

Table with four columns: Years Ended June 30—1922-23, 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20. Rows include Gross profits; Reserve for depreciation; Int. on funded debts and other loans; Gov't tax & conting. res.; Balance, surplus; Previous surplus; Total; Preferred dividends; Common dividend (7%); Prop'n to bondholders; Bond sinking fund.

Profit and loss, surplus, \$4,485,000; x Accumulated preferred dividends to June 30 1920 met by issue of Preferred stock and includes 7% per annum since July 1 1913 and share thereof (10%) payable to bondholders.

CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 (Incl. Lake Superior Paper Co.).

Table with columns for 1923 and 1922, split into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Property account, Pulpwood, Equipment, etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Preferred stock, First Mtge. 6s, etc.

Total 43,076,486 42,355,499
a Paid July 16.
Note.—Contingent liabilities, \$67,437.—V. 115, p. 1427.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

The following news in brief form touches the high points in the railroad and electric railway world during the week just past, together with a summary of the items of greatest interest which were published in full detail in last week's "Chronicle" either under "Editorial Comment" or "Current Events and Discussions."

Anthracite Roads Ready for Hearing on Rates.—Expect to present their evidence in one day at I.-S. C. Commission hearings at Pittsburgh on Sept. 24. "Times" Sept. 14, p. 25.

Wage Increases.—Missouri Pacific grants increase to 5,000 clerks, but terms of agreement were not made public. "Boston Financial News" Sept. 13, p. 7.

New York Central grants 21,252 mechanics and helpers increases ranging from 1 to 3 cents per hour. Signal department and clerical employees were also granted increases. "Wall Street Journal" Sept. 8, p. 9.

Seaboard Air Line grants increase of 2 cents an hour to 2,700 shopmen effective as of Aug. 1. "Wall Street Journal" Sept. 8, p. 9.

Surplus Cars.—Although the loading of revenue freight for the week of Sept. 1 amounted to 1,092,567 cars, the greatest number for any one week in history, the railroads of the United States had on that date 66,559 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service if required, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the car service division of the American Railway Association. Reports also showed that on that date the reported car shortage amounted only to 9,441 cars for the country as a whole.

The number of surplus freight cars was a decrease of 8,358 since Aug. 2, while there was an increase during the same period of 1,751 in the reported car shortage.

Surplus box cars in good repair totaled 51,922, a decrease since Aug. 22 of 5,274 cars, while there also was a decrease of 1,576 cars in the number of surplus coal cars in good repair, which brought the total for that class of equipment to 3,922.

Surplus stock cars totaled 2,040, an increase of 552 in slightly more than one week, while surplus refrigerator cars amounted to 7,745, a decrease within the same period of 846.

Car Shortage.—Of the total car shortage of 9,441 on Sept. 1, 2,622 were box cars, or an increase of 405 cars over the reported shortage in that class of equipment on Aug. 22. The shortage in coal cars amounted to 4,891, an increase of 1,317 since Aug. 22, while the shortage in stock cars was only 243, or an increase of 106, within the same period.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Sept. 8.—(a) Railroad development and indispensable service, (editorial), p. 1058. (b) Railroads facing crisis in struggle against United States control, according to National Industrial Conference Board, p. 1088.

Alaska Government Roads.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Alaska Government Roads for year ended June 30, 1923 and 1922. Categories include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Miscellaneous, and Total revenue.

—V. 116, p. 2635.

Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic RR.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has announced a valuation of \$23,245,257 for the road as the "final single sum value" as a basis for rate making.

The Commission declared that in determination of a value for rate making purposes "we are not limited and cannot be confined to a mere formula." The Atlanta is a property, according to the Commission, that has been a consistent loser, yet it was contended that its valuation could not be based on a consideration of the "junk worth" inasmuch as the property was rendering a distinct service to the territory traversed.

"The final single sum value which we have ascertained for the property of the carrier," the decision said, "is based on a careful consideration of all the relevant facts that have come to our attention. It is, in our judgment, a value which we are authorized by the Valuation Act to ascertain and report. It is fair value of the property which the carrier holds for and uses in the service of transportation and upon which it is entitled to earn a fair return."—V. 117, p. 438.

Aurora Elgin & Chicago RR.—Sale.—

Representatives of the 1st Mtge. bondholders bought the Fox River Division of the road for \$1,700,000 at a public sale at Geneva, Ill.—V. 117, p. 322.

Boston & Maine RR.—Solicits Proxies.—

The stockholders' protective association, through its President, Edward F. Brown, is soliciting proxies from B. & M. stockholders "to promote the cause of independence of the road." E. D. Codman has consented to act as agent or attorney for all stockholders who may care to deposit their stock.

Mr. Codman says: "The property ought to be continued independent and prove its worth and no consolidation sale or lease ought to be considered on terms less than true value, which, in my opinion, is not less than \$100 a share for the Common stock." Mr. Codman declares there is a battle on between great trunk lines for control of Boston & Maine traffic.—V. 117, p. 1016, 892.

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp.—Jury Clears Company Officials.—Reports No Grounds for Indictment for Elevated Accident that Cost Eight Lives.—

The Grand Jury that investigated the wreck on the Fifth Avenue elevated line on June 25, when two cars plunged to the street at Atlantic and Flatbush avenues, Brooklyn, killing eight passengers and injuring many others, submitted its report to County Judge Hascell in Brooklyn Sept. 10. The report clears the company of any charge of criminal negligence in connection with the accident. The jury stated that its exhaustive investigation and examination of more than 100 witnesses had failed to show any criminal negligence or any evidence sufficient to indict any person.

The traveling public must be provided with the maximum degree of possible safety, the Grand Jury says in its findings. It recommends, to this end, a more intelligent inspection of tracks, equipment and structure by increased forces of inspectors, with certain forms of structural improvements tending to minimize similar fatal accidents. A double bonus to inspectors is recommended for the discovery of any defect which may cause an accident.

Closer co-operation between the Transit Commission and railway officials is advised, and it is further recommended that orders issued by the Commission regarding operation and equipment be met with prompt compliance.—V. 117, p. 1016, 892.

Bryan (Tex.) & College Traction Co.—Organized.—

This company (formerly the Bryan & College Interurban Ry.) has been chartered in Texas to operate the 7-mile line which connects Bryan with

College Station. There are four motor cars used on the line (V. 117, p. 552). Directors of the new company are: Eugene Edge, President; E. H. Astin, Vice-President; J. M. Gordon, Treasurer; James Sullivan, Secretary; F. C. Bolton; W. Wipprecht; John M. Lawrence; J. Webb Howell, and George Chance.—V. 117, p. 552.

Chicago Ottawa & Peoria (Elec.) Ry.—To Operate Buses. The Illinois Commerce Commission has authorized the company to abandon operation of 3 1/2 miles of track between Hick's Junction and the village of Ladd, Ill., contingent upon the company arranging to supply adequate service by bus between Spring Valley and Ladd, which it has already agreed to do.—"Electric Railway Journal,"—V. 113, p. 291.

Cimarron & Northwestern Ry.—Abandonment.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Aug. 29 issued a certificate authorizing the abandonment, as to inter-State and foreign commerce, of a portion of the line of railroad extending in a northwesterly direction from South Ponil to Ponil Park, Colfax County, N. Mex., a distance of 14 miles. Entire line is 22 miles in length and extends from a connection with the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at Cimarron, N. Mex., to its present terminus at Ponil Park. It is proposed to abandon all of this mileage except that between Cimarron and South Ponil. The company represents that there is no further need of the line between South Ponil and Ponil Park as the available supply of timber in that territory is exhausted and no other tonnage can be obtained. There are no bonds, notes, or other indebtedness resting upon any part of the line which would be affected by the proposed amendment.

Columbus Delaware & Marion Elec. Co.—Earnings, &c.

Income and Expenses for Year ended April 30 1923.

Table showing earnings and expenses for Columbus Delaware & Marion Elec. Co. for year ended April 30 1923. Includes Gross income, Operating expenses, Net income, Interest charges, and Balance.

Capitalization and Funded Debt April 30 1923.

Table showing authorized and outstanding capitalization and funded debt for Columbus Delaware & Marion Elec. Co. as of April 30 1923.

Consolidated Power & Light Co.—Definitive Bonds.—

Definitive 1st Mtge. & Ref. Lien S. F. 6 1/2% Gold bonds, Series "A," due March 1 1943, will now be exchanged for temporary bonds at the Bank of North America & Trust Co., City Hall Sq., Phila., or Tucker, Anthony & Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City. (For offering of bonds see V. 116, p. 933.)—V. 116, p. 2766.

Cumberland Ry. & Coal Co.—Tenders.—

The National Trust Co., Ltd., 153 St. James St., Montreal, Que., will until Sept. 24 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, due Oct. 1 1940, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$30,292.—V. 97, p. 1583.

Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.—Control of

Sussex RR.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Aug. 30 authorized the company to acquire control of the railroad and property of the Sussex RR. by lease.

The Sussex company proposes to lease its railroad and other property to the applicant for the full term of the corporate existence of the Sussex company and any and all renewals thereof. The Lackawanna agrees to pay to stockholders of the Sussex company interest at the rate of 2% per annum upon the par value of their stock, and is to assume, pay and discharge all bonds, debts and liabilities of the Sussex company which shall accrue and become payable during the continuance of the lease, and all taxes and assessments upon the property, income or franchises of the Sussex company levied by any governmental authority. The Sussex company covenants to maintain its corporate organization, and upon the request of the Lackawanna but subject in each instance to the approval of any regulatory bodies having jurisdiction, to issue and deliver to the Lackawanna its bonds, stock or other obligations for such amount as may be required by the Lackawanna for the construction and purchase of equipment for said railroad, the construction of buildings and extensions, and for additions and betterments; and such other bonds and securities as may be required, from time to time, to refund or pay the bonds or other obligations therefor as issued, to the same shall mature and become payable. The Lackawanna agrees to pay the interest and principal of all bonds or other obligations issued at its request.

The Lackawanna owns 30,885 shares (par \$50) of the capital stock of the Sussex company out of a total issue of 32,772 shares. The Sussex company has no bonded debt.—V. 117, p. 324.

Denver Tramway Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Denver Tramway Co. for 7 months ending July 31 1923, and accumulative earnings for Dec. 24 1920 to July 31 1923. Categories include Operating revenue, Rental, power, &c., Total, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Miscellaneous income, Gross income, Deductions—Taxes, Franchise payments, Interest on debts, and Net income.

Balance Sheet July 1 1923.

Table showing assets and liabilities for Denver Tramway Co. as of July 1 1923. Assets include Road & equipment, Sinking fund, Miscell., physical prop., 500sh. of C.S. & I. (pledgd), Liberty bonds, Cash, Special deposits, Accounts receivable, Material, supplies, fuel, Interest receivable, Work orders, Job numbers, Other deferred assets, Sec. issued or assumed (pledged), Sec. issued or assumed (unpledged), D. C. T. Co. bonds, Due from assoc. cos. Liabilities include Common stock, Funded debt, Accts. & wages payable, Miscellaneous payable, Matured interest unpaid, Acct. int., div. & rents payable, Deferred liabilities, Tax liabilities, Res. for workmen's liab. & damage claims, Accrued depreciation, Unadjusted credits, Due associated cos., Profit & loss balance.

x Securities issued or assumed (pledged): Bonds Denver City Tramways Co. \$7,550; bonds Denver & Northwestern Ry. \$900; bonds Denver Tramways Terminal Co. \$18,000.—V. 116, p. 2128, 1760, 1176, 1049, 720.—V. 115, p. 1099; V. 114, p. 1890.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—To Oppose Plan.—

It is stated that the bondholders' committee of the Rio Grande Southern RR. is preparing to appear before the I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 3 to oppose the approval of the reorganization plan on the ground that no provision has been made under the plan to care for the Rio Grande Southern, a railroad of 162 miles, from Ridgeway to Durango, Col., which has its only outlet through the Denver & Rio Grande.

Since the reorganization plan has been presented to the public, it is said, a number of overtures have been made to the Denver & Rio Grande by the bondholders of the Rio Grande Southern, but no assurance has been received that their interests would be protected. Preparations have been made, therefore, to present the case to the I.-S. C. Commission.

The total assets of the railroad are approximately \$10,000,000. The Western Pacific owns practically all of the Common stock and \$1,750,000 of the 4% bonds due in 1940. The bondholders' committee, which is pre-









Butte & Superior Mining Co.—Dividend Omitted.—

The directors on Sept. 10 voted to omit the quarterly dividend due at this time. The company paid a dividend of 50 cents a share on June 30 1923.

Cadillac Motor Car Co.—Prices—New Model.—

The company has advanced prices \$100 to \$260 a car. The new prices are: Touring car, \$2,985; coupe, \$3,950, and sedan, \$4,150.

California-Oregon Power Co.—New Financing.—

The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for authority to issue \$1,000,000 Series "B" 6% bonds, the proceeds to be used to retire coming maturities and for new construction.—V. 116, p. 2888.

Calumet & Hecla Consol. Copper Co.—Listing, &c.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of temporary interchangeable certificates for \$50,137,550 (authorized, \$62,500,000) Capital Stock, par \$25, upon official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding certificates of Ahmeek Mining Co., Allouez Mining Co., Calumet & Hecla Mining Co., Centennial Copper Mining Co. and Osceola Consolidated Mining Co. (as per plan in V. 117, p. 557).

Under the laws of Michigan, the company acquired all of the properties and assets of the five consolidating companies (except the cash payments, aggregating approximately \$1,545,000, to be made to the stockholders of Ahmeek Mining Co., Calumet & Hecla Mining Co. and Osceola Consolidated Mining Co., as set forth in the plan).

Statement of Production Costs & Earnings per Books of Cal. & Hecla Min. Co.

Table with columns: Production Costs, June 1923, Jan-June 1923. Rows include Copper produced, Through milling, Smelting and refining, Boston office, Taxes.

Table with columns: Depreciation, Depletion, June 1923, Jan-June 1923.

Table with columns: Copper not sold Jan. 1 1923, Copper produced, 16.55c, 753,574, 16.87c, \$4,441,892.

Table with columns: Copper delivered, 33,142,132 lbs., 16,197,268 lbs., \$5,445,973, 2,588,164.

Table with columns: Copp. on hand June 30 '23, 16,944,864 lbs., \$2,857,810.

Earnings Statement—

Received for copper sold & delivered 16,197,268 lbs. + 15.74c. \$2,549,902

Cost of same as above 15.98c. \$2,588,164

Selling and delivery .48c. 77,036

Loss on copper delivered .72c. \$115,297

Miscellaneous receipts: Custom smelting, \$69,154; dividends, \$356,784; interest, \$49,848; sundries, \$34,772; total \$510,561

Miscellaneous charges 147,037

Gain for year to date \$248,226

Statement of Production Costs & Earnings per Books Ahmeek Mining Co.

Table with columns: Production Costs, June 1923, Jan-June 1923. Rows include Copper produced, Through milling, Smelting and refining, Boston office, Taxes.

Table with columns: Depreciation, Depletion, June 1923, Jan-June 1923.

Table with columns: Copper on hand Jan. 1 1923, Copper produced in 1923, 2,906,768 lbs., 12,607,349 lbs., \$375,387, 1,483,028.

Table with columns: Copper delivered in 1923, 15,514,117 lbs., 7,337,888 lbs., \$1,858,415, 896,487.

Table with columns: Copper on hand June 30 1923, 8,176,229 lbs., \$961,928.

Earnings Statement—

Received for copper sold & delivered in 1923 7,337,888 lbs. @ 15.74c. \$1,154,720

Cost of same as above 12.22c. \$896,487

Selling and delivery .48c. 34,873

Gain on copper delivered 3.04c. \$223,361

Miscellaneous receipts: Interest, \$13,631; sundries, \$11,011. \$24,642

Miscellaneous charges 10,793

Net gain for year to date \$237,210

Projected Balance Sheet as of June 30 1923 (Cal. & Hecla Cons. Copper Co.).

[After giving effect to consolidation of above five companies.]

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Cash in banks and on hand, U. S. Govt. securities, Liberty Loan bonds, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Inventories, Stock in other companies, Mineral deposits, Lands and timber, Other assets, Deferred charges, Total, Liabilities, Accounts payable, Mine taxes payable, Reserve for contingencies, Capital stock, Surplus.

Total \$73,166,916

The Boston Stock Exchange has also authorized the listing of stock of the above company.—V.117, p. 672.

Canadian Locomotive Co., Ltd.—New President—Unfilled Orders, &c.—

F. G. Wallace, President has resigned and has been succeeded by Aemilius Jarvis, Chairman of the board. Mr. Wallace remains on the board.

The statement of Chairman Aemilius Jarvis to the shareholders says: "We are pleased to report that the company's plant is again in full operation. Following a shut down of over 20 months, we were successful in obtaining a repair order last fall enabling us to gather our organization so that when orders for new locomotives were placed, the plant was in operation. Very little of the profits from his new business has entered into the current year."

"We have unfilled orders on hand approximating \$2,300,000. From the operating profits, together with the income from our investments, we have

been enabled to show an operating profit for the year of \$7,401 87 over charges for the shut down period, leaving our surplus after payment of bonds interest at \$1,007,337. —V. 116, p. 300.

Canadian Woollens, Ltd.—Balance Sheet June 30.—

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Cash, Bills & accts. rec., Inventories, Inv. in other companies, Deferred assets, Prop., plt. & equip, Proc., tr.-mks. & goodwill, Bk. of Montreal, bills payable, Bills payable trade, Accounts payable, Deferred liabilities, Surplus, 7% Pref. stock, Common stock, Govt. tax reserve, Depreciation res., Res. for bad debts and discount, Res. for redemp. of.

Total (each side) \$5,118,689 \$5,038,834

Note.—Contingent liability in respect to bills receivable discounted, nil.

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 117, p. 1131.

Carroll Foundry & Machine Tool Co., Cleveland, O.

—Name Changed—Capital Increased.—

The stockholders have ratified a change in name to the Bucyrus Road Machinery Co., and have also increased the authorized Common stock from 10,000 to 25,000 shares of no par value and the Preferred stock from 5,000 to 7,000 shares, par \$100.

The new company plans to offer in the near future \$200,000 of Preferred stock, the proceeds of which will be used as working capital.

\$134,000 of the Pref. stock has been retired. The company now has outstanding \$566,000 of Pref. stock in addition to the Common stock and \$200,000 of bonds.

Officers and directors of the new company are: E. L. Frantz, Chairman; W. E. Mathew, President; H. D. Jones, V.-Pres.; George H. Lavan, Sec., R. B. Washburn, Treas.; C. D. Frantz and Edward Gledhill.

Central Manufacturing District, Inc., Los Angeles.—

Guaranteed Bonds Offered.—Hunter-Dulin & Co., Los Angeles, Blyth, Witter & Co., New York and Citizens National Bank, Los Angeles, are offering at prices to yield 6½% \$1,750,000 1st Mtge. Real Estate Improvement Bonds Series "A" 6% (see advertising pages).

Dated July 1, 1923. Due serially July 1 1926-38. Authorized \$10,000,000. Series "A" (this issue) \$1,750,000. Deomm. \$1,000, \$500, and \$100. Interest payable J. & J. at the Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, or Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee, or American National Bank, San Francisco, without deduction for normal Federal Income Tax not exceeding 2%. Callable all or part on 30 days' notice at 105 and interest on any int. date.

Data from letter of Mr. H. E. Poronto, President of the Company.

Business.—The Central Manufacturing District of Los Angeles is an industrial organization which furnishes sites and plants to diversified industries. It is closely modeled after the Central Manufacturing District of Chicago. The same personnel which has successfully developed and operated the Central Manufacturing District of Chicago, the Chicago Union Stock Yards, and the Chicago Junction Ry. is in charge of all operations of the Central Manufacturing District of Los Angeles. The Executives in charge of Los Angeles operations include J. A. Spoor, A. G. Leonard, H. E. Poronto and Richard Fitzgerald.

Property.—The property of the Central Manufacturing District of Los Angeles comprises 200 acres located in what is known as the East Los Angeles Industrial Section. The District is directly in line with the industrial expansion towards Los Angeles Harbor and on the direct line of the railroads leading to the harbor, which makes it a most desirable location for industries receiving and shipping through that port.

Security.—Secured on all real properties of the company now or hereafter owned from the proceeds of sales of bonds or mortgaged property. The properties of the Central Manufacturing District, Inc., upon completion of the financing, have been appraised at \$5,234,412.65.

Estimated Earnings.—For the 12 months ending July 1, 1924, it is estimated that the consolidated net earnings before bond interest of the Central Manufacturing District, Inc., and of the Los Angeles Corp. (the guarantor company) will exceed \$290,000 or over 2¼ times the maximum interest charges on this issue of bonds.

Guaranty.—Bonds will be unconditionally guaranteed principal and interest by the Los Angeles Corp., which, upon completion of this financing, will have a net worth of \$6,284,961. The Los Angeles Corp. is a holding company owning all the issued stock of the Central Manufacturing District, Inc., the Los Angeles Union Stock Yards and the Los Angeles Junction Ry. It also possesses substantial stock holdings in the Southwest State Bank, the Central Manufacturing District Terminal Co. and other concerns.

Improvements.—The Los Angeles property is now being improved with the following modern fireproof structures: an 8-story tower and office building, 6-story terminal building with 1,000,000 sq. feet of floor space; plants now being erected by the District for the Southwest Lumber & Supply Co., the Globe Soap Co. and Cement Products Co.; besides various buildings of the Federal Refrigerating Co., representing an investment of over \$2,000,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to complete improvements now under construction and contemplated on the property and to refund present indebtedness.

Chicago Nipple Mfg. Co.—Par Value Changed.—

The stockholders on Sept. 7 authorized a change in the par value of the Class "A" and Class "B" stocks from \$10 to \$50 per share. This action reduced the total share capitalization from 500,000 shares, par \$10, to 100,000 shares, par \$50 each, of which 30,000 Class "A" and 30,000 Class "B" shares are outstanding, but the actual capitalization is in no way affected.

The company's business during August is said to establish a new high record, the increase being attributed to the extension of the company's activities into pipe fabrication for refrigeration and other purposes.

The company has acquired a building on First St., Baltimore, Md., adjoining its local branch plant, and will install equipment at an early date for increased output. This, it is stated, represents the start of expansion in the Baltimore works since established a number of months ago.

The \$50 par value Class "A" and Class "B" stock trust certificates have been admitted to trading on the New York Curb Market. The Class "A" stock sold ex-dividend, Sept. 14, the dividend being due and payable Oct. 1 1923.

Certificates should be presented to the Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y., the company's transfer agent, 37 Wall St., N. Y. City, for the purpose of making the exchange.—V. 117, p. 1020.

Coca-Cola Co.—Acquisition.—

The company has purchased the property known as 259-271 Tenth Ave., N. Y. City, consisting of 5 4-story buildings and a vacant lot on the west side of the avenue between 25th and 26th streets. The company is now located on West 27th St., N. Y. City.—V. 117, p. 1132.

Columbia Motors Co., Detroit.—Reduces Prices.—

The company has reduced the price of its special touring model from \$1,095 to \$995. The company also announced that a new model called the "Hollywood" touring was in production. The price will be \$1,195.—V. 117, p. 1132, 329.

Columbia Steel Co., Elyria, O.—New Co. Organized.—

See Elyria Iron & Steel Co. below.—V. 116, p. 940.

Connecticut Light & Power Co.—Tenders.—

The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will, until Sept. 25 receive bids for the sale to it of First & Ref. Mctg. gold bonds, Series A, dated May 1 1921, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$81,770, at a price not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 116, p. 620, 519.

Consolidated Telephone Co., Hazleton, Pa.—Reorganization Plan.—

A reorganization plan dated Aug. 1 1923 has been announced and is being submitted to the security holders for approval. Over 50% of all outstanding bonds and more than two-thirds of the capital stock has been deposited under the plan.

The reorganization committee consists of Alvin Markle, Harry C. Trexler, Edward M. Young, George R. Bedford, Louis A. Watres, with Edward M. Prisk, Sec., Hazleton, Pa., and Butz & Rupp, Counsel.

**Depositories.**—The Markle Banking & Trust Co., Lehigh Valley Trust Co., the Allentown National Bank.

The company is the successor of a number of independent telephone companies. Competition has now led to the construction of dual lines with resultant economic waste. Throughout the territory served by the company, service is also rendered by the Bell Telephone Co. of Pa., and a considerable duplication of lines and systems has thereby resulted. These companies, believing that both they and the public would be benefited thereby, have entered into a written agreement for the purpose of providing for a re-arrangement of territory between them so that each company shall, after such rearrangement shall have been perfected, furnish, through a single system, complete universal local and long distance service within the territory which is therein assigned to and set apart for it.

The Consolidated company and the Bell company have tentatively agreed upon the consideration to be paid (a) for the property which the former is to transfer to the latter and located in the territory which is to be assigned exclusively to the latter; and (b) for the property which the Bell company is to transfer to the Consolidated company and located in the territory which is to be assigned exclusively to the Consolidated company.

It is estimated that the differential in favor of the Bell company, after deducting the consideration referred to in (a) from the consideration referred to in (b) will approximate the sum of \$1,750,000 and provision will have to be made for the payment or settlement of such differential if said division of territory is to be carried into effect. Provision will also have to be made for the transfer to the Bell company, clear of all liens, of the property of the Consolidated company located in the territory to be assigned to the Bell company. It is the purpose of this plan to provide the way whereby the existing agreement between the two companies can be consummated.

#### Consolidated Telephone Co. Securities Now Outstanding.

1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds due Dec. 1 1953	\$1,305,100
Inc. Mtge. Gold bonds due Dec. 1 1953	x1,982,500
Lehigh Telephone Co. 1st Mtge. 5% extended to May 1 1924	105,000
Lackawanna Telephone Co. 1st Mtge. Gold bonds due May 1 '30	25,000
Peoples Telephone Co. 1st Mtge. Gold bonds due July 1 1929	27,000
Honesdale Telephone Co. 1st Mtge. 5% due 1934	40,000
Stock of Consolidated Telephone Co. (par \$100)	2,500,000

x Interest accruals: Coupons Nos. 4 to 38, both inclusive, covering the period from March 1 1915 to Sept. 1 1923.

**Controlled Companies.**—The following companies are controlled by the Consolidated Telephone Co. through stock ownership: (1) Honesdale Telephone Co., capital stock, \$40,000 (pledged with first mortgage trustee of Consolidated Telephone Co.). The charter territory of the Honesdale company lies within the territory from which the Consolidated company is to withdraw and provision will have to be made for the transfer to the Bell company, clear of all liens, of all of the physical property of the Honesdale company and of such of its franchises and appurtenant rights as the Bell company may want to acquire, and the liquidation of the Honesdale company may become necessary.

(2) Easton Telephone Co., Easton & Bethlehem Telephone Co., Warren Telephone Co. None of these companies has a bonded debt, but two of them have a mortgage indebtedness. All of their capital stock and mortgage indebtedness is held and owned by the Consolidated company. These companies operate in territory to be assigned to the Consolidated company except that the Warren Telephone Co. also operates in Warren County, N. J.

No other company, whose capital stock is held by the Consolidated company either wholly or in part, is intended to be dealt with under this plan and all holders of any of the securities thereof are excluded from any share or benefit thereunder.

**New Company.**—A new company will be formed in Pennsylvania, or an existing charter or company will be used for the purpose of reorganization. The first board of directors of the new company will be named by the reorganization committee.

**New Capitalization.**—It is proposed that the new company shall authorize the following classes of securities:

(1) **1st & Ref. Mtge. Gold Bonds.**—Total amount of bonds to be issued under mortgage is not to be limited. Bonds may be for various principal sums and are to be issuable in series at different times, with interest at different rates, &c., as directors may determine. The initial issue will be designated as Series "A" and limited to \$2,750,000 at any one time outstanding. Series "A" bonds shall mature 25 years after date, redeemable all or part at any interest date after 60 days notice at 105 and interest. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, shall bear interest at rate of 5% per annum. Interest payable without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Series "A" bonds shall also contain a provision requiring new company to pay to the trustee semi-annually the sum of \$37,500 as a sinking fund to be applied to the redemption of said bonds at 105 and interest.

**Capital Stock.**—New company shall have an initial capital stock of sufficient size to enable it to provide through the sale or disposition thereof for the payment of the differential due the Bell company, the costs of the reorganization and of carrying this plan into effect and the unification of the property in the territory to be assigned to it for its exclusive use. It is estimated that it will need for these purposes about \$3,250,000.

**Cash Requirements.**—The reorganization committee has entered into an agreement whereby enough stock has been disposed of at par to insure the payment of the Bell company differential, the unification of the property in the exclusive territory of the new company and the payment of the costs and expenses incident to its reorganization and the carrying out of this plan. It is, therefore, expected that the new company will be saved the expense of an underwriting of its immediate cash requirements. If, however, the present arrangements shall fail, the committee is authorized to organize a syndicate to guarantee the furnishing of the necessary cash.

#### Exchange of Old Securities for New Bonds.

First & Ref. Mtge. Gold Bonds, Series "A," of the new company are intended to be distributed to participants in the plan substantially as follows:

To depositing holders of 1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds of the Consolidated Co., an amount equal to the par value of the bonds deposited	\$1,305,100
To depositing holders of Income Mtge. Gold bonds of the Consolidated Co. (\$1,982,500 in hands of public) an amount equal to 50% of the par value of the bonds deposited	991,250
To depositing holders of Lehigh Telephone 1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds, an amount equal to the par value of the bonds deposited	105,000
To depositing holders of Peoples Telephone Co. 1st Mtge. bonds, an amount equal to the par value of the bonds deposited	27,000
To depositing holders of Lackawanna Telephone Co. 1st Mtge. bonds, an amount equal to the par value of the bonds deposited	25,000
To depositing holders of Honesdale Telephone Co. 1st Mtge. bonds, an amount equal to the par value of the bonds deposited	40,000
To depositing holders of the stock of the Consolidated Telephone Co., an amount equal to \$10 for every share of stock deposited	250,000
To be sold, if necessary, and the proceeds to be used towards carrying the plan into effect (any bonds or the proceeds thereof not needed to be placed in the treasury of the new company)	6,650
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,750,000</b>

It is the intent that holders of Inc. Mtge. Gold bonds of the Consolidated company shall receive \$1 in 1st & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, Series "A," of the new company for every \$2 of the principal of said Inc. Mtge. Gold bonds deposited by them and nothing additional for the interest coupons commencing with and subsequent to No. 4 originally attached to said bonds. It is also the intent that the depositing holders of 1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds of the Consolidated company, as well as the depositing holders of all bonds underlying the same, as well as all the depositing holders of Honesdale Telephone Co. 1st Mtge. bonds, shall receive for every dollar of principal of deposited bonds an equal amount in 1st & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, Series "A," of the new company, and that they shall receive the interest which may accrue on the deposited bonds to the date of the new bonds in cash. All matured coupons shall be deposited in connection with and at the time of the deposit of the bonds themselves.—V. 117, p. 898.

#### Continental Can Co.—Acquisition.

The company has purchased the can and tube departments of the National Can Co. of Detroit.

The National Can Co. in future will retain the buildings and will manufacture automobile radiators exclusively. The purchase price was not made public.

Effective Nov. 1 the company will remove its offices from Syracuse, N. Y., to the Pershing Square Bldg., N. Y. City.—V. 117, p. 673.

#### Detroit Motor Bus Co.—New Financing.

The company has applied to the Michigan P. U. Commission for authority to issue \$750,000 of securities, the proceeds to be used to finance additional lines and improve stations and equipments.—V. 116, p. 2999.

#### Dolores Esperanza Corporation.—Dividend Omitted.

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 2½% due in October. An official statement says: "The directors deemed it inadvisable to continue payments at this time because of the low prices now quoted for silver and the fact that they are engaged in a comprehensive development plan. The directors considered that the interests of the stockholders would be best served by devoting the operating profits to further development work on the company's property."

The corporation in July 1922 paid an initial dividend of 2½% and further disbursements of 2½% each in Oct. 1922 and Jan., April and July 1923. This corporation was incorporated in Maine in 1919 and succeeded by reorganization the Mines Co. of America. (See V. 108, p. 1393, 385.)

#### Eastern Rolling Mill Co.—Back Dividends.

The directors have declared a dividend of 4% on the Preferred stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15. This payment covers two quarterly dividends of 2% each for the periods ending Sept. 30 and Dec. 31, 1922. This payment will on Oct. 1, 1923, leave 6% back dividends still due on the Preferred stock.—V. 116, p. 2771.

#### Edison Electric Illuminating Co., Boston.—Financing.

The stockholders on Sept. 10 authorized an application to be made to the Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities for authority to issue 64,881 shares additional Capital stock for the purpose of realizing funds to be applied to the payment of liabilities for additions to and extensions of the plant and property. This action increases the authorized Capital stock from 324,403 shares (all outstanding) to 389,284 shares, par \$100.

The previous issue of new stock was 54,067 shares at \$150 a share, which was approved on Nov. 25 1922 (V. 115, p. 2587). In Oct. 1921 an issue of 45,506 shares was made at \$130 a share.

The company has applied to the Mass. Dept. of P. U. for authority to issue 64,881 shares of new stock. A hearing will be held Oct. 1.—V. 117, p. 1020.

#### Edmunds & Jones Corp.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of 50 cents a share has been declared on the Common stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 20. Like amounts were paid on the Common stock on July 1 last.—V. 116, p. 2771.

#### Elyria (O.) Iron & Steel Co.—New Power Co.

A new company, known as the Columbia-Elyria Power Co. has been organized by the Elyria Iron & Steel Co. and the Columbia Steel Co. to construct and operate a power plant to supply power to the two steel companies. H. B. Wicks is President of the new company.—V. 112, p. 748.

#### Famous Players-Lasky Corporation.—Earnings, &c.

The corporation in its consolidated statement (which includes the earnings of subsidiary companies owned 90% or more) reports for the six months ended June 30 1923 net operating profits of \$1,891,048, after deducting all charges and reserves for Federal Income and other taxes. After allowing for payment of dividends on the Preferred stock, the above earnings are at the annual rate of \$13.24 on the Common stock outstanding.

On Sept. 10 1923 the directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on the Preferred stock, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15; the books will not close.—V. 117, p. 673.

#### Farmers Manufacturing Co. of Va.—Bonds Offered.

Dillon, Read & Co. are offering at 98 and int., \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. 20-Year 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1923. Due Sept. 1 1943. A sinking fund will be provided to retire the entire issue at 105 and interest by semi-annual call by lot, beginning March 1 1924. Authorized and issued, \$1,500,000. Denom. \$1,000\*. Prin. and int. payable in New York without deduction for Federal normal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Pennsylvania four-mill tax refunded. Callable, all or part on any interest date at 105 and interest. Brooklyn Trust Co., trustee.

#### Data from Letter of President R. W. Wilmer.

**Company.**—Incorporated in Virginia in 1887 with a capital of \$25,000. Has solely through re-investment in the business of surplus earnings, after payment of substantial dividends to stockholders, grown to its present position with total tangible assets carried at more than \$4,500,000. Company is to-day the largest manufacturer in the United States of wooden containers and packages used in the packing of fruits and vegetables for shipment to market, having manufactured in 1922 more than 40,000,000 small baskets alone. The volume of agricultural food products grown and shipped within the area served is steadily increasing. Principal plants are located at Norfolk and Suffolk, Va., and Severn, No. Caro., with 55 assembling and distributing plants situated in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and New York.

Company is steadily adding to its timber reserves when advantageously obtainable. Its present holdings alone are sufficient to assure continued plant operation at the current rate for approximately 15 years.

**Profits.**—Company's operations have shown a profit each year since incorporation 35 years ago.

**Net Earnings After Deducting Interest Paid, Depreciation and Depletion (Based on Cost of Properties) and all Operating Charges, but Before Federal Taxes—Years ended Aug. 31.**

Year	Net Earnings
1918	\$385,834
1919	\$326,569
1920	251,492
1921	332,085
1922	611,281
1923	317,779

x Ten months ended June 30.

#### Balance Sheet June 30 1923.

After giving effect to recapitalization and to appraisals and valuations of plants, equipment and timber rights by independent engineers.]

Assets	Liabilities
Timber rights	8% Cum. Pref. stock
Plants and equipment	Common stock, 100,000 shares (no par)
Patents (less amortization)	1st Mtge. 7% bonds
Investment in affil. cos.	Accounts payable
Inventories	Prov. for Federal taxes
Notes receivable	Prov. for contingencies
Accounts receivable	Capital surplus
Marketable securities	Earned surplus
Cash	
Deferred charges	

Total \$4,593,486 Total \$4,593,486

Net tangible assets, as shown above, after deducting all liabilities except these bonds, are \$4,328,950, equal to \$2.886 per bond. Current assets are nearly six times current liabilities. By Aug. 31 1923, through normal seasonal liquidation of accounts receivable, cash on hand had increased to \$390,000.

#### Foundation Co.—Earnings 7 Mos. Ended July 31.

(Includes Foundation Co. and its wholly owned subsidiaries, the Foundation Co., Ltd. (Canada.) The Foundation Co. of Canada, Ltd., and the Construction Equipment Co., Ltd.)

Item	1923	1922
Profit on contracts	\$584,322	\$415,012
Other income	40,735	31,393

Gross profits	\$625,057	\$446,405
General expense	462,264	455,364

Net income of combined companies \$162,795 def\$8,959  
The surplus account July 31 1923 shows: Surplus as of Dec. 31 1922, \$2,102,712; Add Reduction of tax reserve, \$25,000; net income 7 months ended July 31 1923, \$162,795; total, \$2,290,507. Dividends paid, \$144,490. Profit and loss surplus July 31 1923, \$2,146,018.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

[Includes the Foundation Co. and its wholly owned subsidiaries, the Foundation Co., Ltd. (Canada), the Foundation Co. of Canada, Ltd., and Construction Equipment Co.]

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, July 31 '23, Dec. 31 '22. Rows include Real est., bldgs., furniture & fix., plant & equip., Patents, Good-will, Secur. owned, &c., Cash, Accounts & notes receivable, Material & supplies, Cash reserved for stock liquidation, Deferred accounts.

a Real estate and buildings, \$973,607; furniture and fixtures, \$7,244; plant and equipment, \$1,048,617; less depreciation, \$353,575. b Accounts receivable, \$2,207,272; notes receivable, \$115,067; total, \$2,322,340; less reserve for bad debts, \$27,500. c Material and supplies carried at 66 2-3% of cost, \$301,516; less reserve, \$50,000. d Stated capital, without par value.—V. 117, p. 1133.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—Acquisition.—

A dispatch from Houghton, Mich., states that the company has purchased the logging town of Pequaming, Baraga County, Upper Peninsula of Michigan, from Charles Hebard & Sons, Inc. The deal includes a large saw-mill, railroad and rolling stock, towing outfits, logging equipment and also includes 400,000 acres of timber land.—V. 117, p. 1133.

Gardner Motor Co., St. Louis.—Earnings.—

The company in July last is reported to have earned approximately \$6,500 after charges, bringing total earnings for the seven months ended July 31 last to \$116,629, or approximately 75c. per share on the outstanding 155,000 shares of capital stock, no par value.—V. 117, p. 445.

General Electric Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Oct. 15 1923 of \$5,988,500 additional Special stock (authorized \$35,000,000) par \$10 each, on official notice of issuance as a 5% stock dividend payable Oct. 15 to stock of record of Sept. 5, making the total amount applied for \$17,716,800.—V. 117, p. 1020.

General Motors Corp.—Oakland Cars—Booklet.—

The Oakland division of General Motors Corp. has announced revised prices on its new models at reductions of from \$50 to \$150. The new prices are: Touring car, \$945; sport, \$1,095; business coupe, \$1,195; 4-passenger coupe, \$1,345; 5-passenger sedan, \$1,395.

With the common stock dividend checks payable Sept. 12 was mailed this message to shareholders from President Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.:

"It has been the custom to enclose with dividend checks a booklet keeping our shareholders informed upon the activities of General Motors. The most important development at this time is the announcement of the new line of passenger cars for the 1923-1924 selling season.

"The short lapse of time between the announcements of these new models and the mailing of the enclosed dividend check made it impossible to enclose the booklet. It will, however, be mailed to you at an early date.

[The Chevrolet Motor Car Co. is reported to have produced 48,000 cars in August against 41,000 in July. September production calls for 2,200 cars a day.]—V. 117, p. 1133, 673.

Gill Mfg. Co. of Ill.—Dividend No. 2.—

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 50c. a share, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 20. An initial dividend of a like amount was paid July 2 last.—V. 116, p. 2771.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Canada, Ltd.—

Declares Regular Dividends.—

The directors have declared the quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the Preferred and of 1 1/2% on the Prior Preference stock, both payable Oct. 3 to holders of record Sept. 15. It is stated that owing to the unsettled general business and financial conditions the directors thought it inadvisable notwithstanding the financial position of the company, to declare payment of dividends in arrears on the Preferred stock at this time.—V. 116, p. 2771.

Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.—Sale Confirmed.—

Judge Anderson in the Federal District Court at Boston has confirmed the sale of the entire assets of the company to A. Stanley North for \$500,000, who represented a creditors' committee. The property will be turned over to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., Ltd., which is a reorganization of the old company.

The Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., Ltd., has notified the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations that the 26,000 shares of Common of \$5 par value have been changed to an equal number without par value.—V. 117, p. 1133.

Gray & Davis, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: Net sales, Factory cost, Administrative expenses, Interest charges, Other deductions (net), Sundry charges applicable to prior years, Expenses in connection with new 10-year bond issue Aug. 1 1922, Net profit after all charges. Rows for 1923 and 1922.

Great Western Sugar Co.—Annual Report.—

Net earnings for the fiscal year ended Feb. 28 1923 were \$5,829,113 after deducting \$1,050,000 for Preferred dividends paid.—V. 116, p. 2643.

Gulf Oil Corp.—To Offer Stock to Employees.—

The company has completed plans whereby employees can subscribe for shares of the corporation. The plan will go into effect Oct. 1. The price at which the stock will be offered to employees will be governed by the price of the shares in the open market. No new stock issue is contemplated.—V. 116, p. 2889.

Hartman Corporation, Chicago.—New Officer.—

David May, a director of the company and Chairman of the May Department Stores, has been elected Chairman of the Board.—V. 117, p. 1134, 674.

Household Products Co.—Earnings.—

The company earned in the 6 months ended June 30 1923 net income of \$1,160,000, after taxes and depreciation.—V. 117, p. 446.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Shipments—Earnings.—

The company in August last, produced 10,095 Hudson and Essex cars, compared with 9,600 cars in July.

Net profits for the 7-months ended June 30 1923, it is stated, approximated \$6,000,000, or \$5 a share. (Compare V. 116, p. 2889).—V. 117, p. 899.

Humble Oil & Refining Co.—Anti-Trust Suit.—

Pres. W. S. Farish in a statement to stockholders relative to suit by State of Texas, alleging violation of anti-trust laws, states that the suit is based on the contention that the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey's ownership of more than 50% of Humble Oil stock constitutes a "doing business" in the State of Texas on the part of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. Mr. Farish says: "Our attorneys are firmly of the opinion that the legal conclusion of the Attorney-General is wrong and this difference of opinion constitutes the issue to be tried. It may not be amiss to say here that the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey has never, through its ownership of stock or otherwise, sought to control or manage the affairs of Humble Oil & Refining Co."

Pres. Farish states there has been no concealment or denial of this stock ownership by the Standard Oil of N. J., and that the Attorney-General's department has at all times been fully advised of the facts, which have been

public since the purchase of the stock in Feb. 1919. At that time, he states, attorneys for both companies concluded it was entirely legal for Stantard Oil to purchase and hold the stock.—V. 117, p. 1021.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Dividends.—

The company has declared an interim dividend of 1 1/2% on the Ordinary stock, payable Sept. 27 and a semi-annual dividend of 3% on the Preference stock, payable Sept. 29. An interim dividend of 1 1/2% was paid on the Ordinary stock in June last.—V. 117, p. 786.

International Agricultural Corporation.—Plan for Readjustment of Debt and Capitalization.—

The stockholders will vote Oct. 3 on approving a plan for the readjustment of the debt and capitalization of the corporation. Bank creditors to the required extent have already accepted the plan.

The plan provides in brief as follows:

(1) The capital stock will be reclassified so as to consist of \$10,000,000 of Prior Preference Cumulative 7% Preferred Stock and 450,000 shares of Common Stock of no par value.

(2) It is contemplated that the reorganized company will start business with no debt of any kind, except the \$8,228,300 bonds outstanding; its current merchandise obligations which will amount approximately to \$400,000, and an open line of bank credit which the banks undertake to extend up to an amount of \$4,000,000.

(3) Upon the plan being consummated the present preferred shareholders will receive 1 1/2 shares of new common stock of no par value for each share of preferred stock now held, in lieu of the share so held, and of the accumulated dividends thereon. Holders of common stock will receive one share of new stock of no par value for each six shares now held. Preferred shareholders under the plan will, therefore, receive a total of 195,832 shares of new common stock, and common shareholders will receive a total of 12,100 shares of such stock.

(4) A new issue of \$10,000,000 of Prior Preference Stock has been underwritten by the banks holding the notes without any bankers' or underwriting commission, at 90, carrying with it for each share of Prior Preference stock so underwritten 2 1/4 shares of the new non-par value common stock.

This Prior Preference stock, together with the accompanying common stock, is to be offered pro rata to the stockholders on identically the same terms as the banks have underwritten it, and without the payment of any bankers' commission or underwriting charges.

(5) Accordingly, as soon as the stockholders authorize the proposed changes in the capitalization, rights will be issued to the present preferred stockholders entitling each preferred stockholder to subscribe for his proportionate share of the \$10,000,000 prior preference stock, together with the 225,000 shares of common stock. If under these rights the preferred shareholders subscribe for the entire amount of prior preference stock, they will thereby receive all but 12,100 shares of the issued common stock (representing the equity in the company), which number of shares is to go to the common stockholders.

(6) Common stockholders will be permitted to subscribe for the prior preference stock, carrying with it the shares of common stock, for such amount, if any, as is not subscribed for by the holders of the rights to be issued to the holders of the present preferred stock, and for such amount, if any, as may be applied for by present preferred stockholders, in excess of the number of shares for which rights are issued to them.

(7) The plan contemplates that the maturity date of the bonds is to be extended from May 1 1932 to May 1 1942; the annual sinking fund payments for the next five years postponed, and the mortgage closed at \$10,000,000, leaving in the treasury of the company \$1,771,700 of bonds available for future corporate purposes.

The notice of special meeting of stockholders says in substance:

The stockholders will vote Oct. 3: (1) on authorizing \$10,000,000 Prior Preference Stock, par \$100 each, by the reclassification of \$3,000,000 of common stock and \$2,000,000 of preferred stock, now authorized but not issued. The Prior Preference Stock shall have the following rights: (a) Entitled to receive dividends at rate of 7% per annum, cumulative from date of issue; (b) redeemable, all or part, on any dividend payment date at 110; (c) upon any dissolution, liquidation or winding up of corporation, holders of the Prior Preference Stock shall be entitled to receive, if dissolution be voluntary, 110 and dividends, or if such dissolution be involuntary, par and dividends.

(d) While any Prior Preference Stock is outstanding, corporation shall not, without the consent of two-thirds of outstanding Prior Preference Stock: (1) Dispose of the property and business of the corporation substantially in their entirety; (2) create or assume any mortgage or other lien upon its real estate or plants to secure an issue of bonds, or otherwise, except in renewal or refunding of existing mortgage debts and except purchase money mortgages or any renewal or refunding thereof; (3) create any shares of stock having priority over or on a parity with the authorized Prior Preference Stock, or increase the authorized Prior Preference Stock; or (4) create or assume or guarantee any bonds, notes or other debt maturing more than one year from the date of issue thereof, except to refund or renew the outstanding mortgage bonds, or for purchase money mortgages or any renewal or refunding thereof.

(e) Before any dividend shall be paid or declared on the common stock out of earnings of any year, the corporation shall set aside as a fund for the purchase or redemption of Prior Preference Stock, an amount which shall not be less than 50% of the net earnings for such year, after deducting from the net earnings of such year proper reserves as may be determined by the directors, and the amount of dividends paid or declared upon the Prior Preference Stock for such year.

The present preferred and common stock shall, respectively, subject to the prior rights of the Prior Preference Stock, retain their present rights and privileges.

(2) The stockholders will also vote on amending the certificate of incorporation: (a) so as to permit the issuance of 450,000 shares of common stock with no par value; (b) to change the \$16,000,000 preferred stock remaining authorized after the reclassification above provided for (including all of the outstanding preferred stock) and the \$10,000,000 common stock remaining authorized after the reclassification above provided for (including all of the outstanding common stock), into shares without nominal or par value; the terms upon which the outstanding shares are to be exchanged for the new shares being the issuance of 1 1/2 shares of common stock without par value in place of each outstanding share of present preferred stock, and 1-6th of one share of common stock without par value in place of each outstanding share of present common stock.

The stockholders' committee (see below) in a circular Sept. 5, to the stockholders, says in substance:

Present Situation.—The present situation of the company is such that, in the judgment of its largest creditors (whose disposition towards the company is friendly and co-operative), and of its directors, an early readjustment of its debt and of its capital is essential.

History.—Corporation was organized in 1909. Operations for the five years ended June 30 1919 showed average annual earnings after Federal taxes and depreciation, but before all interest charges, of \$2,224,564, the average annual interest charges during that period being \$836,693, leaving an average annual profit for the five years of \$1,387,871.

Shortly after the armistice, however, there came a great decline in the market value of the raw materials used in the manufacture of fertilizer. With the depression in business in 1920 and the decline in materials, this company, with other companies in the industry, suffered greatly by reason of the shrinkage in value of inventories. Further, the readjustment of general commodity prices after the war had a disastrous effect upon the price of raw cotton, to such a degree that many of the planters in the cotton belt (where this company does a large part of its business) did not receive from the sale of their crops a sufficient amount to pay their fertilizer bills. Such failure has made it necessary for the company to carry over a large amount of past-due accounts since the fall of 1920. The two cotton crops since then have been small and the selling prices low, and up to a few months ago practically below the cost of production.

Present Quotations for Stock.—This situation is reflected in the market quotation for the stocks. The preferred stock is now quoted at approximately \$12 per share and the common stock at \$3 per share. Unpaid accumulated dividends upon the preferred stock will amount on Sept. 30 1923 to 60 1/4%, or a total of \$7,865,939. The company owed on May 30 to banks \$12,662,500. Because of the lack of operating earnings, it has been impossible to reduce this bank indebtedness, which has remained at practically these same figures for several years.

**Immediate Outlook.**—Raw fertilizer materials are now selling at normal prices, and in some cases below the pre-war figures. The conditions of the cotton planters have slowly but gradually improved. They are making some progress in the liquidation of the carried-over accounts. Prices for raw cotton are much more favorable to the planter and now show him a profit on his crop. On the whole the indications are that the fertilizer industry has passed through its severe period of readjustment and is now returning to normal conditions under which it seems reasonable to expect that, speaking generally, it can be operated on a profitable basis.

Because, however, of the financial position of the company, it is not now in condition to take advantage of the expected improvement in the industry. Therefore, after long and careful consideration of the company's condition, the directors are unanimous in their recommendation that prompt steps must now be taken to readjust the capital and obligations, if the company is to be operated successfully in the future. After many conferences with the banking creditors, bondholders and stockholders, the plan below has been agreed upon as offering a sound working basis for the future.

**Value of New Securities.**—It is proposed that in setting up the balance sheet of the reorganized company, additional liberal reserves be made against the accounts receivable, inventory, plants and other assets of the company so as to provide for every possible contingency. It is estimated that after the setting up of such reserves, aggregating a total of approximately \$9,000,000, the book value of the new common stock without par value will be in excess of \$20 per share.

The advantages to a preferred stockholder in availing of his rights to subscribe to the prior preference stock are these:

(1) With the book value of the common stock conservatively estimated at a sum in excess of \$20 per share, the subscribing preferred stockholder receives for each \$90 paid, shares having an aggregate book value of \$175 (being one share of preferred and 3 3/4 shares of the common stock).

(2) With the elimination under the proposed plan of an amount of the company's floating debt of approximately \$9,000,000, the new stocks would appear to assume a position safer and much more advantageous than that occupied by the present preferred stock, so far as a direct claim upon the assets is concerned.

**Avoidance of Legal Proceedings.**—The plan is the result of careful study by officers and directors, in consultation with the large banking creditors, large stockholders and bondholders. It is recognized that the company can not pay its obligations to the banks at this time. A mere extension of the debt, even if it could be obtained, would be of no substantial benefit to the company, because with the large amount of debt that would necessarily be shown upon the balance sheet, its credit would be limited and legitimate expansion curtailed. Receivership would be most unfortunate, because a receivership might result in a foreclosure of the mortgage, would be expensive and disastrous and might very possibly result in such a loss in liquidation as to leave little or nothing for the shareholders.

**Future of the Company.**—It is believed that the conditions in the industry will improve, because it is recognized that there must be an increase in the use of fertilizers, if this country is to maintain its agricultural supremacy, and that with an increased demand for the product the cost of producing it can be materially reduced. This company's affairs, it is expected, will be further materially improved by reason of the fact that the existing contract for the purchase of sulphuric acid will expire on Jan. 1, 1924, enabling it to acquire acid on better terms. This company is particularly fortunate in its ownership of its rock properties both in Florida and in Tennessee, which are believed to be among the most valuable in the country. The saving in interest charges by reason of the elimination of the large portion of the bank debt, added to the anticipated saving in the cost of sulphuric acid, will, it is believed, be sufficient to pay the dividend upon the prior preference stock, and it is hoped and expected that this stock will pay dividends from the date of its issue.

The \$9,000,000 received from the sale of the preferred stock will enable the company to reduce its current bank debt by that extent, putting the company in strong financial position.

**Management.**—John J. Watson, Jr., who has acted as V.-Pres. & Treas., has agreed to accept the presidency.

**Stockholders' Committee.**—Louis V. Bright, Chairman (Pres. Lawyers Title & Trust Co.), William M. Barrett (Pres. Adams Express Co.), J. Norrish Thorne (Hathaway, Smith, Folds & Co.), with Lane Gregory, Sec., 160 Broadway, New York.

The bondholders' committee (see below) in a notice Sept. 5, to the holders of the First Mtge. & Coll. Trust 5% 20-Year Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, says in substance:

**Bonds Outstanding.**—The corporation has issued under its First Mtge., dated May 1, 1912, \$19,766,500 of bonds. Of this amount \$4,771,700 have been retired from the sinking fund, leaving outstanding \$14,994,800, of which \$6,766,500 held in treasury, leaving \$8,228,300 outstanding in hands of public. The committee is advised that the bonds held in the company's treasury were validly issued to reimburse the company for additions and improvements made, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the mortgage.

**Holders of Bank Loans Underwrite Stock Offering.**—Holders of approximately \$13,000,000 of bank obligations of the company, have agreed to underwrite \$10,000,000 new prior preference stock at \$90 per share, together with a block of 225,000 shares of new common stock of no par value, and have agreed that the prior preference stock, together with the common stock, may be first offered to the shareholders at the same price without the payment of any bankers' fees or underwriting commissions.

The result of this underwriting and offer to the shareholders, is that the company will have its balance sheet improved by having \$9,000,000 of its liabilities converted into capital stock, its credit position being materially improved thereby. It is apparent that it is of great advantage to the bondholders to have this additional capital placed in the company, and that the effect should be to materially increase the value of the bonds.

**How Bonds Are Affected.**—The lien of the mortgage upon all the property covered thereby shall be unaffected.

The effect of the changes in the mortgage will be that the security of the bondholders will be increased to the extent that approximately \$5,000,000 of bonds are canceled, which is equivalent to increasing the security of the bonds 33 1/3%, in addition to the benefits accruing to the bondholders from the conversion of a large amount of indebtedness of the company into capital.

All that the bondholders are requested to forego in exchange for these substantial benefits is the temporary postponement of the five annual sinking fund payments of \$325,000 each, and the extension of the maturity of the bonds until 1942.

It may be determined by the committee that in lieu of closing the mortgage at \$10,000,000 and of canceling the \$4,994,800 par value of bonds, arrangements may be made for the deposit of such amount of bonds as additional security for such of the outstanding bonds as shall be extended under the plan. The plan is so fair to the bondholders that it is hoped that the prompt assent from substantially all of the bondholders will be obtained, so that the mortgage can be closed definitely at \$10,000,000, and that it will be unnecessary to adopt the alternative suggested above.

It is proposed to accomplish these changes by the execution of a supplemental indenture and to have the present bonds stamped with a notation that they are entitled to the benefits of, and are subject to the terms of, such supplemental agreement.

The committee, after thoroughly studying the matter, are convinced that the plan is favorable to the bondholders and that the concessions asked of the bondholders are reasonable, ought to be made, and are much outweighed by the benefits accruing to the bondholders.

**Listing.**—An application will be made to list the stamped bonds after the plan is declared effective.

**Fear of Receivership Removed.**—The plan changes into stock \$9,000,000 of company's current and presently maturing bank obligations; and obviates any fear of a receivership with its incidental loss and expense.

**Depository.**—In order that the plan may be put into effect at an early date, bondholders are requested to send their bonds, with Nov. 1, 1923 and subsequent coupons attached, to the American Exchange National Bank, depository, 128 Broadway, New York, or First National Bank, Boston, and Central Trust Co., Chicago, sub-depositaries. As soon as the plan is declared effective, the bonds will be stamped and returned. No bondholder will be asked to contribute to the payment of the compensation and expenses of the committee, which will be paid by the corporation.

**Bondholders' Committee.**—Lewis L. Clarke, Chairman (Pres. American Exchange National Bank), Henry Evans (Chairman Continental Insurance Co.), Francis M. Weld (White, Weld & Co.), with Henry W. Allen, Sec., 128 Broadway, New York.

**Plan and Agreement for Readjustment of Debt and Capitalization, Dated July 30.**

**Present Capitalization.**—7% cumulative preferred stock \$13,055,500  
 Accum. divs. upon Pref. Stock to Sept. 30 1923 (60 1/4%) 7,865,939  
 Common stock 7,260,600

**Reorganization.**—The corporation is to be recapitalized under the provisions of the New York Corporation Law, applicable to this corporation.

**New Capitalization.**—It is proposed to issue the following capital stock, in lieu of stocks now outstanding: (1) 7% prior preference cumulative stock, \$10,000,000. (2) Common stock, no par value, 450,000 shares.

**Present Preferred Stockholders Given Opportunity of Purchasing Prior Preference Stock.**—The preferred stockholders will be issued rights entitling them pro rata to subscribe for the \$10,000,000 prior preference stock, together with the 225,000 shares of common stock, at \$90 for each share of prior preference stock, together with 2 3/4 shares of common stock.

Any amount of prior preference stock, together with common shares, not subscribed for by the preferred stockholders, will be offered to the common stockholders upon the same terms.

Banking creditors and others have underwritten the entire issue of the prior preference stock, together with the 225,000 shares of common stock, at the above price, and will purchase such amount thereof, if any, as shall not be subscribed for by stockholders. No bankers' commission or other profit will be paid to the underwriters.

**Prior Preference Stock to Be Deposited under a Syndicate Agreement.**—All prior preference stock shall be deposited under a syndicate agreement to continue for a period to be fixed in the agreement. The syndicate agreement will provide that the managers shall have the right to sell or dispose of the prior preference stock at a price not less than 90 and dividends during the life of the syndicate agreement. Subscribers for the prior preference stock will receive syndicate participation certificates issued by the syndicate managers which will be transferable in all respects the same as stock certificates for prior preference stock, and it is contemplated that applications will be made to list the syndicate participation certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

The common stock to be received by stockholders or transferees of the rights issued to stockholders, upon subscriptions to the prior preference stock, will not be placed under the syndicate agreement.

**Treatment of Present Stockholders.**—Present preferred stockholders will receive 1 1/2 shares of new common stock, without par value, for each one share of stock (with the accumulated dividends thereon) now owned, which will require a total of 195,832 shares, and will be entitled to subscribe to the prior preference stock at \$90, carrying with it a pro rata participation in 50% of the common stock of the corporation.

Common stockholders will receive one share of new stock of no par value for each six shares now held by them, which will require a total of 12,100 shs.

**Treatment of Creditors.**—The obligations of merchandise and trade creditors will be paid as they respectively mature. Banking creditors will receive as the result of the underwriting of the prior preference stock, 69.23% of their claims in cash, and will participate in a credit to be extended pro rata by the banks, parties to the plan, now holding the obligations of the corporation, and which credit the banks have agreed to extend to the corporation, in an amount to be determined after the allotment of the prior preference stock, but not to exceed \$5,000,000, nor be less, at the option of the corporation, than \$4,000,000.

**First Mortgage Bonds.**—Total amount of first mortgage bonds validly issued and now outstanding is \$14,994,800. It is proposed that the mortgage shall be closed at \$10,000,000, of which \$8,228,300 is now in the hands of the public and \$1,771,700 will be in the treasury, available for future corporate needs. In consideration of the cancellation of \$4,994,800 of bonds now held in the treasury, a supplemental indenture is to be executed, which will provide: (a) that the maturity of the bonds shall be changed to May 1, 1942, and (b) that the provisions with respect to the sinking fund shall be amended so as to provide that no payment need be made thereunder until May 1, 1929, but that payments shall be made in all respects as provided in said mortgage, commencing on May 1, 1929, and provided further that if the corporation shall mine a quantity of phosphate rock in any year in excess of 1,000,000 tons, it will pay into the sinking fund the sum per ton provided for in the present Article IV of said indenture, and further that the five final sinking fund installments under the provisions of the mortgage, as extended, shall be a sum equal to at least 5% of the principal face amount of all the bonds at the time issued under the mortgage, as amended by the supplemental indenture.

The supplemental indenture will also contain a provision that if the corporation shall at any time during the temporary postponement of the sinking fund payments, pay a dividend upon the common stock, the payment of the sinking fund shall immediately become operative from the date of the payment of such dividend upon the common stock.

In lieu of closing the mortgage at \$10,000,000 and of canceling \$4,994,800 par value of the bonds now in the treasury of the corporation, arrangements may be made by the corporation, with the approval of the bondholders' committee, for deposit of such \$4,994,800 of bonds as security for such of the outstanding bonds as shall be extended pursuant to and otherwise become subject to this plan and agreement, provided that such deposit, if made, shall be on such terms that the indebtedness of the corporation shall not be increased thereby.

**Committees to Carry Out Plan.**—The representatives of the various banks will constitute themselves a committee to confer with committees representing the bondholders and the stockholders in putting, substantially, the foregoing plan into effect.

Comparative Balance Sheets.

	June 30 '23	May 31 '23
<b>* Assets—</b>		
Cash	\$1,746,791	\$1,947,918
Accounts & notes receivable (less reserves)	x6,391,928	10,634,485
Inventories	y1,867,243	1,874,637
U. S. Liberty bonds		50,000
Due from joint corporations	z1,189,993	2,168,003
Due from associated German company		1,037,888
Real est., phosphate rock prop., plants, equip., &c.	23,885,808	23,911,440
Investments (incl. interest in jointly-owned corps.)	678,856	678,856
Overburden removed from unmined phosphate rock properties	528,009	546,491
Deferred charges	209,445	1,294,914
Cash held by trustees for sinking fund	599	599
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,586,562</b>	<b>\$44,145,231</b>
<b>Liabilities—</b>		
Bonds outstanding	\$8,228,300	\$8,228,300
Accounts payable	289,656	437,369
Loans and notes payable	3,112,500	12,662,500
Interest on bonds and notes accrued, &c.	361,269	326,260
Special reserves against plants, inv. & prop. values	5,461,810	2,449,404
Reserve against amt. due from assoc. German co.	1,037,888	
Prior Preference Stock	10,000,000	
7% Cumulative Preference Stock		13,055,000
Common stock		7,260,000
For No Par Value Common Stock	9,104,138	
Surplus (deficit)		274,702
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,586,562</b>	<b>\$44,145,231</b>

- a After giving effect to plan and after providing for additional reserves.
- b Before giving effect to plan.
- x After deducting additional reserves of \$3,500,000 set up against uncollected accounts period prior to 1922.
- y After deducting \$214,283 additional reserves.
- z After deducting \$1,000,000 additional reserves set up against uncollected accounts period prior to 1922.—V. 117, p. 1134, 559.

**International Lamp Corp.—Acquisition.**—The company has purchased the plant of the Vitanola Phonograph Co.—V. 117, p. 332.

**International Combustion Engin. Corp.—Listing, &c.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 100,048 additional shares of capital stock without par value, on official notice of issuance in exchange for the entire authorized capital stock of the Raymond Bros. Impact Pulverizer Co. and on or after Oct. 2, 1923, 49,952 additional shares on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 400,000 shares of capital stock.

The purposes of the issuance of the additional shares hereby applied for are as follows: (1) 75,048 shares are to be exchanged and \$210,000 cash for the entire issued and outstanding 2,500 shares capital stock of Raymond Bros. Impact Pulverizer Co.; (2) 25,000 shares are to be exchanged for 500 shares of Raymond Bros. Impact Pulverizer Co. when and if issued by the corporation, on or before Jan. 1, 1924, under an existing subscription contract for 500 shares of the capital stock of Raymond company for \$480,000; (3) 49,952 shares are to be offered to stockholders of the corporation of record at the close of business Sept. 17, 1923 for subscription at \$20 per share. Rights to subscribe expire Oct. 2.

**Consolidated Income Account Six Months ended June 30 1923.**  
 [International Combustion Engineering Corp. & Subs., not including Raymond Brothers Impact Pulverizer Co.]

Gross income (sales), \$3,077,803; cost of sales, \$1,954,952	\$1,122,851
Selling and general expenses	865,844
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Other income (including rents)	\$257,006
	149,491
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Other expense	\$406,496
Income and excess profits taxes	103,569
	37,000
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Net income for six months	\$265,926

The combined net income for the half year ended June 30 1922, before income tax, including the Raymond Brothers Impact Pulverizer Co., amounted to \$406,176.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet as of June 30 1923.**  
 [International Combustion Engineering Corp. and Subsidiaries.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Patents, trade marks and good-will	\$2,785,707	Cap. stk. (202,759 shs.)	\$4,925,063
Plants, mach'y & equip.	1,949,547	Int. of min. stockholders in subsidiaries	111,780
Office bldg. on leased land	749,578	1st M. 7s (Green Eng. Co.)	225,000
Inv. in other cos. (at cost)	135,413	Deb. bonds (French Co.)	7,320
Cash	345,776	Mtge. sec. on office bldg.	247,500
Accounts receivable	1,670,120	Notes & loans payable	570,000
Notes receivable	80,306	Accounts payable	1,073,868
French Government bonds (market value)	164,158	Adv. on acct. sales contr. stoker installations	186,721
Liberty bonds (at cost)	1,050	Deferred liabilities	85,366
Stokers, material & work in progress	1,041,787	Res. for Federal taxes	232,996
French claim for war dam.	220,448	Res. against French war claim	228,674
Over assessment of taxes	45,965	General reserves	249,760
Prepayment and deferred charges	161,940	Surplus account	1,135,192
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Total	\$9,351,801	Total	\$9,351,801

The surplus account June 30 shows: Balance Jan. 1, 1923, \$1,205,690; profit for half year ended June 30 1923 (before Federal taxes), \$302,926; total, \$1,508,617. Less dividends paid, \$249,759; dividends minority, \$7,457; amount written off patents and good-will account, \$5,394; reserve for income tax, \$37,000; adjustment of surplus (French Co.), \$73,814. Balance, \$1,135,192.

Note.—The accounts of the English subsidiaries have been converted at the normal rate of exchange, viz., \$4 85, and the accounts of the French company have been converted at the rate of \$0 08 to the franc.—V. 117, p. 1134.

**Island Creek Coal Co.—Extra Dividend.**  
 An extra dividend of \$2 per share has been declared on the Common stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 21. On April 2 and July 2 last, the company paid extra of \$3 per share. For record of extra dividends paid from 1912 to 1922 incl., see V. 115, p. 1692.—V. 117, p. 1134.

**Jones Bros. Tea Co., Inc.—August Sales.**

1923—Aug.—1922.	Increase.	1923—8 Mos.—1922.	Increase.
\$1,838,849	\$1,395,001	\$443,848	\$13,012,350
8 Months Ended Aug. 31—	1923.	1922.	
Sales, excluding wholesale & jobbing sales	\$13,012,350	\$11,416,730	\$1,595,620

—V. 117, p. 787.

**(Anton) Jurgen's United (Margarine) Works.—Rumor Denied.**  
 White, Weld & Co., fiscal agents for the company's 6% loan, floated in this market in June 1922, have announced the receipt of a cablegram from the Jurgen Co. denying recent reports that the company was about to recapitalize. According to the cable the reports were "without shadow of foundation." See V. 117, p. 1134.

**Lone Star Gas Co.—Extra Dividend.**  
 The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1/2 of 1% on the stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2%, both payable Sept. 29 to holders of record Sept. 22. Like amounts were paid March 31 and June 30 last.—V. 117, p. 213.

**Los Angeles Corporation.—Guaranty, &c.**  
 See Central Manufacturing District, Inc., Los Angeles, above.

**McCrary Stores Corp.—August Sales.**

1923—Aug.—1922.	Increase.	1923—8 Mos.—1922.	Increase.
\$1,721,925	\$1,368,758	\$353,167	\$12,413,439
—V. 117, p. 900, 333.		\$9,693,620	\$2,719,819

**Magnolia Petroleum Co.—Dividend Decreased.**  
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1% (\$1 per share) on the Common stock, payable Oct. 5. On April 5 and July 5 last, quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% were paid.—V. 117, p. 1135.

**Malden (Mass.) Electric Co.—To Change Par Value.**  
 See Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co. below.—V. 113, p. 632.

**Malden & Melrose (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Par Value.**  
 This company, the Suburban Gas & Electric Co., and the Malden Electric Co., severally petitioned the Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities for authority to change the par value of their Capital stock from \$100 per share to \$25 per share. Authorized and outstanding Capital stock of the Malden & Melrose Co. is \$2,732,000; of the Suburban Co., \$1,251,700, and of the Malden Electric Co., \$1,602,000.—V. 116, p. 623.

**Marland Oil Co.—To Omit Dividend.**  
 The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend usually paid Oct. 1 on the outstanding Capital stock, of no par value. Quarterly dividends of \$1 per share were paid on the stock up to and including July 1 1923. An official statement says in substance:  
 "The directors on Sept. 13 passed the current dividend, notwithstanding the strong financial position of the company and its excellent earnings statement. This action was a precautionary measure taken because of the present demoralized state of the industry.  
 "A financial report as of July 31 1923 was presented at the meeting showing current assets of \$19,200,000 against current liabilities of \$9,300,000, a ratio of slightly over 2 to 1. The total debt of the company, current and deferred, including its debentures, tank car obligations and all other liabilities, aggregated less than the amount of current assets, leaving assets in excess of all debts or obligations as follows:  
 "The company's gross production of 47,000 bbls. and net production of 20,000 bbls. a day of light gravity oil; refinery with refining capacity of 12,000 bbls. a day; several casinghead plants; 200,000 acres of oil leases; 350,000 acres of gas leases; 500 miles of oil and gas pipe lines; 1,000 tank cars; steel storage tank with capacity of 8,500,000 bbls.; over 100 filling and distributing stations, Mexican properties and other fixed assets.  
 "Earnings of the company for the first 7 months of the current year were reported at \$7,104,000 after all interest charges but before reserves."—V. 117, p. 788.

**Massey-Harris Co., Ltd. (Canada).—Bonds Called.**  
 This company has called for payment on Oct. 15 1923 at 102 1/2 and int. \$204,000 of the 10-year 8% Sinking Fund Gold Debentures, due Oct. 15 1930. Payment will be made at the office of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. These bonds are a joint and several obligation of Massey-Harris Co., Ltd., and Massey-Harris Harvester Co., Inc. (U. S.). See offering in V. 111, p. 1476.—V. 115, p. 1329.

**Melville Shoe Corporation.—Transfer Agent.**  
 The Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. has been designated Transfer Agent of the Preferred and Common stock. See also V. 117, p. 1135.

**Metropolitan Edison Co.—Listing.**  
 The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 3,122 additional shares of Cumul. Pref. stock, no par value, being part of 36,321 shares applied for listing in company's application dated Jan. 20 1923, to be listed

upon official notice of issuance full paid, making a total of 54,509 shares of said stock listed.—V. 117, p. 900.

**Middle States Oil Corp.—Postpones Dividend Action.**  
 The directors on Sept. 8 adopted the following resolution:  
 "Whereas, Middle States Oil Corp., notwithstanding its large property acquisitions during the current depression, has no notes or bonds outstanding and less than \$41,000 bills payable, with approximately \$2,500,000 cash and bills receivable, of which more than \$1,020,000 is cash on hand, and has accumulated and is carrying in storage a large amount of crude oil, and is prepared under the above conditions to live safely through a protracted period of dull marketing, it is not deemed advisable to weaken our condition until the oil market has become more stable or in our judgment would it be advisable to force on the market crude oil at the present time.  
 "Invariably in many years the fall season advances the price of oil, and it is prudent to hold and continue to accumulate crude oil for the better market, and particularly through the working arrangement that Middle States and associates have planned for marketing oil through the New Orleans gateway.  
 "Therefore, the consideration of dividend payment is postponed except for the remaining subsidiary, Turman Oil Co., that is not reserving its oil for advanced prices. Turman Oil Co. will pay its usual quarterly dividend in October."

[The corporation, it is announced, is just completing its plans for supplying a minimum of 12,000 bbls. of oil per day from Southern Arkansas fields to water points through New Orleans. In this connection it is stated that the estimated pledges total 12,000,000 bbls.]—V. 117, p. 1135.

**Midland Packing Co., Sioux City, Ia.—New Receiver.**  
 C. Walter Britton of Sioux City, Iowa, has been named receiver by Judge T. C. Munger. Mr. Britton succeeds H. G. McMillan.—V. 115, p. 2485.

**Middle West Utilities Co.—Pref. Dividend of \$1 50.**  
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 50 per share on the Preferred stock, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 29. Dividends are being paid at 10-week intervals, instead of 3 months, and it is the policy to continue this until all accrued dividends have been paid, the fixed dividend payments in the meantime being continued. On Aug. 1 last a dividend of \$1 per share was paid. (See V. 110, p. 2076, 2192.)—V. 117, p. 1022.

**(Philip) Morris & Co., Ltd., Inc.—Dividend.**  
 The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents a share, payable Oct. 1. In February 1921 1% was paid and in October 1921, 2%.—V. 116, p. 1187.

**Mother Lode Coalition Mines Co.—Copper Output (Lbs.)**

Aug. 1923	July 1923	June 1923	May 1923	Apr. 1923	Mar. 1923
3,033,643	2,980,678	2,957,612	2,670,916	2,649,971	2,576,219

The company in August produced 1,313 dry tons of high-grade ore, assaying 64.73% copper, giving 1,682,145 lbs. and 11,976 dry tons of milling ore, assaying 6.55% copper, giving 1,351,498 lbs., a total net production of 3,033,643 lbs.—V. 117, p. 900, 676.

**Mountain Producers Corp.—Extra Dividend of 1%.**  
 The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1% (10 cents a share) in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2% (20 cents a share), both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15. Like amounts were paid April 2 and July 2 last.—V. 117, p. 676.

**Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Rates.**  
 The Federal District Court at Salt Lake City, Utah, has made a ruling perpetually restraining the Utah P. U. Commission from making effective its orders to decrease the telephone rates charged by the company. The case has been before the courts since 1919.—V. 116, p. 2138.

**Municipal Gas Co., Albany, N. Y.—Acquisition.**  
 The New York P. S. Commission has authorized the company to take over the lines and property of the Atlantic Light & Power Co. of Coeymans, N. Y.—V. 117, p. 900.

**Mutual Creamery Co., Salt Lake City, Utah.—Bonds Offered.**  
 First Securities Co., Los Angeles, are offering at 100 and int. \$700,000 1st Mtge. Serial 7% Gold bonds.

Dated Aug. 1 1923, due serially Aug. 1 1924 to Aug. 1 1938. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Int. payable F. & A. at Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif. Callable as a whole Aug. 1 1923, or on any int. date thereafter, upon 60 days' notice at 100 and int., plus a premium of 1/2 of 1% for each unexpired year, or any part thereof, of the respective maturities; or in part by redeeming one or more entire maturities in inverse order (last maturities first), at premiums as stated above. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Pacific-Southwest Trust & Savings Bank and W. R. Hervey, Los Angeles, Calif., trustees.

**Data from Letter of W. F. Jensen, President of the Company.**  
 Company.—Organized in 1915 and to-day occupies a dominant position in its field of operations. Is engaged in the manufacture and distribution of butter, cheese, eggs and ice cream in the States of Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and California. Its 238 manufacturing plants and distributing stations are strategically located throughout this large territory. The properties are conservatively appraised as of June 1 1923 at \$1,400,000.  
 Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay off all of its existing funded debt and provide additional working capital.

Year Ended Feb. 28—	Pounds of Butter.	Pounds of Cheese.	Dozens of Eggs.	Gross Sales.
1916	4,082,861	1,020,916	1,003,290	\$1,926,231
1917	6,032,881	1,793,127	1,457,970	3,164,431
1918	7,643,576	2,829,251	2,356,800	5,622,587
1919	7,755,094	2,823,748	1,570,470	6,314,145
1920	8,512,540	3,031,187	2,028,000	7,986,083
1921	9,064,223	2,380,943	2,170,560	7,932,955
1922	10,001,402	2,389,779	1,127,739	5,487,506
1923	13,755,515	3,580,495	2,539,020	8,297,503

Total----- 66,848,092 19,849,446 14,253,840 \$46,731,440

Capitalization—  
 Common stock----- \$5,000,000  
 Authorized, Outstanding----- \$1,557,550  
 First Mortgage 7% bonds (this issue)----- 1,000,000 700,000

All of the outstanding stock has been sold for cash to net the company par or more. 60% of the company's stock is reserved for sale to producers only, and all profits over 3% on gross sales are returned to the producer stockholders on a pro rata basis of their deliveries of products to the co.  
 Earnings.—Gross profit from operations for the past five fiscal years ended Feb. 28 are as follows: 1919, \$438,133; 1920, \$513,756; 1921, \$524,743; 1922, \$570,320; 1923, \$748,018.  
 The net earnings available for interest charges for the past 5 fiscal years have averaged annually more than 5 1/2 times such charges. For the year ended Feb. 28 1923 net earnings available for interest charges were \$169,417, or about 3 1/2 times the maximum annual interest charges of \$49,000 on the present issue of bonds.

**National Department Stores, Inc.—August Sales.**

1923—Aug.—1922.	Increase.	1923—7 Mos.—1922.	Increase.
\$2,439,779	\$2,150,546	\$289,233	\$20,313,854
—V. 117, p. 900, 676.		\$17,239,011	\$3,074,843

**National Grocer Co., Chicago.—Dividend of 3%.**  
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 3% on the Common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 20. On Aug. 1 last a dividend of 2% was paid on the Common stock, compared with 3% paid on March 1 last.—V. 117, p. 788.

**Nevada-California Electric Corporation.—Tenders.**  
 The International Trust Co., trustee, Denver, Colo., will, until Sept. 17, receive bids for the sale to it of First Lien Series A bonds, dated Jan. 1 1916, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$53,584.—V. 116, p. 1770, 1421.

**New Jersey Zinc Co.—Acquisition.**  
 It is reported that the company recently acquired the Durex Chemical Corp.—V. 117, p. 560.

**New York Steam Corporation.—Tenders.**

The National City Bank, 55 Wall St., New York City, will, until Sept. 27, receive bids for the sale to it of sinking fund Preferred Stock, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$10,000, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—*V. 116, p. 2775.*

**Niagara Lockport & Ontario Power Co.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$1,959,300 of 7% Cumulative Preferred stock, par \$100, with authority to add \$10,700 Preferred stock on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for \$2,000,000 (auth. \$10,000,000).

The authorized stock consists of 100,000 Preferred shares, par \$100 each, and 300,000 Common shares without par value. Total Preferred stock issued is 19,893 shares. Total Common stock issued is 189,815 shares. Company holds subscriptions, partly paid, for 107 additional shares of Preferred stock.—*V. 117, p. 789.*

**Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd.—Output, &c.**

The company in August mined ore of a net value of \$173,459 and shipped 451,595 oz. of bullion with a net value of \$284,696, at 63 1/4¢. In July the company mined ore of a net value of \$168,201 and shipped 252,561 oz. of silver valued at \$159,527 with silver at 63¢. Production of cobalt in August is estimated at 15,413 pounds, compared with 25,054 pounds in July.—*V. 117, p. 789, 214.*

**Northern States Power Co. (Minn.).—Listing, &c.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,000,000 additional 1st & Ref. Mtg. 25-Year Series "B," 6% Gold bonds, due April 1 1941, making total amount applied for \$26,567,500 Series "A" 5% bonds and \$7,500,000 Series "B" 6% bonds (of a total authorized issue of \$100,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtg. bonds).

**Consolidated Income Account—Year Ended May 31 1923.**

Gross earnings, \$14,789,248; oper. exp., incl. current maint. and taxes, \$8,894,288; net earnings	\$6,099,820
Deduct—Bond interest, \$2,025,909; note interest, \$551,129; Preferred divs., \$1,947,710; common divs., \$493,600; total	5,018,354
Balance	\$1,081,467
General interest credit	250,813
Total	\$1,332,279
Depreciation, \$550,000; amortization of debt discount and expense, \$325,000; total	875,000
Balance to surplus account for period	\$457,279
Surplus beginning of period	2,179,148
Surplus May 31 1923	\$2,636,428

**Consolidated Balance Sheet as of May 31 1923.**

<b>Assets</b>		<b>Liabilities</b>	
Plant, prop. & franchises, \$79,829,005		Common stock	\$6,170,000
Securities owned in non-affiliated companies	115, 37	Preferred stock	29,517,400
Sk. fd. cash with trustee	7,032	Minn. Gen. El. Co. 1st 5s	7,100,000
Cash on hand & in banks	1,959,407	1st & Ref. 5s	26,560,500
Bd. & note int. deposited	185,242	do do 6s	4,492,500
Accts. receivable (net)	1,761,178	10-yr. 6% gold notes	7,805,000
Notes receivable	42,792	7% gold notes, Aug. 15 '23	1,099,000
Materials & supplies	1,566,248	Divisional sec. outst'g	1,707,400
Deferred assets	5,400,282	Notes payable	28,500
Total (each side)	\$90,866,825	Accounts payable	629,149
<i>—V. 117, p. 215.</i>		Accrued accounts	2,230,549
		Consumers' deposits	165,797
		Reserve for depreciation	724,599
		Surplus	2,636,428

**Ohio Bell Telephone Co.—Expenditures.**

The directors have authorized additional appropriations amounting to \$1,612,700 for the present year, which brings up the total of expenditures approved for 1923 to \$10,409,830.—*V. 116, p. 2522.*

**Ohio River Edison Co.—Guaranteed Bonds Offered.**

Bonbright & Co., Inc., and Eastman, Dillon & Co., New York, are offering at 95 and int. to yield over 6.40%, \$7,000,000 1st Mtg. Sinking Fund Gold bonds, 6% series, 1923 (see advertising pages).

Dated July 2 1923. Due July 1 1948. Int. payable J. & J. at Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to but not exceeding 2%. Pennsylvania four-mill tax, Connecticut four-mill tax, and Massachusetts income tax not exceeding 6% per annum on income derived from the bonds, refunded. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, and  $r=$ \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Redeemable all or part on any interest date on 30 days' notice, at a premium of 7 1/2% on or before Jan. 1 1934, and thereafter at 1/2% premium for each year, or any part thereof, of unexpired life, in each case with accrued interest.

Guaranty.—Guaranteed unconditionally as to principal, interest and sinking fund payments by endorsement on each bond by Penn-Ohio Edison Co.

**Data from Letter of Pres. B. F. Wood, New York, Sept. 4.**

Company.—Will forthwith construct a modern steam electric power plant on the Ohio River near Toronto, Ohio, with an initial installed capacity of 75,000 k. v. a., or approximately 88,000 H. P. The company has arranged for the acquisition of sufficient land to care for an ultimate capacity of 375,000 h. p. The output will be distributed by the Pennsylvania-Ohio Power & Light Co. in the important industrial district lying between Pittsburgh and Cleveland, centering at Youngstown, Ohio, and Sharon and New Castle, Pa. The new plant will be connected with the transmission lines of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Power & Light Co. near Boardman, Ohio, by a high-voltage steel-tower transmission line of approximately 39 miles, to be constructed and owned by a subsidiary of Ohio River Edison Co. The Ohio River Edison Co. will also construct substations at the new plant and near Boardman, Ohio. The additional output is essential to enable the Pennsylvania-Ohio Power & Light Co. to meet the increasing demand for electricity.

<b>Capitalization</b>		
1st Mtg. Sinking Fund Gold bonds	Authorized. \$35,000,000	Outstanding. \$7,000,000
Preferred 7% Cumulative stock	4,500,000	3,000,000
Common stock (no par value)	225,000 shs.	150,000 shs.

x 6% Series of 1923 (this issue). Terms of Lease.—The new plant, transmission line and substations will be leased to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Power & Light Co. for a term of 999 years, at a net unconditional annual rental which is over 2 1/2 times the annual interest charges on these bonds. The lease will provide that the Pennsylvania-Ohio Power & Light Co. shall maintain the plant, transmission line and substations in good condition and shall pay all taxes assessed against them.

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage on all of the property of the company, now or hereafter owned. Present issue will represent approximately 66% of the cost of the initial installation of the new plant, transmission line and substations. The balance of such estimated cost will be supplied by the sale of the Preferred and Common stocks of Ohio River Edison Co., already underwritten, and any excess of such cost will be paid by the lessee.

Bonds of this series to the extent of \$500,000 may be issued to the lessee against such excess payments, in which event the rentals will be increased by an amount equal to twice the annual interest charges on such additional bonds.

The entire capital stock of the subsidiary company which will own the transmission line will be pledged under the mortgage, which will provide that no further securities of said company shall be issued unless immediately acquired by Ohio River Edison Co. and pledged under the mortgage.

Purpose.—The proceeds of this issue of bonds and of the Preferred and Common stocks will be deposited with the trustee under the mortgage as security for the bonds during construction, to be withdrawn only against certified construction expenditures and charges.

Pennsylvania-Ohio Power & Light Co.—This company, which will lease and operate the new plant, transmission line and substations, owns and operates, directly or through its subsidiaries, three power plants of a total 98,190 h. p. present installed generating capacity. The electric railway lines comprise 61.94 miles, single track equivalent. Of this

mileage 49.35 miles is interurban, of which approximately 40 miles is on private right-of-way. There are 230 miles of new high-voltage electric power transmission lines, and extensive distribution lines.

Earnings (Pennsylvania-Ohio Power & Light Co.)—Year ended June 30 1923	
Gross revenue (including other income)	\$5,306,370
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	2,834,629
Total income available for rentals x	\$2,471,741

x According to the accounting rules of the Ohio P. U. Commission, under whose jurisdiction this company's accounts are kept, the rentals under this lease become an operating expense chargeable against income before fixed charges are deducted.

The percentage of gross earnings from electric light and power and miscellaneous business is more than 88%, while that from the electric railway is less than 12%, most of the latter being derived from high-speed interurban lines on private right-of-way.—*V. 117, p. 560.*

**Old Dominion Co. (Me.).—1923 Copper Output (Lbs.)—**

August	July	June	May	April	March
2,058,000	2,421,000	2,285,000	2,187,000	2,482,000	2,530,000

—*V. 117, p. 215.*

**Onomea Sugar Co., Honolulu.—Dividend Increased.**

The directors have voted an increase in the monthly dividend from 1 to 2%, or 40 cents per share, commencing Sept. 20 and continuing for the balance of the year.—*V. 116, p. 84.*

**Orange County Hydro-Electric Corp.—Merger, &c.**

See Orange County Public Service Co., Inc.—*V. 115, p. 82.*

**Orange County Public Service Co., Inc.—Notes Offered.**

Love, Macomber & Co., Floyd-Jones, Vivian & Co. and Kelley, Drayton & Co., New York, are offering at 99 and int., to yield over 7%, \$550,000 2-Year 6 1/2% Bond Secured gold notes.

Dated Sept. 1 1923. Due Sept. 1 1925. Int. payable M. & S. at Metropolitan Trust Co., N. Y., trustee. Red. all of part at any time on 30 days' notice at 102 during first 6 months and at 1/2 of 1% less during each succeeding 6 months to maturity, plus int. in each case. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Company agrees to pay the normal Federal income tax to the extent of 2%, and refund Penn., Maryland and Conn. personal property taxes, and the Mass. 6% income tax, legally assessed against and paid by the holder.

Convertible.—Convertible at any time up to Sept. 1 1925 at par, at option of holder, into 1st Ref. Mtg. 6% gold bonds, Series "A," due Sept. 1 1948, at 96, with adjustment of interest.

Issuance.—Subject to the approval of the New York P. S. Commission.

**Data from Letter of Pres. Lucien W. Jenny, Middletown, N. Y., Sept. 7.**

Company.—Has been organized in New York, for the purpose of acquiring all the properties, franchises and business of Orange County Public Service Corp. (V. 115, p. 82) and Orange County Hydro-Electric Corp. (V. 115, p. 82). Will furnish, without competition, all the gas and electric business in Middletown and Port Jervis, and electricity to Otisville, Mount Hope, Summitville, Bloomingburg and all of the adjoining territory. Will wholesale electric energy under a long term contract to the Murray Electric Co., a distributing company in Monticello and Liberty and adjoining territory; to Walkill Electric Light & Power Co., supplying Walden, N. Y., and to Pike County Light & Power Co. supplying Matamoras and Milford, Pa. Total permanent population served is 55,000, with a summer population in excess of 150,000.

Physical properties include a 4,900 h. p. hydro-electric plant on the Mongaup River, near Port Jervis, N. Y., completed July 9 1923, a 1,200 h. p. hydro-electric plant at Cuddebackville, a modern 2,000 h. p. steam turbine plant at Port Jervis, N. Y., and a 2,000 h. p. steam electric plant at Middletown, N. Y. All of these plants are connected with 33,000-volt transmission lines with substations at Port Jervis, Cuddebackville, Otisville and Middletown, N. Y. The additional power facilities provided by the Mongaup Falls hydro-electric plant brings the total generating capacity of these stations up to 10,100 h. p. The transmission system includes 125 miles of transmission lines and 200 miles of distributing lines. The gas plant at Port Jervis has a generating capacity of 250,000 cu. ft., and the new gas plant at Middletown (placed in service in 1922) has a capacity of over 500,000 cu. ft., with all necessary equipment and distributing mains.

**Capitalization After Present Financing—**

Orange County Hydro-Elec. Corp. 1st Mt. 7s, 1942	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Orange County Public Service Corp. 1st Mt. 6s	(Closed)	\$600,000
2-Year 6 1/2% Bond Secured notes, due Sept. 1 1925 (this issue)	(Closed)	1,461,100
Preferred stock, 7% Cumulative (Class "A")	(Closed)	5,500,000
Preferred stock, 7% Non-Cumulative (Class "B")	1,000,000	300,000
Common stock (no par value)		600,000

Note.—In addition company has authorized \$1,500,000 1st Ref. Mtg. 6% bonds, dated Sept. 1 1923 and due Sept. 1 1948, of which \$687,500 will be issued and pledged with the trustee as collateral for the \$550,000 2-Year 6 1/2% Bond Secured notes; \$600,000 will be reserved to retire a like amount of 1st Mtg. 7% bonds of the Orange County Hydro-Electric Corp. and the remaining \$212,500 of bonds may be used only for corporate purposes.

First Refunding Mortgage Bonds.—Mortgage does not directly limit the aggregate amount of bonds which may be issued thereunder, but provides among other things, substantially as follows: Series "A" bonds will be immediately authorized for \$1,500,000, of which \$687,500 will be issued and pledged to secure the 2-Year 6 1/2% Bond Secured gold notes; \$600,000 will be reserved to retire a like amount of 1st Mtg. 7% gold bonds of the Orange County Hydro-Electric Corp., due May 1 1942, and \$212,500 will be reserved for corporate purposes. Series "A" bonds are to be dated Sept. 1 1923, due Sept. 1 1948, callable all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105, up to and incl. Sept. 1 1928; premium decreasing 1% for each 5-year period thereafter. Int. payable M. & S. without deduction for Federal normal income tax up to 2%. Additional 1st Ref. Mtg. bonds may be issued to refund par for par \$1,461,100 1st Mtg. 6s of Orange County Public Service Corp. now outstanding, or to refund bonds secured by mortgage on properties hereafter acquired and which shall become subject to the lien of the First Refunding Mortgage.

**Statement of Combined Earnings, Year ended July 31 1923.**

Gross earnings	\$642,000
Operating expenses and taxes	439,570
Net earnings	\$202,430
Annual interest charges on underlying bonds	129,666

Balance available for interest charges on these notes
 \$72,764 |

Annual interest on \$550,000 2-Year 6 1/2% notes (this issue)
 35,750 |

The statement does not reflect the earnings to be obtained from the hydro plant alone, which was completed and put into operation during the month of July. It is estimated that this plant will produce net earnings in excess of \$125,000, which, together with estimated earnings from present operating property of \$260,000, making total estimated net earnings of \$385,000 for the year ending July 1 1924.

Purpose.—To Provide funds to pay off floating debt incurred in completing the hydro-electric plant and other corporate purposes.

**Orange County Public Service Corp.—Merger, &c.**

See Orange County Public Service Co., Inc., above.—*V. 115, p. 82.*

**Orpheum Circuit, Inc.—Earnings.**

Net earnings for July 1923 were \$122,434, against \$58,314 in July 1922. Total for 7 months of 1923 \$807,000, against \$130,000 in 1922. August net is estimated at \$250,000.—*V. 116, p. 2017.*

**Ottawa & Hull Power Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.**

Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at 98 1/2

and int., to yield 6½%, \$2,500,000 6% 1st Mtg. Sinking Fund gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated Aug. 1 1923. Due Aug. 1 1948. Interest payable F. & A. at any branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, in Canada, or at the agency of the Royal Bank of Canada in New York, or in sterling at the Royal Bank of Canada, London, Eng., at the fixed rate of \$4 86 2-3 to £ sterling. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. Redeemable, all or part, on any interest date on 60 days' notice at 105 and interest. Montreal Trust Co., Montreal, trustee.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Issued.
First Mortgage 6s (this issue).....	\$5,000,000	\$2,500,000
7% Cumulative Preferred Stock (V. 117, p. 676).....	1,500,000	1,500,000
Common Stock (no par value).....	25,000 shs.	25,000 shs.

**Company.**—Is being formed for the purpose of acquiring the Ottawa and Hull Power & Mfg. 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 two units of 9,000 h. p. each, while a third unit of the same size is now being installed, making 27,000 h. p. from this plant and 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.

The company, therefore, will own and control hydro-electric plants with a present capacity of 40,000 h. p. and an ultimate capacity of over 100,000 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. The territory served, which includes the cities of Ottawa and Hull, is a rich residential and manufacturing district and is a centre of the lumber, paper and pulp industries, where there is an increasing demand for hydro-electric energy, both for domestic and industrial purposes. Among the corporations supplied with power by the company are: City of Ottawa Hydro-Electric Commission, British-American Nickel Corp., Hull Electric Co., Canada Cement Co., Ltd., Ottawa Electric Co., City of Hull, E. B. Eddy Co., Ltd.

**Security.**—Secured by a first mortgage on the entire fixed assets now or hereafter owned, comprising hydro-electric plants developing 40,000 h. p. The funded debt of the company per developed horse-power is one of the lowest in Canada, being approximately \$62 per h. p.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings of the Ottawa & Hull Power & Mfg. Co. for the year ended Dec. 31 1922, available for interest amounted to \$238,739, or more than 1½ times the interest charges on this issue.

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, the net earnings should show material increases.

**Sinking Fund.**—The trust deed provides for a sinking fund commencing Aug. 1 1923, at the rate of 1% of the total bonds issued until Aug. 1 1938, and 1½% thereafter until maturity. Bonds may be purchased for sinking fund purposes in the open market or if not available drawn by lot at 105 and interest.

**Directors.**—Sir Henry K. Egan, J. B. Fraser, J. A. Cameron, Ottawa; A. J. Nesbitt (Pres.), J. B. Woodruff, Montreal; E. R. Bremner, Ottawa. Compare also V. 117, p. 676.

**Paig—Detroit Motor Car Co.—Dividend Decreased.**

A quarterly dividend of 3% has been declared on the Common stock, payable Oct. 3 to holders of record Sept. 20. Previous disbursements on the Common stock were: 3½% in July, 2½% in April, and 3% in January, making a total of 12% (including current dividend of 3%) for 1923.—V. 117, p. 1135.

**Panhandle Producing & Refining Co.—To Defer Div.**

The directors on Sept. 11 decided to defer action on the Preferred dividend due at this time. The last payment was made on July 2, when 2% was disbursed.—V. 117, p. 790.

**Penn Seaboard Steel Corp.—Financing Plan.—Cash & Bonds of New Company Offered Noteholders.**

In a letter to the holders of the \$1,439,100 7% Serial Gold notes, Series "B," due Feb. 1 1924, Pres. J. B. Warren outlines a financing plan whereby the noteholders are to receive \$200 in cash and \$700 in bonds of a new company to be organized for each \$900 principal of notes under a proposed financing plan. Pres. Warren in his letter dated Sept. 10, says in substance:

The directors have been working for some time on a plan for refunding the Series "B" notes, and submit to the holders thereof the following plan:

**New Corporation.**—A new corporation will be formed in Pennsylvania to be known as *Penn Steel Castings Co.*, or such other name as may be approved by the directors. New company will purchase from the corporation the steel casting plant now owned by the corporation located at Chester, Pa., on the Delaware River, together with approximately \$500,000 of net quick assets, and in payment thereof the New company will issue to the corporation all of its Capital stock, both Preferred and Common, and all of the bonds referred to below.

**Capitalization.**—Authorized capital, 500,000 8% Cumulative Pref. stock and 10,000 shares of Common stock, no par value.

**Bonds.**—New company also will authorize the issuance of \$1,100,000 1st Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund 15-Year Gold bonds.

Bonds will bear date not later than Dec. 1 1923 and will bear interest from the date thereof, payable semi-annually without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2% and free from Penn. 4 mills tax. Red. all or part on any interest date upon not less than 30 days' notice at 105 and int. A sinking fund will be created for the purchase or redemption of the bonds by the payment to the trustee semi-annually of an amount equivalent to 1½% of the principal amount of the total authorized issue, denominated \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*. The mortgage securing the bonds will be a closed first mortgage, containing the usual provisions for the protection of the rights of the bondholders, on all of the fixed assets of the new company located at Chester, Pa., which are valued at \$2,200,000.

**Chester Plant.**—The Chester plant has been in successful operation for approximately 30 years and is one of the largest steel casting plants east of Pittsburgh. Products are steel castings used by manufacturers of locomotives, cars, special machinery, ships, &c., and the plant has an annual capacity of approximately 30,000 tons of finished castings. Average annual net earnings of this plant since acquisition by the corporation in 1916 have been \$235,664, or more than 3 times the interest charges on the proposed issue of bonds.

**Offer to Noteholders.**—Subject to the deposit of sufficient 7% Serial Gold notes and to the consummation of the plan, the corporation submits the following proposition: On or before Dec. 1 1923 the corporation, in exchange for each 7% Serial Gold note, Series "B," of the principal amount of \$900, will pay to the holder thereof the sum of \$200 in cash on account of the principal thereof, with accrued interest on the principal amount of each said notes to the date from which interest accrues on the bonds of the new company, and in addition thereto will deliver to the holder of each said notes \$700 principal amount of the bonds of the new company.

It is believed that the foregoing plan is for the best interest of the holders of the 7% Serial Gold notes. New company will be in an excellent financial position and will owe, exclusive of the bond issue, no money except for current operating accounts.

In order to effectuate the exchange of 7% Serial Gold notes for cash and the bonds of the new company, noteholders are requested to deposit immediately the 7% Serial Gold notes, Series "B," with the Feb. 1 1924 interest coupon thereon attached, with the Bank of North America & Trust Co., Philadelphia, which will issue therefor a negotiable certificate of deposit, providing either (1) for the payment of the cash and the delivery of the bonds of the new company to which the noteholder may be entitled in accordance with the foregoing plan, on or before Dec. 1 1923, in exchange for the deposited note or notes, or (2) in the event of the failure of the corporation to make the aforesaid cash payment and the delivery of the bonds of the new company in exchange for the deposited 7% Serial Gold notes, Series "B," in accordance with the foregoing plan, on or before Dec. 1 1923, the return at any time after said date, upon surrender of said certificate of deposit properly endorsed or accompanied with appropriate instrument of transfer to pass by delivery of the 7% Serial Gold notes, Series "B," covered thereby.

**Earnings.**—For the first 6 months of 1923 net profit, after expenses and deductions but before interest charges, amounted to \$221,908, as compared

with a deficit before fixed charges of approximately \$225,000 for the same period of 1922.

Tentative Balance Sheet as of Oct. 1 1923, Giving Effect to Proposed New Financing (Penn Steel Castings Co.)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$150,000	Vouchers payable.....	\$259,286
Inventories.....	439,575	Accounts payable.....	2,273
Accounts receivable.....	171,587	Accrued wages.....	236
Real estate, plant & equip.....	2,138,481	1st Mtge. bonds.....	1,100,000
Uncompleted appropriations.....	39,736	Reserve for depreciation.....	192,954
Molds, flasks & patterns.....	135,797	Operating reserves.....	19,573
Furniture & fixtures.....	4,666	Preferred stock.....	500,000
Prepaid insurance.....	4,829	10,000 shs. Com., no par.....	1,000,000
		Surplus.....	10,328
Total (each side).....	\$3,084,653		

—V. 117, p. 561.

**Penn Steel Castings Co.—To Form New Company.**—See Penn Seaboard Steel Corporation below.

**(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—August Sales.**

	1923—August—1922.	Increase.	1923—8 Mos.—1922.	Increase.
\$4,289,083	\$3,424,220	\$864,863	\$32,915,536	\$26,337,193

—V. 117, p. 790, 561.

**Port Arthur Canal & Dock Co.—Guaranteed Bonds Offered.**

—Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., and the National City Co., are offering, at 98½ and interest, to yield over 6.10%, \$2,000,000 First Mtge. 6% Gold Bonds, Series "A". Unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement by the Kansas City Southern Ry. as to payment of both principal and interest. (See advertising pages.)

Dated Feb. 1 1923. Due Feb. 1 1953. Interest payable F. & A. in New York, without deduction of Federal normal income tax up to 2%. Denom. c\* \$1,000 and \$500, and r\* \$1,000 and authorized multiples thereof. Redeemable as a whole only at 105 and interest on any interest date on 60 days' notice. National City Bank, New York, trustee.

Data from Letter of L. F. Loree, Chairman Kansas City Southern Ry.

**Company.**—The Port Arthur Canal & Dock Co. constitutes the terminal of the Kansas City Southern Ry. system at the deep-water port of Port Arthur, Texas, and all of the \$500,000 capital stock of the company is owned by the Kansas City Southern Ry. Port Arthur, Texas, came into existence as a seaport only 25 years ago, and in 1922 ranked as the second port in the United States in volume of import traffic and the third port in the United States in the total volume of traffic, both import and export.

The Port Arthur Canal & Dock Co. has a lineal wharfage of 7,407 ft., or nearly 1½ miles. The minimum depth of water at each wharf is 26 ft. and the ship canal has a depth of 27 ft. The U. S. Government owns and maintains the Port Arthur Ship Canal and inland harbor at Port Arthur.

**Valuation.**—Upon the existing property the Texas Railroad Commission has placed a valuation of \$2,736,050.

**Lease.**—Port Arthur Canal & Dock Co. will lease its property, subject to the mortgage, to Texarkana & Fort Smith Ry. for 30 years from Feb. 1 1923. Under the terms of this lease a rental is to be paid to the Port Arthur Canal & Dock Co. more than sufficient to pay all operating expenses, interest on its funded debt, and taxes and other governmental charges. The Texarkana & Fort Smith Ry. is controlled through ownership of all of its capital stock and bonds by the Kansas City Southern Ry. Co.

**Guaranty.**—The payment of principal and interest of the Series "A" bonds will be unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement by the Kansas City Southern Ry. Co., which company, for the 10-year period ended Dec. 31 1922, had average net earnings applicable to fixed charges of \$4,098,888 per annum, while fixed charges averaged \$2,338,330, indicating that such charges were earned 1.75 times annually.

**Earnings.**—For the 7 months ended July 31 1923, the Kansas City Southern reports net after taxes of \$2,703,334, against \$2,077,144 in the corresponding period in 1922.

The Kansas City Southern has a long record for successful operation and earnings, showing a substantial margin of safety after fixed charges, as evidenced by the fact that in every year since 1907 the company has paid dividends at the rate of 4% per annum on its \$21,000,000 Preferred Stock, and in addition thereto has turned back into the property a substantial surplus from income in the form of additions, betterments, and extensions.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used as follows: (a) to extinguish a first mortgage of \$1,000,000 now outstanding on the property of the Port Arthur Canal & Dock Co.; (b) for additions and betterments, including principally a new grain elevator which will cost over \$480,000; and (c) to reimburse the Kansas City Southern Ry. in part for advances heretofore made, totaling \$976,619.

**Listing.**—Company agrees to make application to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 117, p. 355.

**Prairie Oil & Gas Co.—New Officers.**

Nelson K. Moody, formerly a Vice-President, had been elected President, succeeding James E. O'Neil. W. S. Fitzpatrick, formerly a Vice-President, has been elected Chairman of the Board. Dana H. Kelsey becomes Vice-President and general manager (and also a director succeeding Mr. O'Neil who resigned).—V. 116, p. 87.

**R. & V. Motor Co.—Prices Reduced.**

The company has announced price reductions averaging \$500 per car. New prices will be: Five-passenger touring car, \$2,300; seven-passenger touring car, \$2,375; coupe, \$3,000; seven-passenger sedan, \$3,250.—V. 116, p. 2523.

**Remington Arms Co., Inc.—Pref. Stock Offered.**

Lee, Higginson & Co. are offering at 93½ and div., to yield about 7½%, \$4,000,000 1st Pref. (a. & d.) stock, 7% Cumulative, Series "A," par \$100.

Dividends payable Q.-J. Callable as a whole or in part on 30 days' notice at 110 and divs. Transfer agents, Mechanics & Metals National Bank, New York; Old Colony Trust Co., Boston; Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago. Registrars, Bank of the Manhattan Co., New York; Fourth-Commonwealth National Bank, Boston; Northern Trust Co., Chicago.

**Sinking Fund.**—Sinking fund, subject to the restrictions of the company's 1st Mtge. semi-annually April 1 and Oct. 1, first payment Oct. 1 1925 at rate of 3% per annum of total 1st Pref. stock, Series "A," issued, to be used solely for purchase or call and retirement of 1st Pref. stock, Series "A."

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list 1st Pref. stock, Series "A," on New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Samuel F. Pryor, Chairman, New York Sept. 7.

**Company.**—Incorp. in Delaware in 1920. Business founded in 1816. Itself or through subsidiaries, manufactures Remington Arms, Remington U. M. C. ammunition, Remington cutlery and Remington cash registers. Manufacturing plants are at Bridgeport, Conn.; Hion, N. Y., and Brimston, Middlesex, Eng. Plants in the United States occupy 389 buildings, having 2,888,602 sq. ft. of floor space. The company's business is well diversified. Its sales in 1922 were in excess of \$16,000,000. Company has more than 6,500 employees. Its business extends back, through predecessor companies, over more than 100 years.

The company's output of ammunition, other than for military purposes, is the largest in the United States; its output of firearms is one of the largest, and its output of firearms and ammunition together constitutes about one-third of the country's total production. Its production of shotgun shells and rifle and pistol cartridges in 1922 was in excess of 847,455,000, and its present production of pocket cutlery is at the rate of more than 2,180,000 knives per annum. In both production and sales it is the second largest manufacturer of cash registers in the United States.

**Capitalization.**—Authorized. Outstanding.

1st Mtge. 6% S. F. Gold bonds, Ser. "A" (V. 114, p. 2023)		x	\$8,500,000
1st Pref. stk.—Ser. "A," 7% Cumul. (incl. this issue)	10,000,000		5,000,000
do Series "B"	10,000,000		-----
2d Pref. stock, 8% Cumul. (callable all or part at any time at 100 and div.)	5,000,000		5,000,000
Common stock (600,000 shs., no par value, net assets available for Common stock) \$8,042,879.			700,000 shs 600,000shs

x Further series issuable under restrictions of mortgage.

**Note.**—The reclassification of the company's share capital consists in authorizing \$20,000,000 1st Pref. stock (\$10,000,000 1st Pref. stock, 7% Cumul., Series "A", and \$10,000,000 1st Pref. stock, 7% Cum., Series "B") and \$5,000,000 2d Pref. stock 8% Cumul., the existing \$10,000,000 issued 7% Cumul. Pref. stock to be exchanged for \$5,000,000 1st Pref. stock 7% Cumul. Series "A") constituting the entire amount of 1st Pref. stock now to be outstanding, and \$5,000,000 2d Pref. stock 8% Cumul. The number of authorized shares of no par value Common stock is also being reduced from 1,000,000 to 700,000.

**Earnings.**—Average annual net profits for the 19 years ended Dec. 31 1922 (after deducting depreciation charges, all inventory and other adjustments, interest charges and Federal taxes) were \$1,097,026, or more than 3 times the \$350,000 dividend requirement on the total 1st Pref. stock to be now outstanding. For the 9 years ended Dec. 31 1922 average annual net profits were \$1,244,975, or more than 3½ times this requirement.

For the year ended Dec. 31 1922 net profits were \$1,123,169, or more than 3 times this requirement. For the 6 months ended June 30 1923 net profits were at the rate of more than 5 times this requirement.

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities Based on June 30 1923 Balance Sheet.**

**Assets**—  
Real estate, bldgs., plants & equip., \$19,804,581; less reserves for depreciation, \$6,080,432 \$13,724,149  
Investments (securities owned) 112,138  
Current assets—Cash, \$199,692; accts. receivable, \$4,222,002; notes, loans, mtgs., & int. rec., \$54,990; inventories, \$11,031,991; advances to cash register agents, \$630,067; adv. to affil. cos., \$380,935; consignment claim, metals at converters, \$107,880. 16,627,557  
Prepaid items 134,003  
Total assets (excl. of valuation of goodwill, going val. & patents) \$30,597,847

**Liabilities**—  
1st Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund Gold bonds, Series "A" \$8,500,000  
Current liabilities—accts. payable, \$1,128,094; accrued liabilities, \$344,174; notes payable, \$1,546,250; adv. received from customers, \$509,324; res. for Fed. taxes, &c., \$156,511 \$3,684,353  
Minority int. in Capital stock & surplus of sub. cos. 370,615  
Total liabilities other than Capital stock and surplus \$12,554,968  
Net assets, exclusive of goodwill, patents, trade-marks & formulas, after deducting all liabilities other than Capital stock & surplus \$18,042,879  
Net assets (exclusive of goodwill, patents, trade-marks and formulas), after deducting all liabilities other than Capital stock, amount to \$18,042,879 or \$360 per share of this \$5,000,000 1st Pref. stock. Net current assets alone are \$12,943,204.  
Total current assets as of June 30 1923 were \$16,627,557, or approximately 4½ times total current liabilities of \$3,684,353.—V. 117, p. 1136, 1023.

**Rand (Gold) Mines, Ltd.—Gold Production (in Ozs.).**—  
Aug. 1923. July 1923. June 1923. May 1923. April 1923. Mar. 1923.  
769,371 754,306 755,309 786,564 743,651 761,586  
—Vol. 117, p. 901.

**Riordon Co., Ltd.—Reorganization Plan.**—The bondholders' committees representing the holders of 1st Mtge. & Refunding 8% bonds of Riordon Co., Ltd., and Gen. Mtge. 6% bonds of Riordon Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd., the committee representing the unsecured creditors of Riordon Co. and the directors have approved the reorganization plan outlined below. The plan will now be submitted to the depositing bondholders for ratification. The plan is under the direction of Wallace B. Donham and I. W. Killam, as reorganization managers.

Subject to the discretion vested in the reorganization managers to make up any deficiency from other sources, the plan also requires the support of the shareholders and unsecured creditors to the extent of a specified minimum of subscriptions for new stock as more fully appears below.

A letter to the unsecured creditors by R. Montague Davy, Chairman of the Creditors' Committee, says in substance:

At the general meetings of creditors which have been held during the past two years the committee has kept steadfastly before you the certainty that should the company go into liquidation you would obtain nothing whatsoever for your claims, and, therefore, counseled granting the extensions of time, which were duly arranged for. We have urged that the creditors take the only course which afforded any promise of improvement, viz.: to refrain from putting the company into bankruptcy.

The committee has worked in harmony and co-operation with the directors of the company, the representatives of the bondholders and others who have a large financial interest in the concern, and as one after another of seemingly insuperable obstacles has been overcome, we have felt encouragement. Among important accomplishments, the Gatineau properties and other limits of vital importance and great value which were threatened with forfeiture have been conserved; large stores of pulp and pulpwood have been turned into cash; inventories have been put on a sound basis; bank loans have been substantially reduced, as is disclosed by the plan; the principal mills have been kept operating practically at capacity; the product has been sold successfully, and a large and appreciative clientele maintained and developed.

At the meeting of creditors held on Nov. 16 1922, you were advised by the Chairman that the Riordon Pulp Corporation, Ltd., had been formed, it having been found necessary to take unusual steps in the procuring of money for the logging operations during the past winter on account of the involved condition of the company's finances.

The function of the Pulp Corporation was primarily to provide a channel whereby credit not otherwise obtainable could be secured for such logging operations, and it was explained that the Pulp Corporation, having been the means of creating inventories of logs and pulpwood in the bush, should have a lease of the company's principal plants to insure that these inventories would be put into merchantable condition.

The Pulp Corporation on Oct. 31 1922 took over the operations of the Rouge Woods Division; on Dec. 31 1922 the Kipawa Woods Division and Kipawa Mill; on May 1 1923 the Calumet saw mill; on June 1 1923 the Hawkesbury mill. As was also explained, the lease of the properties contains a clause that the company may recapture on payment to the Pulp Corporation of advances obtained by it, all the properties now under lease.

If the reorganization plan is brought about, the Pulp Corporation will in due course cease to function and the properties will return to the company.

Despite the fact that the condition of the company's affairs is materially improved by the operations which have been carried on, both in its own name and that of the Riordon Pulp Corp., the necessity for working capital is still pressing. No interest has been paid on the Riordon Pulp & Paper Co.'s 6% Gen. Mtge. Bonds, or on the Riordon Co.'s 8% First Mtge. Bonds for two years, and the sums advanced by means of the Pulp Corporation, being only intended for temporary use, must be repaid.

Several schemes of reorganization have been discussed during the past two years, no one of which was brought to a conclusion, but we are now able to lay before you a plan of reorganization which we commend for your most serious and sympathetic consideration. In this plan the unsecured creditors will receive for each \$100 of their claims, one-quarter share of 7% Preferred Stock, cumulative from Jan. 1 1925, and a full share of Common Stock of no par value in the new company. These securities, it is estimated, will acquire within a short time a market value equivalent to about 25 cents on the dollar of the creditors' claims, and if this estimated value is reached it will mean that over \$1,000,000 has been saved for the unsecured creditors by their granting the extensions asked for and allowing of the continued operations of the company.

As an alternative to the acceptance of the quarter share of Preferred Stock, each unsecured creditor may elect to purchase a subscription right for Prior Preference and Common Stock involving the payment by him in cash of \$60 for each \$100 of claim, for which \$60 he would receive \$72 par value of Prior Preference Stock and three additional shares of Common Stock, making four shares of Common Stock in all, and as the whole reorganization plan is based upon the earnest expectations that values of all its securities will appreciate with the development of the company's properties, it is suggested that creditors weigh carefully in their minds the choice of the two plans of settlement.

It should be pointed out to you as general creditors of the company who are asked to take stock for your claims that you are not alone in facing this necessity. In order to make it possible to secure the new money needed to

rehabilitate the company and its credit, the General Mortgage bondholders of the Riordon Pulp & Paper Co., whose claim for well over \$4,000,000 is secured by a general lien on all the properties of the Riordon Co., are giving up their lien and taking for their bonds Prior Preference, Preferred and Common shares in the reorganized company; they are thus dependent for the working out of their investment on the future value of the same stocks which are offered to you.

**Directors.**—The following have agreed to join the board of directors: N. Curry (Chairman Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Ltd., and director Bank of Nova Scotia), Montreal; Wallace B. Donham (dean, Harvard Business School), Boston; Archibald Fraser (Pres. Fraser Cos., Ltd.), Edmunston, N. B.; George W. Grier (Pres. G. A. Grier & Sons, Ltd.), Montreal; Robert F. Herrick (Pres. Pacific Mills), Boston; I. W. Killam (Pres. Royal Securities Corp., Ltd.), Montreal; George M. McKee (Pres. Algonquin Paper Co.), Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Sir William Price (Pres. Price Brothers & Co., Ltd.), Quebec; F. N. Southam (V.-Pres. Southam Press, Ltd.), Montreal; Fred R. Taylor, K.C., St. John, N. B.; N. A. Timmins (Pres. Hollinger Mines, Ltd.), Montreal; Frank D. True (Pres. Portland, Me., Savings Bank); Col. James W. Woods (Pres. Woods Mfg. Co., Ltd.), Ottawa.

Also, the Chairman of the Committee, R. Montague Davy, will continue to act upon the reorganized board.

A statement issued with the plan affords the following:

**Present Condition of Company.**—The balance sheets show total assets of the Riordon Co. and Gatineau Co. as of March 31 1923, amounting to over \$40,000,000. This valuation is believed to be sound on a going concern basis, but is undoubtedly much more than the liquidation or forced sale value. In other words, it is at present potential rather than actual, and depends for its realization on adequate financing, reasonable fixed charges, sufficient working capital and a sound financial structure.

Against these assets there is outstanding debt, as of the same date, with inter-company items eliminated, amounting to approximately \$33,400,000, of which about \$29,000,000 is secured. Interest on nearly \$10,000,000 of bonds is two years in default, and secured and unsecured indebtedness amounting to several million dollars is long overdue. Current liabilities and overdue obligations exceeded current assets on March 31 by over \$7,500,000. Under these circumstances income from current operations is absorbed by interest payments and other fixed charges, and the credit necessary to continue the company's business would have been wholly unobtainable except through the support and assistance of the bondholders' committees. Obviously, this condition could not continue without forcing an early foreclosure or liquidation with resulting sacrifice of values.

**Purpose of the Plan.**—The purpose of this plan is to remedy the existing condition by reducing debt and fixed charges, restoring credit, and supplying a sound capital structure and adequate working capital, and thus to make it possible to realize and develop the full value of the assets. To this end the present indebtedness must be largely replaced by stock, and approximately \$10,000,000 of new money provided. The adjustments necessary to accomplish these objects are briefly summarized below.

**Readjustment of Capital Stock.**—To bring about the necessary reduction of debt and sound financial structure not only must a substantial part of the present indebtedness be turned into stock, but the greater part of the new money must be raised by the issue of stock rather than of bonds or notes. In order to meet these requirements, the present capital stock will be entirely replaced by new issues, and the participation of the present stockholders in the reorganization will depend on their contributing to the new money required through cash subscriptions, entitling them to receive new Prior Preference and Common Stock as specified.

**Disposition of Present Debt.**—Of the secured debt, about \$13,500,000 will remain outstanding, but with certain changes in the trust deeds securing the First Mtge. & Ref. Bonds, including reduction of call price until Jan. 1 1926, and postponement of sinking fund until 1926.

**Procedure to Carry Out the Plan.**—It is expected that the plan, when declared effective, will be carried out through the present company, without sale or foreclosure, by a compromise or arrangement under the Winding-Up Act or Bankruptcy Act, but the reorganization managers will be authorized to carry out the plan by any procedure which may be found necessary or advisable, including the formation of a new corporation to issue the above securities and to acquire the assets through a sale in bankruptcy or winding-up proceedings, foreclosure of existing mortgages, or any other method.

Balance sheets of the Riordon Co. and Gatineau Co., based on the figures of March 31 1923, with adjustment to give effect to the proposed reorganization and new financing, together with a description of properties, &c., will be found under "Annual Reports" above.

**Comparative Table of Old and New Capitalization and Indebtedness (Riordon and Gatineau Companies Consolidated).**

Capital Stock Now Outstanding.		Capital Stock After Reorganization.	
8% First Preferred	\$10,000,000	7% Prior Preference	\$10,000,000
7% Second Preferred	10,000,000	7% Preferred	5,500,000
Common	27,000,000	Common, 600,000 shares (book value)	6,232,950
The existing stock will be canceled and new stock issued for cash or in settlement of indebtedness or for other considerations, as required by the plan.			
Bonds		Bonds	
First Mtge. 6% Debens	\$1,828,800	First Mtge. 6% Debens	\$1,828,800
Overdue interest	1192,024		
First Mtge. & Ref. 8s	5,930,000	First Mtge. & Ref. 8s	5,930,000
Overdue interest	869,733		
General Mortgage 6s	*3,987,500	First Mtge. & Ref. 7s	2,070,000
Overdue interest	*418,688	New Gen. Mtge. Deb. 7s	1,000,000

* To be exchanged for stock.		Other Debt	
Purchase money liens and small mortgages	\$5,738,328	Purchase money liens and small mortgages	\$5,738,328
Interest on mortgages and purchase money liens	99,116		
Secured loans	1,770,637		
Construction & equipmt. liens, taxes & stumps (estimated)	2,813,967		
Bank loans & curr. acct's (secured or preferred)	5,254,119	Bank loans and current accounts, about	2,000,000
Unsecured creditors, abt.	*4,500,000		

* To be exchanged for stock.		Summary of Readjustment of Debt.	
Present Indebtedness.		Debt After Reorganization.	
To remain outstanding	\$13,497,128	Present liabilities to remain, as above	\$13,497,128
To be exchanged for stock	8,906,188	New bonds & debentures to be issued	3,070,000
To be paid in cash or securities or otherwise adjusted	10,999,596	Est. current liabilities after new financing	2,000,000
Total present debt	\$33,402,911	Total debt after reorg.	\$18,567,128

Net reduction of debt \$14,835,783

**Plan of Reorganization of Riordon Co., Ltd., Dated Sept. 7 1923.**  
**Indebtedness Included in Plan.**—The indebtedness of the Gatineau Co., the Riordon Pulp Corp. and the Riordon Sales Corp., as well as certain debt of minor subsidiaries of Riordon Co., except inter-company items, must be paid or provided for in full in the reorganization, and is therefore included in the figures of secured indebtedness. In all statements of indebtedness inter-company items are eliminated. Certain bonds pledged as collateral are omitted, the obligations secured by the pledge being included. All figures for existing liabilities, except where otherwise specified, are those of March 31 1923.

**Riordon Pulp & Paper Co. to Issue Warrants.**—Riordon Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd., is the owner of substantial amounts of all three classes of the present stock of the Riordon Co., but has no funds in its treasury with which to exercise its participation rights in respect to the acquisitions of new stock under the plan. The Riordon Pulp & Paper Co. has therefore made arrangements to issue subscription warrants by which its participation rights (which are identical with those of other stockholders of the Riordon Co.) will be assigned and distributed to its own shareholders, and these warrants will be accepted by the reorganization managers and the depositary under



the reorganization managers agreement hereinafter mentioned as evidence of the right of the holders thereof to exercise the participation rights thereby represented.

Treatment of Existing Bonded Debt and Other Indebtedness.

(1) The \$1,828,800 Rioridon Pulp & Paper Co. 1st Mtge. 6% Debentures, due 1942, will remain outstanding.

(2) The \$5,930,000 Rioridon Co. 1st Mtge. & Ref. 8% Bonds, appropriately stamped (or like bonds of a new company similarly secured and issued in place of the present 1st Mtge. & Ref. 8% Bonds) will remain outstanding, and the \$869,733 overdue interest on the present bonds will be paid in cash, with interest at 6%. The trust deeds securing the 1st Mtge. & Ref. 8% Bonds (or, if new bonds are issued in place of these bonds, the trust deeds securing the same) will be in the form of the present trust deeds as amended.

(3) The holders of the Rioridon Pulp & Paper Co. Gen. Mtge. 6% Bonds will receive in exchange for their bonds and accrued interest to July 1 1923 (amounting to \$478,500), approximately \$1,000,000 7% Prior Preference Stock, \$4,466,000 7% Preferred Stock and 39,875 shares of no par value Common Stock, each \$1,000 Bond with its coupons being exchanged for the following securities of the reorganized company: 7% Prior Preference Stock, par value, \$250; 7% Preferred Stock, par value, \$1,120; Common Stock, 10 shares. On the other hand, there will be issued and sold for the purposes of the plan \$2,070,000 of additional 7% Bonds under the 1st & Ref. Mtge., and \$1,000,000 of new 7% Gen. Mtge. Debentures ranking after the First Mtge. Debentures and the First Mtge. & Ref. Bonds. The amount of new Gen. Mtge. Debentures to be issued for the purposes of the plan may be increased in the discretion of the reorganization managers to not exceeding \$3,000,000 as provided below.

(4) Other Secured Indebtedness.—The secured debt (other than the bonded debt set forth above and the accrued interest on Gen. Mtge. 6% Bonds, to be taken care of as above provided), including claims in any way privileged or preferred and certain claims against subsidiary and affiliated companies, is as follows:

(a) Purchase Money Obligations and Small Mortgages, Total \$5,738,328.

Table listing various purchase money obligations and small mortgages with amounts such as \$1,200,000 for O'Brien timber limits, \$650,000 for Bronson properties, etc.

The obligations specified in this subdivision will remain outstanding, except as reduced by required sinking fund or installment payments, pending the consummation of the plan.

(b) Mortgage Interest and Miscellaneous, Total \$10,999,596.

Table listing mortgage interest and miscellaneous items with amounts such as \$1,160,873 for int. on bonds, mtges., & purch. money obligns., etc.

The obligations specified in this subdivision are to be paid in cash or otherwise adjusted as the reorganization managers, with the approval of the 8% bondholders' committee, shall determine, except that a normal amount of bank loans and current accounts payable, estimated at about \$2,000,000, will remain outstanding after the consummation of the plan.

(5) Unsecured Indebtedness.—The unsecured debt, with interest, is approximately \$4,500,000, for which the unsecured creditors will be allotted in full settlement Preferred and Common Stock of the reorganized company, at the rate of \$25 of Pref. Stock and one Common Share for each \$100 of their respective claims, computed with interest to June 1 1923. Each unsecured creditor will have the option, however, to waive the \$25 of Preferred Stock and to accept in place thereof a right of purchase, by payment of 60% in cash of the face value of his claim, Prior Preference Stock and Common Stock at the same price and on the same terms and conditions as are provided for the present First Preferred shareholders.

The options thus available, as applied to an unsecured claim for \$1,000 (including interest), may be tabulated as follows:

Table showing option 1 and option 2 with columns for Amount Claim, Cash Payment to Company, and Amount of New Stock Received (Pref. and Common).

Provision for Cash Requirements of the Plan.

To provide funds for the payment of existing debt to be paid off in cash under the plan, and for other requirements of the plan, including expenses, increased cash balances, and contingencies, the plan contemplates the raising of new money as follows:

Table detailing the raising of new money, including amounts for new First Mtge. & Ref. Bonds, 500,000 of new 7% Convertible Gen. Mtge. Debentures, and 9,000,000 of 7% Prior Preference Stock.

Total new money from above securities \$9,913,000. The reorganization managers may arrange for the sale of additional Gen. Mtge. Debentures, on such terms as they may fix, up to the following amounts: (1) \$1,000,000 for any purposes of the plan; (2) \$1,000,000, the proceeds of which may be applied only to the payment or reduction of prior mortgage debt or purchase money liens existing on Aug. 1 1923, on any of the present property of the Rioridon Co. or the Gatineau Co., or to reimburse the treasury of the company for such payment.

Right of Present Shareholders to Participate in Plan.

The participation of each of the shareholders in the reorganization and in the capital stock of the reorganized company will be conditional on the exercise of the participation rights attached to his present stock, as specified.

(a) First Preferred Shareholders.—72,000 shares of Prior Preference Stock and 300,000 shares of Common Stock will be offered, subject to the cash payment provided below, to the First Preferred Shareholders of Rioridon Co. pro rata according to their respective holdings of the present First Preferred Stock. Each First Preferred Shareholder will be entitled, in respect of each share of his holdings of the present First Preferred Stock, to pay \$60 in cash and to receive new Prior Preference and Common Stock at the rate of \$120 par value of Prior Preference Stock and 5 shares of Common Stock for each \$100 so paid.

(b) Second Preferred Shareholders.—30,000 shares of Prior Preference Stock and 75,000 shares of Common Stock will be offered, subject to the cash payment provided below, to the Second Preferred Shareholders of Rioridon Co. pro rata according to their respective holdings of the present Second Preferred Stock. Each Second Preferred Shareholder will be entitled, in respect of each share of his holdings of the present Second Preferred Stock, to pay \$25 in cash and to receive new Prior Preference and Common Stock at the rate of \$120 par value of Prior Preference Stock and 3 shares of Common Stock for each \$100 so paid.

(c) Common Shareholders.—16,200 shares of Prior Preference Stock and 20,250 shares of Common Stock will be offered, subject to the cash payment provided below, to the Common shareholders of Rioridon Co. pro rata according to their respective holdings of the present Common Stock. Each Common shareholder will be entitled, in respect of each share of his holding of the present Common Stock, to pay \$5 in cash and to receive new Prior Preference and Common Stock at the rate of \$120 par value of Prior Preference Stock and 1 1/2 shares of Common Stock for each \$100 so paid.

The above rights of participation of the shareholders may be tabulated as follows:

Table showing the present capital stock breakdown into Prior Pref. Stock Offered, Common Stock Offered, and Cash Payment, with totals for \$11,820,000 and 395,250 shares.

The statements of new capitalization are based on the assumption that the total payments by the shareholders and unsecured creditors under their participation rights and by the underwriters will aggregate \$7,500,000, calling for the issue of \$9,000,000 of Prior Preference Stock, with the corresponding amount of Common Stock, this cash provision being sufficient for the requirements of the plan; but if participations taken by the shareholders and unsecured creditors exceed the required \$7,500,000, the company will receive the benefit of the additional money provided, and the total stock issues will be correspondingly increased.

The above participation rights may be stated in individual units as follows:

Table showing Present Relation to Company for First Preferred Shareholder, Second Preferred Shareholder, and Common Shareholder.

Underwriting of Prior Preference and Common Stock.

The plan requires that at least \$7,500,000 in cash (less the cash underwriting commission) be realized from the sale of Prior Preference and Common Stock and that of this amount a minimum of \$2,083,333 be paid by the shareholders and unsecured creditors for Prior Preference and Common Stock purchased by them under their participation rights, or that the deficiency be made up as provided below. This minimum payment by the shareholders and unsecured creditors is not underwritten. The balance of \$5,416,667 is underwritten by a syndicate composed of Parkinson & Burr, Coffin & Burr, Inc., and E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston, and Royal Securities Corporation, Ltd., Montreal, Royal Securities Corporation having obtained sub-underwriting contracts for about \$2,000,000 of its participation. Certain of the sub-underwriters are also shareholders or creditors of the company. The underwriting commissions aggregate \$300,000 in cash and 75,000 shares of Common Stock.

All payments for new stock received from the shareholders and unsecured creditors will go, first, to make up the \$2,083,333 minimum cash requirement, and second, to relieve the underwriters of their commitments. If the entire \$7,500,000 cash is paid by shareholders, unsecured creditors or others upon subscriptions for new stock, the underwriters will be entirely relieved. If such subscriptions amount to less than \$7,500,000, but the \$2,083,333 minimum cash requirements is met by subscriptions for new stock from shareholders, creditors or others, or by sale of debentures, or in any other manner, as provided, and the plan is accordingly declared effective, the underwriters will be bound to pay the balance of the \$7,500,000 cash and will be entitled to receive therefor Prior Preference Stock and Common Stock at the same rate as that fixed for the purchase of such stock by the First Preferred shareholders and unsecured creditors. If the plan is consummated, the underwriters will be entitled to receive their commissions, regardless of the extent to which they may be relieved of their liabilities by payments on subscriptions by shareholders, unsecured creditors or others for new stock.

Time Allowed for Subscriptions and Installment Payments.

The time allowed for the receipt of subscriptions from the shareholders and unsecured creditors under their participation rights will terminate on Sept. 28 1923. The first installment payable on each subscription, amounting to 25% of the subscription price, must be paid at the time of subscribing, and will be refunded if the plan is not declared effective. Additional installments will be due on notice from the reorganization managers after the plan has been declared effective. The first installment of 25% payable by the underwriters on account of any portion of the \$5,416,667 of subscriptions underwritten by them, for which they become liable under their underwriting contracts will be payable on ten days' notice from the reorganization managers upon the plan being declared effective, and the remaining installments will be payable on similar notice on the same dates and in the same proportions as fixed for payments on subscriptions received from shareholders and unsecured creditors.

Distribution of Common Stock.

The maximum amount of Common Stock issued in connection with the participation rights offered to shareholders and unsecured creditors for the required \$7,500,000 of cash will be 375,000 shares, the exact amount depending on the extent to which the Second Preferred and Common stockholders contribute to the \$7,500,000.

If more than \$7,500,000 cash is paid in by the shareholders and unsecured creditors for new stock and Common Stock in excess of 375,000 shares is required for delivery against such payments, the Common Stock issue may be increased beyond 600,000 shares to the extent of such excess. The maximum rate of increase would be 50,000 shares for an additional \$1,000,000 of cash provided.

39,875 shares will be issued to the present Gen. Mtge. 6% Bondholders, and about 45,000 shares to unsecured creditors (exclusive of additional shares to which they may become entitled through the exercise of their optional subscription rights), 75,000 shares for underwriting commission, and 5,000 shares in connection with the sale of new Gen. Mtge. Debentures. 22,500 shares will be required to discharge certain obligations entered into by the company in connection with arranging in the fall of 1922 of an emergency credit of \$1,500,000 for the current requirements of the Gatineau Co. The balance of the 600,000 shares (amounting to about 37,625 shares) will be reserved for distribution in the discretion of the reorganization managers among those whose services it may be desirable to secure in connection with the management of the company, &c.

Conditions for Declaring Plan Effective.

If subscriptions aggregating \$2,083,333 are not received from shareholders and unsecured creditors for Prior Preference and Common Stock under their participation rights on or before Sept. 28, or within any further period allowed by the reorganization managers, the reorganization managers will have discretion to make up the deficiency by arranging to place the stock elsewhere on such terms as they may fix, or to dispose of any stocks or securities authorized by the plan, or by any other method consistent with the plan, including arrangements for the sale with the approval of the 8% Bondholders' Committee of any capital assets of the company or the Gatineau Co., which in their opinion it is not necessary to retain for the conduct of the business of the reorganized company; provided that the amount of such deficiency made up by such sale of capital assets shall not exceed \$1,000,000, and that in the event of such sale the principal amount of new Gen. Mtge. Debentures which may be issued for the purpose of making up such deficiency shall be reduced from the amount otherwise available for that purpose under the foregoing provisions hereof by the amount of the net proceeds of such sale.

To the extent that such deficiency is made up as above authorized from other sources than the sale of Prior Preference and Common Stock, the minimum of \$7,200,000 to be raised by the sale of such stock may be reduced.

The reorganization managers are authorized to declare the plan effective if within the time allowed by the contracts, (a) the required \$2,083,333 of subscriptions is received or arrangements made furnishing assurance satisfactory to both bondholders' committees of the making up of any deficiency; and (b) the 8% bondholders reorganization agreement shall have become binding on the holders of certificates of deposit issued under the 8% deposit agreement and the conditions stated for the adoption of the plan by the 6% Bondholders' Committee shall have been fulfilled; and (c) no unforeseen circumstances shall have arisen which render it impracticable to carry out the plan; and on such declaration by the reorganization managers, the 8% Bondholders' Committee will declare the plan effective under the 8% Bondholders Reorganization Agreement. If the above conditions are not fulfilled, the plan must be amended or abandoned.

[Other details will be given another week.]—V. 116, p. 2018.

Reynolds Spring Co.—Outlook—Earnings.—

President Wiley R. Reynolds, discussing the outlook for the last quarter of the current year, says:

"The last three months of 1923 will be the largest quarter in the history of the company. September will be a larger month than August. After allowing for taxes, depreciation and Preferred dividend requirements earnings in the first 3 months were equivalent to approximately \$130 a share for the Common stock outstanding."

"The bakelite business, which is a profitable side line, is gradually increasing."

"The number of stockholders is increasing. This is, no doubt, due to dividend payments on the Common shares as well as conversion of the Preferred stock into Common."

"About Oct. 15 there will be mailed to stockholders a complete certified statement of the company's financial position as of Sept. 30."

Table showing Period, Net Sales, Net Earnings, Deprec., Fed. Taxes, and Net Income for Aug. 1923, 8 mos. end, and Aug. 31 '23.

—V. 117, p. 901, 562.

**Reo Motor Car Co.—Extra Cash Dividend.**—In addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%, the company has declared an extra cash dividend of 6% on the outstanding capital stock, par \$10, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15. In July last a 10% stock dividend was paid in addition to an extra cash dividend of 6% and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%. (See V. 116, p. 2266.)

**Balance Sheet June 30 1923.**  
[As filed with the Secretary of State of Michigan.]

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Real estate.....	\$320,308	Common stock.....	\$15,000,000
Buildings and equipment.....	5,378,246	Liability on all unsecured indebtedness.....	3,171,889
Inventory, &c.....	7,668,010	Dividends payable.....	1,022,405
Cash.....	5,426,714	Deferred credits.....	9,224
Value of credits owing to corporation.....	5,792,376	Surplus.....	x5,983,139
Investments.....	569,444		
Deferred charges.....	31,559		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$25,186,657</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$25,186,657</b>

x Representing net value of properties, less outstanding indebtedness and paid-up capital.—V. 117, p. 336.

**St. Louis Coke & Iron Co.—Earnings.**—For the 12 months ended Aug. 31 the company reports total net earnings of \$1,389,498, or sufficient to cover interest on the \$6,404,000 first mtge. 6s, 1942, over 3 1/2 times. The dividend on the \$3,099,000 7% cumulative preferred stock was covered 4.6 times and 8 3/4% was earned on the \$9,400 shares of common stock.—V. 117, p. 562.

**San Francisco Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Called.**—One hundred (\$100,000) General Mtge. 30-year 4 3/4% sinking fund gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1903, have been called for payment Nov. 1 at 105 and int., at the Union Trust Co. of San Francisco, Calif.—V. 115, p. 1437.

**Savannah (Ga.) Gas Co.—Stock and Bonds Authorized.**—The Georgia P. S. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$1,850,000 of capital stock and \$600,000 1st Mtge. bonds. (See bond offering in V. 117, p. 678.)

The company has filed a petition in the Superior Court of Georgia at Chatham for authority (1) to renew its charter for 20 years from Dec. 22 1923, and (2) to amend its articles of incorporation by getting permission to increase its Capital stock to a total sum not exceeding \$5,000,000, to be divided into Common and Preferred, and (3) to execute and deliver its bonds in an unlimited amount and to secure the payment of the same by mortgage or deed of trust or otherwise conveying its property and franchises and containing such covenants and provisions as may seem best, and to empower the directors to issue and dispose of said bonds at such time or times, in one or more series, in such amounts, upon such terms and conditions and at such rates and for such prices as the board may determine and as may be permitted by the mortgage. See V. 117, p. 678.

**Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—Earnings.—European Business.** President D. A. Schulte is quoted in substance: "We estimate our earnings for the Schulte stores will be 15% better during the last six months than they were during the first six. [Net in first six months after charges but before Federal taxes was \$2,069,288.] The first two months of this quarter have already justified that estimate. We will follow a conservative policy and for the present there will be no change in the dividend rate. "I am going over to Europe in the interest of Park & Tilford to establish foreign connections in order that we may have exclusive agencies in this country for the distribution of certain foreign products through Park & Tilford."—V. 117, p. 791.

**Scovill Mfg. Co., Waterbury, Conn.—Larger Dividend.** A dividend of \$6 per share has been declared on the outstanding \$15,000,000 Capital stock, par \$100, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 22. On July 1 last a dividend of \$4 was paid, as against \$2 per share on April 1 last.—V. 116, p. 1190, 421.

**Seneca Copper Corp.—Expects to Start Production This Month.**

W. F. Bartholomew, a director who has just returned from a visit to the property at Lake Superior, is quoted: "After 6 years of work and the expenditure of over \$5,000,000 in the purchase and development of the Seneca Copper Corp., we have arrived at the production stage. We will start production this month and expect to have an output of about 1,200 tons of rock per day by Nov. 1 from both Seneca and Gratiot, or sufficient to run two heads of stamps. We have entered into an agreement with the Calumet & Hecla Co. to stamp our rock at the Ahmeek mill and smelt our mineral at the Calumet & Hecla smelter, the ore going from our mines to the mill over the Mineral Range RR., from which road we have secured a 25 1/2-cent per ton rate, which compares favorably with other mines in our neighborhood. "We have an interest in the Point Mills and the Little Tamarack Mill at Lake Superior controlled by the Lake Mining & Milling Co., but for the time being we believe it to the advantage of everybody to treat our rock at the Ahmeek Mill as at the present time Ahmeek is using only three out of eight stamps. "The mine never looked better. Under the intelligent management of Pres. T. F. Cole and Gen. Mgr. Uren, every development has been carefully looked after. The surface plants and machinery are now adapted for Seneca's needs and will be ample for a long time to come. The Kearsarge amygdaloid lode has been opened under our property for a length of nearly 4,000 feet and 7 levels in depth and every opening is in good grade ore with abundant stopping ground. We are within 400 feet on our third level of getting under the Gratiot shaft and we hope to be upraising in as well as sinking the Gratiot shaft before the first of the year."—V. 117, p. 791.

**Shawsheen Mills.—Balance Sheet June 30.**  
[As filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.]

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Plant & mill fixt's.....	7,026,772	Capital stock.....	2,000,000
Merchandise.....	3,386,816	Accounts payable.....	3,834,500
Cash & accts. rec.....	492,017	Notes payable.....	5,500,000
Profit and loss.....	428,895		5,500,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>11,334,500</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>11,334,500</b>

—V. 116, p. 1660.

**Shell Union Oil Corp.—Oil Contract.**—It is understood that the corporation has closed a contract with the Royal Dutch Co. for the sale to the latter of 20,000,000 gallons of gasoline for export.—V. 117, p. 791.

**Southern California Edison Co.—Stock and Debt Increased.**—The stockholders on Sept. 7 increased the authorized capital stock from \$100,000,000 to \$250,000,000, and increased the total authorized bonded indebtedness to \$388,000,000. Compare V. 117, p. 678, 902.

**Spottsylvania Power Co., Fredericksburg, Va.**—The company has purchased the property of the Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Co. and will conduct the business of the latter until the two companies are merged. The purchase gives to the Spottsylvania Power Co., it is stated, entire ownership of all the water power of Rappahannock River at and above Fredericksburg, Va., for many miles.—V. 99, p. 474.

**Springfield (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Stock Approved.**—The Massachusetts Dept. of Public Utilities has authorized the company to issue 25,917 additional shares of capital stock (par \$25) at \$37 50 a share. The proceeds will be used for the payment of floating debt of \$277,312, retirement of \$60,000 Chicopee Gas Light bonds, and the balance for additions and improvements made since Dec. 31 1922.—V. 117, p. 97.

**Standard Oil Co. of New York.—Stock Increase Approved.**—The stockholders on Sept. 12 (a) increased the authorized Capital stock from \$225,000,000 to \$235,000,000 par \$25; (b) extended the existence of the company to a

perpetual term, and (c) increased the number of directors from 9 to 11.

The stockholders also authorized the directors to issue all or any part of the increase to employees.

Each employee who has been in the continuous service of the company for one year may participate in the purchase plan to the extent of 20% of his salary. The company will add 50% to the amount which the employee thus contributes. The plan is to continue for 5 years unless sooner terminated by the board and is to be administered by trustees appointed by the board of directors.—V. 117, p. 1023.

**Stevens-Duryea, Inc.—Receivers' Report.**—The report of receivers F. G. Shaw and H. G. Fisk, filed in Superior Court at Boston on Sept. 4, in connection with the suit brought against it by the Fisk Tire Co., says in part: "As of May 10 1922, and excluding cash and receivables, the assets in our hands as valued upon the Stevens-Duryea, Inc., books aggregated \$3,983,212. The receivers placed a fair value 'as a going concern' upon the same of \$1,243,262, and as a value under forced liquidation \$337,080. "Subsequent to July 1 1922 the receivers had an opportunity to make a complete investigation of affairs and found that the value of assets as carried upon the company's books did not correctly represent the cost, there having been added in the way of writeups as shown by the surplus account \$1,087,363. The correct book value should have been, therefore, in round numbers, \$2,900,000. "The fair value 'as a going concern' placed upon the assets by the receivers was proportionately high and after operating the plant for one year—and especially during the winter season—the receivers have realized that the valuation placed by them under forced liquidation was at least \$90,000 higher than it should have been, and were they to place a forced liquidation valuation upon the land and buildings to-day it would be not to exceed \$100,000; on tools, jigs, dies and fixtures, practically the scrap value, possibly \$1,000; on service parts or finished parts perhaps \$2,500. These last two items alone represent a shrinkage from the original valuation of \$72,500. The balance would be made up of amount of scrap, stationery supplies and other small items disposed of in the meantime. "It was assumed by the receivers that the Stevens-Duryea car, as then produced, was a finished and satisfactory article. Experience proved, however, that a considerable amount of engineering work was necessary, and that at least four very important units in the make-up of the car could be bought complete, more perfect from an engineering standpoint and at a better suited for the purpose for which they were to be used, and for an equal cost, after crediting the scrap, and resulting in a far more salable car. Furthermore, there was no speculation in the matter of the cost of these items nor possibility of defective material, which would be a loss to the receivers, as the items bought were for a perfect article delivered at the plants. "The company prior to the receivership produced and sold 152 cars. During the 14 months the receivers have been in charge there have been completed partially-finished cars and built additional, and there have been sold 116 new cars and 92 reconditioned and second-hand cars. "The receivers have managed the business personally, performing the duties previously performed by the entire executive and administrative staff, the salaries of whom, including assistants, aggregated approximately \$100,000 per annum. During the 14 months with the production above mentioned, the number of employees in the plant averaged 197, and during the 14 months the pay-roll amounted to \$388,671. The selling expense and all other overhead items of expense during the 14 months amounted to \$78,091. As compared with the 14 months previous, or the last 14 months of the administration of the old company, the number of employees in the plant average 451; the pay-roll amounted to \$973,960; the selling expense and all other items of expense amounted to \$378,762, a difference of \$370,671. "From May 9 1922 to July 31 1923 the receivers' cash book shows total cash debit of \$881,230, and the total credits of \$833,692, and cash on hand of \$17,537. "The aggregate gross amount of open accounts and commitment obligations as of May 9 1922 was approximately \$1,800,000. Through negotiations by the receivers, the net amount of all claims for notes, open accounts and commitment claims approved amount to \$1,071,233, and where commitment claims were allowed the material covered has been shipped in and received. Three claims aggregating \$18,757 have been disapproved. Four claims aggregating \$56,120 are pending, but subsequent to July 31 and the date of this report, three have been satisfactorily adjusted, leaving but one in the amount of \$22,612 now pending, and indications are that this item will in the near future be satisfactorily adjusted. "It will be necessary for the future operation of the plant by the receivers to borrow a considerable amount of money, and unless a sale can be effected in the immediate future, it is the intention of the receivers to suggest to the court that the plant be closed and prepared for liquidation. "Balance sheet as of July 31 1923: Assets as per statement of assets, \$469,734; cash on hand, and in banks, \$17,537; accounts and notes receivable, \$9,050; total assets, \$516,322. "Liabilities: Accounts payable and commitments, \$18,410; assets taken over from Stevens-Duryea, Inc., May 9 1922, \$387,003; net gain from operation, \$110,908; total liabilities, \$516,322. "New interests, it is understood, are negotiating for the purchase of the plant at Chicopee, Mass., for a consideration of \$450,000, with intention of improving and occupying the works for a kindred line of production.—V. 117, p. 1024, 902.

**Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.—New Accessories.** The corporation, it is stated, has perfected three new lines, which will be in full production before Jan. 1 1924 and which are expected to result in substantial additions to earnings. The new accessories are a shock absorber, an electrically operated windshield cleaner and an electric heater. Beginning Sept. 25, all the new "F" Star automobiles manufactured by the Star Motors, Inc., a subsidiary of Durant Motors, Inc., will be equipped with speedometers made by the Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp. It is estimated that in the next twelve months this will mean the installation of Stewart-Warner Speedometers on more than 200,000 new "F" Star automobiles.—V. 117, p. 791.

**Stover Manufacturing & Engine Co.—Shipments.**—It is reported that shipments during the first six months showed an increase of 24% over a year ago and that business is expected to continue at this rate throughout the year.—V. 116, p. 1660.

**Suburban Gas & Elec. Co., Boston.—Par Value.**—See Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co. above.—V. 116, p. 1543.

**Sun Oil Company.—Tenders.**—The Bank of North America & Trust Co., formerly the Commercial Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee, will, until Sept. 26, receive bids for the sale to it of First Mtge. 10-Year 6% sinking fund gold debenture bonds of the Sun Co., dated May 1 1919, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$270,438, and at a price not exceeding par and interest.—V. 116, p. 2779.

**(John R.) Thompson Co.—Dividends.**—The directors have declared three monthly dividends of 25 cents on the Common stock, payable Oct. 1, Nov. 1 and Dec. 1 to holders of record Sept. 24, Oct. 23 and Nov. 23, respectively. Monthly dividends of like amount have been paid since Jan. 1 1923. The regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the Preferred stock has also been declared, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 24.—V. 116, p. 526.

**Transcontinental Oil Co.—New Co. Organized.**—The Transcontinental Oil Co. of Colorado has just been organized under the laws of Delaware with \$100,000 capital. The officers and directors are the same as those of the Transcontinental Oil Co. The new company, it is stated, has large holdings in Northern Colorado joining the Wyoming line, and is also jointly interested with the Texas Co. in the drilling of a well on the Hamilton Dome.—V. 116, p. 1907.

**United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.**—See under "Indications of Business Activity" on preceding pages.—V. 117, p. 679, 549.

**Vanadium Corp. of America.—New Officers & Directors.** A. A. Corey has been elected President, succeeding J. L. Replogle. L. K. Diffenderfer, Treasurer, has been elected Secretary and Treasurer, succeeding E. F. Nickerson as Secretary. Frederick W. Allen, Samuel Pryor, W. E. Corey, Payne Whitney and A. A. Corey have been elected directors succeeding Joseph DeWyckoff.



## Reports and Documents.

### GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1923.

San Francisco, California,  
August 30th 1923.

#### To the Stockholders:

Your Board of Directors submits the seventh annual report covering the operations of your Company for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1923.

After the deduction of all charges against income, including \$2,612,027 80 for depreciation, \$2,038,394 97 to cover unproductive drilling and abandoned leases, and \$2,619,726 39 for labor and incidental expenses in drilling wells, there remains a net profit for the year of \$6,491,397 29. This amount, after providing for the required dividend on the preferred capital stock, represents earnings at the rate of nearly 27% on the average amount of common capital stock outstanding during the year.

These earnings do not include \$3,423,369 23 received from the United States during 1921, which is still being carried on the balance sheet as a deferred credit pending final determination with the Government as to the method of accounting.

Dividend disbursements during the year totaled \$2,086,732 25 in addition to which \$189,199 16 was accrued to cover the June proportion of dividends payable in the ensuing fiscal year.

The rapid increase in production with the attendant price reductions have enabled the companies of this State to enter into active competition in Eastern and foreign markets previously supplied from the Mid-Continent fields. Your Company has secured a fair share of this new business, and, in addition to satisfactory sales at Atlantic and Gulf coast ports, marketed over 2,500,000 barrels of fuel oil and refined products in foreign countries, including England, France, Argentine and Japan.

**Sales.**—Sales during the year totaled over 22,000,000 barrels, with a sales value of nearly \$36,000,000, compared with 13,000,000 barrels valued at \$28,000,000 during the previous year. It will be noted that by reason of the price reductions it was necessary to increase the quantity of oil sold nearly 70% in order to effect an increase of slightly over 25% in sales income.

The charge against income covering unproductive drilling and abandoned leases reflects, in part, amounts written off to cover the wells of the company in the light oil fields of Mexico which were affected in common with the wells of all other companies in the surrounding district by the intrusion of salt water. The charge for drilling labor on new wells is made under the option granted by the Treasury regulations which permits such charges to be made either to capital investment or operating costs. The increase of this charge over that for the preceding year indicates the extent of the growth of drilling activities.

#### PLANT PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT.

The net book value of the oil lands, leases, and other property of the Company at the end of the year, after the deduction of reserves for depletion, was \$30,081,098 50, an increase of \$5,522,180 93 over the corresponding figure for the preceding year.

Other fixed assets, including development and equipment, pipe-line transportation systems, and construction work in progress, totaled \$35,547,826 18 at the end of the year, after deducting reserves for depreciation. This is an increase of \$6,733,878 27 and indicates the expenditures necessary to enlarge the Company's facilities for producing and handling the increased volume of available oil.

#### CURRENT ASSETS.

The total current assets at the close of the year were \$28,508,841 57, including \$5,079,456 56 in cash, \$5,488,216 69 of accounts receivable, \$3,286,665 66 of material and supplies, and \$14,361,733 12 covering oil in storage or due from other companies. Oil inventories are valued at a figure substantially below the present market price. Current assets were over 4½ times current liabilities, and it should be noted that they exceed the combined total of current liabilities and funded debt.

#### CAPITAL STOCK.

The common capital stock outstanding at the close of the year was \$25,945,200 00, including \$376,000 00 deposited in trust for delivery under employees stock subscription plans. During the year \$2,550,100 par value of common capital stock was issued at \$28 75 per share in exchange for the Company's 6% Convertible Notes, the premium of \$3 75 per share being credited to Capital Surplus. The par value of both the preferred and common capital stock was reduced from \$100 per share to \$25 per share in November 1922.

#### FUNDED DEBT.

In accordance with the provisions of the deed of trust \$500,000 of 10-year 7% Sinking Fund Gold Notes were called for redemption on February 15th 1923 at 105. The

notes so called have been retired with the exception of the small amount shown on the balance sheet, for which funds are on deposit with the trustee. On June 30th 1923 the Company held \$339,000 face value of these notes and this amount has been deducted in computing the outstanding amount shown on the balance sheet.

On September 15th 1922, \$5,000,000 face value of 5-year 6% Convertible Notes were issued to provide additional working capital for oil purchases and the enlargement of the Company's facilities. Up to the end of the year \$2,551,900 of these notes had been exchanged for common capital stock, leaving an outstanding balance of \$2,448,100 as shown on the balance sheet.

On April 15th 1923 there were issued \$10,000,000 of 5-year 6% Gold Notes, the proceeds of which are being used for the purchase of crude oil and for additional storage capacity.

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES.

The current liabilities of the Company at the end of the year were \$6,175,905 23, including all accrued items. Accounts payable consisted principally of amounts due in July covering June purchases of oil and materials.

#### SURPLUS.

The combined surplus account June 30th 1923 totaled \$36,496,292 65, an increase of \$9,874,900 63 for the year.

#### PHYSICAL AND OPERATING STATISTICS.

During the fiscal year the Company acquired by purchase or lease 6,801 acres of proven or prospective oil land of which 6,363 acres is located in the San Joaquin Valley and 438 acres in southern California. During the same period leases were relinquished on 800 acres in the San Joaquin Valley, 369 acres in Santa Barbara County and 392 acres in southern California. At the end of the year the California properties owned or leased consisted of 4,764 acres of proven and developed oil lands and 23,076 acres of undeveloped lands. Nearly 14,000 acres of the undeveloped lands are owned in fee.

The drilling activities for the year are summarized in the following table:

District—	Wells Drilling July 1 1922.	Wells Started During Year.	Wells Finished During Year.	Wells Abandoned During Year.	Well Drilling June 30 1923.
Midway-Sunset ..	1	1	--	--	2
Wheeler Ridge ..	--	2	--	--	2
Santa Maria .....	1	--	--	1	--
Whittier-Fullerton	*4	--	--	--	*4
Richfield .....	1	--	1	--	--
Huntington Beach	--	1	1	--	--
Redondo Beach ..	--	3	1	--	2
Signal Hill .....	8	12	11	2	7
Santa Fe Springs ..	15	45	33	1	26
Ventura .....	2	2	1	--	3
Totals .....	32	66	48	4	46

\* Four wells on Tonner tract idle throughout year.

In addition to the work on new wells shown in the table, 51 wells were redrilled and deepened. An average of 40 strings of tools was worked during the year, including 31 strings on new drilling and 9 strings on redrilling. The total average for the previous year was 17 strings. Over 295,000 feet of hole were drilled, as compared with 108,000 feet for the preceding year. In connection with the actual work of drilling a large amount of other field construction work was completed. The installation of boilers, gas traps, pipe lines for oil, gas, and water, electric lines, fire protection apparatus, and the maintenance and replacement of drilling tools are among the principal items.

Crude oil production for the fiscal year, including 97,745 barrels in Mexico, 19,301 barrels in Wyoming was 14,397,981 barrels, an increase of 8,479,161 barrels over the preceding year. Production in June 1923 was 56,000 barrels per day, compared with 24,000 barrels per day in June 1922. It is significant that not only has the quantity of production increased but the quality has shown a marked improvement resulting in a much higher gasoline extraction. The average gravity of oil produced during the year was over 30 degrees Baume, compared with 25 degrees Baume during the preceding year and 20 degrees Baume for the year ended June 30 1921.

In addition to the wells shut in during the previous year, which still remain closed, additional wells in the San Joaquin Valley with a daily production of 1,700 barrels were shut in during the year. Production was further affected by the curtailment program instituted by the producers in the southern California fields as a result of the abnormal increase in production, which taxed existing pipe line and storage facilities beyond their capacity.

During the last quarter of the preceding year the pipe line system of the company was handling approximately 40,000 barrels of oil per day. During the four quarterly periods in the past fiscal year this figure increased successively from 50,000 barrels in the first quarter, to 65,000

barrels in the second, 80,000 barrels in the third, and 107,000 barrels in the fourth.

In meeting this situation it was necessary to make important additions to the pipe line transportation system. Over 87 miles of main lines were laid during the year, and the pump stations at Santa Fe Springs and Signal Hill were rebuilt and enlarged.

The pipe line system now consists of 407 miles of main lines connecting the fields of the San Joaquin Valley and southern California with the refinery and the various tank farms and terminals. About 300 miles of field gathering lines are used to gather oil at the pipe line stations for shipment. The company now has a total of 22 main line pump stations, in addition to pumping facilities at terminals.

The increase in the volume of controlled oil has also necessitated a material expansion in the storage system. Steel tanks with a total capacity of 1,775,000 barrels, and concrete reservoirs with a capacity of 2,750,000 barrels were completed during the year. Since the end of the fiscal year a 625,000-barrel reservoir and 675,000 barrels of steel tankage have been placed in service. Work is being actively carried forward on additional steel tankage of over 2,000,000 barrels capacity and concrete reservoirs with a total capacity of 2,100,000 barrels.

The total capacity of company tanks and reservoirs on the Pacific Coast at the end of the year slightly exceeded 10,000,000 barrels. On June 30th the total quantity of oil in storage on the Coast or due from other companies on exchanges, was 10,215,095 barrels, consisting of 4,506,797 barrels of fuel oil, 3,684,738 barrels of refinable crude and 2,023,560 barrels of refined products. Stocks and exchange balances in Wyoming, Mexico, Argentine, Chile and Japan totaled 794,970 barrels.

The capacity and efficiency of the Vernon refinery have been greatly increased and two absorption plants for the extraction of gasoline from natural gas were erected in the Santa Fe Springs field, having a combined capacity of over 50,000 gallons of gasoline per day. Over 5,500,000 gallons of gasoline were produced in these plants and nearly six billion feet of residual dry gas were sold.

The absorption plants were designed and constructed by the Engineering department which has charge of all the company's construction work except drilling, building of reservoirs, and laying of pipe lines. Most of the new steel storage was fabricated and erected by the company. The machine, forge and boiler shops were greatly enlarged during the year and, in addition to fabricating construction materials, are effecting marked economies in the manufacture and repair of equipment.

The extension of the company's markets has necessitated increased terminal and marine transportation facilities. The new terminal at Los Angeles Harbor was placed in operation in May. The storage and loading equipment includes four 80,000 and one 10,000 barrel tanks, with concrete fire walls, gasoline, fuel and crude oil loading pumps with a combined capacity of over 12,000 barrels per hour, and 950 feet of wharfage. The wharf is equipped with nine banks of double loading connections and compressed air and water service. The property also includes a warehouse with railroad trackage and tank car loading and unloading facilities. Four additional 80,000 barrel tanks, another wharf, additional pumps and a complete fire protection system are now being installed. The terminal is connected with the refinery at Vernon and the tank farm at Wilmington with an 8-inch fuel line, an

8-inch crude line and a 6-inch gasoline line. The new terminal supplements the stations already operated at the head of the inner harbor and on the San Pedro breakwater.

Four steamers and one motor ship were purchased during the year. The marine equipment of the company at the end of the year consisted of 20 tankers with an aggregate carrying capacity of approximately 1,500,000 barrels, 7 of these being owned by the company and 13 being operated under time or trip charters; 5 barges; 3 tugs; 6 launches; 1 lighter; and 1 converted sailing ship, used as a floating station at Ketchikan, Alaska.

The growth of the company's business in the Northwest necessitated the enlargement of the Seattle station and the erection of additional stations at Everett, Washington, and Portland, Oregon.

The rapid expansion of the company's facilities and the tremendous increase in field development, transportation, refining and marketing activities have been most effectively handled by the officers and employees. The number of employees has grown from less than 3,000 at the beginning of the year to nearly 5,000 at the close. Without exception, the work of the various departments has been conducted with loyalty and efficiency, and the Board of Directors takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation of the splendid manner in which the organization has met the unusually arduous demands of the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
**JOHN BARNESON,**  
*President.*

Atlanta					Salt Lake City
Baltimore					San Francisco
Boston					Seattle
Buffalo					Tulsa
Chicago					Watertown
Cincinnati					
Cleveland					Havana
Dallas	Kansas City	New Orleans	Pittsburgh		London
Denver	Los Angeles	New York	Portland		Paris
Detroit	Minneapolis	Philadelphia	Saint Louis		Shanghai

**HASKINS & SELLS**  
*Certified Public Accountants*  
 Crocker Building, San Francisco

August 24 1923.

*Captain John Barneson, President General Petroleum Corporation, San Francisco, California.*

Dear Sir:—Pursuant to engagement, we have audited the books and accounts of the General Petroleum Corporation and its proprietary companies, General Pipe Line Company of California, Continental Mexican Petroleum Company and General Petroleum Corporation of California, for the year ended June 30 1923, and submit herewith our certificate and the following described exhibits:

EXHIBIT "A"—Consolidated General Balance Sheet, June 30 1923 and 1922, and comparison.

EXHIBIT "B"—Consolidated Statement of Income and Profit & Loss for the years ended June 30 1923 and 1922 and comparison.

Yours truly,  
**HASKINS & SELLS.**

**GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION AND PROPRIETARY COMPANIES.**

**CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT.**

We have audited the books and accounts of the General Petroleum Corporation and proprietary companies for the year ended June 30 1923, and

**WE HEREBY CERTIFY** that, in our opinion, the attached Consolidated General Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Profit & Loss are correct.

**HASKINS & SELLS.**  
 San Francisco, August 24 1923.

**EXHIBIT "B."**

**GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION AND PROPRIETARY COMPANIES.**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND PROFIT & LOSS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 1923 AND 1922 AND COMPARISON**

	Year Ended June 30		Increase or Decrease
	1923.	1922.	
<b>GROSS PROFIT—OIL AND TRANSPORTATION</b> .....	\$18,313,544 48	\$10,502,962 70	\$7,810,581 78
<b>LESS:</b>			
Depletion of oil lands and leases, based on cost (see note below).....	\$583,617 05	\$860,092 84	\$276,475 79
Depreciation of equipment.....	2,612,027 80	2,399,292 92	212,734 88
Selling and marketing expenses.....	848,169 75	363,648 92	484,520 83
General expenses and taxes (other than income and profits taxes).....	2,556,913 14	1,998,717 93	558,195 21
<b>Total</b> .....	\$6,600,727 74	\$5,621,752 61	\$978,975 13
<b>NET PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS</b> .....	\$11,712,816 74	\$4,881,210 09	\$6,831,606 65
<b>OTHER INCOME CREDITS</b> .....	515,365 30	502,030 55	13,334 75
<b>GROSS INCOME</b> .....	\$12,228,182 04	\$5,383,240 64	\$6,844,941 40
<b>INCOME CHARGES:</b>			
Interest on funded debt.....	\$829,308 15	\$669,296 07	\$160,012 08
Other interest.....	71,684 87	33,000 83	38,684 04
Leases and other property sold and abandoned.....	1,583,643 17	213,141 61	1,370,501 56
Labor and incidental expenses drilling oil wells.....	2,619,726 39	793,996 24	1,825,730 15
Unproductive drilling.....	454,751 80	445,606 46	9,145 34
Amortization of discount and premium on gold notes redeemed.....	157,361 85	113,788 19	43,573 66
Other deductions.....	20,308 52	231,714 33	211,405 81
<b>Total</b> .....	\$5,736,784 75	\$2,500,543 73	\$3,236,241 02
<b>NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b> .....	\$6,491,397 29	\$2,882,696 91	\$3,608,700 38
<b>PROFIT &amp; LOSS SURPLUS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b> .....	6,085,547 38	5,717,510 01	368,037 37
<b>PROFIT &amp; LOSS GROSS SURPLUS</b> .....	\$12,576,944 67	\$8,600,206 92	\$3,976,737 75
<b>PROFIT AND LOSS CHARGES:</b>			
Adjustments (net) affecting prior periods.....	\$72,084 24	\$215,138 21	\$143,053 97
Dividends on preferred stock.....	224,854 00	224,854 00	
Dividends on common stock.....	1,878,766 25	1,959,667 33	80,901 08
Provision for Federal income taxes.....	500,000 00	115,000 00	385,000 00
<b>Total</b> .....	\$2,675,704 49	\$2,514,659 54	\$161,044 95
<b>PROFIT &amp; LOSS SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR</b> .....	\$9,901,240 18	\$6,085,547 38	\$3,815,692 80

NOTE.—Decrease largely due to shutting in wells on properties owned in fee.

## EXHIBIT "A."

## GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION AND PROPRIETARY COMPANIES.

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 30 1923 AND 1922, AND COMPARISON.

	—Year Ended June 30—		Increase. Decrease.
	1923.	1922.	
<b>ASSETS.</b>			
<b>PROPERTY:</b>			
Oil lands, leases and other property:			
Cost	\$16,401,602 58	\$15,922,863 70	\$478,738 88
Less reserve for depletion (based on cost)	6,779,642 97	6,146,392 19	633,250 78
Remainder	\$9,621,959 61	\$9,776,471 51	\$154,511 90
Appreciation	\$30,466,272 20	\$17,863,431 41	\$12,602,840 79
Less reserve for depletion (based on appreciation)	10,007,133 31	3,080,985 35	6,926,147 96
Remainder	\$20,459,138 89	\$14,782,446 06	\$5,676,692 83
Total oil lands, leases and other property	\$30,081,098 50	\$24,558,917 57	\$5,522,180 93
Development and equipment	30,369,191 79	25,117,128 55	5,252,063 24
Pipe line transportation system	8,578,014 82	7,791,150 02	786,864 80
Construction work in progress	5,851,447 88	2,784,170 90	3,067,276 98
Total property	\$74,879,752 99	\$60,251,367 04	\$14,628,385 95
<b>SINKING FUNDS</b>	\$11,550 00	\$8,400 00	\$3,150 00
<b>CAPITAL STOCK IN TRUST FOR EMPLOYEES' SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	\$376,000 00	\$250,000 00	\$126,000 00
<b>INVESTMENTS IN STOCKS OF AND ADVANCES TO AFFILIATED COMPANIES</b>	\$810,872 21	\$306,535 77	\$504,336 44
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>			
Cash	\$5,079,456 56	\$2,088,307 55	\$2,991,149 01
United States Liberty Loan bonds	26,376 33	99,764 07	73,387 74
Notes receivable	266,393 21	142,084 42	124,308 79
Accounts receivable	5,488,216 69	3,441,722 44	2,046,494 25
Exchanges receivable in oil	2,041,890 37	980,131 95	1,061,758 42
Oil in storage	12,319,842 75	5,739,208 95	6,580,633 80
Material and supplies	3,286,665 66	2,034,886 39	1,251,779 27
Total current assets	\$28,508,841 57	\$14,526,105 77	\$13,982,735 80
<b>SPECIAL ADVANCE TO TEXAS COMPANY OF MEXICO</b>	\$379,175 63	\$408,730 71	\$29,555 08
<b>DEFERRED DEBIT ITEMS:</b>			
Unamortized discount on gold notes	\$1,077,596 62	\$514,385 15	\$563,211 47
Expenses paid in advance	300,530 91	323,185 61	22,654 70
Unadjusted accounts	219,583 82	130,256 25	89,327 57
Total deferred debit items	\$1,597,711 35	\$967,827 01	\$629,884 34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$106,563,903 75</b>	<b>\$76,718,966 30</b>	<b>\$29,844,937 45</b>
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>			
<b>PREFERRED CAPITAL STOCK:</b>			
Shares of \$100 00 each	\$331,300 00	\$3,212,200 00	\$2,880,900 00
Shares of \$25 00 each	2,880,900 00		2,880,900 00
Total preferred capital stock	\$3,212,200 00	\$3,212,200 00	
<b>COMMON CAPITAL STOCK:</b>			
Shares of \$100 each	\$2,385,900 00	\$22,716,996 00	\$20,331,096 00
Shares of \$25 00 each	23,559,300 00		23,559,300 00
Total common capital stock	\$25,945,200 00	\$22,716,996 00	\$3,228,204 00
<b>GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION GOLD NOTES:</b>			
Ten-year 7% Sinking Fund Gold Notes, due February 15 1931	\$8,661,000 00	\$9,045,500 00	\$384,500 00
6% Convertible Gold Notes, due September 15 1927	2,448,100 00		2,448,100 00
Five-year 6% Gold Notes, due April 15 1928	10,000,000 00		10,000,000 00
Total notes	\$21,109,100 00	\$9,045,500 00	\$12,063,600 00
<b>NOTES CALLED FOR REDEMPTION</b>	\$11,000 00	\$8,000 00	\$3,000 00
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>			
Land purchase contracts	\$186,666 66	\$479,000 00	\$292,333 34
Accounts payable	4,988,336 43	3,105,363 11	1,882,973 32
Exchanges payable in oil	64,542 99	161,420 11	96,877 12
Salaries and wages payable	317,976 85	178,619 59	139,357 26
Federal income and profits taxes		140,441 87	140,441 87
Accrued interest	403,148 98	246,491 69	156,657 29
Accrued liability insurance	26,034 16	17,245 00	8,789 16
Dividends declared	189,199 16	172,311 16	16,888 00
Total current liabilities	\$6,175,905 23	\$4,500,892 53	\$1,675,012 70
<b>PAYMENTS BY EMPLOYEES ON SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CAPITAL STOCK</b>	\$422,058 25	\$223,488 22	\$198,570 03
<b>DEFERRED CREDIT ITEMS:</b>			
Revenue from Government receiver—subject to undetermined Federal taxes and other adjustments	\$3,423,369 23	\$3,494,920 35	\$71,551 12
Miscellaneous		17,075 62	17,075 62
Total deferred credit items	\$3,423,369 23	\$3,511,995 97	\$88,626 74
<b>RESERVES FOR DEPRECIATION:</b>			
Development and equipment	\$7,176,597 26	\$5,109,294 95	\$2,067,302 31
Pipe line transportation system	2,074,231 05	1,769,206 61	305,024 44
Total reserves for depreciation	\$9,250,828 31	\$6,878,501 56	\$2,372,326 75
<b>RESERVE FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAXES</b>	\$517,950 08		\$517,950 08
<b>SURPLUS:</b>			
Unrealized portion of surplus arising from appreciation in value of oil lands and leases	\$20,459,138 89	\$14,782,446 06	\$5,676,692 83
Capital surplus	6,135,913 58	5,753,398 58	382,515 00
Profit & loss surplus, per Exhibit "B"	9,901,240 18	6,085,547 38	3,815,692 80
Total surplus	\$36,496,292 65	\$26,621,392 02	\$9,874,900 63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$106,563,903 75</b>	<b>\$76,718,966 30</b>	<b>\$29,844,937 45</b>

# 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, Sept. 14 1923.

COFFEE was in moderate demand on the spot in the absence of desirable selections. No. 7 Rio, 10½c.; No. 4 Santos, 14¼ to 14¾c.; No. 7 and No. 8 Victoria, 10⅞ to 10¼c. Mild coffee has been reported in excellent demand and firm; fair to good Cucuta 15½ to 16½c. Medellin, 18½ to 18¾c. Futures advanced with Brazilian markets and on covering by September shorts. On Sept. 11 Brazilian exchange was strong and the term markets higher. Rio closed 75 to 450 reis above the last prices of Sept. 6, and Santos at net gains of 25 to 75 reis. Early in the day Rio gained 350 to 575 reis. Exchange on London was 3-32 higher at 5 13-32d., and the dollar rate 140 reis lower at \$9800. Bulls contend that no great increase in supplies is likely in the near future. Receipts at Rio and Santos, they claim, are restricted to about the world's daily needs. The world's visible supply increased in August only 261,220 bags, bringing it up to 5,785,000 bags, which is nothing impressive. To-day prices were 10 to 11 points higher with the cables higher by 200 to 325 reis from Santos, while Rio was down only 25 to 50 reis. Offerings here were smaller. Shorts covered partly on stop orders. Santos firm offers were reported higher. Since last Friday prices of futures have advanced 22 to 25 points.

Spot (unoff.) 10c. ----- December - 8.20 @ 8.21 | May ----- 7.53 @ 7.55  
 September 9.20 @ 9.21 | March ----- 7.75 @ 7.77 | July ----- 7.43 @ 7.44

SUGAR has advanced with a better demand and Cuba 5c. c. & f. About 100,000 bags, it is true, were sold on Tuesday, including Cuba at 4⅞c. c. & f. Of Porto Rico, 4,200 tons sold for the second half of September. Refiners were more eager to buy. Some lots even then were held at 5c. Raws were quiet but steady in the United Kingdom on the 11th inst. Java white was 23s. 6d. A good demand was reported for British refined. Holland has been paying for it, it seems, 29s. c.i.f. owing, it is stated, to the lateness of the Dutch beet root crop. Canada has been in the market here. Refined advanced at New York and also at the West with most refiners quoting 8.15c. Later in the week there was a sharp demand and 4 15-16c. to 5c. c. & f. was paid for about 200,000 bags of Cuba for the second half of September shipment, or 6.78c. duty paid and 35,000 bags of Porto Rico, 2,450 tons of Philippines, due Sept. 13, sold at the same price. England wanted San Domingo on the basis of 4 15-16c. for Cuba. European cables were higher for Brazil, Peru and Java brown. India has been buying Java white at rising prices. San Francisco wired Sept. 11 that the Western Sugar Refinery announced an advance of 15c. a hundred on all grades of refined cane sugar. The new price will be \$8 35 a hundred. Other companies are making a similar advance. Transactions on Thursday at 5c. c. & f. for Cuba emptied the market for prompt shipment, owing to the lack of steamers available immediate from Cuba, although it appears there were three bids of 5c. for October shipment. That sounds suggestive. Yet with 5c. bid for prompt sugars and delayed deliveries freely offered at that price, the raw sugar market on Thursday was finally caught on something like a dead centre. Some called futures a scalping affair. The trade bought December and Cuban interests sold March as a hedge against the new crop. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 10,576 tons, against 10,176 in the previous week, 24,570 in the same week last year and 33,452 two years ago; exports 47,264, against 25,923 in the previous week, 62,358 in the same week last year and 44,253 two years ago; stock was 392,900 tons, against 429,588 in the previous week, 397,730 in the same week last year and 1,214,484 two years ago. Of the exports, the United States Atlantic ports received 27,638 tons, New Orleans 15,442 tons, Galveston 900 tons, Savannah 3,284 tons. Havana cabled: "Heavy rain in some parts of Cuba." The Department of Agriculture says that the progress of sugar cane crop has been only fair in Louisiana and has been injured by the "borer" in Texas. The Government report put the condition of American sugar beet crop on Sept. 1 at 91%, against 88.6% a year ago, and the crop at 6,500,000 tons, against 5,260,000 last year. To-day the tone was rather weaker, after the recent big business. Philippine sold to the amount of 2,000 tons, due first week in October, at 6.55c., as against 6.78c. the other day. Cuba was held at 5c. and Porto Rico at 6.78c. for September and first half of October. But refiners seem surfeited for the time being. Refined met with little new demand. Shipments on old contracts were large. Quotations were 8.25 to 8.40c., the latter the list price. For the week, futures

show a rise of 33 points on September and a drop of 5 points on December.

Spot (unoff.) 4½c. ----- | December - 4.40 @ 4.41 | May ----- 3.78 @ 3.80  
 September - 4.85 @ 4.87 | March ----- 3.69 @ 3.70

LARD, on the spot, lower; prime western, 12.70@12.80c.; middle western, 12.60@12.70c.; refined to Continent, 14.50c. South America, 14.75c.; Brazil in kegs, 15.75c. Futures advanced early in the week with hogs higher, foreign markets firm and foreign and domestic cash demand fair. But on the rise packers sold rather freely. Later with grain down, lard naturally followed to a certain extent. Also Liverpool weakened. Commission houses sold more freely. Receipts were heavy at the West. All this told, although receipts are expected to fall off in the near future and packers on declines gave a certain amount of support. Still later Liverpool broke and hedge sales by packers took the edge off large exports. Also the cash demand fell off. Receipts were large. Hogs and grain broke. Liquidation of lard greatly increased. The "Price Current" estimates the hog slaughtering in the West for the week ending Sept. 8 at 567,000, against 564,000 in the previous week and 449,000 last year; total, March 1 to Sept. 8 is 21,153,000, against 16,240,000. To-day futures advanced 10 points net. Within a week, however, they have declined 12 to 13 points.

### DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery cts. 12.20	12.25	12.17	12.07	11.92	11.92	12.02
October delivery -----	12.12	12.15	12.05	11.97	11.85	11.95
January delivery -----	11.10	11.07	10.95	10.82	10.65	10.77

PORK quiet; mess, \$25 50; family, nom.; short clear, \$25 to \$31. Beef irregular; mess, \$15; packet, \$14; family, \$16 60@17; extra India mess, \$28; No. 1 canned roast beef, \$2 35; No. 2, \$4 05; 6 lbs., \$15; pickled tongue, \$55 to \$65 nom. per barrel. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 24 lbs., 14¼@19¼c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 12½@13¼c. Butter, creamery, fresh firsts to high scoring, 42¼@46c. Cheese, flats, 26¼@27½c. Eggs, fresh gathered firsts to fancy, 35 to 45c.

OILS.—Linseed quiet but rather steady. Spot carloads 90c.; tanks 85c.; less than carloads 95c.; less than 5 bbls. 98c.; boiled tanks 85c.; carloads 94c.; 5-bbl. lots 97c.; less than 5-bbl. lots \$1; refined bbls. car lots 97c.; varnish type, bbls. 97c.; double boiled, bbls. cars 95c. The Government crop report put the flaxseed output at 19,400,000 bushels, which is an increase of 300,000 bushels over the previous report and compares with 12,900,000 bushels, the estimate for the corresponding period last year. Buyers of linseed oil are holding aloof awaiting further developments. Coconut oil, Ceylon bbls. 9¾c. Cochin, 9½@9¾c. Corn, crude, tanks, mills, 9½c.; spot New York 10c.; refined, 100-bbl. lots, 12½c. Olive \$1 10. Cod, domestic, 60c. Newfoundland 63c. Lard, prime, 16¼c.; extra strained, 13¼c. Spirits of turpentine, 99c. Rosin, \$5 75@7 00. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 9,600 bbls. Prices closed as follows:

Spot -----	11.30 @	November 10.50 @ 10.59	February 10.28 @ 10.32
September 11.35 @ 11.50	December 10.23 @ 10.25	March 10.38 @ 10.40	
October 11.24 @ 11.25	January 10.23 @ 10.28	April 10.40 @ 10.50	

PETROLEUM—Crude prices have been declining. The Sterling Oil & Refining Co. reduced prices of Kansas and Northern Oklahoma crude oil 10 to 70 cents per barrel. Gasoline in small demand for export. Quite a little however is being shipped abroad on old orders and on consignment. Domestic demand though good is not commensurate with the output. Stocks while showing a decrease of late are still very large, and will no doubt increase as the touring season ends, unless production is sharply curtailed. Kerosene has been dull. Bunker oil remains at \$1 60 per bbl. f. o. b. New York harbor refinery. Export demand for this oil is light. On the 10th inst. the Standard Oil Co. of La. reduced all North La. and South Ark. grades 20c. a bbl. except Smackover light and Bellevue which were cut 10c. Smackover heavy remained unchanged. New York prices: Gasoline, cases, cargo lots, 26.15c.; naphtha, cargo lots, 12.50c.; 63-66 deg., 13.50c.; 66-68 deg., 15.50c. Kerosene in cargo lots, cases, 17c. Petroleum, refined tank wagon to store, 14c. Motor gasoline, garages, (steel bbls.) 19½c.; bulk, delivered New York, 11¾c.

Pennsylvania -----	\$2 75	Ragland -----	\$ .75	Illinois -----	\$1 67
Corning -----	1 60	Wooster -----	1 70	Crichton -----	1 10
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 quiet but steady for a time; then it fell. Some inquiries were made by factories but little or no actual business resulted. London early in the week was steady, but later eased somewhat. Smoked ribbed sheet and first latex crepe spot, September, 29¾c.; October, 29½c.; November-December, 29¾c.; January-March, 30½c. Later prices fell on the announcement of a 10% cut in prices of Ford tires by the Firestone and the weakness of rubber stocks.

First latex crepe and ribbed smoked sheets, spot, September, 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; October, 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; November-December, 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; January-March, 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. London on the 13th inst. advanced  $\frac{1}{8}$  to 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. In London on Sept. 8 rubber was up to 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. for plantation standard on the spot, an advance of  $\frac{1}{8}$ c. And that was held on the 10th inst. An increase of 1,142 tons in a week took place in the London stocks, according to official returns. The total on Sept. 10 was 49,801 tons, against 48,659 tons a week ago, 71,912 tons a year ago and 73,109 tons in 1921 at the corresponding time. In London on Sept. 11 plantation standard on the spot fell  $\frac{1}{8}$ c., touching 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

HIDES have at times been rather more active on River Plate. Sales were reported at 4,000 Las Palmas steers at \$36; 4,000 Sansinenas also at \$36, or 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sight credit; 2,000 Artiga steers at \$39.75 or 14 5-16c. c. & f. and 3,000 Artiga steers to Europe at \$39.50 or 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. c. & f. At Chicago on Sept. 10th packer hides were quiet but firm. Of packer kipskins about 40,000 August skins sold at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. or 1c. decline. Country all weight hides of shorthaired quality were active at 9c. selected, delivered Chicago. High grade brown patent leather was in good demand at 35c, 45c. and 50c. first three grades. Later River Plate business fell off though there were sales reported of 1,600 Sansinena Uruguay steers at \$39.50 and 4,000 Swift La Plata Rio Grande steers at \$36, all to Europe. In New York trade was quiet. Bogota 19 to 20c. Packers 10 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; country 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 12c. In Chicago on Sept. 11th packer hides were active with sales of 5,000 extreme light native steers at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Several thousand June-July heavy native steers sold it was reported at 14c. One packer sold his September output of calfskins at 18c. a rise of 1c. Country markets were quiet early in week owing to the Jewish holidays. Later River plate frigorifico sold to the extent of 14,000 hides. United States buyers took 4,000 Wilson frigorifico steers at \$36.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ . or 13 3-16c. c. & f. and 2,000 Swift Montevideo steers at \$39.50 or 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. c. & f. In Chicago on Sept. 12th of packer hides 60,000 Aug. branded cows sold at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. a sharp decline. Six thousand heavy native steers brought 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. or  $\frac{1}{4}$ c. advance. Long haired, badly grubby country extremes brought 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. selected.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been in the main quiet and about unchanged. Full cargo business at one time increased somewhat. Some grain was shipped to Greece. Later in the week steam rates were said to be a trifle steadier. Coal rates to South America were firmer. Considerable time charter business was done at times.

Charters included grain from Montreal to Greece 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., late September; grain from Montreal to Lisbon 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., September; gasoline from Gulf to Alexandria 30s., October; crude oil from Tampico to Texas City 13c., September; grain from Montreal to two ports in Greece 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.-19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., September loading; coal from Baltimore to Rouen \$2 35, prompt; coal from Atlantic range to Havana \$1 75, prompt; coal from Atlantic range to Curacao \$1 40, prompt; coal from Atlantic range to Rio Janeiro \$3 50, September; cotton from Gulf to Continent 37s. 6d. form O., September; grain from Montreal to Greece 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., September; gasoline from New Orleans to Philadelphia 25c., September; crude products from United States Gulf to Philadelphia 25c., September; coal from Wales to United States north Atlantic port 8s. 3d., prompt; coal from Wales to United States Atlantic port 8s. 3d., prompt; coal from Wales to Portland, Me., 7s. 6d., prompt; lumber from Campbellton, N. B., to Buenos Aires, \$13 75, option Rosario at \$15 75 October; grain from Montreal to Sweden 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 17c., Sept. 24-Oct. 3 loading; coal from Hampton Roads to Three Rivers \$1. September; crude oil from United States Gulf to Philadelphia 27c., prompt; one round trip in West Indies trade, 2,094 ton steamer, \$1, prompt; grain from Montreal to Greece, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., September; three months time charter in West Indies trade, 997-ton steamer, \$1 50, September; coal from Swansea to Montreal 7s., prompt; deals from St. Anne de Moritz to west Britain 65s., September-October; deals from Campbellton, N. B., to two ports west Britain, 63s. 9d., September; sugar from north side of Cuban port to New York or Philadelphia 18c., September; crude oil from Mexico to Philadelphia 25c., prompt; coal from Atlantic range to Santos \$3 75, September-October; grain from Atlantic range to Mediterranean not east of west Italy, 3s. 6d., December; grain from Montreal to Mediterranean, not east of west Italy, 3s. 9d., one port, Oct. 15.

HOPS quiet but firm. English cables estimated the new crop at about 225,000 cwts., as against 300,000 cwts. last year and annual requirements of 400,000 cwts. State, prime to choice, 40 to 50c.; medium to prime, 38 to 40c.; 1922, 25 to 30c.; old, 13 to 20c.

TOBACCO has in some respects shown rather more life. Porto Rico tobacco, for instance, has met, it is said, with a good sale at firm prices. Sumatra has been in fair demand. Private Wisconsin crop reports have not recently been entirely favorable. Meanwhile, stocks here of tobacco in general are reported to be very moderate. This naturally has a tendency to steady prices even if in most kinds there is no activity as yet. The Government report puts the condition of the tobacco crop as a whole at 86.6%, against 76.2% a year ago; crop, 1,551,000,000 lbs., against 1,353,000,000 last year.

COAL was quiet here early in the week for the local market. But Canada sent larger orders. Later prices were weaker. Demand was slow. The settlement of the anthracite strike checked Western buying. Less coke was wanted. Chicago predicts lower prices for coal. Anthracite here per gross ton (independent): broken \$11 to \$12; egg \$9 25 to \$14 75; stove \$9 25 to \$14 75; chestnut \$9 25 to \$14 75; pea \$6 to \$10; 1 buck \$3 to \$4; 2 rice \$2 25 to \$3; 3 barley \$1 40 to \$2; birdseye \$1 50 to \$1 75. Bituminous piers f. o. b. \$4 50 to \$6 25. Later high volatile coals were firmer. A larger inquiry from abroad was reported. The local coal market was depressed. Soft coal was steady.

COPPER has been firmer on the better Ruhr situation. The feeling in the trade is more optimistic. Not only did copper producers advance their prices, but copper shares on the stock exchanges were higher. In contrast with recent

estimates of an increase in surplus stocks during August, some decreases was reported. However, it was not more than 100,000 lbs. Deliveries totaled 205,000,000 lbs. the largest for some time. On the 11th inst. prices advanced  $\frac{1}{8}$ c. to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 14c. for electrolytic. Most sales on that day were made at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., but one producer it is said, refused two orders of 1,000,000 lbs. each at that price, holding firm at 14c. Germany is reported to have taken considerable copper lately. But buying by Japan is not up to expectations. Heavy sales were rumored early in the week and some of the trades expect the price will be above 14 cents soon as a result of more favorable news from abroad and publication of August sales figures which were larger than had been expected. August sales according to estimates here were above 200,000,000 lbs., the largest total for any month since last March and nearly equal to the record monthly total for the year to date. Sales for domestic consumption according to the estimate, were the largest of any month thus far in 1923, and though export sales were the second largest on record. The labor supply in the Middle West has improved somewhat. Many men, it is reported, are leaving outdoor employment to re-enter the mines. German miners it is said recently entered the Michigan mines, and are applying for their first citizen papers. Also 30 miners from Mexico have entered the employ of the Quincy Mining Co. They are the first to enter the mines of this country from Mexico this year. Later prices declined  $\frac{1}{8}$ c. for electrolytic to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. In fact one producer, it is said, has been selling right along at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. while the others were asking 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and 14c.

LEAD has been steady with a rather good demand. Spot New York 6.75@7.00c.; East St. Louis 6.65@6.70c. Receipts at East St. Louis the past week were 20,870 pigs, against 48,980 in the previous week; since Jan. 1, 1,847,250 pigs against 2,805,290 last year. Shipments the past week were 36,380 pigs against 47,000 in the previous week; shipments since Jan. 1, 1,067,665 pigs against 1,478,540 pigs in the same period last year. Later in the week the American Smelting & Refining Co. advanced its price of lead \$2 per ton to 6.85c. for New York.

TIN advanced here on a better demand and higher sterling exchange. Early in the week a private sale of 25 tons of Straits tin in a steamer was made at 42c. The talk of the coming cessation of German passive resistance in the Ruhr has also helped prices. London early in the week declined, but later there was some recovery. Later the price declined to 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. with a lower London market.

ZINC declined. New York, 6.85@6.90c.; East St. Louis, 6.50@6.55c. Stocks of slab zinc increased 5,231 tons in August to 26,471 tons. This is a greater increase than during the previous three months. All other statistics show a falling off. August production was 41,625 tons, a decline of 1,440 tons. Shipments totaled 36,394, a decrease of 2,604 tons. Active retorts fell off 6,750 to 75,325. Total shipments from plants for export were 1,016 tons and that stored for customers was 40 tons. East St. Louis receipts last week were 21,700 slabs, against 47,540 in the previous week; since Jan. 1, 2,365,680 slabs, against 1,937,430 last year. Shipments last week were 29,830, against 66,740 in the previous week. Shipments since Jan. 1, 2,008,250 slabs, against 2,331,790 in the same period last year.

STEEL has been in the main quiet and in some cases lower. Japanese buying is not turning out to be as large as was expected. It may increase before long. But naturally buyers for Japan want more light on the actual needs of that country after its great disaster before going ahead. They are not quite clear on that point; it is too soon to obtain definite information. It is said that some 60,000 tons of shapes, plates and bars have been inquired for or taken on Japanese account. Recently some 30,000 kegs of nails were sold to Japan and some 6,000 tons of sheets for temporary buildings. The point is that actual business thus far is as a rule relatively small with the Island Empire. What it will be in the next few months is another matter. The not unnatural inference is that it may be very large. First will come the buying to supply immediate and urgent needs, needs not to be put off. Later will come the demand for more permanent purposes. Japan, it might be added, besides buying wire nails has bought 1,000,000 feet of building pipe and also a certain tonnage in galvanized sheets, not to mention wire rods and further purchases of nails. It is said that British mills have large orders or inquiries for galvanized sheets. It is worth while to bear in mind too that the stocks of steel in the Far East have been greatly depleted of late by prompt shipments to Japan to relieve the situation there. These countries will have to buy sooner or later as well as Japan. Pittsburgh has reported a better demand for pipe. The railroads are buying material on a fair scale. But taking the steel trade as a whole its business is plainly not all that could be desired by any means. New orders are relatively scarce. Production has been cut to some extent. Prices have been shaded. Ingot production is at the rate of a little over 40,000,000 tons a year as against 49,000,000 tons in April, which witnessed the high point.

PIG IRON has been dull and depressed. Eastern prices show a downward tendency. Furnace coke has fallen 50c. per ton, with a settlement of the anthracite coal strike taken to be a foregone conclusion. Birmingham iron orders are noticeably less than the output. Japanese buying of steel,



though not insignificant, is not so large as was expected. The iron trade notes that fact, of course, with more or less regret. Birmingham says that No. 2 foundry is practically stabilized at \$24. But sales are another matter. They are distinctly unsatisfactory. In the absence of anything even suggestive of activity not a few regard prices as more or less nominal. What prices would be named on really large tonnage is a matter of pure conjecture. But it is intimated that no great reduction would or could be made. At the same time there are those who criticize present prices. They think they are too high, having been originally forced up by coal and railroad strikes and kept up by high labor costs, high freight rates and dear raw materials. It is an unsatisfactory situation at best. But the trade has had enough of selling below cost in the past. Banks naturally eye such a thing askance. The iron business just now is in a sort of impasse. Eventually, of course, it will find its way out of it. Just now, however, business is dull and to all appearance there is no likelihood of any real activity in the near future.

Wool has been rather more steady, owing to some recent advance in London but trade has not increased much. It has still been unsatisfactory. Prices broad are computed as 6 to 8c. higher than in New York or Boston. But neither this firmness of English prices nor the talk of a big decrease in the Australian clip by reason of a drought seems to stir up mills buyers. The Sydney sale will begin on Monday, Sept. 17. That may shed some further light on the situation. It may give some stimulus to buying if it shows a noteworthy advance. London is selling 19,000 bales of Chinese wool. This feature is sharply watched. Some predict a shortage of Australian wool, owing to a great drought in Australia. The new clip is estimated at 400,000 less than last year's. Less lambing is reported in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria. The decrease there is said to be sharp, though it is reasonably good, it is said in Western and South Australia. In 1922-23 there were, it appears, 80,000,000 sheep in Australia, but poor lambing and mortality among the ewes, it is declared in some quarters, may bring about a noteworthy decrease in the supply of wool this year. In Bradford last week the tone was firm in sympathy with the trend at the London wool sales. Crossbred tops were 1/4d. to 1d. dearer. The manufacturing end of the trade is disturbed, owing to Continental political conditions, French competition in piece goods and the Japanese disaster. Considerable anxiety is being expressed as to the effect of the last named on the Yorkshire export trade, although the possible destruction of Japanese cloth mills may modify its eventual effect.

In London on Sept. 7th joint offerings were 11,300 bales. Demand good. The week closed with prices 5% above July for all descriptions except Cape grades which showed no material change. Sydney 750 bales; scoured merino 30d to 46 1/2d; scoured crossbred pieces 27d to 34d. Queensland 1,273 bales; scoured merino the best being secured by home operators 50d to 60d. Victoria 3,025 bales; greasy merino, 27 1/2d to 34 1/2d; crossbred 8 1/2d to 17d; scoured crossbred 11 1/2d to 23d. Adelaide 973 bales; scoured merino 30d to 51d; pieces 13d to 33d. West Australia 789 bales; greasy merino 21d to 31 1/2d. New Zealand 4,338 bales; greasy crossbred 8d to 26d. Fine grades were taken mostly freely by the Continent and medium and lower grades by Yorkshire speculators. But lots were frequently withdrawn it must be added owing to the firm limits. In London on Sept. 10th joint offerings were 12,500 bales. Full attendance. Good demand. British and foreign prices steady. Speculators' lots were numerous. High limits again led to frequent withdrawals. Sydney 1,629 bales; greasy merino 23 1/2d to 33 1/2d; scoured 34d to 50d. Queensland 225 bales; scoured merino 34 1/2d to 51d. Victoria 3,597 bales; greasy crossbred chiefly to British buyers 9 1/2 to 21 1/2d; scoured crossbred, chiefly to Continental buyers to 10 3/4d to 29 1/4d. New Zealand 6,670 bales; crossbreds the bulk to Yorkshire, best greasy 22d; scoured 37d. Cape 303 bales; greasy merino, mostly to Continent 16 1/4d to 25d.

In London on Sept. 11 joint offerings were 13,500 bales. Pretty good demand from British and Continental buyers. Prices firm, the drift apparently being upward. The fixed limits, however, caused quite a good many withdrawals. That has been the case since this series of sales began. Sydney, 825 bales; greasy merino, 26d. to 32d.; scoured pieces, 28 1/2d. to 37d. Victoria, 2,924 bales; merinos, greasy, 27 1/2d. to 32d.; scoured, 38 1/2d. to 57d.; crossbreds, greasy, 9d. to 16 1/2d.; scoured, the bulk to Continent, 11 1/2d. to 30d. West Australia, 390 bales; greasy merino, 22d. to 30 1/2d. New Zealand, 5,076 bales; crossbreds, fine grades, mostly to the Continent, 17d. to 24d.; other qualities, mostly to Yorkshire operators, 8 3/4d. to 16 1/2d.; slipe, 11 1/2d. to 26 1/2d. Cape, 804 bales; best greasy, 25d.; snow-white grades withdrawn. Falklands, 3,003 bales; greasy, crossbreds, mostly to Continent. Prices still ruled firm and are now equivalent to those of July. In London on Sept. 12 offerings were 12,900 bales of free wools. Demand good for crossbreds. Prices firm. Sydney, 2,136 bales; merinos, greasy, 26d. to 32 1/2d.; scoured, 37 1/2d. to 56 1/2d. Queensland, 238 bales; scoured merino, 14d. to 39 1/2d. New Zealand, 6,222 bales; crossbreds, greasy caused excited bidding, especially medium to coarse grades, bulk to Yorkshire, 9d. to 17d.; finer grades, mostly to Continent, 20 1/2d. to 26d. Capes, 1,317 bales; greasy, 26d.; scoured, 40 1/2d.

In London on Sept. 13 offerings were 13,000 bales of free wools. Demand good. Prices firm; much withdrawn. Sydney, 2,081 bales; greasy merino, 24d. to 32 1/2d.; scoured, 44 1/2d. to 50d. Queensland, 1,484 bales; greasy merino, 22d. to 32 1/2d.; scoured, 43 1/2d. to 52d. Victoria, 2,262 bales; greasy merino, 24 1/2d. to 34 1/2d. South Australia, 660 bales; scoured merino, 31 1/2d. to 50 1/2d.; pieces, 14 1/2d. to 30d. West Australia, 564 bales; greasy merino, 24 1/2d. to 30d. New Zealand, 5,949 bales; crossbreds, greasy, 9d. to 27 1/2d.; best scoured, half-bred, 45 1/2d.; slipe half-bred, 26 1/2d. The Boston "Commercial Bulletin" will say on Saturday, Sept. 15:

"A wider interest in wool is reported in the market this week, with fairly heavy sales in a few individual cases. The trade is still spotty, however, and prices cannot be said to be stabilized fully, although there seems to be more uniformity of ideas on value than for some time past, and it is asserted that manufacturers do not find it all their own way in the matter of prices as they did a short while back."

COTTON.

Friday Night, Sept. 14 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 170,272 bales, against 146,130 bales last week and 142,595 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1923, 604,653 bales, against 462,592 bales for the same period of 1922, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1923 of 147,061 bales.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Total. Rows include Galveston, Texas City, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Jacksonville, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, Boston, Baltimore, and Baltimore.

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1923 and stocks to-night, compared with last year.

Table with columns: Receipts to S. pt. 14., 1923. (This Week, Since Aug 1 1923.), 1922. (This Week, Since Aug 1 1922.), Stock. (1923., 1922.). Rows include Galveston, Texas City, Houston, Port Arthur, &c., New Orleans, Gulfport, Mobile, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Georgetown, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port News, &c., New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, 1923., 1922., 1921., 1920., 1919., 1918. Rows include Galveston, Houston, &c., New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port N., &c., All others, and Totals.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 37,747 bales, of which 4,179 were to Great Britain, 5,182 to France and 28,386 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1923. Below are the:

Table with columns: Exports from—, Week ending Sept. 14 1923. (Exported to—: Great Britain, France, Other, Total), From Aug. 1 1923 to Sept. 14 1923. (Exported to—: Great Britain, France, Other, Total). Rows include Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk, New York, Boston, San Fran., and Totals.

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 July 31 (no later returns are as yet available) the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 199,033 bales. In the corresponding period of the preceding season the exports were about 201,500 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.

Sept. 14 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.	
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont't.	Coast-wise.		Total.
Galveston.....	32,142	22,400	14,000	17,568	15,000	101,110	98,351
New Orleans....	1,480	162	361	275	153	2,431	40,248
Savannah.....	3,000	-----	-----	-----	200	3,200	20,663
Charleston.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	26,639
Mobile.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	690
Norfolk.....	350	-----	-----	-----	-----	350	10,461
Other ports *..	3,000	300	2,500	1,100	-----	6,900	40,957
Total 1923...	39,972	22,862	16,861	18,943	15,353	113,991	238,009
Total 1922...	38,441	15,046	10,848	16,108	5,970	86,413	399,839
Total 1921...	7,851	17,489	49,503	32,494	5,500	112,837	1,198,650

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been active at rising prices, though of late they have reacted from the top, which was 28½c. for October on the 10th inst. For receipts at the Southwest have latterly been increasing. They have been well ahead of the shipments. The weather has been better. The spot basis in Texas has been reported lower. Exports from this country have been small. They present a very sharp contrast with those of the first days of the month. To be sure, the total for the season is larger than at this time last year. But it is not so large as had been expected. Now the trade faces, it is believed, a sharp increase in the crop movement in Texas and the Southwest generally, if not elsewhere in the near future. And the question is, Can the price stand up under it, especially as it has advanced about 7c. since early in August?

But these are only considerations by the way. Bullish sentiment is still for the most part paramount. The trade has been buying steadily. Hedge selling has not been so large as was expected. Spot business in Texas has continued on an unusually large scale for this time of the year. With the season at least two weeks late mills in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama have been buying cotton in Texas. Usually they can get enough in their own immediate vicinity by early in September, but that has not been the case this year. They have therefore been buying in Texas in competition with Northern spinners and with exporters. Small wonder that prices have risen sharply. At the same time co-operative growers' associations are to all appearances becoming more popular at the South. They have obtained big loans from the banks in the last month or six weeks. That presumably means that there is more or less holding back of cotton. Some of them have been offering the farmer an advance of 15c. a pound on his cotton. Last year they granted only 12c. And the farmer is said to be deeply imbued with the idea that the price is going to 30c. He reads the newspapers. He is not unaware that this is to all appearances the third short crop in succession. He sees that stocks of contract cotton in New York, New Orleans and Liverpool are very small. The certificated stock has almost disappeared. He notes that Liverpool's spot sales recently increased materially and that Manchester is doing a better business. This naturally produces a certain effect on his mind. Also, the crop reports have continued to be bad. The last weekly report was especially bad. Some called it the worst for years past. However that may be, it was certainly one of almost unrelieved gloom. And private reports are persistent to the effect that east of the Mississippi River most of the States will have smaller crops than last year. This tends to offset a tendency of late to raise the estimate of the Texas crop to about 4,000,000 bales against 3,222,000 last year. Private reports have put the condition of the belt at 52.4 to 53.2% and the crop at 10,500,000 to 11,080,000 bales. The decrease in the condition within two weeks has been a little less than 5%, according to one report. The next Government report will appear on Oct. 2. A year ago the October report put the condition at 50%. The 10-year average for Sept. 25, the real date of the Oct. 2 report, is 57.5%, so that recent reports have averaged about 5 points under this.

Meantime, as already intimated, Manchester is doing a good business in cloths with the Far East. Both India and China, it appears, are buying more freely. Calcutta is buying freely of piece goods. Yarns in Manchester have been very firm. It looks to not a few as though Manchester trade had turned the corner. And if the rumors of coming peace in the Ruhr turn out to be correct, as seems highly probable, it is fair to presume that there will be some revival of trade on the Continent. Germany has been a good buyer of American cotton in years gone by. And although England has been buying foreign growths on a larger scale than for many years past it is supposed to prefer American if it can get the price for its goods that will justify buying American. American cotton has been much above the parity of foreign growths like East Indian Peruvian and African. Reverting to trade on this side of the water, Fall River has had a good demand for its goods. It has even refused considerable business. That was not difficult to understand. It complains that raw cotton is above the parity of prices for cotton

goods. In other words, raw cotton has been advancing faster than goods. But at any rate it is encouraging to see business showing the stirrings of new life at Fall River. And significantly enough, Worth Street on Tuesday and Wednesday disregarded a rather sharp setback in raw cotton here. There is a fear in that quarter of a third short crop in succession. And to some it looks like a foregone conclusion that the better grades of cotton goods are going to compete with silk on a larger scale than for years past owing to the great disaster in Japan. Speaking of Japan, it turns out, according to an Osaka, Japan, dispatch, that the Japanese loss in spindles by the earthquake was 1,100,000 as against early estimates of 600,000. If that is so it would cut the Japanese spindleage from 4,750,000 to 3,650,000, which was about the total of 1920, when it was estimated at 3,700,000. In 1919 it was 3,320,741. There is no doubt that with the well-known energy and enterprise of the Japanese people this loss will be regained within a reasonable space of time. What the world's consumption of American cotton will be is of course at this time a matter of pure conjecture. But we perhaps get some light from the fact that stocks at home and abroad have been much depleted and that the tendency of trade is to expand at home and elsewhere in the world.

On the other hand the technical position of the cotton market has at times been considered weak. One hears very often the remark "there are too many bulls." Everybody has been predicting 30c. And recently the price did get within 1½c. of the goal. That was a rise within about five weeks, as already stated, of 7½c. And the general expectation of 30c. or higher has brought about a large increase in the speculative trading. It has even taxed the clerical resources of some of the commission houses recently; work has been going on till far into the night. Wall Street has been buying. So have uptown operators. So to all appearances has the West. From time to time Liverpool has bought freely. And bullish sentiment has spread to that market, encouraged by the better Manchester reports. In a word the drift has been towards the long side at home and abroad. The long account has therefore at times seemed rather unwieldy. And latterly there have been persistent reports of a lower basis in Texas. There has been comment on the fact that the receipts have considerably outrun shipments at Texas points. Exports have, as already stated, recently dwindled. And on Thursday a break in the stock market had, with other things, a depressing effect on cotton. Nothing definite was announced in regard to the Ruhr. There was an insurrection of some of the troops in Spain. Italy demands Fiume and shows a belligerent spirit not in accord with the universal desire for peace. This fact and the evident popular discontent in parts of Spain did not escape the attention of the London stock market. Also, coming back to cotton itself, the better weather is expected to cause a larger movement of the crop in Texas very shortly if not at once. Liverpool was a large seller here on Thursday. Wall Street sold freely. Crop estimates which were recently in some cases around 10,000,000 bales have latterly been 10,500,000 to 11,100,000 bales. This has excited some comment even though these estimates themselves point to an insufficient crop.

To-day cotton advanced 40 to 45 points early, with the cables firm, Manchester reporting large buying by Calcutta, heavy rains in parts of Oklahoma, only light hedge selling, spot markets firm, Fall River's sales for the week 175,000 pieces, Barcelona orderly, and some old members of the bull party replacing long lines. Also, there was considerable covering. Private crop reports were still bad. Liverpool complained of limited supplies restricting business. One private report put the condition at 53.2% against 58.7% at the end of August. Later on a crop estimate of 11,300,000, with a condition of 54% and a declining stock market, caused heavy selling by some prominent local operators and others, whereupon the price fell some 40 to 45 points from the early high level. Also, some of the selling was in the fear of better weather over Sunday, larger receipts, a fear of increased hedge selling and also some tendency of late to increase the crop estimates. There were rumors that in Texas cotton was down to a price which would permit tenders in New York on the basis of October. This was denied in some dispatches later, which stated that Texas prices on the average were about \$4 a bale over the price of New York contracts. The ending was at a moderate net advance for the day. The selling on the whole was well taken. For the week there is a rise of 76 to 112 points, the latter on October, which has latterly been at a premium over December of 31 to 32 points. Spot cotton ended at 28.70 for middling, a rise for the week of 90 points. American consumption in August was 491,604 bales, against 461,575 in July. 527,404 in August 1922, 467,103 in August 1921 and 483,193 in August 1920.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Sept. 8 to Sept. 14—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	28.95	29.10	29.45	29.05	28.55	28.70

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Sept. 14 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1923	28.70c.	1915	10.45c.	1907	12.60c.	1899	6.38c.
1922	21.75c.	1914	13.20c.	1906	9.80c.	1898	5.81c.
1921	13.60c.	1913	11.90c.	1905	10.90c.	1897	7.38c.
1920	23.50c.	1912	11.90c.	1904	10.35c.	1896	8.62c.
1919	29.55c.	1911	11.80c.	1903	12.00c.	1895	8.25c.
1918	35.05c.	1910	13.75c.	1902	8.88c.	1894	6.88c.
1917	21.80c.	1909	12.50c.	1901	8.38c.	1893	8.38c.
1916	15.65c.	1908	9.40c.	1900	10.75c.	1892	7.19c.

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 with columns for Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Contr't, Total) for days from Saturday to Friday.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing futures prices for September through July, with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Week.

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THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Table of visible supply of cotton, listing bales for various locations like Liverpool, London, Manchester, Hamburg, Bremen, Havre, Rotterdam, Barcelona, Genoa, Ghent, and Antwerp.

Table of American visible supply, listing bales for Liverpool, Manchester, Continental, American afloat, U.S. port stocks, U.S. interior stocks, and U.S. exports to-day.

Table of East Indian, Brazil, &c. stocks, listing bales for Liverpool, London, Manchester, Continental, India afloat, Egypt, U.S. port stocks, U.S. interior stocks, and U.S. exports to-day.

Table of total visible supply, listing bales for Middling uplands, Middling uplands, Egypt, Peruvian, Broach fine, and Timnevely, good.

Continental imports for past week have been 40,000 bales. The above figures for 1923 show a decrease from last week of 134,540 bales, a loss of 1,132,178 from 1922, a decline of 3,492,831 bales from 1921 and a falling off of 2,295,686 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 Sept. 14 1923 and Sept. 15 1922 for various towns, including Receipts, Shipments, and Stocks.

Total, 41 towns 245,035 801,825 178,635 442,507 216,168 644,849 160,666 471,529

The above total shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 65,106 bales and are to-night 29,022 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 28,867 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table of overland movement, showing shipments and receipts for various routes like Via St. Louis, Via Mounds, etc., and Total gross overland.

\* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 8,229 bales, against 14,793 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 15,946 bales.

Table of in sight and spinners' takings, showing receipts at ports, net overland, and total marketed.

\* Decrease. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Table of movement into sight in previous years, showing receipts for various weeks from 1921 to 1919.

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 New Orleans contract market, listing prices for September through Friday.

**OKLAHOMA COTTON CROP IMPROVING.**—The State Board of Agriculture at Oklahoma on Tuesday, Sept. 11 1923, issued the following statement as to the condition of the cotton crop in that State:

Rains have fallen at intervals for the past three weeks in Oklahoma and have greatly improved conditions over the entire State. On Sept. 2 12 widely scattered stations in the cotton sections reported from 0.17 to 2.40 inches. The condition of cotton has been aided materially since the Aug. 25 report. The plant is taking on additional fruit and shedding has become less general. Practically no boll weevil injury has been reported and it is felt that due to unfavorable weather conditions for the ravages of the pest Oklahoma's cotton loss from this cause will be slight.

**CENSUS BUREAU REPORT ON COTTON GINNING TO SEPT. 1.**—The Census Bureau issued on Sept. 8 its first report on the amount of cotton ginned up to Sept. 1 from the growth of 1923 as follows, round bales counted as half bales and excluding linters, comparison being made with the returns for the like periods of 1922 and 1921:

State—	1923.	1922.	1921.
Alabama	4,704	55,680	12,968
Arkansas	3,663	4,761	306
California	1,277	51	373
Florida	803	5,379	173
Georgia	19,756	141,107	47,863
Louisiana	12,820	14,366	2,743
Mississippi	1,457	10,655	4,144
North Carolina	445	878	77
Oklahoma	5,268	3,487	1,221
South Carolina	2,327	4,704	1,160
Tennessee	2	55	2
Texas	1,088,072	564,957	414,616
All other States	745	79	127
United States	1,141,337	806,189	485,787

The statistics in this report include 51,797 round bales for 1923, 25,625 for 1922 and 36,027 for 1921.

The statistics for 1923 in this report are subject to slight corrections when checked against the individual returns of the ginners being transmitted by mail.

**Consumption, Stocks, Imports and Exports—United States.**

Cotton consumed during the month of July 1923 amounted to 461,575 bales. Cotton on hand in consuming establishments on July 31 was 1,089,230 bales, and in public storage and at compresses 938,689 bales. The number of active consuming cotton spindles for the month was 34,237,887. The total imports for the month of July 1923 were 6,356 bales and the exports of domestic cotton, including linters, were 171,469 bales.

**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:

Week ending Sept. 14.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed' day	Thurs'd'y.	Friday.
Galveston	27.30	27.50	27.85	27.45	27.20	27.30
New Orleans	26.75	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Mobile	26.75	27.00	27.50	27.25	27.00	27.00
Savannah	27.75	27.82	27.95	27.75	27.50	27.50
Norfolk	27.63	27.75	28.25	27.75	27.50	27.63
Baltimore	—	28.75	28.00	28.50	28.00	28.00
Augusta	27.63	27.75	28.13	27.50	27.25	27.38
Memphis	26.75	27.25	27.50	27.50	27.25	27.25
Houston	27.45	27.60	27.95	27.40	27.10	27.10
Little Rock	26.75	27.12	27.75	27.50	27.25	27.25
Dallas	26.90	27.05	27.30	26.85	26.50	26.70
Fort Worth	—	26.90	27.25	26.85	26.60	26.60

**WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.**—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that temperatures have averaged about normal throughout the cotton belt. Cotton generally has made fair progress except in a few Eastern sections, where continued rains have been a set back. In Oklahoma recent rains have considerably improved the condition of the crop.

**Texas.**—The condition of cotton generally continues good and exceptionally good in favored localities. Frequent showers have, however, lowered grades and damaged open cotton. Picking and ginning have generally progressed satisfactorily. Insects have been somewhat more active, but damage to cotton has been mostly slight.

**Mobile.**—The weather has been generally favorable with light scattered showers. Cotton is opening fast and picking and ginning are active. All localities, however, report a small yield.

**Charleston, So. Caro.**—There has been very little change in the condition of the cotton crop during the week.

**Charlotte, No. Caro.**—Cotton still continues to make excellent progress.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer
Galveston, Texas	3 days	1.90 in.	high 86 low 72 mean 79
Abilene	dry	—	high 92 low 60 mean 76
Brenham	2 days	0.20 in.	high 90 low 62 mean 76
Brownsville	6 days	1.54 in.	high 92 low 72 mean 82
Corpus Christi	6 days	3.26 in.	high 88 low 72 mean 82
Dallas	dry	—	high 93 low 62 mean 78
Henrietta	dry	—	high 97 low 58 mean 78
Kerrville	4 days	1.48 in.	high 92 low 58 mean 75
Lompasas	2 days	0.26 in.	high 93 low 61 mean 77
Lovingview	1 day	0.70 in.	high 91 low 62 mean 77
Luling	4 days	3.85 in.	high 89 low 70 mean 80
Nacogdoches	2 days	2.34 in.	high 94 low 63 mean 79
Palestine	2 days	1.74 in.	high 88 low 64 mean 76
Paris	dry	—	high 96 low 59 mean 78
San Antonio	2 days	0.00 in.	high 90 low 68 mean 79
Taylor	5 days	0.69 in.	high — low 68 mean —
Weatherford	dry	—	high 92 low 55 mean 74
Ardmore, Okla.	dry	—	high 94 low 57 mean 76
Altus	dry	—	high 96 low 57 mean 77
Muskogee	dry	—	high 98 low 52 mean 75
Oklahoma City	dry	—	high 93 low 61 mean 77
Brinkley, Ark.	3 days	1.94 in.	high 92 low 60 mean 76
Eldorado	2 days	0.75 in.	high 97 low 59 mean 78
Little Rock	1 day	0.20 in.	high 90 low 60 mean 76
Pine Bluff	1 day	0.12 in.	high 94 low 57 mean 78
Alexandria, La.	2 days	2.04 in.	high 92 low 66 mean 79
Amite	2 days	1.30 in.	high 90 low 65 mean 78
Shreveport	1 day	0.45 in.	high 89 low 64 mean 76
Okolona, Miss.	2 days	1.06 in.	high 96 low 59 mean 78
Columbus	dry	—	high 93 low 60 mean 77
Greenwood	2 days	0.46 in.	high 91 low 59 mean 75
Vicksburg	2 days	0.74 in.	high 88 low 68 mean 78
Mobile, Ala.	2 days	0.27 in.	high 91 low 69 mean 80

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Decatur	1 day	0.05 in.	high 87	low 60	mean 74
Montgomery	dry	—	high 92	low 61	mean 77
Selma	1 day	0.31 in.	high 95	low 64	mean 80
Gainesville, Fla.	3 days	0.47 in.	high 94	low 67	mean 81
Madison	2 days	0.16 in.	high 94	low 67	mean 81
Savannah, Ga.	5 days	1.22 in.	high 95	low 70	mean 80
Athens	dry	—	high 94	low 62	mean 78
Augusta	dry	—	high 94	low 67	mean 81
Columbus	dry	—	high 97	low 63	mean 80
Charleston, S. C.	4 days	1.01 in.	high 93	low 72	mean 83
Greenwood	dry	—	high 90	low 61	mean 76
Columbia	1 day	0.98 in.	high —	low 66	mean —
Conway	3 days	1.04 in.	high 94	low 66	mean 80
Charlotte, N. C.	1 day	0.48 in.	high 91	low 60	mean 76
Newbern	4 days	0.88 in.	high 90	low 64	mean 77
Weldon	2 days	0.27 in.	high 92	low 61	mean 77
Wyersburg, Tenn.	dry	—	high 84	low 60	mean 72
Memphis	2 days	1.63 in.	high 86	low 62	mean 74

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:

		Sept. 14 1923.	Sept. 15 1922.
		Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge	2.6	5.3
Memphis	Above zero of gauge	8.5	7.0
Nashville	Above zero of gauge	8.0	7.4
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge	10.4	4.4
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge	13.9	9.4

**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.

Week ending	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1923.	1922.	1921.	1923.	1922.	1921.	1923.	1922.	1921.
June									
22	30,728	75,711	100,160	369,047	588,332	1,339,017	9,959	36,590	64,512
29	29,371	72,514	103,323	348,278	540,737	1,292,856	8,046	24,919	57,162
July									
6	24,472	56,184	100,186	331,669	498,935	1,240,354	8,662	14,382	47,684
13	20,125	41,564	83,955	312,912	458,839	1,206,736	1,672	1,468	50,357
20	15,202	31,697	98,434	293,590	433,178	1,157,547	—	6,036	49,245
27	22,226	34,393	98,712	278,391	388,830	1,129,231	11,646	1,876	69,396
Aug									
3	27,086	32,031	86,944	270,233	355,159	1,099,238	19,528	—	56,951
10	29,720	24,012	74,894	264,913	345,726	1,074,165	24,400	14,579	49,821
17	46,080	33,716	84,050	268,226	341,519	1,048,597	51,262	29,509	58,482
24	62,758	44,317	91,711	302,781	351,079	1,015,473	97,312	53,877	58,587
31	142,595	91,625	103,024	331,947	355,704	987,634	171,762	96,250	77,235
Sept.									
7	146,130	95,017	107,847	377,401	416,161	987,030	191,584	155,474	107,193
14	170,272	163,102	142,000	442,567	471,529	983,869	235,378	218,470	138,839

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1923 are 778,198 bales; in 1922 were 568,159 bales, and in 1921 were 524,754 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 170,272 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 235,378 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 65,106 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 218,470 bales and for 1921 they were 138,839 bales.

**WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.**—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1923.		1922.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Sept. 7	1,958,063	—	3,164,431	—
Visible supply Aug. 1	—	2,024,671	—	3,760,450
American in sight to Sept. 14	318,607	1,453,135	314,264	1,214,779
Bombay receipts to Sept. 13	5,000	63,000	8,000	93,000
Other India ship'gs to Sept. 13	4,000	28,000	2,000	32,500
Alexandria receipts to Sept. 12	12,000	24,400	6,000	22,200
Other supply to Sept. 12 * b	6,000	30,000	5,000	35,000
Total supply	2,303,670	3,623,206	3,499,695	5,157,979
Deduct—				
Visible supply Sept. 14	2,092,603	—	3,224,781	—
Total takings to Sept. 14 a	211,067	1,530,603	274,914	1,933,198
Of which American	159,067	1,106,203	222,914	1,423,248
Of which other	52,000	424,400	52,000	509,950

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 605,000 bales in 1923 and 569,000 bales in 1922—takings not being available—and aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 925,603 bales in 1923 and 1,364,198 bales in 1922, of which 501,203 bales and 854,248 bales American. b Estimated.

**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.

Alexandria, Egypt. Sept. 12.	1923.	1922.	1921.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	60,000	30,000	59,671
Since Aug. 1	121,545	100,594	271,108

Exports (bales)—	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	—	4,250	1,750	9,872	—	3,500
To Manchester, &c.	6,000	8,250	10,396	—	—	12,432
To Continent and India	6,000	25,035	2,000	20,842	2,082	16,991
To America	—	3,250	4,500	8,900	—	2,555
Total exports	12,000	40,785	8,250	50,010	2,082	35,478

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Sept. 12 were 60,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 12,000 bales.

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 India Cotton Movement from all ports. Columns include Sep. 13 Receipts at (Bombay), Exports (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total) for the week and since August 1, for years 1923, 1922, and 1921.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 3,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 7,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 103,550 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both cloths and yarns is steady. Demand for foreign markets is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table comparing Manchester market prices for 1922-23 and 1921-22. Columns include 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/2 lbs. Shirtings Common to Finest, and Col'n Mid. Upl's, with sub-columns for 'd.' and 's. d.' prices.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 37,747 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table of Shipping News listing destinations like New York, Liverpool, Galveston, New Orleans, Houston, Boston, and Norfolk, with dates and bales.

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table of Cotton Freight rates listing ports such as Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Ghent, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa, and Christiania, with 'High Stand. Density.' and 'ard.' values.

Table for LIVERPOOL market showing sales, stocks, and imports for the week of Aug. 24, Aug. 31, and Sept. 7, 1923, and Sept. 14, 1922.

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 showing Spot and Market prices for various grades of cotton (Market, Mid. Upl's, Sales, Futures, Market opened, Market 4 P.M.) from Saturday to Friday.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table of Futures prices at Liverpool from Sept. 8 to Sept. 14, listing New Contract and various months (Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., March, April, May, June, July, August) with prices for Saturday through Friday.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Sept. 14 1923.

Flour has been rather inclined to go to lower prices, owing to a decline in cash wheat. The other day Minneapolis fell 1c. There has been less business in the Northwest. Some flour has been offering here or supplies at nearby points at somewhat below mill prices. In fact, there is more than enough flour offering, it appears, to supply the demand. It is true that recently stocks have fallen off here, but the trouble is that trade has been small. This offsets the fact of reduced supplies. Yet at times during the week flour has been quite steady here owing to the high premiums for cash wheat. Mills were disposed to stand their ground, although mill feed has recently advanced about \$2 a ton on both brown and middlings. Also, export inquiry at one time was reported better. Foreign stocks, indeed, are supposed to be none too plentiful. Yet after all, export buying has been only in small lots. And foreign buyers have shown a disposition to withdraw whenever there has been a tendency in flour prices to get firmer. Still Europe has been inquiring to some extent for first and second clears, which were reported in only moderate supply. Also, it has apparently wanted some soft winter straights. At the same time Canadian wheat is becoming more plentiful and there is more or less fear that Canadian competition in the flour trade will before long become a factor too formidable to be ignored. In a word, of late, as already stated, flour here has been more or less depressed, whatever may have been the case early in the week. It is reasonably certain that if wheat continues to decline flour will have to do the same. At Minneapolis prices have latterly fallen. The mill output is a little under 50% there. Shipping directions have been scarce. With mill feed up flour has at times tended towards easier prices at the Northwest. Kansas City has been dull, with only fair shipping directions, but not much change in prices.

Wheat has declined with export demand light and the 1923 Canadian crop estimate increased of late some 70,000,000 bushels. Winnipeg has been falling owing to reports that the Canadian crop movement was rapidly increasing and that export demand was very small for this time of the year. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics says the yield of wheat in Canada this season is 471,000,000 bushels, the largest on record. This would make the combined United States and Canada a crop 1,259,000,000 bushels, or only 3,000,000 bushels less than last year. It would suggest 500,000,000 bushels surplus for export after allowing for a liberal carry-over on July 1 1924. All this caused heavy liquidation. Winnipeg cash wheat fell 2 1/2 to 7 1/2c., or 5 1/2 to 13 1/2c., in two days, showing the pressure of increasing receipts. Will the lower grades of Canada drop to a level which will permit of their being sold to American millers? That is an interesting question which is being discussed here. Boston reported on Sept. 10 the placing of an order there from the Greek Government for 750,000 bushels of grain, the first in some months past.

Chicago wired Sept. 11: "Competition of a new national co-operative marketing project for grain will probably be announced in nine or ten days, Walter Petet, director of co-operative marketing for the American Farm Bureau Federation, said to-day. The enterprise will be upon the commodity plan known as the Danish or California system. The

plan has been in operation in Texas for two years." The plans being formulated for the national marketing of grain are comparable to those being applied in the cotton and tobacco markets now. Exporters took 500,000 bushels on the 12th inst. Then they became cautious again. They found they had larger acceptances from Canada than they had expected. Of the Canadian crop Alberta is credited with 140,000,000, Saskatchewan 259,000,000 and Manitoba 39,000,000 bushels. These figures are one of the outstanding features of the week if not indeed the most conspicuous of any. The Canadian crop is 1,000,000,000 bushels larger than some expected a month ago. The Government gave the condition of spring wheat on Sept. 1 as only 65.1%, against 69.6 on Aug. 1 and 80.1 on Sept. 1 last year, 62.5 in 1921, 64.1 in 1920, 48.5 in 1919, 82.1 in 1918 and 71.2 in 1917; crop, 221,000,000 bushels, against 270,007,000 last year, 214,589,000 in 1921 and 356,339,000 the high record of 1918. The total of spring and winter crops is 789,000,000 bushels, against 856,211,000 last year, 814,905,000 in 1921, 833,027,000 in 1920 and 1,025,801,000 the high record of 1915. The crop of 1913, 763,380,000 bushels was the largest ever harvested before the war. Minneapolis wired: "Spring and winter wheat easy with spring 2c. lower; durum was easy and unchanged. Omaha reported at one time a good demand for low grade wheat, the latter bringing the farmer out in the State 60c. a bushel. The indications are that a large amount of low grade wheat will be ground for feeding purposes." To-day prices, though slightly higher early, reacted later and closed at a small net decline. Receipts at Canadian points were large. At Winnipeg they reached 939 cars. That was large enough, even though the previous estimate was 1,200. Still, Winnipeg later in the day was rather firmer, on covering of shorts and reports of a good export and milling business. Wheat for the week at Chicago shows a decline of 3 to 4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 116	116	114	114	114	113	113

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 102	102	102	101	101	99	99
December delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 106	106	105	104	104	102	102
May delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 111	111	110	110	108	108	108

Indian corn fluctuated within very narrow limits for a time, but has latterly declined with wheat. Early in the week September advanced slightly even when other deliveries fell. September shorts were good buyers at that time. But longs in other months, and even those in September, were inclined to sell on the upturns. Receipts were somewhat larger at primary points, despite reports of smaller country offerings. Cool weather at the West in the fore part of the week caused a certain uneasiness. But it soon wore off. Crop reports were in the main favorable. In about ten days it was believed it will reach maturity and be beyond danger of injury by frost. Last week the visible supply in this country increased 784,000 bushels, against 409,000 in the same week last year. But even so the total is still only 2,371,000 bushels, against 7,723,000 bushels at this time last year, so that on the surface the statistical position is certainly very strong, though if wheat continues to decline corn will be apt to feel what may be termed the undertow. The Government report put the condition of the crop at 83.3 on Sept. 1 against 84 on Aug. 1 and 78.6 on Sept. 1 last year, 85.1 in 1921, 86.4 in 1920 and 80 in 1919; acreage 103,112,000, against 102,428,000 last year. Indicated crop 3,076,000,000 bushels, against 2,890,712,000 last year, 3,068,569,000 in 1921 and 3,230,532,000 the high record crop of 1920. Despite widespread frosts corn on the 12th inst. was sluggish. Wheat was off and that neutralized the frost news. To-day prices advanced for a time on frost reports and covering of shorts. But later on they reacted with wheat. The weather for the most part was clear at the West. Many hope and believe that the crop has suffered no great damage from frost. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1 to 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 108	108	107	107	108	106	107

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 85	85	85	85	84	84	84
December delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 68	68	68	68	68	66	66
May delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 69	68	68	68	68	68	68

Oats declined but rallied for a time later, especially on September. Trading has been light. Trading as a rule, however, has been light. Receipts have been fair at primary points. Domestic cash demand has been fair at times, owing to the high price of corn and other feedstuffs. At the same time the visible supply of oats in the United States increased last week no less than 2,404,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of 223,000 bushels. Here is the rather remarkable difference of 2,600,000 bushels. Yet even with such an increase the total visible supply in this country is still less than one-third of what it was a year ago. That is, to say, it is only 12,515,000 bushels, against 38,138,000 at

this time last year. The Government puts the crop at 1,312,000,000 bushels, against 1,255,000,000 last year. The condition on Sept. 1 was 80.3, against 74.9 last year. To-day prices advanced for a time, but later became irregular. For the week there is a rise in September of 1 1/2 c., while December is unchanged and May 1/2 c. lower.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 51	51	51	51	51	51	51

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 37	37	37	37	38	38	39
December delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 39	39	39	39	40	39	39
May delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 42	42	42	42	42	42	42

Rye has declined with other grain. Early in the week, it is true, September was quite firm, but this had a tendency to check export demand. On the 8th inst. exporters took 100,000 bushels. But on the 10th they bought only about 50,000 through Montreal. Prices were up that day about half a cent. This was enough to cause exporters to withdraw. And the next day it appeared that export demand had been filled for the moment. Prices thereupon dropped 1/2 to 3/4 c. Not but that there were some inquiries from Europe. It is well known that there were. But it appears that trans-Atlantic business can only be done at the moment at some decline. At any rate that is the general impression. And the visible supply in the United States increased last week 438,000 bushels, against 356,000 in the same week last year. The total is now up to 13,812,000 bushels, against 5,063,000 bushels a year ago. On the 12th inst. prices dropped 1 to 2c. and closed at the lowest of the day. The rye crop is estimated by the Government at 64,800,000 bushels, against 79,600,000 last year. On the 12th inst. longs sold freely. Cash prices stood up well, but the export sales were only 50,000 bushels. The German news is better. The Ruhr and reparations questions seem in fair way of settlement before long. The trouble is that Europe takes so little American rye. It may buy more when the Ruhr matter has been adjusted. Barley condition on Sept. 1 was 79.5%, against 81.2% last year; crop 199,000,000 bushels against 194,000,000 last year. To-day prices declined 5/8 to 1c. in sympathy with weakness in other grain. Since last Friday there has been a decline of 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 70	70	69	68	67	66	66
December delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 72	72	72	71	69	68	68
May delivery in elevator	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts. 76	76	75	75	73	73	72

The following are closing quotations:

WHEAT.		Oats—
Wheat—		No. 2 white
No. 2 red f. o. b.	\$1 13	No. 3 white
No. 2 hard/winter f.o.b.	1 16	Barley—
Corn—		Feeding
No. 2 yellow	1 07	Malting
Rye—No. 2 c. i. f.	78 3/4	Nom.
		77 1/2 @ 78 1/2

FLOUR.

Spring patents	\$6 15 @ \$6 60	Barley goods—
Winter straights, soft	4 50 @ 4 75	No. 1, 1-0, 2-0
Hard winter straights	5 55 @ 6 00	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl
First spring clears	5 25 @ 5 75	Nos. 3-0
Rye flour, 100 lbs.	3 90 @ 4 35	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0
Corn goods, 100 lbs.		Oats goods—carload:
Yellow meal	2 40 @ 2 50	Spot delivery
Corn flour	2 35 @ 2 50	2 60 @ 2 70

For other tables usually given here, see page 1209.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Sept. 8, was as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

	Wheat,	Corn,	Oats,	Rye,	Barley,
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
United States—					
New York	793,000	32,000	418,000	120,000	15,000
Boston	2,000	3,000	21,000	1,000	
Philadelphia	1,141,000	13,000	341,000	45,000	5,000
Baltimore	1,696,000	18,000	105,000	130,000	1,000
New Orleans	465,000	69,000	145,000		2,000
Galveston	1,108,000			98,000	
Buffalo	2,951,000	504,000	1,513,000	1,820,000	153,000
Toledo	238,000	45,000	406,000		100,000
Detroit	1,829,000	71,000	288,000	15,000	3,000
Chicago	30,000	214,000	60,000	22,000	
Chicago	19,317,000	503,000	3,149,000	1,084,000	114,000
afloat					
Milwaukee	245,000	131,000	842,000	105,000	
Duluth	2,222,000		149,000	3,777,000	557,000
St. Joseph, Mo.	1,201,000	81,000	92,000	2,000	9,000
afloat	8,315,000	14,000	2,693,000	5,830,000	589,000
Minneapolis	2,451,000	32,000	79,000	14,000	
St. Louis	9,577,000	65,000	959,000	80,000	
St. Paul	139,000	60,000	226,000	4,000	13,000
Peoria	61,000	16,000	135,000		
Indianapolis	841,000	239,000	84,000		
Omaha	2,660,000	101,000	782,000	53,000	68,000
On Lakes	521,000	345,000	98,000		
On Canal and River	359,000	5,000	20,000	455,000	155,000
Total Sept. 8 1923	58,162,000	2,371,000	12,515,000	13,812,000	1,931,000
Total Sept. 1 1923	56,541,000	1,587,000	10,111,000	13,374,000	1,633,000
Total Sept. 9 1922	31,166,000	7,723,000	38,133,000	5,063,000	1,607,000
Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 22,000 bushels; Baltimore, 6,000; Duluth, 2,000; total, 30,000 bushels, against 129,000 bushels in 1922. Barley, New York, 2,000 bushels; Boston, 20,000; Buffalo, 62,000; total, 84,000 bushels, against 14,000 bushels in 1922. Wheat, New York, 40,000 bushels; Boston, 15,000; Philadelphia, 218,000; Baltimore, 110,000; Buffalo, 210,000; Duluth, 77,000; Toledo, 20,000; total, 690,000 bushels, against 2,357,000 bushels in 1922.					
Canadian—					
Montreal	287,000	19,000	1,430,000	539,000	590,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	1,868,000		569,000	1,090,000	542,000
Other Canadian	395,000		208,000	624,000	115,000
Total Sept. 8 1923	2,550,000	19,000	2,207,000	2,253,000	1,247,000
Total Sept. 1 1923	2,235,000	39,000	1,901,000	2,181,000	1,377,000
Total Sept. 9 1922	8,796,000	789,000	1,136,000	865,000	654,000
Summary—					
American	58,162,000	2,371,000	12,515,000	13,812,000	1,931,000
Canadian	2,550,000	19,000	2,207,000	2,253,000	1,247,000
Total Sept. 8 1923	60,712,000	2,390,000	14,722,000	16,065,000	3,178,000
Total Sept. 1 1923	58,776,000	1,626,000	12,012,000	15,555,000	3,010,000
Total Sept. 9 1922	39,962,000	8,512,000	39,269,000	5,928,000	2,291,000

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WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPT. 11.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending Sept. 11, is as follows:

Moderate temperatures for the season prevailed throughout most of the country during the week ending Sept. 11, though it was rather warm in the interior and Northern States the first half and cool the last few days, and unseasonably high temperatures obtained in the more Western States. It was especially warm in the interior of California and in Nevada. There was less rainfall in the Southeastern States, where the week was mostly fair, but rains were again frequent in the lower Mississippi Valley, the west Gulf region, and in most sections from the upper Mississippi Valley eastward. Fair weather prevailed from the Great Plains westward. Rainfall from the Lake region eastward and in the Middle Atlantic States further benefited late crops and soil conditions in those sections, particularly from New Jersey and Pennsylvania northward, although moisture was still insufficient in parts of the more Northeastern States. It continued too moist during the first half of the week and rather too cool the latter half for rapid maturing of crops in the Ohio Valley States, and Fall work made rather slow progress in that area, but grass and minor crops continued to improve.

Less rainfall in the Southeast was favorable for farm work, but there was some delay in other Southern States because of rather frequent rains. Farm work in the upper Mississippi Valley made better progress than during the preceding week, by reason of less rainfall, and considerable delayed threshing was accomplished, particularly in Iowa.

The weather was favorable for maturing crops, and preparation for winter wheat seeding in the lower Missouri Valley, where Fall plowing was well advanced and corn mostly safe from frost damage. Conditions continued favorable in the lower Great Plains, except that the soil was too dry in some localities for plowing. In the central and northern Plains, moderately warm, dry weather matured crops rapidly and corn was largely safe, while further rains in the far Southwest were beneficial for stock interests. The week was rainless and warm in the more Northwestern States, being ideal for the harvest and threshing, but rather unfavorable for plowing and seeding because of dry soil. The warm, dry weather caused forest fires to spread rapidly in Oregon, but fogs and cooler weather the latter part served to check their progress.

SMALL GRAINS.—Some wheat was still unthreshed in the Ohio Valley and this was badly bleached and molded by damp weather. Threshing of spring wheat made excellent progress where not completed, the weather being particularly favorable for this work in the central and western portions of the Spring wheat belt. The soil was in generally good condition for preparation for Winter wheat seeding in the Ohio Valley States, but this work was rather backward and progressing slowly, because of frequent rains. In the trans-Mississippi States field work made good progress under favorable weather conditions, particularly in the Great Plains, although it was too dry for best results in some localities, especially in northern Oklahoma. Preparing ground for seeding was well along in the lower Missouri Valley, while seeding was well under way in the western third of Kansas. More moisture would be beneficial in Nebraska. The soil was too dry, however, for plowing and seeding in the north Pacific States, but this work progressed well in Montana.

More favorable weather permitted of considerable oat threshing in Iowa which had been delayed, while cutting and threshing progressed well in the more Northwestern States. The warm weather was favorable for rice in California, but the harvest of this crop was delayed by rain in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, with complaint of sprouting in shock in the last-named State. Buckwheat was being harvested in the Appalachian Mountain districts, and was ready to cut in New York. Grain sorghums continued to improve in the southern Great Plains. Flax was yielding well in the northern Plains States.

CORN.—The first half of the week was cloudy and showery from the Ohio Valley northward and eastward and the latter half was cool. Under these conditions corn matured rather slowly, and there was some complaint of too rank growth, with lodging, in portions of Ohio. There was some frost the latter part of the week in the western Lake region, but little or no damage resulted. With seasonable weather slightly more than half the crop will probably be safe from frost in Iowa by Sept. 20, and about three-fourths by the close of the month, which is considerably later than last year. The bulk of the crop, however, is safe from frost in Missouri, where satisfactory maturity was reported for the week.

Corn matured rapidly in the Great Plains States and is generally out of frost danger in the northern portion. It ripened rather too rapidly in parts of Nebraska, but the damage was slight and condition continued excellent. Cutting and threshing practically done in southern Kansas and was progressing elsewhere in that State. Late corn further improved in the extreme southern Great Plains and the crop developed rapidly in the more Western States. Late corn was reported poor in Mississippi, mostly fair to good in Alabama, and is showing improvement in the Southeastern States and west Gulf districts. Broomcorn was favorably affected by the weather in the lower Great Plains.

COTTON.—The temperature for the week averaged near normal in the cotton belt, except that it was rather cool in the west Gulf districts and considerably above normal in the more eastern portion. Rainfall was rather frequent in the central and western States of the belt, but there was much less rain in the southeast, where it had been persistently wet during most of the season. Sunshine was deficient from the lower Mississippi Valley westward, but was generally adequate to the eastward.

Further rains occurred in Texas with deficient sunshine. Cotton made fair progress in the northern and western portions of the State, but deteriorated elsewhere, and frequent rains have lowered the grade in the south-central and southern portions, with complaints of bolts rotting. Mostly fair weather prevailed in Oklahoma, where cotton made fairly good advance, with some top crop development in most sections. The general condition of the crop, however, continues rather poor. Too much rain damaged cotton in eastern Arkansas, but light to moderate showers in other portions of the State were beneficial, though weevil and other pests were still damaging. There was again too much rain in Louisiana, where cotton showed further deterioration, with seeds sprouting and grade lowering. Showers continued rather frequent in Mississippi, where progress was still unsatisfactory, with complaints of lower bolts rotting and little or no top crop. Continuation of rainy weather during much of the week was unfavorable in Tennessee, and scattered showers occurred on most days of the week in Alabama, where cotton deteriorated or made only poor progress.

The drier, sunnier weather was favorable in Georgia, but without effect on the cotton crop, as general deterioration was reported because of the enormous damage by weevil, worms, rust and shedding, with the entire top crop destroyed, and the general condition exceedingly poor. There was likewise no improvement in South Carolina, as the plants showed further deterioration or only poor progress, as the plants showed further deterioration or only poor progress. Late plants in this State are still vigorous, but fruiting has stopped, with heavy weevil damage. In North Carolina, the general condition of cotton varies greatly, with weevil damage in the east and southeast spreading.

Louisiana.—General rain first half of the week and local showers latter half with moderate temperatures. Cotton deteriorated, because of too much rain; seed sprouting and grade lowering. Picking resumed latter part of the week. General condition poor to only fair.

Texas.—Rather cool with frequent rain and deficient sunshine. Cotton made fair progress in north and west portion but mostly deteriorated elsewhere. Condition of crop generally poor to fair although locally very good. Frequent rain has lowered grade and damage open cotton in south and south-central, with some complaints of bolts rotting. Picking and ginning progressed slowly. Insects somewhat more active but damage mostly light.

Oklahoma.—Warm days and cool nights with abundant sunshine; no rain of consequence. Cotton made fair progress generally, putting on top crop in most sections. Weevil working in scattered localities. Condition of crop averages rather poor. Picking becoming general.

Arkansas.—Too much rain in east caused considerable damage to cotton; but light to moderate showers elsewhere beneficial. Worms, weevil, and boll worm still damaging in northeast quarter of State. Picking general south and west, beginning elsewhere.

Tennessee.—Cotton generally made poor progress or deteriorated on account of rain. Weevil active, and general condition of crop only fair.

Arizona.—Cotton making excellent progress.

New Mexico.—Cotton picking becoming general; bolts opening rapidly.

North Carolina.—Week warm, with moderate to heavy local rains and fair amount of sunshine. Cotton deteriorated in southeast and east because of further spread of weevil damage and considerable shedding; picking under way. General condition of crop varies greatly; opening rapidly.

South Carolina.—Cotton deteriorating or making only slow progress generally. Fruiting practically ended but late plants still vigorous. Weevil doing much damage and taking top crop, but boll rot, shedding, and other damage somewhat checked by dry weather.

Georgia.—Warm, sunny weather, with moderate rains mostly in south-western portion during latter part of week. Cotton continued to deteriorate due to enormous damage by weevil, worms, rust and shedding; entire top crop destroyed by weevil. Opening rapidly in all divisions and picking and ginning progressing favorably with crop all picked in many southern localities. General condition of cotton extremely poor.

Florida.—Mostly dry, with much sunshine and moderately warm. Cotton picking made good progress, but weevil and shedding unfavorable; plants deteriorating generally and no top crop. Most of crop being harvested early during current month.

Alabama.—Temperature somewhat above normal first half of week and normal thereafter; scattered showers, mostly light, first 5 days. Cotton deteriorated or made only fair progress, with condition mostly poor to fair. Worms defoliating plants in many fields in northern, southwestern and central portions. Weevil active in north. Opening in south and central portions picking and ginning progressing slowly.

Mississippi.—Rainy Wednesday to Friday, but generally fair thereafter. Cotton made mostly poor development. Damage by weevil, lice and caterpillars heavy, although comparatively light in scattered localities. Some rotting of lower bolts and little or no top crop. Slow progress in picking.

TOBACCO SALES IN NORTH CAROLINA AND NATIONAL TOBACCO CROP FORECAST.—The North Carolina Crop Reporting Service of the United States Department of Agriculture has issued the following report of tobacco sales in North Carolina, together with the crop forecast for North Carolina and the United States:

AUGUST 1923 TOBACCO SALES REPORT IN NORTH CAROLINA—SUMMARY OF AUCTION WAREHOUSE SALES. Table with columns: Markets, Houses, Producers' Sales, Dealers' Resales, Warehouse Resales, Total Sales, -Avge. Price- 1923, 1922.

Note.—There were six warehouses falling to make reports as indicated by (\*) in the first column:

- Chadbourn warehouse, Chadbourn, N. C. Enfield warehouse, Enfield, N. C. Atlantic warehouse, Kinston, N. C. Star warehouse, Wendell, N. C. Planters warehouse, Wilson, N. C. Wilson warehouse, Whiteville, N. C.

Comments from Warehouse Reports.—The quality of the crop being marketed at present is showing up only fair. Mostly lugs and common grades are being sold. Warehousemen from Wallace report that the crop in that section is far above the average in both quantity and quality.

Crop Forecast.—The condition of the tobacco crop, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture's September crop report, is 86% of normal for North Carolina. This forecasts a crop of 355,266,000 pounds from 510,000 acres this year, and a yield per acre of 696.6 pounds. The national crop, with a condition of 86.6%, is forecasted at 1,559,716,000 pounds. The State forecast is 48,000,000 pounds more than the 1922 crop.

August Sales.—The sales at warehouses during August amounted to 11,408,915 pounds (producers') as compared with 18,159,580 pounds sold during August last year. The average price of sales (\$22.52 per hundred) is slightly better than the 1922 average, though the quality of the tobacco sold this year is about the same as that marketed during last August. Fairmont and Whiteville showed the highest averages for the month.

Report released by N. C. Crop Reporting Service, compiled by Catherine W. Haig, Assistant.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON CEREALS, &c.—The Agricultural Department at Washington on Monday of this week (Sept. 10) issued its report on the condition, the acreage and the prospects of the country's different crops—wheat, corn, oats, potatoes, tobacco, &c.—as of Sept. 1, and the following is the complete official text of this report:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, D. C., Sept. 10 1923, 2:15 p. m. (E.T.) The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture makes the following forecasts and estimates from reports of its correspondents and field statisticians for the United States:

Table with columns: Crop, Total Production in Millions of Bushels (1917-1921 Average, 1922 December Est., 1923 August Fore-cast, 1923 Sept. Fore-cast), Yield per Acre (1917-1921 Averages, 1922-1923 Fore-cast), Farm Price in Bush. Sept. 1 (1922, 1923).

Crop.	Condition.				Acreage 1923.	
	Sept. 10-yr. Ar.	Sept. 1 1922.	Sept. 1 1923.	Sept. 1 1923.	P. C. of 1922.	Acres.
Spring wheat.....	69.5	80.1	69.6	65.1	94.9	18,503,000
All wheat.....	77.4	75.5	75.5	71.6	95.5	58,233,000
Corn.....	76.1	78.6	84.0	83.3	100.7	103,112,000
Oats.....	79.1	74.9	81.9	80.3	101.1	40,768,000
Barley.....	78.4	81.2	82.6	79.5	108.0	7,980,000
Rye.....	---	---	---	---	84.3	5,234,000
Buckwheat.....	85.6	85.7	82.7	80.5	98.3	772,000
White potatoes.....	75.0	79.9	80.5	77.7	89.9	3,892,000
Sweet potatoes.....	83.0	82.4	80.9	79.1	90.2	1,007,000
Tobacco.....	78.2	76.2	83.1	86.6	102.1	1,762,000
Flaxseed.....	70.2	82.7	82.4	79.0	182.7	2,285,000
Rice.....	86.2	85.5	84.8	82.9	83.7	883,000
Hay, all.....	---	---	81.5	82.0	98.7	76,031,000
Cotton.....	63.5	57.0	67.2	54.1	112.6	38,287,000
Sugar beets.....	89.0	88.6	90.4	91.0	138.1	732,000
Grain sorghums.....	74.6	65.5	74.7	64.6	109.8	5,541,000

Details for leading crops in principal producing States follow:

State.	Condition Sept. 1.		Production Comparisons.		Forecast 1923 Production.		Farm Price per Bush.	
	10-yr. average.	1923. P. C.	5-year average 1917-21.	1922 (December Estimate).	From Sept. 1 Condition.	From Sept. 1 Condition.	Sept. 1 1922.	Sept. 1 1923.
	P. C.	Cent.	1917-21.	(December Estimate)	Condition	Condition	Cents	Cents
<b>Oats—</b>								
New York.....	83	80	37,010	31,770	30,766	32,552	47	58
Pennsylvania.....	87	69	41,274	41,242	32,079	31,996	44	50
Ohio.....	79	80	60,907	39,744	53,510	55,078	40	44
Indiana.....	76	70	69,747	28,770	54,975	48,909	33	34
Illinois.....	78	83	171,843	110,010	148,917	146,394	30	33
Michigan.....	81	78	49,380	49,434	48,043	48,508	32	40
Wisconsin.....	85	81	92,015	101,558	92,135	93,574	29	39
Minnesota.....	81	87	118,369	142,746	139,861	146,223	22	29
Iowa.....	87	85	217,244	208,791	202,595	195,689	25	31
Missouri.....	73	72	50,189	17,872	35,261	32,382	38	39
North Dakota.....	70	67	49,103	78,804	56,257	57,950	18	25
South Dakota.....	82	88	68,663	74,400	80,784	81,861	19	27
Nebraska.....	79	88	78,938	56,106	86,345	86,977	26	31
Kansas.....	69	67	55,967	28,386	34,187	33,343	33	45
Texas.....	65	76	40,789	33,465	51,250	51,119	40	48
Oklahoma.....	66	55	39,547	30,000	24,080	22,522	36	43
Montana.....	67	81	12,806	19,200	22,877	23,051	26	43
United States total	79.1	80.3	1,377,903	1,201,436	1,315,853	1,311,687	32.2	37.3
<b>Spring Wheat—</b>								
Minnesota.....	72	70	41,511	25,345	18,481	20,513	93	97
North Dakota.....	65	49	77,088	123,234	65,024	62,352	81	87
South Dakota.....	70	60	36,954	38,188	25,226	26,546	75	81
Montana.....	66	75	17,948	33,881	47,152	44,764	86	92
Idaho.....	83	95	13,536	15,617	18,046	18,434	70	75
Washington.....	71	95	16,673	9,200	20,861	21,147	87	85
United States total	69.5	65.1	244,943	427,587	224,990	220,841	67	75
<b>Corn—</b>								
Pennsylvania.....	87	83	68,237	69,212	61,315	62,062	67	98
Virginia.....	85	90	51,585	53,312	45,806	52,695	84	109
North Carolina.....	84	89	54,801	50,520	50,457	54,405	96	123
Georgia.....	84	72	68,034	52,620	49,416	50,828	84	122
Ohio.....	81	95	155,303	149,097	170,745	177,794	69	87
Indiana.....	80	92	181,607	176,305	192,713	201,473	59	83
Illinois.....	75	90	338,259	313,074	334,884	362,678	55	80
Michigan.....	78	84	55,919	60,716	62,213	60,190	68	91
Wisconsin.....	83	87	76,481	98,300	93,441	90,326	59	80
Minnesota.....	84	83	120,568	131,307	165,587	152,987	49	69
Iowa.....	89	89	416,419	455,535	412,909	422,241	49	75
Missouri.....	65	83	186,377	175,275	195,718	204,384	63	88
South Dakota.....	82	89	105,608	110,038	131,855	129,896	40	65
Nebraska.....	73	90	204,032	182,400	220,399	257,418	44	69
Kansas.....	50	65	91,129	98,391	126,641	126,905	49	77
Kentucky.....	80	89	94,542	88,060	90,356	95,168	85	103
Tennessee.....	81	84	89,033	75,440	71,575	78,589	85	107
Alabama.....	78	77	61,827	50,932	48,108	48,984	92	121
Mississippi.....	76	66	57,601	51,065	37,646	38,137	84	106
Texas.....	72	63	118,192	114,580	85,468	85,907	74	96
Oklahoma.....	58	41	54,990	57,600	50,688	39,491	59	94
United States total	76.1	83.3	2,931,271	2,890,712	2,981,752	3,075,786	62.7	86.6
<b>Barley—</b>								
Wisconsin.....	86	81	16,969	14,220	13,346	13,484	52	59
Minnesota.....	81	82	26,416	24,062	22,780	23,159	38	43
Iowa.....	86	85	8,322	4,260	4,241	4,208	44	49
North Dakota.....	68	62	21,832	25,704	23,600	22,783	33	37
South Dakota.....	80	76	26,454	21,896	24,026	22,806	30	37
Nebraska.....	76	87	5,844	4,356	9,379	9,586	38	42
Kansas.....	64	73	11,965	19,332	23,355	23,366	38	43
Colorado.....	83	92	4,379	3,534	5,226	5,609	50	50
California.....	84	91	31,714	36,864	36,293	34,346	56	63
United States total	78.4	79.5	191,974	186,118	202,032	199,337	45.7	50.7
<b>Flaxseed—</b>								
Minnesota.....	82	85	2,791	43,200	5,163	5,318	184	209
North Dakota.....	70	73	3,964	5,462	9,046	9,259	191	203
South Dakota.....	79	87	1,426	1,834	3,339	3,147	187	200
Montana.....	58	83	1,096	889	1,167	1,312	208	206
United States total	70.2	79.0	9,718	411,668	19,074	19,407	190.1	204.8
<b>Potatoes (White)—</b>								
Maine.....	82	90	25,379	21,600	26,045	27,454	65	100
New York.....	77	71	36,729	37,400	30,365	29,813	83	160
Pennsylvania.....	77	65	24,962	28,512	20,430	20,539	80	180
Ohio.....	69	81	10,645	11,214	10,745	11,533	122	141
Illinois.....	62	84	8,913	7,497	9,563	10,696	129	114
Michigan.....	73	78	30,979	37,842	29,297	30,013	80	136
Wisconsin.....	75	76	30,302	40,672	27,211	27,287	83	103
Minnesota.....	74	76	31,815	43,740	37,510	38,815	49	67
Iowa.....	70	80	8,295	8,460	7,298	7,618	93	101
North Dakota.....	74	77	7,334	17,820	12,621	12,764	58	68
South Dakota.....	77	85	6,667	8,580	8,730	8,657	69	70
Nebraska.....	72	80	9,039	13,670	9,346	9,912	76	95
Colorado.....	83	83	12,380	18,460	16,671	16,786	100	106
Idaho.....	87	88	7,796	15,910	12,081	11,733	80	80
Washington.....	80	86	8,276	9,425	8,458	8,467	83	70
California.....	84	94	11,367	10,260	7,921	8,121	128	132
United States total	75.0	77.7	388,358	451,185	379,558	389,674	88.0	119.0

a Interpreted from condition reports. b Preliminary estimate. c Preliminary revision of 1922 estimate. d Price Aug. 15. e Total production in millions of bushels yield per acre in pounds of lint price in cents per pound. f Census. g Or at time of harvest. h Condition relates to 25th of preceding month. i In thousands of bushels—i. e., 000 omitted. j In thousands of bushels—i. e., 000 omitted. k Preliminary revision of 1922 estimate.

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THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Friday Night, Sept. 14 1923.

The activity displayed in cotton goods was the outstanding feature in dry goods markets during the past week. Owing to the sharp advance in prices for the raw material, buying spread to many lines of unfinished cloths, while

many of the staples in unfinished goods were purchased more freely. Prices advanced rapidly, and sales have been large. The acceleration of buying swelled so rapidly that many merchants found they had sold more merchandise at low prices than later events warranted, and withdrew their lines until they could revise their price lists to a higher basis. Furthermore, mills have not had an opportunity to cover themselves with supplies of cotton at prices that warrant them in booking business as a whole for contract deliveries at prices now current. It is true that some of the mills have sufficient cotton on hand to carry them a few months ahead, but the great majority have only very small supplies, and have been disposed to withdraw quotations for manufactured products and await developments or to trade only for delivery in those months for which they are supplied with cotton. Silks are becoming very firm, and demand more insistent. A good part of the buying, however, is said to have been of a speculative nature on the part of small jobbers, as the retail trade as a whole throughout the country as yet appears to be unimpressed by the seriousness of the silk outlook to an extent that induces them to come forward on a liberal scale for additional supplies at the higher prices. Silk merchants are said to be doing much toward steadying their markets by declining to accept many of the speculative orders offered, and it is expected that if it becomes necessary to resume trading in raw silk before the Japanese financial leaders end their moratorium in that country, the business will be protected by many unusual safeguards on the part of mills and importers. It is feared that if prices reach undue high levels there will be a very serious restriction in distribution to the consumer. As regards woolen goods, the resistance to price advances has been so pronounced in consuming and distributing channels that many of the mills have been obliged to curtail production in self-protection.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Demand for domestic cotton goods has been active during the past week with the tendency of prices upward. The sharp advances which occurred in raw material brought buyers into the markets who found it difficult to make purchases except at advancing price levels. The healthiest feature of the trading has been the expansion in the demand for finished goods of all varieties. A large business has been placed on percales, bleached goods, wide sheetings and a number of lines of wash goods. Print cloths have sold freely during the week, and are still said to be in demand at rising prices. Buyers who overstayed in many instances have been trying to cover requirements that should have been provided for earlier in the season, and in any normal year would have been provided for a month or two ago. Many mills still have goods off the market with the result that agents in a number of instances are accepting bids subject to confirmation by the mills. Narrow prints have been especially active. The rise in raw cotton and its consequent reflection in advances for goods makes for more stable conditions among the retailers who purchased goods freely for fall and who had hesitated about accepting deliveries when due, and there have not been the extensive cancellations of orders jobbers were predicting a few weeks ago. Yarns have advanced sharply and are being bought more freely, while some of the popular grades of wide sheetings, sheets and pillow cases have been sold in substantial quantities. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are quoted at 7 3/4c., and 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 7 1/4c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's, are quoted at 11 3/4 to 12c., and 39-inch, 80 x 80's, at 13 3/4c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Markets for woollens and worsteds have ruled comparatively quiet. Resistance to price advances has been so pronounced that buying has been greatly curtailed, and a number of mills forced to lower production. In view of the higher production costs, manufacturers do not want to accumulate merchandise unless consumers show a desire to pay on a parity of value that warrants continued production. Sentiment as regards the future, however, is optimistic, as it is generally believed that the clothing trade will develop activity as soon as cool weather sets in. Furthermore, the fact that production is lessening in wool goods mills does not seem to affect the views of wool holders nor of wool growers as raw wool markets, both domestic and foreign, continue to maintain a firm tone.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Markets for linens displayed more activity during the week. Quite large quantities of dress linens have been ordered for spring, while sales of household linens showed decided improvement. There have been, however, no price revisions to invite this better tone noted in trade as importers continued to offer their supplies at quotations in force since July 1. There has been nothing to bring the producer higher prices, and without any lead in the primary market, importers have had no incentive to advance their quotations. The trade, generally was prepared for the improvement, as it was fully realized that jobbers as well as retailers have been holding their stocks down to a minimum all summer. Burlaps developed activity, and prices scored sharp advances as a result of large purchases by bag manufacturers and speculators. Demand has been stimulated by the continued strength of the Calcutta markets, and reduced shipments of burlaps to North American ports during August. The latter totaled 47,000,000 yards, of which 3,000,000 went to the Pacific Coast, against 76,000,000 yards during July. Light weights are quoted at 6.05c. and heavies at 7.90 to 8.00c.



# State and City Department

## NEWS ITEMS.

Detroit, Mich.—Annexation Election.—At the primary election held October 9 the voters will ballot on the question of annexing to the city of Detroit portions of Greenfield, Redford and Gratiot Townships.

Portland, Me.—Council Manager Plan of Government Adopted.—The voters of the city on Sept. 10 approved a new charter providing for a council manager form of government. There were three charters on the ballot, the council manager charter, the old charter providing a government of a mayor and two boards, and a compromise charter, and it was necessary for one to receive 50% of the total vote cast. The council manager charter received a plurality of 2,249 over the required 50%.

Tennessee (State of).—Special Legislative Session Called.—Governor Thomas C. McRae on Sept. 8 issued a proclamation calling the General Assembly in an extraordinary session. The date set for the convening of the lawmakers is Sept. 24.

Waynesboro, Pa.—Consolidation with East Waynesburg.—The boroughs of Waynesburg and East Waynesburg have been consolidated into one municipality to be known as Waynesburg. The consolidation was approved by the voters on July 17.

## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ABILENE, Taylor County, Texas.—WARRANT SALE.—J. L. Arlitt of Austin informs us that he has purchased \$8,500 6% garbage incinerator warrants. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 10 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A. 10) payable at the Battery Park National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on Aug. 10 as follows: \$1,500, 1924 to 1926 incl., and \$2,000, 1927 and 1928.

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. West Union), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 1 the Provident Savings Bank and Trust Co. of Cincinnati, purchased \$17,000 5 1/2% bridge construction bonds at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$74.80, em 1 to 100.134, a basis of about 5.47%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 20 1923. Int. M. & S. Due 1924 to 1931, inclusive.

AKRON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Akron), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Irene M. Moses, Clerk Board of Education, until 4 p. m. Oct. 2 for the purchase of \$1,000,000 5 1/2% school bonds issued under the authority of Secs. 7625 to 7627 incl. of the General Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Int. A. & O. Due \$50,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1925 to 1944 incl. Certified check on some solvent bank for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the above official, required.

AKRON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cario), Tuscola County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 14 the Sebawing State Bank of Sebawing, purchased \$3,000 7% school bonds at par. Denom. \$600. Date March 1 1923. Due yearly on March 1.

ALBANY, Athens County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 6% village's portion street impt. bonds issued under Section 3821 of the Gen 1 Code, offered on Sept. 8—V. 117, p. 1035—were awarded to the Citizens Bank of Albany at par plus a premium of \$10, equal to 100.33. Date Sept. 15 1923. Due in 10 years.

ALICE, Jim Wells County, Texas.—WARRANT SALE.—J. L. Arlitt of Austin advises us that he has purchased \$7,500 6% funding warrants. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Battery Park National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on June 1 as follows: \$500, 1936 and 1937; \$1,000, 1938 to 1943 inclusive, and \$500, 1944.

ALKABO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36, Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received at the County Auditor's office in Crosby until 10 a. m. Sept. 19 by A. H. Peter, District Clerk, for \$3,000 7% 9 months certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds have been sold: Pousse road-construction bonds offered on Sept. 6 (V. 117, p. 1035) to the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis for \$37,626, equal to 100.30—a basis of about 4.93%. Due \$937.50 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

26,000 5% coupon Cedar Creek Township road bonds offered on Sept. 6 (V. 117, p. 1035) to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$26,096.20, equal to 100.37—a basis of about 4.92%. Due \$1,300 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl. Date Sept. 5 1923.

11,057 40 6% ditch bonds offered on Sept. 1 (V. 117, p. 804) to the Lincoln National Bank for \$11,108.40, equal to 100.44—a basis of about 4.90%. Due yearly on Nov. 15 as follows: \$257.40, 1924, and \$1,200, 1925 to 1933, inclusive. Date Sept. 1 1923.

ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Allentown), Lehigh County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4% coupon school bonds offered on Sept. 11—V. 117, p. 915—have been awarded to the Sinking Fund Committee. Date May 1 1923. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1928; \$18,000, 1933; \$21,000, 1938; \$26,000, 1943; \$32,000, 1948, and \$39,000, 1953.

ALMENA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Almema), Norton County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 5% school bonds offered on Sept. 4—V. 117, p. 1035—were awarded to the Prudential Trust Co. at 99.81. Due yearly for 15 years.

ARVADA, Jefferson County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—Este & Co. and Antonides & Co., both of Denver, have jointly purchased \$49,592.6% sanitary sewer district No. 1 bonds. Date Aug. 1 1923.

ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Donaldville), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 school bonds offered on Sept. 4 (V. 117, p. 804) were awarded as 55 to the Canal Commercial Bank of New Orleans, at a premium of \$400, equal to 100.40. Date July 1 1923. Due serially 1 to 20 years.

ASHLAND LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Rolette County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received by (Mrs.) Leland Hanna, District Clerk, at the County Auditor's office in Rolla until 2 p. m. Sept. 15 for \$1,200 certificates of indebtedness to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$400. Date Sept. 15 1923. Due Jan. 15 1925. A cert. check for 5% of bid. required.

ASHLAND TOWNSHIP (P. O. Clarion), Clarion County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,000 4% township registered bonds offered on Sept. 1 (V. 117, p. 1035) were awarded to the Clarion County National Bank of Knox at par. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1930, inclusive. There were no other bidders.

ASHTUBULA COUNTY (P. O. Astubula), Ohio.—CORRECTION.—In V. 117, p. 348—we reported the sale of \$22,500 5 1/2% road impt. bonds to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, at 101.37. We now learn that the bonds were sold at 111.32, which is a basis of about 5.20%. Date April 1 1923. Due \$2,500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive.

ATLANTA, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4 3/4% coupon registrable as to principal and interest street improvement bonds, offered on Sept. 12—V. 117, p. 1150—were awarded to J. H. Hillsman & Co. of Atlanta at par, plus a premium of \$125, equal to 100.08. Date June 1 and Sept. 1 1923. Due serially 1 to 9 years.

BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Sept. 25—V. 117, p. 235—the proposition to issue \$2,000,000 park bonds failed to carry.

BARBARTON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—A. E. Aub & Co. have been awarded two issues of bonds as follows: \$285,143.50 5 1/2% 5 1/2%-year (aver.) sewer bonds at 101.05, a basis of

4,051 50 6% 3-year (aver.) road bonds at 100.50, a basis of about 5.82%.

Other bidders on both issues were:	
Prem.	Prem.
N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati. \$2,326	Sidney Spitzer & Co., Toledo. \$1,140
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo. 2,280	J. M. Holmes & Co., Chicago. 750
Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cin. 1,580	Richards, Parish & Lamson, Title Guar. & Tr. Co., Cin. 1,432
	Cincinnati. 643

BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bedford), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. W. Blackman, Clerk-Treasurer, Board of Education, until 2 p. m. Sept. 27 for \$74,192.43 5 1/2% school bonds, issued under Sec. 5655 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$4,650 and 1 for \$4,442. Date Sept., 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A) payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due each 6 months as follows: \$4,650 Feb. 1 1924 to Feb. 1 1931, incl., and \$424.43 Aug. 1 1931. Cert. check for \$1,000 payable to the above official required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within 10 days from time of award.

BELPRE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Belpra R. D. No. 1), Washington County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$4,500 6% bonds offered on Sept. 4—V. 117, p. 874—were not sold. Date June 1 1923. Due \$590 yearly on June 1 from 1925 to 1933 inclusive.

BRECKENRIDGE, Wilkin County, Minn.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids for the purchase of \$30,000 6% permanent improvement revolving fund certificates of indebtedness will be received until 8 p. m. Sept. 24 by Albert R. Waite, City Clerk. Date Sept. 1 1923. Interest M. & S. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for \$3,000, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

BRIDGEPORT, Belmont County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—There were no bids received for the following issues of bonds: \$10,000 5% bonds offered on Aug. 30 (V. 117, p. 804). 2,500 5 1/2% bonds offered on Sept. 7 (V. 117, p. 1035).

BRISTOL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Bristol), Grafton County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 4 3/4% coupon school bonds offered on Sept. 10—V. 117, p. 1151—were awarded to Hornblower & Weeks at 99.05, a basis of about 4.60%. Date July 1 1923. Due \$3,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive. Other bidders were E. H. Rollins & Sons, 98.67; Merrill, Oldham & Co., 97.32; Harris, Forbes & Co., 95.25.

BROWNWOOD, Brown County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Clayde McIntosh, City Secretary, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 2 for \$50,000 5% auditorium erection bonds. These bonds were voted at the election held on Aug. 24—see V. 117, p. 1151.

BUCYRAS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Crawford County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that the Board of Education authorized the issuance of \$50,998.80 deficiency bonds.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% (non-taxable, registered as to both principal and interest at option of holder) bonds offered on Sept. 12—V. 117, p. 1033—have been awarded to the Manufacturers and Traders National Bank of Buffalo at their bid of 100.139—for all or none—a basis of about 4.24%: \$2,800,000 school bonds (coupon or registered). Due 1924 to 1943. 400,000 Sciajquada Creek impt. bonds (coupon or registered). Due 1924 to 1943.

100,000 bridge construction bonds (coup. or reg.). Due 1924 to 1943. 150,000 grade crossing bonds (registered). Due 1924 to 1943. 60,000 Hamburg Turnpike bonds (registered). Due 1924 to 1943. Date Oct. 1 1923. Other bidders were: Guaranty Company, Equitable Trust Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., Roosevelt & Son and Barr Bros., New York, jointly (with the condition that the above mentioned syndicate could cancel the purchase of all or any part of the bonds maturing in the years 1924 to 1933, incl., within 60 days from date of acceptance of proposal upon written notice to the Commissioner of Finance & Accounts)—100.637 Liberty Bank of Buffalo, for \$400,000 Sciajquada Creek impt. bds.—100.675 Ferson & Co., N. Y., for \$150,000 grade crossing bonds.—100.675 For \$100,000 bridge construction bonds.—100.21 Sherwood & Merifield, New York, for \$400,000 Sciajquada Creek improvement bonds and \$100,000 bridge construction bonds (with the condition that the bidder would be granted an option to purchase the remainder of the above mentioned issues within 45 days at a price of 100.08)—100.2501

BURLEIGH COUNTY (P. O. Bismarck), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$25,000 certificates of indebtedness offered on Sept. 4 (V. 117, p. 804) were awarded as 7s to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. at par plus a premium of \$3, equal to 100.01.

CALDWELL, Noble County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—D. W. Radcliff, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Sept. 21 for the purchase at not less than par and interest of the following 6% bonds: \$2,038.40 Lewis Street improvement bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$38.49 and 4 for \$50. Due \$38.40 Sept. 1 1926, \$1,500 Sept. 1 1927, and \$500 Sept. 1 1928.

525 26 Walnut Street improvement bonds. Denoms. \$125 26 and \$500. Due Sept. 1 1928.

5,400 00 East Street improvement bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$400 and 10 for \$500. Due \$1,400 Sept. 1 1929, \$1,500 Sept. 1 1931, and 1932, and \$1,000 Sept. 1 1933.

15,000 00 electric light and water-works improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1925; \$1,000, 1927 and 1928; \$500, 1929; \$1,000, 1930 and 1931; \$1,500, 1932; \$2,500, 1933; and \$5,000, 1934.

Bonds are to be dated not later than Sept. 1 1923. Interest payable annu ally. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award.

CANTON, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Sept. 11, Grafton & Co. of Boston purchased a temporary revenue loan of \$30,000 on a 4.29% discount basis. Date Sept. 12 1923. Due Dec. 12 1923.

CARPIO SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 156, Ward County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by (Mrs.) Elling A. KJintudt, District Clerk, at the County Auditor's office in Minot until 2 p. m. Sept. 28 for \$11,000 5% funding bonds. Date July 1 1933. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. Due July 1 1943. A certified check for \$550 required.

CARTERVILLE, Jasper County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6 p. m. Oct. 4 by the City Clerk, for \$7,595.62 5% coupon city bonds. Denom. \$500 and 1 for \$95.62. Date Oct. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at a place agreed upon. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$595.62 in 1925, and \$500 1926 to 1939, inclusive.

CEDAR CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27, Slope County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—W. R. Martin, Clerk of District, will receive bids at the County Auditor's office in Amidon, until 1 p. m. Sept. 15 for \$1,000 certificates of indebtedness. Interest rate not to exceed 7%. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

CHAMPAIGNE COUNTY (P. O. Urbana), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5 1/2% bonds offered on Sept. 10—V. 117, p. 1151—have been awarded to the Champaigne National Bank of Urbana at par plus a premium of \$21—equal to 100.18, a basis of about 5.46%: \$6,000 Frantz Bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1929, inclusive.

5,300 Ropp Bridge bonds. Denom. \$530. Due \$530 each six months from March 15 1924 to Sept. 15 1933, inclusive. Date Sept. 15 1923.

**CHANDLER, Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.**—Issues of \$50,000 water, \$55,000 electric light and \$40,000 sewer bonds will be put before the voters for their approval or disapproval on Oct. 9. W. D. McByer, City Clerk.

**CHARBON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15, McKenzie County, N. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Sept. 22 at the County Auditor's office in Shafer, for \$5,000 12-month certificates of indebtedness by F. M. Erickson, District Clerk. Denom. \$500. Int. rate not to exceed 7%. All bids must be accompanied by a cert. check for 5%.

**CLARKSVILLE, Red River County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.**—By a vote of 132 to 18 the \$40,000 5¼% sewer and disposal plant bonds were carried at the election held on Aug. 27 (V. 117, p. 691).

**CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$3,360,000 4¾% coupon water works bonds offered on Sept. 10—V. 117, p. 805—have been awarded to a syndicate composed of Eldredge & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Kountze Bros., Roosevelt & Son, Redmond & Co. and F. E. Calkins & Co. at 101.178, a basis of about 4.64%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the American Exchange National Bank, New York. Due \$1,000,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1928 to 1948, inclusive.

**CLEVELAND, Bradley County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, and I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson, have jointly purchased \$45,000 indebtedness and \$75,000 school building bonds.

**CLEVELAND HEIGHTS (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Chas. C. Frazine, Director of Finance, until 11 a. m. Sept. 15 for the purchase of the following issues of 5½% special assessment bonds: \$90,526 paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$526. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,526, 1924; \$10,000, 1925 to 1931 incl., and \$11,000, 1932.

54,000 street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924, and \$6,000 in all the odd years and \$5,000 in the even years from 1925 to 1933 inclusive.

Date Sept. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the above official. Certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the above director, required.

**CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Frankfort), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Walter D. Beach, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 21 for \$5,900 5% coupon Geo. M. Myers at al Road No. 373 bonds. Denom. \$295. Date Aug. 15 1923. Interest M. & N. 15. Due \$295 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

**CLINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, Lenawee County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.**—According to reports, a special election was held on Aug. 27, at which a \$60,000 school bldg. bond issue was carried by a majority of 23 votes.

**COLQUHOUN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Renville County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.**—The \$5,000 certificates of indebtedness offered on Aug. 31—V. 117, p. 916—were not sold. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due Sept. 1 1924.

**CORNING, Tehama County, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$30,000 sewer-system bonds voted at the election held on July 31 (V. 117, p. 805), are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1953, inclusive.

**CORSON COUNTY (P. O. McIntosh), No. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—The \$40,000 5½% negotiable coupon bonds offered on Sept. 4—V. 117, p. 1036—were awarded to Thompson, Kent & Grace of Chicago at par and accrued interest. Date June 1 1923. Due June 1 1933.

**COTTONWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Windom), Minn.—BOND SALE.**—The \$6,350 drainage refunding bonds offered on Aug. 28—V. 117, p. 916—were awarded to the Minneapolis Trust Co. of Minneapolis as 5s at a premium of \$20, equal to 100.31.

**CRETE, Saline County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.**—The State of Nebraska has purchased \$66,329.20 sewer bonds.

**DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—Issues of \$1,250,000 street improvement, \$1,000,000 school improvement, \$325,000 park improvement, \$100,000 fire station, \$150,000 sanitary sewer and \$500,000 sewer disposal, all bearing 4½% interest and maturing serially, were registered on Sept. 6 with the State Comptroller.

**DAVISS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by O. M. Vance, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. Oct. 1 for the purchase of \$5,860 5% Martin Bowman et al. road in Elmore Township bonds. Denom. \$293. Date Sept. 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$293 each 6 months from May 15 1924, to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

**DEARBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Dearborn), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—William J. Gilbert, Director, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 22 for the purchase of \$45,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the American State Bank of Detroit. Due \$3,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1928 to 1942 incl. Certified check for 2% of the amount required.

**DELMAR, Clinton County, Iowa.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$4,000 water works system bonds, purchased by Geo. M. Behtel & Co. of Davenport, as stated in V. 117, p. 917, are described as follows: Denom. \$500. Date July 2 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.), payable at Geo. M. Behtel & Co. of Davenport. Due \$500 yearly on July 1 from 1929 to 1936, inclusive.

*Financial Statement.*

Actual assessed value of property year 1922	\$635,740
Total debt, including this issue	6,500
Population	550

**DENNISON, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$7,000 5½% water and electric light rental bonds offered on July 25—V. 117, p. 349—were not sold. H. J. Andrews, City Auditor, informs us that the bonds are still for sale.

**DENVER (City and County of), Colo.—\$3,000,000 OFFERING OF MOFFAT TUNNEL BONDS QUICKLY OVERSUBSCRIBED.**—On Monday of this week R. M. Grant & Co., Inc., of New York, offered to investors the first block, \$3,000,000 in amount, of the \$6,720,000 5½% Moffat Tunnel Improvement District bonds. The issue was quickly oversubscribed at offering prices that yielded the investor about 5%. It is expected that the remaining \$3,720,000 bonds will be placed on the market when issued by the District some time in the future.

The \$3,000,000 bonds disposed of bear date of July 1 1923, are in the denomination of \$1,000 and mature \$150,000 annually on July 1 from 1944 to 1963 incl. They are coupon in form, the holder having the privilege of registration as to principal and interest or principal only, at the office of the Treasurer of City and County of Denver. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the American Exchange National Bank of New York. The bonds are free of all taxes levied in Colorado, and they constitute, according to the offering circular, a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in Colorado. The legality of the law authorizing the issuance of the bonds has been unanimously sustained by the Colorado State Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court, and in addition the legality of the bonds has been approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York and Pershing, Nye, Frye & Tallmadge of Denver.

*Security—Levies.*—The bonds are a direct obligation of the district payable from ad valorem levies on all of the real estate and improvements within the district, the assessed valuation of which is \$288,544,996, and which, according to a letter written by the bankers, has been irrevocably determined to have been benefited 15% by this public improvement, aggregating \$43,281,749.40 or more than six times the cost of the improvement. By virtue of the law under authority of which the bonds are issued, and the decisions of the Colorado State Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court, these levies "constitute a perpetual lien on a parity with the lien for general State, county, city, town and school taxes." The law

provides that all levies are to be made at the same time and in the same manner and collected by the same machinery as the general taxes. The Act authorizing the bonds also pledges all of the revenues derived from rentals and charges for the services of the tunnel. The letter states, "according to conservative official estimates made after careful canvass and consideration of the entire field, the earnings of the tunnel will be more than sufficient to take care of all operating and maintenance expense and to pay the interest on and retire these bonds as they become due, making it a self-supporting public improvement."

The Moffat Tunnel Improvement District was created by an Act of the Colorado Legislature, effective July 12 1922, for the purpose of building a tunnel through the Continental Divide to provide a more direct and economical means of transportation and communication between the eastern and western portions of the State. The district embraces the entire City and County of Denver, the Counties of Grand, Routt and Moffat and certain portions of the Counties of Eagle, Gilpin, Boulder, Adams and Jefferson, and comprises a total area of 9,245 square miles, entirely located within the State of Colorado.

The plans as approved provide for the building of a tunnel 6.04 miles in length, extending from a point 1½ miles west of Tolland, in Gilpin County, to a point near Vasquez, in Grand County. The tunnel will be equipped with railroad trackage of standard gauge and adequate electrical and drainage equipment. While this tunnel is primarily for transportation purposes, it will also be used to carry water and telephone, telegraph and power transmission lines.

*Benefits to District.*—The most important benefit to be obtained from the project will be that it will make the haul between Chicago and the Pacific Coast 70 miles shorter than any of the present transcontinental lines, between Denver and Salt Lake City 173 miles and between eastern and western Colorado 23 miles.

The bankers in their letter summarize other benefits as follows: The City of Denver has always suffered from not being located on a transcontinental railroad system. This tunnel will give to the city the many advantages coming from being so located.

The Commission will contract for the use of the tunnel by several steam railroads. By making use of it they will cut 2,500 feet from the elevation over the top of the Rocky Mountain range, and by change of route will not only shorten the present distances, but will eliminate the present heavy grades, curves, upkeep of the roadbed and snow sheds and secure uninterrupted service in the winter months, during which season, under present conditions, considerable and costly delays are experienced from snow and other winter seasonal causes.

The costs of transportation East and West reach their highest point over the Continental Divide. By reducing the cost and increasing the convenience of East and West transportation of freight and passengers, the value of the property within the district and the future development of the entire State will be materially enhanced.

There is available on the western slope of the mountains a large body of water needed by Denver, but at present inaccessible, which will be brought to the city when the tunnel is completed. It is reliably stated that the value of this water to the City of Denver will be \$300,000 annually.

The increased railroad facilities offered by the operation of the tunnel will also make accessible to Denver and points east coal deposits greater than the combined coal areas of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. These deposits, according to R. D. George, State Geologist, cover an area of 1,200 square miles, with a probable available tonnage of 39,000,000,000 tons. It is estimated that by utilizing the tunnel the saving in coal transportation charges will be at least 70 cents per ton.

Provision will be made for the transportation of automobiles and other vehicles during the winter months when the mountain roads are impassable.

It is proposed to use the tunnel in connection with the Victory Highway running from Wilmington, Del., to San Francisco, Calif., and at present going by way of Berthoud Pass, which, because of heavy snows, is open only three or four months in the year. With the tunnel in operation this highway can be used the entire year around. Reliable authorities state that the benefits to be derived from the tunnel as a highway for automobiles are well worth the entire cost of construction.

*Advertisement of the public offering of these bonds may be found on a preceding page.*

**DESHA COUNTY (P. O. Arkansas City), Ark.—WARRANTS OFFERED BY BANKERS.**—J. L. Arlitt of Austin is offering to investors at prices to yield 6%, \$63,000 refunding warrants, the unsold portion of a total issue of \$109,000 recently purchased by him. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 24 1923. Due July 24 1924, payable at the Battery Park National Bank, N. Y. City.

**DEVILS LAKE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ramsey County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. E. Parshall, District Clerk, (P. O. Devils Lake) will receive bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 17 for \$70,000 5% funding bonds. Date June 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1928; \$25,000, 1933, and \$25,000, 1938, payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. The approving opinion of Lancaster, Simpson, Junell & Dorsey of Minneapolis, will be furnished the bidder. A cert. check for 5% of bid, required.

**DODGE COUNTY (P. O. Juneau), Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee, has purchased the \$900,000 5% coupon highway bonds offered on Sept. 7 (V. 117, p. 917) at a premium of \$11.170, equal to 101.24, a basis of about 4.86%. Due \$100,000 April 1 1930, and \$200,000 on April 1 in each of the years, 1932, 1935, 1937 and 1940.

**DROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Slope County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Bids will be received by (Mrs.) Sophia C. Hasset, District Clerk, (P. O. South Heart) until 7 p. m. Sept. 29 for \$5,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 29 1923. All bids must be accompanied by a cert. check for 5%.

**DULUTH, St. Louis County, Minn.—BIDS REJECTED.**—The \$58,000 4½% bonds offered on Sept. 10—V. 117, p. 805—were not sold as all bids received were rejected. Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1924, and \$5,000, 1925 to 1934, incl.

**EASTLAND, Eastland County, Texas.—WARRANT SALE.**—We are informed by J. L. Arlitt of Austin that he has purchased \$18,500 6% water purifying system warrants. Denom. \$500. Date June 28 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D. 28) payable at the Battery Park National Bank, N. Y. City. Due on June 28 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1931, incl.; \$1,500, 1932 to 1938, incl.

**ECKLUND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Burleigh County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—H. C. Asplund, District Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 17 at the County Auditor's office in Bismarck for \$2,500 certificates of indebtedness to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$500. Due in 18 months. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

**EDDY COUNTY (P. O. New Rockford), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.**—The \$30,000 18-months certificates of indebtedness offered on Sept. 4 (V. 117, p. 917) were awarded as 7s to the First National Bank of New Rockford.

**EDGEWOOD, Van Zandt County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Sept. 4 the State Comptroller registered \$40,000 water works and \$15,000 electric light 6% serial bonds.

**EDMORE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Ramsay County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—F. E. Goulding, District Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 27 for the following 5¼% coupon bonds: \$33,000 school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Due July 1 1943.

6,000 refunding bonds. Date Oct. 10 1923. Due Oct. 10 1943. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. The approving opinion of Ambrose Tighe of St. Paul will be furnished free. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

**ENNIS, Ellis County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.**—Our Western representative advises us by special wire that at the election held on Sept. 7—V. 117, p. 917—the \$50,000 water bond issue carried.

**ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Sandusky), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Reuben H. Ehrhardt, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 10 a. m. Oct. 1 for \$27,000 5% Inter-County Highway No. 288 (Secs. D. & N.) improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Interest A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1925 to 1929, inclusive, and \$4,000, 1930 to 1932, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of bid required.

**EUSTIS, Lake County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Charles Isted, Chairman, Board of Bond Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 17 for \$5,000 6% coupon sewerage bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City. Due July 1 1937. A cert. check for 5% of bid, required.—Legality approved by John C. Thomson, N. Y. City.

**EVANSTON, Cook County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works until 12 m. (daylight saving time) Sept. 26 for the purchase of the following issues of 4½% bonds:  
 \$275,000 bonds "to increase the capacity of the Evanston filtration plant."  
 75,000 bonds "for the purchase of additional pumping equipment for the Evanston pumping station."

**FAIRFAX DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Wyandotte County, Kan.—BOND SALE.**—The Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City has purchased \$397,000 5% coupon drainage bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Interest F. & A. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1924 to 1946, inclusive, and \$14,000, 1947 to 1953, inclusive.

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY (P. O. Winnsboro), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The \$225,000 5% highway and bridge bonds offered on Sept. 10 (V. 117, p. 1152) were awarded jointly to the Bank of Fairfield and the Merchants' & Planters' Bank of Winnsboro, at par.

**FAJARDO (Municipality of), Porto Rico.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received by Juan Robles, Commissioner of Public Service Police and Prisons until 10 a. m. Sept. 24 for \$300,000 coupon public improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at some bank or trust company either in Washington D. C., New York or Porto Rico. Due on July 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1929 to 1933, incl.; \$10,000, 1934 to 1940, incl.; \$15,000, 1941 to 1946, incl.; \$20,000, 1947 to 1950, incl., and \$25,000, 1951. Int. rate not to exceed 5½%. A cert. check or bank draft for 2% of issue, payable to the Commissioner of Finance, required.

**FALLON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (P. O. Westmore), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—Until 2 p. m. Oct. 1 bids will be received by Wm. Salmon, District Clerk, for \$4,471 65 6% refunding bonds. A certified check for \$447 16 required.

**FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The temporary revenue loan of \$400,000, offered on Sept. 11 (V. 117, p. 1153), was awarded to the First National Bank of Boston on a 4.24% discount basis, plus a \$3 premium. Date Sept. 12 1923. Due Nov. 15 1923. Other bids were:

	Discount.	Premium.
S. N. Bond & Co.-----	4.30	\$1 75
F. S. Moseley & Co.-----	4.39	----

**FERGUSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 160 (P. O. Winifred), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—Harry A. Butcher, Trustee, will receive bid until 2 p. m. Sept. 25 for an issue of funding bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,099 18. A certified check for \$100 required.

**FERGUSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196 (P. O. Ross Fork), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—Until 2 p. m. Oct. 1 bids will be received for \$2,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$250. A certified check for \$200 required.

**FLEAK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27, Grant County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—J. B. Loeffler, District Clerk, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 18 at the County Auditor's office in Carson for \$3,000 18 months certificates of indebtedness and \$3,000 10-year funding bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 7%. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

**FLOWING WELLS IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Pima County, Ariz.—BONDS NOT SOLD—OFFERED AT PRIVATE SALE.**—The \$5,000 6% irrigation bonds offered on Aug. 30 (V. 117, p. 806) were not sold. The bonds are now being offered at a private sale at not less than 85. Date Aug. 1 1923. Due 10 to 30 years.

**FORT SMITH, Sebastian County, Ark.—BOND SALE.**—The National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis and the First National Bank of Fort Smith have jointly purchased, it is reported, \$250,000 5% water bonds at 95.55.

**FOSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Logan County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—The \$14,700 funding bonds offered on Aug. 28 (V. 117, p. 918) were awarded as 68 to Geo. B. Kenna & Co. at par. Denom. \$700. Date Sept. 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due Sept. 1 1933.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—CORRECTION.**—Using newspaper reports as our source of information, we reported the sale of \$41,000 5½% road bonds to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cincinnati, at 101.53, a basis of about 5.15%, in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 18 on page 806. We are now informed by the above company that it only purchased \$36,000.

**FREDERICK, Brown County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED—OFFERING.**—At the election held on Sept. 4—V. 117, p. 1037—the proposition to issue \$5,000 6% funding bonds carried. Bids will be received until Sept. 21 by S. Mellen, Town Clerk, for the bonds.

**FREDERICK TOWNSHIP, Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.**—The \$1,500 7% 18 months certificates of indebtedness offered unsuccessfully on Aug. 15—V. 117, p. 918—have been purchased by H. S. Semington of Crosby.

**GIRARD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gerard), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$300,000 4¼% fireproof impt. site and construction bonds offered but not sold on Aug. 15 (V. 117, p. 806) have been awarded to the State Industrial Commission of Ohio. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due \$12,500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1947, inclusive.

**GLEN ULLIN, Morton County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. H. Mormann, Clerk Board of Education, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 2 for \$20,000 6% funding bonds. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due Oct. 1 1923. A certified check for not less than 5% of bid required.

**GOSHEN, Elkhart County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Charles H. Crowell, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 26 for \$50,000 5% coupon municipal water, light, heat and power bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 26 1923. Int. J. & J. Due \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1934 inclusive.

**GRACE SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Asheville), Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The \$75,000 bonds offered on Aug. 28—V. 117, p. 692—were awarded to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$611 50, equal to 100.81. (Interest rate not stated.) Date Aug. 1 1923. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1944, incl., and \$5,000, 1945 to 1951, incl.

**GRANDVIEW, Johnson County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.**—A proposition to issue \$30,000 6% sewer bonds, maturing \$1,000 annually, will be voted upon on Oct. 6.

**GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by George B. Nottingham, County Treasurer, until 9 a. m. Sept. 21 for \$8,600 5% James P. Cox et al. free stone road in Mill Township bonds. Denom. \$430. Date July 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$430 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl.

**GRASSLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Renville County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—O. F. Sjobog, District Clerk, (P. O. Mohall), will receive bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 15 for \$7,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 15 1925. A certified check for 5% of bid required. These certificates were offered unsuccessfully on Aug. 16 (V. 117, p. 1153).

**GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by W. L. Herrington, County Auditor, until 12 m. Sept. 29 for \$9,800 5% coupon P. A. Cade et al Three-Mile Grave Road bonds. Denom. \$490. Date Sept. 15 1923. Interest M. & N. 15. Due \$490 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

**GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. R. F. D. No. 2, Lancaster), Fairfield County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by I. A. Miller, Clerk, Board of Education, until 1 p. m. (central standard time) Sept. 29 for \$6,222 42 5¼% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$400 and one for \$222 42. Date Oct. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & F.) payable at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Due each six months as follows: \$400, Feb. 1 1924 to Feb. 1 1931, incl., and \$222 42, Aug. 1 1931. Cert. check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the above official, required. Purchaser to take and pay for bonds within 10 days from time of award.

**GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Raymond G. Gardner, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Sept. 18 at 149 Ward Ave., Northwest Station, Detroit, for the purchase of \$7,000 school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Principal and interest payable at the Northwestern State Bank of Detroit. Due Oct. 1 1923, without option of prior payment. Interest not to exceed 5½%. Bidder to furnish blank bonds, ready for execution. Certified check for \$700, payable to the Treasurer, required.

**GREENVILLE, Greene County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received by W. C. Thacker, Town Recorder, until 2 p. m. Sept. 19 for the following bonds:  
 \$66,000 00 5½% 20-year town impt. bonds.  
 74,123 66 6% 1 to 10-yr. serial impt. district bonds.

**GREENVILLE, Hunt County, Texas.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—The \$325,000 water works and reservoir bonds submitted to the voters on Sept. 4—V. 117, p. 693—met with defeat.

**HALEDON, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by John J. Kopp, Borough Clerk, until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) Sept. 17 for the purchase at not less than par of an issue of 5% coupon or registered (with privilege of registration as to principal only or both principal and interest) sewer bonds not to exceed \$55,000, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$55,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.), payable at the United States Trust Co. of Paterson. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Borough, required.

**HALEN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Mercer County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Sept. 22 by I. O. Lee, District Clerk, at the County Auditor's office in Stanton for \$60,000 5% funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago. Due July 1 1943. A certified check for 2% of issue required.

**HAMDEN, Vinton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Lou Meese, Village Clerk, until 12 m. Sept. 29 for \$3,000 6% real estate purchase and impt. bonds, issued under Sec. 3939 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$300. Date June 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due \$300 annually from 2 to 11 years from date. Cert. check for 10% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Clerk, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within 10 days from time of award.

**HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. G. Finley, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 25 \$15,500 4½% bonds for the construction and impt. of the following highways:  
 \$9,200 John Heisser road in White River Township.  
 6,300 Joe Machmer road in White River Township.  
 Date Sept. 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$775 each 6 months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive.

**HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by G. R. Morehart, County Auditor, until 10 a. m. Sept. 15 for \$5,500 5½% road-improvement bonds, issued under Sec. 6929 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 10 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Sept. 10 as follows: \$500, 1924 to 1932, inclusive, and \$1,000, 1933. Certified check for \$200 required.

**HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$6,000 5½% road bonds offered on Sept. 10 (V. 117, p. 1153) have been awarded to Durfee, Niles & Co. of Toledo, for \$6,011 26, equal to 100.188, a basis of about 5.46%. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due \$600 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive.

**HARDEMAN COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller on Sept. 4 registered \$10,000 6% 5-40 year bonds.

**HEMPSTEAD, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The following issues of registered bonds offered on Sept. 11—V. 117, p. 1153—have been awarded as 4¼s to William R. Roberts & Co. of New York at 100.15—a basis of about 4.48%:  
 \$100,000 street improvement (part of a total issue of \$375,000 voted on July 31 1923). Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive. Certified check for \$2,000 required.  
 10,000 water main extension. Denom. \$2,000. Due \$2,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1926 to 1930, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000 required.  
 Date Nov. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the Village Treasurer's office.

**HENDERSON, Vance County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The \$200,000 coupon (registerable as to principal) street and sidewalk improvement bonds offered on Sept. 10—V. 117, p. 919—were awarded to Stacy & Braun of Toledo and Keane, Higbie & Co. of Detroit jointly as 5¼s at a premium of \$125 equal to 100.06 a basis of about 5.48%. Date July 1 1923. Due yrly. on July 1 as follows: \$12,000 1924 to 1923 incl. and \$8,000 1934 to 1943 incl.

**HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Hempstead), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by O. H. C. Harms, Clerk Board of Education, until 8:30 p. m. (daylight saving time) Sept. 26 for \$120,000 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Due \$6,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1945, inclusive. Interest semi-annual. Certified check for \$2,400, payable to the above official, required. Legality approved by Clay & Dillon, of New York.

**HENRY COUNTY (P. O. New Castle), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Elisha McFarland, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids at his office in the court house until 2 p. m. Oct. 1 for \$4,702 88 6% Herbert Van Winkel et al. drainage bonds. Denom. \$100 and one for \$102 88. Date Aug. 15 1923. Interest M. & N. 5. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$15,000 1924 and 1925 and \$1,702 88 1926.

**HICKSVILLE, Defiance County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received by Merle G. Wort, Village Clerk, until 12 m. Sept. 21 for \$8,775 5¼% Hicksville-Auburn road improvement bonds issued under Sec. 6951 of Gen. Code. Denom. \$877 50. Date Sept. 1 1923. Interest semi-annually. Due \$877 50 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1933, inclusive. Certified check for \$500, payable to the Village Treasurer required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within 10 days from time of award.

**HILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 (P. O. Rudyard), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Sept. 28 by A. O. Hovee, District Clerk, for an issue of school bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,000. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1923. Int. M. & S. A certified check for \$450, payable to above official required.

**HILLSBORO, Hill County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Sept. 4, \$15,000 5% 15-40 year street paving bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

**HILLSDALE COUNTY (P. O. Hillsdale), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—The Board of County Road Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (central standard time) Sept. 19 for \$40,000 Assessment District Road No. 7 bonds, not to exceed 6%. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$9,000 1925 to 1927, incl., and \$13,000 1928. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds, payable to Lewis A. Roiney, Chairman of Board, required.

**HILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Bottineau County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Until 2 p. m. Sept. 15 bids will be received

by Geo. R. Everson, District Clerk, at the County Auditor's office in Batsineau, for \$1,500 7% certificates of indebtedness. A cert. check for 5% of bid, required.

**BOND OFFERING.**—At the same time and place the above official will also receive bids for \$3,200 funding bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Due \$800 on Sept. 15 in each of the years 1927, 1929, 1931 and 1933. A cert. check for 5% of bid, required.

**HOLBROOK IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. La Junta), Otero County, Colo.**—**BOND ELECTION AND SALE.**—Henry Wilcox & Son of Denver have purchased, subject to being carried by the voters on Sept. 21. \$469,000 6% 20-year refunding bonds.

**HOLMES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Divide County, No. Dak.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—H. A. Roberts, District Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 19 at the County Auditor's office in Crosby for \$9,000 10-year funding bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$1,000. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for 5% of bid.

**CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—At the same time and place the above official will offer \$27,000 7% certificates of indebtedness, maturing \$7,000 in 6 months and \$10,000 in 12 and 18 months. Denom. \$500. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

**HONOLULU (City and County), Hawaii.**—**BOND SALE.**—The \$250,000 5% coupon tax-free water works bonds, Series "A," 1922, offered on Sept. 6—V. 117, p. 919—were awarded as follows:

\$25,000 bonds to the Bank of Hawaii at 105.10, a basis of about 4.59% if called at optional date and 4.68% if allowed to run to maturity.

\$25,000 bonds to First National Bank of Honolulu at 104.77, a basis of about 4.61% if called at optional date and 4.69% if allowed to run to maturity.

Date April 15 1922. Due April 15 1952, optional on or after April 15 1942.

**HOPE, Hempstead County, Ark.**—**BOND SALE.**—The Burkholder, Bond Co. of St. Louis has purchased \$12,600 6% curb construction bonds at par. Date July 2 1923. Int. M. & S. Due March 1 1926 to 1943 incl.

**INDIANAPOLIS PARK DISTRICT, Ind.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—Jos. L. Hogue, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Sept. 24 for \$37,000 5% "Park District Bonds of 1923, issue No. 4." Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 24 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the City Treasurer's office, and constitute an obligation of the park district. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1926 to 1932, inclusive. Cert. check on some responsible bank in Indianapolis, payable to the City Treasurer for 2 1/4% of the face value of the bonds required.

**ITASCA COUNTY (P. O. Grand Rapids), Minn.**—**BOND SALE.**—The \$16,000 6% coupon or registered county ditch bonds offered on Sept. 4 (V. 117, p. 137) were awarded as 5 1/4% to B.illard & Co. of Minneapolis, at a premium of \$340, equal to 102.125, a basis of about 5.98%. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due Sept. 1 1943.

**JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—Clifton H. Vetter, City Clerk, will at 3 p. m. (eastern standard time) on Sept. 15, at the Commission room, consider sealed bids for \$158,500 city special assessment paving bonds of 1923, dated Sept. 15 1923, payable serially in 1924 to 1932, inclusive, according to a schedule, a copy of which will be furnished to interested parties. Bids will be received on a basis of 5% interest, payable semi-annually. Denomination of bonds, \$500 and \$1,000. No depository or preferred delivery bids will be considered. All bids must be accompanied by certified check, payable to the order of the City Clerk in the amount of 2% of p. r. Bids should be made with the understanding that bidders are to furnish blank bonds. Also bid should be made with the understanding that the city will have for sale within 30 days of this date approximately \$41,000 of the same kind of bonds for the West Ave. and Bridge St. pavements, which bidders will be requested to take at the price offered for the above described bonds, or bids will be received for the last mentioned bonds separately.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Steubenville), Ohio.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—Eleanor E. Floyd, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Sept. 18 for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/2% county's, township's and property owners' portions of the cost of improving Dillonvale and Adena Road, issued under Sec. 6929 of General Code:

\$28,000 road in Smithfield Township. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1931 incl., and \$4,000, 1932.

10,500 road in Mt. Pleasant Township. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$500. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1930 inclusive; \$2,000, 1931, and \$1,500, 1932.

Date Sept. 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Certified check, payable to the County Treasurer, on some bank other than bidder, for 5% of amount bid for, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from time of award.

**JONESVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hillsdale County, Mich.**—**BOND ELECTION.**—On Sept. 14 a special election was held to vote on the question of issuing \$100,000 new school-building-erection bonds.

**JOPLIN, Jasper County, Mo.**—**AVERAGE YIELD.**—The average yield for the \$250,000 5% memorial-hall bonds, awarded jointly to the Kauffman-Smith-Emert Co. of St. Louis, and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at 100.10, as stated in V. 117, p. 1153, is about 4.93% if called at optional date, Sept. 1 1928, and 4.99% if allowed to run to full maturity Sept. 1 1943.

**KANE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 131 (P. O. Aurora), Ill.**—**PRICE.**—The price paid by Halsey, Stuart & Co., of New York, for the \$162,000 4 1/2% school bonds, reported sold to them in V. 117, p. 1153, was par, less \$2,217.50 for expenses—equal to \$139,782.50—on a basis of about 5.31%. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1922. Interest M. & N. Due \$8,000 in the odd years and \$7,000 in the even years on May 1 from 1925 to 1941, inclusive, and \$34,000 May 1 1942.

**KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kansas City), Jackson County, Mo.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—E. F. Swinney, Treasurer of the City School District, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Sept. 25 for \$1,000,000 4 1/2% school bonds, amounting to \$1,000,000 or \$2,000,000. Date Jan. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in New York. Due Jan. 1 1943. A certified check for 5% required. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, N. Y. City. Separate bids are desired for \$1,000,000 or \$2,000,000.

**KEENE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, McKenzie County, No. Dak.**—**CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Bids will be received at the County Auditor's office in Schuster until 2 p. m. Sept. 15 by O. O. Haugen, District Clerk, for \$2,500 certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$100. Interest rate not to exceed 7%. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due in 18 months. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for 5%.

**LAFAYETTE, Tippecanoe County, Ind.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—Frank J. Bonner, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 18 for \$25,000 5% city park impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 18 1923. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928; \$5,000, 1929 to 1931, incl., and \$6,000, 1932. Cert. check for 1% of the amount of the bid, required.

**LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—A. O. Guild, Director of Finance, will receive bids until 12 m. Sept. 17 for the purchase at not less than par and int. of the following 5% special assessment paving bonds:

\$11,360 Arliss Drive bonds. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 in 1924, 1926, 1928, 1930; \$1,500 on Oct. 1 in 1925, 1927, 1929, 1931, and \$1,360 Oct. 1 1932.

9,129 Delaware Ave. bonds. Dated day of sale. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1931 incl., and \$1,129 1932.

10,677 Ogontz Ave. bonds. Dated day of sale. Due \$1,177 Oct. 1 1924; \$1,000 Oct. 1 1925, 1927, 1928, 1930 and 1931; and \$1,500 Oct. 1 1926, 1929 and 1932.

15,166 Reveley Ave. bonds. Dated day of sale. Due \$1,665 1924, \$1,500 1925, \$1,27, 1928, 1930 and 1931, and \$2,000 Oct. 1 1926, 1929 and 1932.

33,183 Waterbury Road bonds. Dated day of sale. Due \$3,683 Oct. 1 1924; \$3,500 Oct. 1 1925, 1927, 1928, 1930 and 1931, and \$4,000 Oct. 1 1926, 1929 and 1932.

24,613 Atkins Ave. bonds. Dated day of sale. Due \$2,613 Oct. 1 1924; \$2,500 Oct. 1 1925, 1927, 1929 and 1931, and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1926, 1928, 1930 and 1932.

16,833 Glenbury Ave. bonds. Dated day of sale. Due \$1,833 Oct. 1 1924; \$2,000 Oct. 1 1925, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1932, and \$1,500 Oct. 1 1927 and 1931.

11,920 Armin Ave. bonds. Dated day of sale. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1924, 1926 and 1929; \$1,500 Oct. 1 1925, 1927, 1928, 1930 and 1931, and \$1,420 Oct. 1 1932.

33,000 Clarence Ave. bonds. Dated day of sale. Due \$3,500 Oct. 1 1924, 1925, 1926, 1928, 1929 and 1931, and \$4,000 Oct. 1 1927, 1930 and 1932.

18,589 Narragansett Ave. bonds. Dated day of sale. Due \$2,089 Oct. 1 1924; \$2,500 Oct. 1 1931, and \$2,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the other years from 1925 to 1932 inclusive.

16,750 Chippewa Ave. bonds. Dated day of sale. Due \$1,750 Oct. 1 1924; \$2,000 Oct. 1 1925, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1932, and \$1,500 1927 and 1931.

11,812 Eldred Ave. bonds. Dated day of sale. Due \$1,312 Oct. 1 1924; \$1,500 1925, 1927, 1928, 1930 and 1932, and \$1,000 1926, 1929 and 1931.

Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and odd. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Director of Finance. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City of Lakewood, required.

**LANSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35, Bottineau County, No. Dak.**—**CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Until 4 p. m. Sept. 22, W. F. Ritzke, District Clerk, will receive bids for \$50,000 certificates of indebtedness at the County Auditor's office in Bottineau. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 22 1923. Due as follows: \$1,500 in 4 and 7 months and \$2,000 in 15 months. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

**LEE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Ft. Myers), Fla.**—**BOND SALE.**—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago has purchased \$60,000 6% school bonds at a premium of \$3,481, equal to 105.80.

**LEE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Fla.**—**BOND SALE.**—The Lee County Bank Title & Trust Co. of Ft. Myers has purchased \$20,000 6% bonds at \$19,710, equal to 98.50.

**LENBANYON, Linn County, Ore.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by C. H. Witman, City Recorder, until 7:30 p. m. Sept. 18 for all or any part of \$6,000 6% general obligation impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1923. Int. M. & S. Due Sept. 1 1933. A cert. check on a responsible bank for 5% of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

**LIBERTY, Sullivan County, N. Y.**—**BOND SALE.**—On July 1 the First National Bank of Liberty, purchased \$30,000 4 1/2% street impt. bonds at par. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1923. Int. J. & J. Due serially.

**LIBERTY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. Chester), Mont.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—Roy B. Waldon, Clerk Board of Trustees, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 25 for an issue of 6% funding bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,478.22. Date Sept. 1 1923. A certified check for \$500, payable to the above official, required.

**LIGONIER, Noble County, Ind.**—**BOND SALE.**—The \$12,000 5% coupon funding and water works bonds offered on Sept. 10—V. 117, p. 920—were awarded to the Mer State Bank of Ligonier for \$12,020, equal to 100.16, a basis of about 4.96%. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due \$600 each month from July 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1933 inclusive.

**LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.**—**BOND SALE.**—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$111,060, offered on Sept. 11 (V. 117, p. 1154), have been awarded to Seansonood & Mayer of Cincinnati for \$114,912.20, equal to 173.46—a basis of about 5.10%:

\$63,500 5 1/2% Michigan Ave. sewer bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$500 and 63 for \$1,000. Date Aug. 15 1923. Int. F. & A. 15. Due yearly on Feb. 15 as follows: \$1,500, 1925; \$2,000, 1926 to 1932, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1933 to 1948, inclusive.

13,000 5 1/2% water-main bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 10 1923. Int. F. & A. 10. Due yearly on Feb. 10 as follows: \$500, 1925 to 1944, inclusive, and \$1,000, 1945, 1946 and 1947.

8,000 5 1/4% city's portion paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 15 1923. Int. F. & A. 15. Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 15 from 1925 to 1932, inclusive.

1,600 5 3/4% Holmes Ave. sewer notes. Denom. \$1,000 and \$600. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. F. & A. 1. Due Aug. 1 1925.

6,565 5 1/4% O'Connor Ave. sewer bonds. Denoms. 12 for \$500 and 1 for \$565. Date July 10 1923. Int. J. & J. 10. Due yearly on Jan. 10 as follows: \$500, 1925 to 1936, inclusive, and \$565, 1937.

7,160 5 1/2% McDonell Street sewer bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$160 and 14 for \$500. Date July 10 1923. Int. J. & J. 10. Due yearly on Jan. 10 as follows: \$500, 1925 to 1933, inclusive; \$660, 1934, and \$1,000, 1935 and 1936.

5,185 5 1/2% Runyan Ave. sewer bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$85, 1 for \$100, and 10 for \$500. Date July 10 1923. Int. J. & J. 10. Due yearly on Jan. 10 as follows: \$85, 1925; \$100, 1926; and \$500, 1927 to 1936, inclusive.

6,050 5 1/2% Ashton Ave. sewer bonds. Denoms. 1 for \$550 and 11 for \$500. Date July 10 1923. Int. J. & J. 10. Due yearly on Jan. 10 as follows: \$500, 1925 to 1935, inclusive, and \$550, 1936.

Following is a complete list of the bids received:

	Prem.	Notes
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo, O. ....	\$7817.07	
Otis and Company, Cleveland, O. ....	1604.33	
Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati, and Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. ....	2050.00	Par—6%
Prudden and Company, Toledo, O. (Bonds and Notes) (5 1/4% ) .....	9812.00	
Seansonood and Mayer, Cincinnati, O. ....	3852.20	
Webb, Roth & Irving, Cincinnati, O. ....	1746.25	
Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati .....	3147.69	
Spitzer, Rorick and Co., Toledo, O. ....	2911.00	

**LITCHVILLE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (P. O. Litchville), Barnes County, No. Dak.**—**NO BIDS RECEIVED.**—There were no bids received for the \$5,000 7% certificates of indebtedness offered on Sept. 6.—V. 117, p. 1038.

**LOCKNEY, Floyd County, Tex.**—**BONDS REGISTERED.**—Street impt. bonds in the amount of \$15,000 bearing 5 1/2% interest and maturing serially were registered on Sept. 4 with the State Comptroller.

**LODI, Bergen County, N. J.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—Joseph D. Pachella, Borough Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 20 for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/2% coupon or registered (registerable at the option of the bidder as to principal only or as to both principal and interest) gold bonds, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue.

\$79,800 public improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$800. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1924 to 1930, incl.; \$12,000, 1931, and \$11,800, 1932.

80,000 assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1924 to 1927, incl., and \$12,000, 1928 to 1931, incl. Date Sept. 1 1923. Principal and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Lodi Trust Co. of Lodi. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York. Certified check for 2% required.

**LONG ISLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Kaplan), Vermilion Parish, La.**—**BOND OFFERING.**—The Board of Commissioners will receive bids until Oct. 1 for \$225,000 5 1/2% 2-25-year drainage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1923. Int. semi-annually. Certified check for 2% required. D. J. Fertel, Secretary-Treasurer.

**LOS GATOS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Clara County, Calif.**—**BOND SALE.**—The Bank of Italy and Cyrus Peirce & Co. have jointly purchased \$250,000 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office in San Jose. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1926 to 1935, inclusive, and \$15,000, 1936 to 1945, inclusive.

**LOVELAND, Laramie County, Colo.**—**DESCRIPTION.**—The \$30,000 4 1/2% water extension bonds awarded as stated in V. 117, p. 352, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City. Due July 1 1938; optional July 1 1933.

**BOND SALE.**—The International Trust Co. and the U. S. National Co., both of Denver, have jointly purchased \$120,000 4 1/2% 10-15-year water bonds at 100.14.

**MCDOWELL COUNTY (P. O. Marion), No. Caro.**—**BOND SALE.**—The \$60,000 court house bonds offered on Sept. 10—V. 117, p. 808—were awarded to Breed, Elliot & Harrison of Indianapolis at 5 1/2% at par plus a premium of \$222, equal to 100.37, a basis of about 5.43%. Date July 1 1923. Due \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1935, incl.

**MCKENZIE COUNTY (P. O. Shafer), No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Arne Tollefson, County Auditor, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 3 for \$25,000 7% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1923. Int. ann. Due May 1 1925. A cert. check for 5% of bid required.

**McLEAN COUNTY (P. O. Calhoun), Ky.—BIDS-INTEREST RATE.**—The following is a list of the bids received for the \$210,000 road bonds awarded to Seasingood & Mayer of Cincinnati as stated in V. 117, p. 1154. The bonds bear 5% interest.  
 Prov. S. B. & Tr. Co., Cincinnati—\$7,900 | Walter Woody & Co., Cinc.—\$97.25  
 Caldwell & Co., Nashville—5,800 | Breed, Elliot & Johnson, Cinc.—\$5,215  
 J. C. Mayer & Co., Cinc.—5,575 | Seasingood & Mayer, Cinc.—5,200  
 \* Rate bid.

**MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Madisonville), Texas.—BOND ELECTION CANCELED.**—The election which was to be held Sept. 15 for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$150,000 road bonds—V. 117, p. 920—has been canceled.

**MAINE (State of).—BOND SALE.**—The \$800,000 4% coupon "highway and bridge" bonds offered on Sept. 11—V. 117, p. 1154—have been awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons, Arthur Perry & Co. and Chas. H. Gillman & Co. at 97.317, a basis of about 4.18%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Due \$80,000 yearly on July 1 from 1941 to 1950, incl.

Following is a complete list of the bids received:  
 E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston; Chas. H. Gillman & Co., Portland, and Arthur Perry & Co., Boston—97.317  
 Estabrook & Co., R. L. Day & Co. and Merrill-Oldham & Co., all of Boston—96.42  
 Harris, Forbes & Co., Boston, and Merrill Trust Co., Bangor—96.32  
 Barr Bros. & Co. and Brandon, Gordon & Waddell, both of N. Y.—95.39  
 The Guaranty Co. of New York, and Old Colony Trust Co., Edmunds Bros. and F. S. Moseley & Co., of Boston—95.03  
 National City Co., Eldredge & Co., Hornblower & Weeks and Bond & Goodwin, all of Boston, and Fidelity Trust Co., Portland—94.976

**MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.**—An issue of \$2,500 6% school building bonds will be submitted to a vote of the people on Sept. 18.

**MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marion County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.**—It is reported that the Marion City School Board in compliance with the instructions of State Auditor Tracy, voted at a special session \$75,778.02 bonds for outstanding indebtedness of schools and for the retirement of bonds.

**MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The National Shawmut Corp. of Boston has purchased a temporary revenue loan of \$100,000 on a 4.24% discount basis, plus a \$6.53 premium. Due July 15 1924.

**MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—A temporary loan of \$100,000 (in anticipation of revenue) has been awarded to the National Shawmut Bank of Boston on a 4.26% discount basis, plus a \$3.61 premium. Demos. \$10,000 and \$5,000. Due \$50,000 on both June 13 and July 10 1924.

**MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Celina), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The following issues of 5 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on July 2 (V. 116, p. 3029) have been awarded to the Commercial Bank Co. on a 5 1/4% basis: \$5,000 Fellers Road bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1928, inclusive.

4,000 Rhodes Road bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924; \$500, 1925; \$1,000, 1926; \$500, 1927 and \$1,000, 1928.  
 3,500 Spohn Road bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1924, \$1,000, 1925; \$500, 1926; \$1,000, 1927, and \$500, 1928.  
 5,000 Howell Road bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1928, inclusive.  
 Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1923.

**MERKEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Kidder County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Carroll Steckel, District Clerk (P. O. Robinson), will receive bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 1 for \$3,750 20-year bonds bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. A certified check for 5% required.

**MILBANK, Grant County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.**—At an election held on Aug. 28 a proposition to issue \$125,000 water supply bonds carried by a vote of 562 to 50. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Due in 20 years.

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Dan. C. Brown, City Comptroller, until 2:30 p. m. Sept. 26 for \$25,000 auditorium and \$25,000 public market 5% bonds. Date Sept. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 of each issue yearly on Sept. from 1929 to 1953, incl. A cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, required. The approving opinion of John C. Thomson, N. Y. City, will accompany the bonds. No bids will be considered for less than par for the auditorium bonds and none for less than 95 for the public market bonds.

The official advertisement of this offering appears on subsequent page of this issue.

**BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.**—The offering of the \$250,000 library bonds, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 5%, scheduled for yesterday (Sept. 14), has been postponed until a later date.

**CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Geo. M. Link, Secretary Board of Estimate & Taxation, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 26 for \$74,500 5% certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$1,000 or multiples thereof, at option of purchaser. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due \$12,500 Jan. 1 1924 and \$62,000 April 1 1924. A certified check for 2% of amount bid for, payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, required.

**MISSISSIPPI (State of).—NOTE SALE.**—The \$1,500,000 notes offered on Sept. 10—V. 117, p. 921—were awarded as 5 1/2% to Curtis & Sanger, Schadle Bros. and the Bank of America, all of New York, at 100.12, a basis of about 5.25%. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due May 1 1924.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Conroe), Texas.—BOND SALE.**—The \$120,000 5 1/2% county special bonds offered on Sept. 12—V. 117, p. 921—were awarded to Dunn & Carr of Houston at a premium of \$1,380, equal to 101.15.

**MONTPELIER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Stutsman County, No. Dak.—BOND AND CERTIFICATE SALE.**—The \$2,500 refunding bonds maturing in 10 years and the \$2,500 certificates of indebtedness maturing in 1 year offered on Sept. 4 (V. 117, p. 1038) were awarded to John E. McElroy, at par as 78.

**MONTEROSE, Montrose County, Colo.—DATE OF ELECTION.**—In V. 116, p. 3020, we reported that \$24,000 5% city hall bonds had been sold to Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co. of Denver subject to being sanctioned by the voters. We now learn that the proposition will be voted upon on Sept. 28.

**MOORESTOWN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL-DISTRICT (P. O. Moorestown), Burlington County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The following 2 issues of 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on May 25 (V. 116, p. 2303) have been awarded to the Burlington County Trust Co. of Moorestown as follows:  
 61,000 "Series B" bonds at 100.85, a basis of about 4.42%. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1950, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1951 to 1953, inclusive.  
 89,000 "Series A" bonds at 100.80, a basis of about 4.43%. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1925 to 1953, incl., and \$2,000, 1954. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1923.

**MORA, Kanabec County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 3 p. m. Sept. 18 by A. V. Sander, County Auditor, for \$125,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. A certified check for 5% of issue, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

**MOUNTAIN GROVE, Wright County, Mo.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—At a recent election a proposition to issue \$35,000 electric bonds failed to carry.

**MOUNTAIN HOME, Elmore County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.**—The \$6,309 District No. 4 and \$6,104 District No. 5 7% improvement bonds offered on Sept. 4—V. 117, p. 809—were awarded to R. W. Smith, at par, less 5% for expenses. Date July 1 1923.

**MOUNT ROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37, Bottineau County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Amy Middaugh, District Clerk, will receive bids at the County Auditor's office in Bottineau, until 2 p. m. Sept. 15 for \$5,000 certificates of indebtedness. Denom. \$500. Int. rate not to exceed 7%. A cert. check for 5% of bid, required.

**MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Ida L. Christiansen, City Clerk, until 2 p. m. Sept. 24 for \$11,000 4 1/2% special impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924; \$4,500, 1925; \$3,000, 1926; \$5,100, 1927; \$4,000, 1928 and 1929; \$4,500, 1930; \$8,500, 1931; \$4,000, 1932, and \$5,500, 1933. Certified check for \$1,200 required.

**NATRONA COUNTY (P. O. Casper), Wyo.—BOND ELECTION.**—A special election will be held on Nov. 6, we are advised in a special telegraphic despatch from our western representative, to vote on issuing \$500,000 5% court house and jail bonds.

**NATRONA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Casper), Wyo.—BOND ELECTION.**—On Sept. 17 \$300,000 school building bonds will be voted upon.

**NAVAJO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Winslow), Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.**—School building bonds in the amount of \$6,000 and bearing 6% interest will be submitted to the voters on Sept. 22.

**NEWARK, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by John Howe, Director of Finance, until 11 a. m. Oct. 1 for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds, no more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue:

\$1,000,000 Passaic Valley sewer bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$20,000 1924 to 1943, inclusive, and \$30,000 1944 to 1963.  
 500,000 water bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1924 to 1943, inclusive, and \$15,000 1944 to 1963, inclusive.  
 500,000 Port Newark improvement bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1924 to 1943, inclusive and \$15,000 1944 to 1963, inclusive.  
 100,000 public building bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1924 to 1943, inclusive, and \$3,000 1944 to 1963, inclusive.  
 100,000 street cleaning apparatus bonds. Due \$20,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1928, inclusive.  
 1,100,000 school bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$24,000 1925 to 1937, inclusive; \$32,000 1938, and \$36,000 1939 to 1959, incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the National State Bank of Newark. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Director of Finance, required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York.

**NEWARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newark), Licking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Ben Montgomery, Clerk Board of Education, until 12 m. Oct. 2 for \$115,881.61 5% school funding bonds, issued under Secs. 5655 and 5656 of General Code. Denom. \$7,000 and one for \$10,881. Date Oct. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due Oct. 1 1931. Certified check payable to the District Treasurer, for 1% of the amount bid for, required. Purchaser to take up and pay for bonds within ten days from date of award.

**NEW HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 87 (P. O. Wildrose), Williams County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—RE-OFFERED.**—The \$2,000 6% 18 months' certificates of indebtedness offered on Aug. 25—V. 117, p. 809—were not sold. Bids will be received for the certificates until Oct. 1 by J. S. Shaque, District Clerk.

**NIOBARA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Monville), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.**—P. T. Robinson, District Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 5 for \$21,000 5 1/2% school bldg. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. A cert. check for \$1,000 required.

**NORDBY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12, Logan County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received at the County Auditor's office in Napoleon, by Sam Miller, District Clerk, until 3 p. m. Sept. 25 for \$6,500 funding bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Due in 10 years. Denom. \$500. A cert. check for 5% of bid, required.

**NORFOLK, Madison County, Nebr.—BONDS VOTED.**—We are advised by our western representative that at the election held on Sept. 1—V. 117, p. 468—the proposition to issue \$100,000 city-hall bonds carried.

**NORFOLK, Norfolk County, Va.—BOND SALE.**—A syndicate composed of Hayden, Stone & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co. and the Wm. R. Compton Co., all of New York, has purchased the two issues of coupon bonds offered on Sept. 10—V. 117, p. 921—at 96.03, a basis of about 5.00%:  
 \$2,000,000 5% municipal port terminal bonds. Date May 1 1923. Int. M. & N. Due May 1 1923.  
 1,955,000 4 1/2% public improvement bonds. Date Aug. 15 1923. Int. semi-annually. Due Aug. 15 1950.

**NORTH CAROLINA (State of).—NOTE SALE.**—A syndicate composed of the First National Bank of New York, Bankers Trust Co., White, Weld & Co., Wm. R. Compton Co., Blodgett & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Eldredge & Co., Curtis & Sanger, B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Hornblower & Weeks and F. E. Calkins & Co., all of New York, purchased \$5,000,000 5 1/2% coupon notes. Denom. \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Date Sept. 20 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the First National Bank, N. Y. City. Due Sept. 20 1925. These notes were offered and sold to investors at a price to yield 5.10%.

**NORTH HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Westbury), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—William Nicoll, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. Oct. 2 for \$20,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.), payable at the Wheatley Hills National Bank of Westbury. Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1925 to 1944, inclusive. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures impressed thereon.

**NORTH HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Manhasset), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Charles W. Young, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (eastern standard time) Sept. 24 for \$75,000 school bonds not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due \$5,000 1935 to 1938, incl.; \$7,000 1939, \$8,000 1940, \$10,000 1941 and 1942, and \$20,000 1943. Certified check for 2% of bonds bid for required.

**OAKLEY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ashville), Buncombe County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$40,000 bonds offered on Aug. 28 (V. 117, p. 695) were awarded to Campbell & Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$1,430, equal to 103.57 (Int. rate bid not stated). Date Aug. 1 1923. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1934, incl., and \$2,000, 1935 to 1949, inclusive.

**OAKWOOD, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by A. O. Davison, Village Clerk, until 12 m. (central standard time) Oct. 5 for \$50,000 5 1/2% water works improvement and extension bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due \$2,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1948, incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bid on some solvent bank required.

**ODEN DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Miss.—BOND SALE.**—Drainage bonds in the amount of \$50,000 have been awarded to the Clark & Hunt Co.

**ORANGE, Orange County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. Sept. 18 by W. A. White, City Clerk, for \$190,000 6% sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,000 1924 to 1933, inclusive; \$8,000 1934 to 1948, inclusive. A certified check for 5% on some responsible bank, payable to the City of Orange, required.

**ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Hillsboro), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Sept. 17 by J. F. McAdams, Register of Deeds, for \$65,000 6% registerable as to principal only school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold at the County Treasurer's office. A cert. check upon a national bank or trust company for \$1,300 payable to the County Treasurer, required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage and Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to genuineness of the signatures and the seal impressed thereon. Bonds will be delivered at the office of the County Treasurer, in Hillsboro, N. C., on or about September 25, 1923.

PALM BEACH COUNTY (P. O. West Palm Beach), Fla.—BOND AND CERTIFICATE SALE.—The bonds and certificates offered on Sept. 11—

V. 117, p. 922—were awarded as follows: \$150,000 5½% certificates of indebtedness to A. C. Allyn & Co. of Chicago for \$147,000 equal to 98, a basis of about 5.63%. Date Sept. 1, 1923. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1933 to 1940 incl.; \$5,000, 1941 to 1951 incl.; \$6,000, 1952 to 1962 incl. and \$5,000, 1963.

PALMER TOWNSHIP, Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$3,000 7% 18 months certificates of indebtedness offered unsuccessfully on Aug. 15—V. 117, p. 922—have since been awarded to the First State Bank of Wildrose.

PAROWAN, Iron County, Utah.—BONDS VOTED.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$72,000 5½% bonds, awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co., Inc., of Chicago, and the Halloran-Judge Trust Co. of Salt Lake City, subject to being voted, as stated in V. 116, p. 2045—were sanctioned by the people. The bonds are described as follows: Date July 1 1923. Purpose \$65,000 for hydro-electric unit and \$7,000 for water works extensions. Due July 1 1943.

PEMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Ariz.—BOND SALE.—Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., of New Orleans, have been awarded \$15,000 school building bonds for a premium of \$100.

PEMBINA, Pembina County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE AND BOND OFFERING.—Geo. Peterson, City Auditor, will receive bids until 4 p. m. Sept. 17 for the purchase of \$7,231 18 6% funding bonds maturing Sept. 1 1924 and \$1,000 6% certificates of indebtedness maturing Mar. 1 1925. A cert. check for 5% of bid, required.

PINELLAS COUNTY (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Nov. 1 by J. N. Brown, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for the following coupon with privilege of registration as to principal only bonds: \$2,597,000 highway bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$43,000, 1929; \$60,000, 1930 and 1931; \$65,000, 1932 and 1933; \$70,000, 1934; \$75,000, 1935 and 1936; \$80,000, 1937; \$85,000, 1938; \$90,000, 1939; \$95,000, 1940; \$100,000, 1941 and 1942; \$105,000, 1943; \$110,000, 1944; \$115,000, 1945; \$120,000, 1946; \$125,000, 1947; \$130,000, 1948; \$135,000, 1949; \$140,000, 1950; \$150,000, 1951; \$155,000, 1952; \$165,000, 1953, and \$84,000, 1954.

266,000 bridge bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$86,000, 1954, and \$180,000, 1955. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold in New York. Int. rate not to exceed 5½%. A certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above official, required. Legality will be approved by Chester B. Masslich, N. Y. City, whose approving opinion will be furnished the purchaser without charge. The bonds will be delivered at place of purchaser's choice on or about Dec. 1 1923. These bonds were offered on Aug. 23—V. 117, p. 469—but the award was deferred until Sept. 4 (see V. 117, p. 1639). Apparently the bids were rejected.

PIONEER DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Sterling), Logan County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Sept. 1 the \$65,000 drainage bonds, submitted to the voters on that date (V. 117, p. 922), were voted, the issue receiving 23 affirmative votes and 22 negative votes.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Horace T. Fogg, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. (daylight saving time) Sept. 18 for the purchase of the following issues of 4½% tax-exempt notes: \$20,000 Hospital Impt. Loan, 1923. Due \$5,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1927 inclusive.

35,000 Union Bridge Loan (Act of 1922). Due \$7,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1928 inclusive.

30,000 Pemberton Breakwater Loan, 1923. Due \$6,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1928 inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Prin. and int. of each note will be payable at Second National Bank of Boston, Mass. Each of the notes will be certified by the Rockland Trust Co., Rockland, Mass., as to genuineness and will be approved as to validity by Friedman, Atherton, King & Turner of Boston.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds offered on Sept. 10—V. 117, p. 1155—have been awarded to Keane, Higbie & Co. of Detroit as 5½% at par plus the following premiums: \$66,000 sewer plus a \$19.80 premium—equal to 100.03—a basis of about 5.483%. Due \$22,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1926, incl. 40,000 paving special assessment, plus a premium of \$76—equal to 100.19—a basis of about 5.43%. Due \$80,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1928, incl.

Other bidders were: Detroit Trust Co. Paving Int. Rate Bid. 492 6%; Sewer Int. Rate Bid. 257 6%; Prudden & Co. 182 5½%; Bumpus, Hull & Co. 449 Not mentioned 795 Not ment'ned

PORT CLINTON, Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,500 5% (village's portion) inter-county road No. 227 improvement bonds, offered but not sold on Aug. 14—V. 117, p. 1039—have been awarded to local banks at par.

POSEY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Elizabeth), Harrison County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William N. Weaver, School Township Trustee, until 1 p. m. Oct. 6, for \$2,200 5% coupon high school bonds. Denom. \$110. Date Oct. 6 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Elizabeth State Bank of Elizabeth. Due \$110 each six months from April 6 1924 to Oct. 6 1933 incl.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5% road bonds offered on Aug. 21—V. 117, p. 810—were awarded to the Fletcher-American Bank of Indianapolis for \$17,617 25, equal to 100.09, a basis of about 4.98%: \$6,000 Clark L. Russell in Tippecanoe Township highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$300.

11,600 George Guss et al., road in Tippecanoe Township bonds. Denom. \$50. Date Aug. 15 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, inclusive. The \$2,500 Floyd Miller et al. road bonds, offered at the same time, were not sold as no bid was received.

REEDER, Adams County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$3,000 7% 18-months certificates of indebtedness offered on Aug. 28 (V. 117, p. 923) were awarded to the Houston State Bank of Houston at a premium of \$30, equal to 101, a basis of about 6.26%. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due Mar. 1 1925.

RICE COUNTY (P. O. Faribault), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$430,000 bonds offered on Sept. 5 (V. 117, p. 810) were awarded to Ballard & Co. of Minneapolis, as 4½% at par.

ROGERS COUNTY (P. O. Claremore), Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—A special telegraphic dispatch from our western representative advises us that an issue of \$650,000 road bonds has been voted.

ROTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (P. O. Oak Creek), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Sept. 29 \$45,000 5½% school building bonds were voted. These bonds were sold to the International Trust Co. of Denver subject to being carried at said election. Notice of election and sale was given in V. 117, p. 1039.

RUGBY, Pierce County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Until 3 p. m. Sept. 20 bids will be received by Henry Albertson, City Auditor, for \$5,000 certificates of indebtedness to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Due in 12 months. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to J. C. McClintock, City Treasurer, required.

ST. FRANCIS COUNTY (P. O. Forrest City), Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Our western representative advises us in a special telegraphic dispatch that bids will be received until Sept. 22 for \$75,000 6% 20-year serial road bonds.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Clarence Sedgwick, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Oct. 29 for \$35,000 5% bonds. Date Dec. 1 1923. Int. J. & D. Due Dec. 1 1931. Printed specifications of the bonds and information concerning the same are on file in the office of the above official, and may be obtained upon application.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY (P. O. Fort Pierce), Fla.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by P. C. Eldred, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, until 2 p. m. Oct. 2 for \$75,000 6% negotiate coupon notes. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the United State Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1925 to 1927, incl.; \$3,000, 1928 to 1932, incl.; \$4,000, 1933 to 1938, incl., and \$5,000, 1939 to 1944, incl. A cert. check for \$1,000, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, required. The notes are being prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. City; which will certify as to their genuineness.

SANDUSKY, Erie County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 6 the taxpayers will vote on the question of issuing \$65,000 Columbus Ave. re-surfacing bonds.

SARASOTA COUNTY (P. O. Sarasota), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 6% coupon school bonds offered on Sept. 4 (V. 117, p. 1040) were awarded to the First National Company of Sarasota, at par less \$714.8 equal to 95.91, a basis of about 6.30%. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due Sept. 1 1953.

SARASOTA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Sarasota), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5½% coupon school bonds offered on Sept. 4 (V. 117, p. 1040) were awarded to C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago, at par plus a premium of \$18, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 5.49%. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due Sept. 1 1953.

SCARSDALE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following 2 issues of 4½% bonds offered on Sept. 12 (V. 117, p. 1156) have been awarded to A. M. Lamport & Co. of New York, at 100.76, a basis of about 4.44%:

\$112,500 Water bonds (Series D). Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$4,500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1928 to 1952, inclusive. 31,250 sewer bonds (Series B). Denom. \$1,000 and \$250. Due \$1,250 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1928 to 1952, inclusive. Date Sept. 1 1923.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—During the month of August the City of Seattle sold the following 6% bonds at par:

Table with columns: Dist., Amount, Purpose, Date, Due. Rows include items like 3528 \$36,433 18 Sewers, 3553 13,862 42 Paving, etc.

All of above bonds are subject to call yearly in August.

SEVIER LAKE DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Clarksdale), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—C. G. Bobo, Secretary, Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 25 for \$79,000 6% drainage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank N. Y. City. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1927, and \$5,000, 1928 to 1942, incl. A cert. check for \$2,500 required. Legality approved by Charles & Rutherford of St. Louis.

SHADYSIDE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shadyside), Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. M. Carnahan, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Oct. 15 for \$3,751 78 5½% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$2,100 and one for \$2,251 78. Date Oct. 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Shadyside Bank of Shadyside. Due \$2,100 each six months as follows: \$2,100 from Feb. 1 1924 to Feb. 1 1931, incl., and \$2,251 78 Aug. 1 1931. Certified check on some solvent bank for \$2,000, payable to the Board of Education, required.

SHARKEY COUNTY (P. O. Rolling Fork), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 Rolling Fork Rural Separate Negro School bonds offered on Aug. 31—V. 117, p. 923—were awarded as 6s to Sutherland, Barry & Co., Inc., of New Orleans.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (P. O. Hays Springs), Neb.—BOND SALE.—The Peters, Trust Co. of Omaha has purchased the \$7,000 6% school bonds offered on Aug. 28—V. 117, p. 923. Denom. \$500, 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the County Treasurer's office in Rushville. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1928 and 1933, and \$2,000, 1938 and 1943; optional Aug. 1 1933.

Assessed value as returned, 1923. Total bonded debt, this issue only.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (P. O. Comertown), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—John Hodgson, Clerk Board of Trustees, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 29 for \$2,000 coupon school bonds. Denom. \$100. A certified check for \$200, payable to above official required.

SIOUX TRAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26, Divide County, No. Dak.—BOND AND CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Edward Borchardt, Clerk Board of Directors, will receive bids at the County Auditor's office in Crosby, until 10 a. m. Sept. 19 for \$1,500 10-year funding bonds bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 7%, and \$4,000 7% certificates of indebtedness maturing \$2,000 in 12 and 18 months. A certified check for 5% must accompany all bids.

SNOW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47, McLean County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—J. E. Ulrich, District Clerk, will receive bids until 1:30 p. m. Sept. 24 at the County Auditor's office in Washburn for \$2,800 certificates of indebtedness, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%. Date Oct. 10 1923. Due in 18 months. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

SPRINGFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (P. O. Springfield), Brown County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on Sept. 5 (V. 117, p. 811) were awarded to Ballard & Co., of Minneapolis at a premium of \$30, equal to 100.18—a basis of about 4.96%. Date July 1 1923. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924, and \$3,000, 1925 to 1929, inclusive.

STANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22, Mercer County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 funding bonds offered on Sept. 4 (V. 117, p. 93) were awarded as 6s to H. C. Speer & Co., of Chicago. Date Oct. 1 1923. Due in ten years.

SUMTER COUNTY (P. O. Sumter), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART—REMAINDER WITHDRAWN FROM THE MARKET.—Of the \$1,000,000 registerable as to principal road bonds offered on Sept. 6 (V. 117, p. 1040), \$500,000 were awarded as 5s at 98.26—a basis of about 5.15%, to Austin, Grant & Ogilby, Inc., and Eldredge & Co., both of New York. The remainder (\$500,000) has been withdrawn from the market. Date July 1 1923. Due \$20,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1928 to 1952, inclusive.

SWAIN COUNTY (P. O. Bryson City), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 1 p. m. Oct. 15 by S. E. Varner, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, for \$200,000 5½% Foye's Creek Township Road District bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due \$20,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1931 to 1940, inclusive. A certified check for \$2,000 required.

TACOMA, Wash.—BOND SALE.—During the month of August the City of Tacoma issued \$1,442 35 6% Grading District No. 1293 bonds. Date Aug. 15 1923. Due Aug. 15 1930, optional yearly in August.

TANGIAPAHOE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Amite), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Oct. 2 by W. J. Dunn, Superintendent of Parish Schools, for \$40,000 school

bonds. Date Nov. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. Due in 20 years.

**TEXAS (State of).—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas has registered the following bonds:

Amount.	Place.	Due.	Int.	Date Reg.
\$2,160	Knox Co. Common S. D. No. 4	Serially	6%	Sept. 8
3,000	Limestone Co. Common S. D. No. 54	10-20 years	5%	Sept. 5
2,000	Mitchell Co. Common S. D. No. 5	10-20 years	6%	Sept. 5
2,000	Mitchell Co. Common S. D. No. 8	10-20 years	6%	Sept. 5
3,000	Mitchell Co. Common S. D. No. 29	10-20 years	6%	Sept. 5
2,000	Wood Co. Common S. D. No. 26	10-20 years	6%	Sept. 5

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY (P. O. La Fayette), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Charles E. Colsbeek, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 15 for \$1,500 5% Chas. Daugherty et al. road in Shelby Township bonds. Denom. \$75. Date Aug. 18 1923. Int. M. & N. 15. Due \$75 each six months from May 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1933, incl.

**TUSCOLA COUNTY (P. O. Caro), Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The following two issues of 5 1/2% bonds have been sold, it is reported, for \$102,314, equal to 100.30: \$67,000 to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit. 35,000 to the Gleaner organizations.

The bonds run for five years. There still remains to be sold to cover the cost of the 1923 building program, bonds amounting to \$16,620.

**ULM IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Cascade County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—Alvin Webb, District Secretary (P. O. Great Falls), will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 24 for \$450,000 6% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1941.

**UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19, Rolette County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Victor La France, District Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Sept. 15 at the County Auditor's office in Rolla for \$3,400 certificates of indebtedness, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 7%, maturing March 7 1925. Date Sept. 15 1923. A certified check for 5% of bid required.

**UNION SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Deedsville), Miami County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Henry Knauff, School Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Sept. 24 for \$28,000 5% school impt. bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Citizens State Bank of Denver. Due each six months as follows: \$1,000, July 1 1924 to July 1 1937, incl.

**UPLAND TOWNSHIP, Divide County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.**—The \$3,000 7% 18 months certificates of indebtedness offered unsuccessfully on Aug. 29—V. 117, p. 811—have since been awarded to the Security State Bank of Noonan at par.

**UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The following issues of 4 1/2% tax-exempt bonds offered on Sept. 10 have been awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, of New York, for \$103,537 45, equal to 100.23—a basis of about 4.47%:

\$6,000 00 Public improvement (registered) bonds for the purpose of providing funds for remodeling, reconstructing, enlarging and making permanent improvements to the East Utica Bath House. Bonds are dated July 1 1923 and will be payable \$300 on July 1 1924 and \$300 on July 1 of each successive year thereafter until all are retired. Denom. \$300.

50,000 00 Public improvement (coupon) bonds for the purpose of providing funds for the construction of storm water sewers in the City of Utica. 1 Bonds are dated Sept. 1 1923 and will be payable \$2,500 on Sept. 1 1924 and \$2,500 on Sept. 1 of each successive year thereafter until all are retired. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500.

40,000 00 Public improvement (coupon) bonds for the purpose of providing funds for the construction of storm water sewers in the City of Utica. Bonds are dated Sept. 1 1923 and will be payable \$2,000 on Sept. 1 1924 and \$2,000 on Sept. 1 of each successive year thereafter until all are retired. Denom. \$1,000.

7,292 45 Deferred assessment (registered) bonds for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of the sums certified by the City Treasurer remaining unpaid upon Local Assessments Nos. 21, 22, 23, Series 1923, for construction of sewers in Merrilene Ave., Sunset Park and Northern Road in said city. Bonds are dated July 1 1923 and will be payable \$1,292 45 on July 1 1924 and \$1,200 on July 1 of each successive year thereafter until all are retired. Denom. \$1,200 and \$1,292 45.

Financial Statement July 31 1923.

Assessed valuation (real and personal), 1923	\$102,846,725 00
Special franchises	5,530,780 00
Schools and highways	331,170 00
	\$108,708,675 00
Property exempt from taxation	11,301,085 00
	\$120,009,760 00
Total bonded debt (exclusive of this issue)	\$5,604,586 19
Sinking funds	471,972 57
	\$5,132,613 62

Net bonded debt. Tax rate per 1,000, 1923, \$25 18. Population (State Census, 1915), 80,589; population (Federal Census, 1920), 94,156. Water debt, none. Value of property owned by city, \$10,914,531 65. Utica incorporated as a city Feb. 13 1832.

**VERNON PARISH (P. O. Leesville), La.—BONDS VOTED.**—Our western representative advises us in a special telegraphic dispatch that an issue of \$500,000 road bonds has been voted.

**VIRDEL, Knox County, Nebr.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election an issue of \$6,500 6% 10-20 year (opt.) water system extension bonds was voted by a count of 41 to 1. E. D. McColler, Village Clerk.

**WABASHA COUNTY (P. O. Wabasha), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 2 by Frank J. Appel, County Auditor, for \$100,000 4 1/2% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1923. Int. semi-ann. A cert. check for 5% of issue, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

**WALKER SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Rennselaer), Jasper County Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by William Middlekamp, School Township Trustee, until 11 a. m. Sept. 29 for \$15,000 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Bank of Wheatfield. Wheatfield. Due each 6 months as follows: \$500, July 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1926, incl.; \$1,000, July 1 1926, and \$500, July 1 1926 to July 1 1937, inclusive.

**WARWICK, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On July 9 O'Brian, Potter & Co. of New York purchased \$75,000 5% street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1923. Int. J. & J. 15. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 15 from 1924 to 1938 inclusive.

**WASHINGTON, Washington County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.**—Our western correspondent advises us in a special telegram that at a recent election \$30,000 water bonds were voted.

**WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—William Gutman, Secretary Board of County Auditors, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Sept. 24 for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds (registerable as to principal): \$900,000 County Infirmary at Eloise bonds, authorized at an election held on Nov. 7 1922.

1,000,000 Home for the Feeble-Minded bonds, authorized at an election held on Nov. 7 1922. Date Nov. 1 1923. Principal and interest will be payable at some designated bank in either Detroit or New York and will mature 15 years from date.

**WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sargent County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—The \$7,000 6% funding bonds offered on Aug. 27—V. 117, p. 924—were awarded to Drake-Jones & Co. of Minneapolis, at par, plus a premium of \$300, equal to 104.28, a basis of about 5.44%. Date July 1 1923. Due July 1 1933.

**WELDON, Halifax County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The \$36,000 coupon (with privilege of registration) public improvement bonds, offered on Sept. 5—V. 117, p. 924—were awarded to C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago, at a premium of \$817, equal to 102.28. Date Sept. 1 1923. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$11,000 1926 to 1945, inclusive, and \$2,000 1946 to 1953, inclusive.

**WILDROSE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90, Williams County, No. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.**—The \$20,000 7% 18-months certificates of indebtedness offered on Sept. 4 (V. 117, p. 925) were not sold.

**CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**CARSELAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Alta.—BOND SALE.**—The W. Ross Alger Corp. of Edmonton, has purchased \$8-000 7% 15 serial installment bonds, dated Aug. 15 1923.

**DRUMHELLER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Alta.—BOND SALE.**—The W. W. Ross Alger Corp. of Edmonton, has purchased \$10,000 7% school bonds. Date Aug. 15 1923. Payable in 15 installments.

**ESSEX COUNTY, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—It is stated that tenders will be received up to noon Sept. 15 for the purchase of \$100,000 5 1/2% 10-equal annual instalment debentures. John F. Millen, County Treasurer, Sandwich.

**HAMILTON, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—Approximately \$1,000,000 city debentures were authorized by the Board of Control on Sept. 10. The bulk of debentures will include \$850,000 for the Board of Education and the balance for city undertakings and impt. to the general hospital.

**QUEBEC, Quebec.—BOND SALE.**—Gairdner, Clark & Co. of Toronto, bidding 97.33 for 1-30-year serial bonds, purchased the \$780,000 5% coupon "City of Quebec bonds" offered on Sept. 12 (V. 117, p. 1157). Date Sept. 1 1923. Following is a complete list of the bids received:

Name.	15 Year.	30 Year.	Serial 1-30 Year
Versailles, Vidricaire & Boulais, Ltée	95.42	---	---
Rene T. Leclerc, Inc.; Hanson Bros.; A. E.	96.19	95.29	95.69
Ames & Co. R. A. Daly & Co.	94.95	94.10	---
Credit Anglo-Français, Ltée	97.132	97.172	97.323
Gairdner Clarke Co.	97.07	97.07	97.57
Dominion Securities Corp., Lts.	96.92	97.07	96.71
Bell Gouinlock & Co.	96.92	95.29	95.43
Wood, Gundy & Co.; Gourdeau, Gauvreau, Inc.	96.04	---	---
National City Co.; Aemilius Jarvis & Co., and Harris, Forbes & Co.	96.19	95.13	95.81
Provincial Securities, Ltd.; Corporation des Obligations Municipales.	96.36	94.87	95.07
L. G. Beaubien & Cie; MacLeod, Young & Weir, and Matthews & Co.	97.036	96.17	96.63

**SMITH'S FALLS, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—It is reported that R. A. Daly & Co. have purchased \$20,000 6% bonds at 101.043, a basis of about 5.61. Payable in 5 annual installments.

**STAR CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sask.—BOND SALE.**—The W. Ross Alger Corp. of Edmonton, has purchased \$37,300 7 1/2% 20 installment bonds, dated Aug. 15 1923.

**TERREBONNE, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—It is reported that tenders will be received up to Sept. 18 for the purchase of \$100,000 3%-installment debentures. Alternative bids are asked for 5 and 5 1/2% bonds.

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The above bonds to be dated September 1st, 1923 and to become due and payable \$1,000.00 for each issue on September 1st, 1929 and \$1,000.00 for each issue each year thereafter to and including September 1st, 1953, and will bear interest at the rate of Five Per Cent (5%) per annum, payable semi-annually.

No bid will be entertained for less than par value for the Auditorium Bonds and not less than 95 Per Cent of the par value for the Public Market Bonds and accrued interest upon same to date of delivery.

The approving opinion of John C. Thomson, Attorney, New York, will accompany these bonds. The right to reject any and/or all bids is hereby reserved.

A certified check for two (2%) per cent of the par value of the bonds bid for, made to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, must accompany each bid.

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